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cattle, displaying their livestock many years at state fairs and dairymen's herd meetings; was vice-president of the Belgium Draft Horse Corporation of America and for 38 years had been a member and officer of the organization; also served as president of the Iowa Horse and Mule Breeder's Association, for several terms being its president; was elected and served five terms in the Iowa General assembly as Boone county's representative, first becoming such in 1937; survivors consist of the son, two daughters, two sisters, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, the wife having preceded him in death six years previous.

HAROLD LEWIS PIKE, farmer and state fair executive, died at his home in Whiting, Iowa, April 10, 1957; born June 1, 1880, on Pike's farm then known as Whiting Settlement, 3 miles from the present town of that name; moved to the town of Whiting in 1918; farmed in partnership with his brother, Arthur, who died a year ago, and later with an only son, Herbert; elected to the Iowa State Fair board in 1902, upon which he served 54 years; was named in 1903, superintendent of sheep and poultry for the fair; was made superintendent of the fair's cattle department in 1910 and in succeeding years built for the Iowa State Fair one of the best cattle shows in the nation and was elected president of the fair board in 1947; paid special honor by the International Association of Fairs and Expositions in 1950, being named the person performing the longest continuous term of service to a fair of any man in the nation; helped organize in 1910 the Monona County Farm Bureau; a member of the Congregational church, the Sioux City Consistory, Abu Bekr shrine and the Whiting Masonic lodge; made an honorary member last June of the Iowa 4-H girls in recognition of his long service to agriculture; married in 1906 to Edith Whittier, a Whiting school classmate and daughter of a pioneer merchant, and they had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last year; survivors, in addition to the widow and son, Herbert, are a sister, Mildred Pike, and a brother Robert, both of Sioux City, and two grandchildren.

CHRIS REESE, newspaperman, legislator and state official died at Algona, Iowa, February 9, 1957; born at Hovedgaard, Denmark, June 21, 1881; came to America with his parents in 1891, and the family settled in Storm Lake, Iowa; received a high school education; was married to Jennie Pearl Rucker at Alta, Iowa, September 14, 1902, and from this union came four children, Marian, James, Creston and Donald; entering newspaper work in 1906, edited the *Linn Grove Inde-*

pendent, *Remsen News*, *Carroll Times*, *Marshalltown Marshalltonian* and *Farm-Labor World*, *Marcus News*, *Fenton Reporter* and *Whittemore Champion*; was co-editor of the *Algona Upper Des Moines* to 1945, then purchased the *Ocheyedan Press*; returned to Algona in 1947, to remain in the employ of the *Upper Des Moines* until he was confined to bed last fall; became Marshall county state senator for the 1933-36 term and the special session of 1935; later was a member of the state highway commission and previous to 1939 was assistant state printer; in silent movie days directed an orchestra in a Marshalltown theater; also directed the Fenton and Whittemore bands for several summers, and helped organize and directed a Carroll Catholic church band; for several years was Ocheyedan high school bandmaster; a member of the Knights of Columbus, Moose Lodge, Iowa Press Columnists and the Izaak Walton League; survived by his widow, four sons and daughters, four brothers and two sisters.

CARL BYOIR, newspaperman and public relations specialist, died in New York, N. Y., February 3, 1957; born in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1889; became a reporter on the *Iowa State Register* at 14 and city editor of the old *Waterloo Times Tribune* at 17; entered the State University of Iowa in 1906, with only \$30, all of which went to pay the first semester's tuition fee; was graduated four years later, and had paid all his expenses and had savings of \$6,500 earned by publishing his own and other colleges' yearbooks; after graduation from Columbia University's law school in 1912, published a children's magazine, became an advertising salesman and then went to work for the government as a propagandist; became chairman of the government committee on public information, a forerunner of the Office of War Information of World War II; after the war, engaged in a variety of business undertakings, including the export-import business, several ventures in proprietary medicine and the founding of the American Gear Company; when threatened with blindness due to an acute sinus infection, sought relief in Cuba, where he leased two English-language newspapers; was a director of Schenley Industries, Inc., and the Exchange National Bank of Chicago, Illinois; survived by his widow, the former Grace Lancaster, two daughters, Carlita and Roberta, a brother, Ed Byer of Chicago, and two sister, Mrs. Pauline Sahlein and Mrs. Elizabeth Jacobs, both of Los Angeles.

HARLEY U. GARRETT, state veterinarian, died at Des Moines, Iowa, April 2, 1957; born on a farm near Macksburg, Madison county, Iowa, in 1893; in addition to his general education was graduated from Kansas City Veterinary College and

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