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CAROLYN CAMPBELL PENDRAY, first woman to serve in the Iowa legislature, died November 23, 1958, at Mount Pleasant, Iowa; born on a farm near there, December 9, 1881, the daughter of Thomas Franklin and Harriett Emily Dutton Campbell; graduated from the Mount Pleasant high school in 1899; taught rural schools near Mount Pleasant and in Des Moines county for twelve years, was Henry county superintendent of schools from 1913 to 1920, also holding classes on primary methods three summers at Iowa Wesleyan college; became active in the Democratic party, serving as county chairwoman for Jackson county and member of the state central committee as chairwoman for the Second Congressional district; married to William James Pendray at Mount Pleasant, March 24, 1920, and moved to Maquoketa in 1923 where his merchandising business was established; elected to the Iowa house of representatives from Jackson county in November 1927, two years after women became qualified to sit in the General Assembly; took the same seat her father occupied at the 28th General Assembly; re-elected in 1929, and was a successful twenty-third district candidate for the senate in 1931; noted for her speaking and debating ability in support of legislation on education and women's rights; retained an interest in political affairs and cultural events on returning to Mount Pleasant after the death of her husband in 1938; was a member of the Federated Congregational church, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and P.E.O. society; survived by a sister, Mrs. Besse Kizer, Texarkana, Texas.

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WILLIAM GALT KERR, retired attorney and former legislator, died October 31, 1958, at Traer, Iowa; born in Grundy Center, September 2, 1871, the son of Daniel and Clara T. Estabrook Kerr; graduated from the local high school in 1891, enrolled at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, transferred to Cornell College in Grinnell for two years, and entered the State University of Iowa law school in 1895; married to Grace R. Sprague of Grundy Center, September 25, 1895, moving onto a farm west of town; admitted to the bar in 1896, and the next year became a law associate of his father, former fifth district congressman; soon was active in the Republican party being elected state representative in 1899, and introduced one of the first bills to regulate the financing of political campaigns during his two terms in office; gave valued counsel to the leaders of his

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