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icago where he earned his Master's degree in 1920, and the State University of Iowa law school where he received his degree of Juris Doctor in 1924; returned to Douds where he became a practicing attorney; married to Edna May Braillier June 29, 1930; Republican member of the house of representatives 1943-1944 and of the senate 1945-1952; served as Trustee of Iowa Wesleyan College; member of the Methodist church and of the Elks and Masons; survived by his wife and a son, Alden Lowell of Washington, D.C.

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RALPH REID HUNT, retired state legislator, died at his home at Wapello, Iowa, August 29, 1961; born in Cairo, Louisa County, January 16, 1879, the son of Henry and Laura Hornsby Hunt; educated in the public schools of Wapello and graduated from the Wapello high school in 1895; taught school for nine years; married September 10, 1902, to Mary Pearl Parsons, who died in 1913; was elected county superintendent of schools 1906-1912; married at Oakville, Iowa, to Sophia Kramer November 22, 1924; served as state representative from Louisa County in the Iowa legislature 1927-1931; member of the Masonic lodge and Methodist church; survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Helen Thomas of Menlo, California, and a brother, Edward of Wapello, Iowa, a son, Reid Lyttleton, having preceded him in death.

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MON C. WALLGREN, former Democratic governor of Washington, died at Olympia, Washington, in September, 1961; born in Des Moines, Iowa, April 17, 1891; moved with his parents to Galveston, Texas, in 1894 and to Everett, Washington, in 1901; educated in public schools and business college and graduated from Washington State School of Optometry in 1914; then engaged in the retail jewelry and optical business; married to Mabel C. Liberty September 8, 1914; served as a private and later as lieutenant in World War I; president of Washington State Retail Jewelers Association 1921-22; member of 73d to 76th United States Congress from Washington second district, 1933-41; appointed to unexpired term in United States Senate of L. B. Schwellenbach who resigned; elected senator for term of 1941-47 but resigned to become governor of Washington in 1945; member of American Legion, Forty and Eight, Masonic Order, Elks, Eagles and Rotary Clubs.

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THOMAS PATRICK O'TOOLE, legislator and businessman, died at Dubuque, Iowa, September 1, 1961; born at Dubuque in 1896, the son of Terrence and Bridget (O'Leary) O'Toole; attended St. Columkille grade school and Loras Academy in Dubuque; served with the armed forces on the Mexican border in 1916 and was an infantry sergeant in France during World War I; married to Evelyn Schreiber in 1921; operated an office supply store in Dubuque with two sons; elected state representative from Dubuque County in 1960 and was serving his first term; member of Knights of Columbus, Elks, American Legion, and Dubuque Chamber of Commerce; survived by his wife, two sons, Thomas M. of

Dubuque, and Terrence N. of Reno, Nevada, eight grandchildren and two brothers, James W. and Leo V., both of Dubuque, one son, Robert, having been killed in World War II.

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JOE R. HANLEY, former lieutenant governor of New York state, died at Perry, New York, September 4, 1961; born at Davenport, Iowa, in 1876, the son of John R. and Kate Rhodes Hanley; educated in the public schools of Muscatine and at the State University of Iowa where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1899, at Houghton College of Law and Iowa Wesleyan College where he received Doctor of Divinity degree; admitted to the Bar in 1899; married to Henrietta V. Robertson of Muscatine in 1900; practiced law with his father and brother in Muscatine, Iowa; moved to Perry, New York, where he served as pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church and lectured for ten years on the Redpath Chautauqua Circuit; entered Republican politics and was elected to the New York state house of representatives and later to the state senate; elected lieutenant governor, 1943-1950; a Spanish-American War veteran and chaplain in World War I with the 50th Iowa Infantry, 40th Division; survived by a daughter, Mrs. Josephine Wildox of Nassau, New York, and two sons, Julian and James.

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BLAKE WILLIS, attorney and legislator, died September 20, 1961, at Perry, Iowa; born at Perry, Iowa, July 3, 1892, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Willis; a graduate of the State University of Iowa, was admitted to the bar in 1916 and had practiced law continuously since except for time in World War I service; married to Isabel Dillon November 1, 1919, at Woodward, Iowa; served as Dallas County attorney 1925-1929 and as state representative in the Iowa General Assembly 1933-1934; member of Dallas County, Iowa State and American Bar Associations, Masonic Lodge, Elks, Perry Chamber of Commerce and American Legion; survived by his wife, one son, Ned, of his law firm at Perry, and four grandchildren, a daughter, Annabel, having preceded him in death.

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EUGENE E. POSTON, attorney, legislator and federal court clerk, died October 22, 1961, at Corydon, Iowa; born October 6, 1883, at Humeston, Iowa, the son of R. C. and Clara Poston; graduated from Corydon high school in 1903 and completed liberal arts education and study of law at Drake University in 1909; began law practice with his father; married to Kathryn Ballew in June, 1915; elected Wayne County attorney four times 1925-1933; elected in 1940 as state representative from Wayne County and served six consecutive terms; resigned in 1952 to accept appointment as clerk of the federal court of the Southern District of Iowa, serving in this position until retirement in 1961; member of Drake University Board of Trustees, a 50-year member of Masonic lodge and a member of Disciples of Christ Church; survived by his wife, two sons, T. C. Poston of Corydon and William of Greenfield, Iowa, a daughter, Mrs. William McHarry of New York City.

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