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served as secretary of the Farmers Elevator Company of Marcus, and secretary-treasurer of the Shippers Association; became president of the Co-operative Community Oil Company and a member of the Rural Independent School Board of Remsen; served six years as a member of the Plymouth county board of supervisors, also five consecutive terms as a state representative from Plymouth county, from 1933 through 1941, and affiliated as a Democrat with the economy block in the house of Representatives; retired from his farm in 1941 and resided in Remsen until his death, utilizing his abilities and knowledge of state affairs in writings upon political subjects and public affairs during his retirement; survived by the widow, seven children, 29 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

FANNIE R. BUCHANAN, musician, author and rural extension instructor, died at Grinnell, Iowa, September 3, 1957; born near Victor, Iowa, in 1875; daughter of Thomas H. Buchanan, from Ohio, and Rosa A. (White) Buchanan of Muscatine, Iowa, the family further consisting of one son, Clarence, and three other daughters, Ethel, Frankie and Hattie; removed with the family to Grinnell; attended the public schools and graduated from Grinnell college of music in 1900; served upon the staff of Iowa State college for 12 years, becoming widely known to rural groups throughout Iowa as well as nationally; credited in 1944 by the National Congress of 4-H clubs through its president with "putting the lilt and music into the 4-H program"; in collaboration with Miss Lena Parish wrote several songs which became nationally sung by 4-H clubs; in 1942 was one of two persons to receive from the U. S. department of agriculture a citation and medal for outstanding contributions to rural culture; helped form many women's rural chorus groups; wrote poems and stories for several national children's magazines; first book written by her twenty years ago still listed by critics as one of the best stories of music, entitled "How Man Made Music"; survived by her brother Clarence and one sister.

FRANK W. OERTEL, lawyer, legislator and judge of superior court, died September 4, 1957, at Keokuk, Iowa, the city of his birth; born December 9, 1887, the son of Frank and Emily Hesbacher Oertel; blind since infancy, attended Keokuk public schools and was graduated from the law department of Drake University in 1911; commenced law practice in Des Moines, but removed the same year to Oklahoma, engaging in the practice there from 1912 to 1915 when he returned to Keokuk, where he had since remained; served

as state representative from Lee county in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth General Assemblies; elected justice of the peace in 1922 and was continuously re-elected to that position until May 1915, when he became judge of the superior court, which office he held at the time of his death; married Gertude K. Jackson on March 1, 1941, who survives, with several cousins and other relatives, his mother dying November 17, 1937, and his father January 17, 1954; a member of the St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed church and the Lee county bar association, and a Republican.

ROSS R. MOWREY, former state senator and U. S. attorney, died in his law office at Newton, Iowa, September 28, 1957; born on a farm near Baxter, Iowa, March 5, 1882; was graduated from Baxter high school in 1900, and from the law school of the State University of Iowa in 1903, being admitted to the Iowa bar the same year and located at Newton in the practice of law; was attorney of Jasper county from 1910 to 1914, and assistant attorney general of Iowa in 1916; was United States attorney for the southern Iowa district, 1924 to 1932, and served two terms in the Iowa state senate from 1939 to 1947; active in Republican political circles, a Methodist, a member of the Masonic bodies, the Knights of Pythias, Iowa State Grange, Sons of the American Revolution, Kiwanis and Newton chamber of commerce; married in 1908, his wife preceding him in death, and survived by two daughters, Virginia Mowrey, New York City, and Mrs. William Spaulding, Wakefield, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM F. JACOBS, M.D., retired medical superintendent of Bellevue Hospital, New York, 23 years, died at Daytona Beach, Florida, May 21, 1957; born in 1885 on a farm near Sigourney, Keokuk county, Iowa, settled on by his grandfather in 1840; his great-great grandfather being with Washington at Valley Forge; in youth tried farming, railroading, bookselling, clerking and newspaper work, but medicine won; graduated with highest honors from the St. Louis Homeopathic Medical College in 1907 and moved to New York to serve his internship at the old Metropolitan hospital; had his first taste of administration as superintendent of the Oppenheimer Institute for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction from 1909 to 1918; during latter year entered New York's service as deputy superintendent of the old Cumberland Street Hospital in Brooklyn; served for nine days as city Commissioner of Hospitals in 1946, while Hospitals Commissioner Edward M. Bernecker served as Health Commissioner; chosen to open and organize the new Cumberland Hospital, the Brooklyn Cancer Institute and Morrisania Hospital in the Bronx and appointed to Bellevue in 1931; after

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