

## Iowa's Notable Dead ...

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by a daughter, Tiah Devitt Dole, New York, who is an author, and by five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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SAM D. WOODS, former secretary Iowa Board of Parole 39 years (March 1, 1910-Sept. 1, 1949), died in Des Moines on the way to the hospital, January 24, 1956; born in Goodland, Indiana, July 12, 1872; lived as a child with his parents in Vermont, also in Kansas, and removed with them in 1881, at the age of nine years, to Greenfield, Iowa; graduated from the Greenfield high school and after attending the Capital City Commercial college in Des Moines, became a court reporter in the Fifth Iowa judicial district for Judges Henderson, Wilkinson, Storey and Gamble, serving in that capacity 18 years; married Sallie Whittle of Greenfield, October 28, 1896, and to this union was born one daughter, Dorothy; elected secretary of the Iowa State Board of Parole and assumed duties March 1, 1910, serving in that office 39 years and under 12 governors, some of each leading political party, and upon his voluntary retirement September 1, 1949, held the record of being the second longest in continuous service of any state employee; saw a total of 13,280 former inmates of Iowa penal institutions granted paroles during the period of his official service, at the conclusion of which the records of the board show this statement from the board: "He has played a large part in building up the parole system in Iowa, and much of its success has been due to his untiring efforts and understanding of the problems arising in connection with the supervision of men who are released on parole"; death occurred to the first wife in September, 1913, and in 1915 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Blanche Meyers of Greenfield; was a 50-year member of Crusader Masonic lodge 386 at Greenfield, Central Presbyterian church, Des Moines and the Conopus club, Des Moines; surviving are his widow, Blanche, his daughter, Dorothy Sharer of Montezuma, Iowa; a grandson, Keith Sharer; a granddaughter, Phyllis Sharer; three great grandchildren; a step-son, Roland B. Myers; and a sister, Mrs. L. J. Wilkinson of Laurel, Iowa; burial in Glendale Mausoleum, Des Moines.

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Ed L. NEWTON, teacher, farmer, postmaster and legislator, died at Atlantic, Iowa, November 18, 1955; born at Wyanet, Bureau county, Illinois, November 17, 1867; son of Sylvester and Eliza Stratton Newton; first came to the Anita area in 1881 at age of 14, but returned winters to Wyanet to attend school; graduated at the Wyanet high school in 1888; taught rural schools near Anita, where he resided 18 years; served

as Grant township assessor for 17 years, member of the school board for 12 years and state representative from Cass county two terms in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth Iowa General Assemblies; also as postmaster at Anita many years under the administrations of Presidents Taft, Coolidge, Wilson, and F. D. Roosevelt; employed in 1919-21 in the Presidents Savings Bank; a Republican and a member of the Methodist church, the Masonic order for 65 years, the O.E.S. for 39 years, and vice-president of the Iowa Pioneer Law-makers Association; shared his home in Anita of recent years with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Salmon; was a second cousin of the renowned Charles Sherwood Stratton, widely known as Gen. Tom Thumb; survived by four children, Mrs. Salmon, Glen Newton of Nevada, Iowa, Hobart Newton of Stuart, Iowa, and Emmett Newton, serving with the U.S. Air Force, and a number of grandchildren.

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J. CARL BODE, chemical engineer and president of National Carbide Company, died in Manhasset Medical Center, Long Island, November 11, 1955; born in Keokuk, Iowa, November 18, 1901; son of the late Charles J. and Mrs. Ida Karle Bode, the father formerly the cashier of the State Central bank at Keokuk; educated in the Keokuk schools, graduating in 1919 from the high school there, and from the University of Wisconsin as a chemical engineer in 1923; in youth was employed in the laboratory of the Keokuk Electro-Metals Company, also for a brief time after his university graduation; was a member of the local rifle team which he captained in 1922 and 1923; and also did extension work in the Alexander Hamilton Institute; active in civic and fraternal circles while residing in Keokuk, a member of the original board of trustees of the Keokuk Municipal Water Works during its building operations, formerly a director of the Keokuk Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Elks, the Eagles and the Masonic bodies, a trustee of the St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed church and a member of the American Chemical Society; married Marian C. Haubert November 12, 1928; from 1923 to 1928 was a melter at the Keokuk Steel Casting Company and also served as its secretary and assistant manager; started his career with National Carbide at Keokuk and from 1928 to 1935 was chemical engineer, after which he became manager; transferred in 1941 to the company's new calcium carbide plant in Louisville, Kentucky, as works manager; in 1947 was transferred to the New York office as operational manager, and in 1946 became president of the company; in March, 1955, was honored by election to the presidency of the International Acetylene Association

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