

## Iowa's Notable Dead ...

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owned the *Illinois Farmer*, Chicago; inherited 51 percent of the capital stock of the Homestead Company upon his father's death, and subsequent to assuming control of the property sold it to John and Henry Wallace of *Wallace's Farmer*, who combined the two farm papers, since being known as *Wallace's Farmer and Iowa Homestead*; the venture of the Wallaces ending unsuccessfully, whereupon Pierce purchased the plant from receivership in 1932 and since continued the publication with Donald R. Murphy as editor and his son, Richard S. Pierce as associate publisher since 1950; married Florence Prather, mother of Richard S. Pierce and they were divorced in 1929; married Mrs. Laura Rawson Coffee, who died in 1934, leaving three daughters, two of whom were adopted by Mr. Pierce; survived by the widow, the former Dr. Grace O. Doane, they having resided in the former Coffee-Francis home at 4140 Grand avenue, Des Moines.

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JULIUS A. NELSON, farmer, banker and legislator, died at Atlantic, Iowa, July 24, 1955; born on a farm north of Atlantic, January 14, 1872, and resided in Cass and Audubon counties all his life; son of Danish parents, Peter and Marie Nelson; attended rural schools and the Atlantic high school, and a graduate of the Atlantic Business college; married Elizabeth Brown January 1, 1902 and they lived on the same farm west of the Atlantic Golf and Country club for 49 years; when 21 was elected clerk of Oakland township, Audubon county and served until he moved to Benton township, six years later; served as Benton township trustee six years and after moving to Grove township became school board secretary and treasurer; elected state senator in 1919 and served until 1928; served as vice-president and director of the Farmer's Savings Bank at Atlantic and at one time a director of the Federal Land bank in that district; was formerly president of the Cass County Mutual Insurance association and the Atlantic Building and Supply company, being a director of these organizations at the time of his death; surviving are the widow, two sons, Donald, living on the west coast, and Gail residing north of Atlantic, a daughter, Mrs. Margery E. Martin of Red Oak, three sisters, ten grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

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GEORGE B. PERKINS: banker, city and county official and legislator, died at Sac City, Iowa, October 4, 1955; born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, August 11, 1874; came to Sac City in 1896 and since resided there; active in community and official life and became identified with the Sac county district court in 1906; was a state bank examiner for a period and on January 1, 1905 became president of the First National bank, Sac City; was an Iowa legislator in both house and senate, serving in the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth General Assembly as a representative

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