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WILLIAM H. TATE, realtor, insurance agent and former state legislator, died in Des Moines September 29, 1959; born at Independence, Iowa August 11, 1900, the son of S. Roy and Alice Ringoll Tate; served as an ambulance driver with the 4th Division in France and Germany 13½ months during World War I, was wounded and gassed in the Meuse-Argonne sector and discharged August 9, 1919; graduated from high school at Independence in 1922 and Upper Iowa University in 1925; married Betsy Belknap at Manchester June 10, 1923; was principal of the high school and coach at Clermont for two years, superintendent of schools and coach at Elma from 1927 to 1934, his teams reaching the finals of the state basketball tournament in 1931 and 1934, and superintendent at Manly until 1938; held a commission as second lieutenant in the Army Reserve from 1921 to 1936; received an M.A. degree from the State University of Iowa in 1936 and became superintendent of schools at Atlantic in 1939; contributed a number of articles to educational and historical periodicals and was an active Boy Scout leader for 20 years; entered the insurance business at Mason City in 1941 as general agent for the American Mutual Life Insurance Company and also owned and operated the Bill Tate Realty Company; married Vivian Bancroft of Monticello in 1944; elected Cerro Gordo County representative in 1950, 1952 and 1954, named chairman of the public lands and buildings committee, schools, appropriations, cities and towns, insurance, public health and pharmacy, mines and mining and other committees, and during his final term in the house a member of the interstate committee on higher education; elected to the state senate from the 43rd district in 1956 serving as chairman of the committee on insurance and member of the schools committee; helped to pass the law giving Korean War veterans the same tax exemptions as veterans of World War II, supported efforts to complete a good road program and legislative reapportionment, co-sponsored a bill to permit county zoning and a water resources bill for the conservation of water in Iowa; resigned from the senate in 1958 and moved to Des Moines to become western Iowa and northwestern Missouri real estate officer for the Post Office Department; was a member of Wesley Methodist Church, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Kiwanis, Masons, and Elks clubs; survived by his wife, two daughters and a son by his first marriage, Mrs. Dorothy Kimball of Rome, New York, Mrs. Barbara Wolf of Omaha and Sgt. William Tate, Jr., in the Air Force; a younger son and daughter, Thomas and Althea are at home.

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JULIA JESSE TAFT, pioneer social worker, teacher and writer, died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania June 8, 1960 at the age of 78; born at Dubuque, Iowa, the daughter of Charles S. and Mary A. Taft, attended public schools and Drake University in Des Moines, being an assistant in German in 1902 and associate editor of the *Quax* in 1904, and was a high school teacher in Des Moines for a few years before removing to Chicago to obtain her doctor of philosophy degree; made important advances in social work as assistant superintendent of the reformatory for

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