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A hard, efficient worker, he achieved much in the development of the street system in Des Moines, the construction of Keosauqua Way, Avenue Frederick M. Hubbell, and many other projects of similar design, widening, improving, constructing. His terms of service in the streets department were notable also for the marked improvement in the lighting of the city streets.

HERBERT CLARENCE RING, jurist, died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 20, 1941. Born on a farm near Center Point, Iowa, March 31, 1870, he was the son of Richard C. and Harriet A. Ring. Educated in the Center Point high school, he was graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1893, receiving his law degrees from that institution one year later. Entering the practice of law in Center Point, he served as clerk of the Linn County District Court 1904-08, after which period he settled in Cedar Rapids to practice. A member of the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth general assemblies, 1913-17, Mr. Ring was elected in 1929 to the 18th Judicial District Court to which he was thrice re-elected and which position he held at the time of his death.

HARRY E. WILKINS, U.S. army officer, retired, died in Des Moines, August 15, 1941. A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, he shortly rose to rank of captain; he went to the Philippines as assistant to the chief commissary in 1901. Assigned to different posts upon his return to this country, he served in Cuba from 1905-08, with the rank of Major. He was with the American expeditionary force which crossed the Mexican border in 1914 to Vera Cruz, as chief quartermaster. In May, 1917, as chief quartermaster and Lieutenant-Colonel, he sailed with General Pershing to France with the A.E.F. On his return to the United States in August, 1918, he was depot quartermaster in New York City, where he spent most of his time until his retirement in 1919, with the rank of Brigadier General.

Returning to Des Moines, Mr. Wilkins was associated with the Wilkins Bros. department store, served on the Iowa bonus board, and was a supervisor for the Des Moines Street Railway until his resignation in 1930. He was active in politics as well. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

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