

## Iowa's Notable Dead ...

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on federal-state-local government cooperation in the field of agriculture; long active in church work as a member of the legislative committee of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational Christian churches; belonged to the Cosmos club and several honor societies.

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EDWIN R. ROCHESTER, retired pioneer organizer and conductor of western tours, died June 14, 1958 at his home in Silver Spring, Maryland; born about 1868 in Lime Springs, Iowa; worked for the State, War, and Navy Department in Washington, D. C. from 1897 to 1915, when his first 39-day tour of the west was organized guiding people through the national parks, west coast, and Canada; conducted his early trips through Yellowstone national park by stagecoach, and was there when the first automobile was driven through; his later tours included the West Indies, Europe and Mexico; retired from active business during World War II; survived by his wife, Edna, a step-daughter, Mrs. Bryce Holcombe, Silver Spring, and a step-son, Robert Claflin, Miami, Florida.

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FRANK R. DAHN, attorney and former principal examiner of the United States Patent Office, died June 2, 1958 at his home in Chevy Chase, Maryland; born in Floyd county, Iowa, about 1879; joined the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D. C. in 1904, entering Columbian college (now George Washington university) at the same time; received the bachelor of science, bachelor of laws, and master of patent law degrees, and began the practice of law in 1911; appointed principal examiner of the Patent Office in 1920, serving for a number of years; was a member of the board of managers of the American Patent Law Association; survived by his wife, Norrine Norris Dahn, two daughters, Mrs. William E. Hauver Jr., and Mrs. Bernard R. Linkins, both of Silver Spring, Maryland.

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HARRY EARL WATSON, state legislator, land owner and farm operator, died December 1, 1958 at the hospital in Sheldon, Iowa; born on a farm near Archer June 27, 1906, the son of George and Erma Watson; graduated from the Archer consolidated school in 1924 and started farming while still at home; married Elbie Hanefield of Sanborn December 31, 1928, and moved to farm near there in the spring of 1930; as a Republican represented O'Brien county in the house of representatives during the 51st, 52nd and 52nd Extra General Assemblies; elected to the senate from the Forty-seventh senatorial district in 1948; made chairman of the good roads study committee that year, and also served as chairman of the govern-

ment reorganization committee, the toll road research committee, the highway senate committee, and the state board of control among others; received the Iowa Good Roads Association Award of Merit for his work as chairman of the roads and highways committee in 1956; and during the last two sessions was the first to ever serve as chairman of the senate appropriations committee for more than one term; was an elder in the Presbyterian church, a member of the Eastern Star, Masonic lodge, Consistory and Abu Bekr Shrine; survived by his wife, five daughters, Mary Glee, Sibley, Mrs. Walter Lehmann, Hopkins, Minnesota, Mrs. John J. Getting, Ames, LaVonne Raye, a freshman in high school, and Laura Lea in the sixth grade.

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MORAY L. EBY, businessman and retired athletic coach, died at his home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa November 25, 1958; born at Adair October 15, 1877, and entered the university of Iowa in 1897 achieving wide recognition as a member of the school's outstanding football teams of 1899 and 1900; married to Pearl Nichols at West Liberty, Iowa January 14, 1911; successfully coached football at Woodbine college and West Liberty high school before joining the university coaching staff in 1909; went to Cedar Rapids to practice law in 1913 but accepted the position of head football coach at Coe college instead, compiled an outstanding record over the next 29 years, his teams being conference champions eight times and their few defeats usually coming at the hands of much larger schools; named one of the ten top coaches in the nation by Knute Rockne in 1926; resigned in 1943 to become head of the sporting goods department at Armstrong's store, and later opened his own business; continued an active interest in sports, serving as commissioner of the Iowa conference from 1951 to 1957; named to the Hall of Fame of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in November, 1958; was a member of the First Presbyterian church, the Lions club, and the Masons; survived by his wife, and a daughter, Mrs. Frank P. Jakoubek, Cedar Rapids; a son, Robert N. Eby, died in 1942.

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ISAAC FRANK NEFF, retired professor of mathematics, died July 23, 1958 in Des Moines, Iowa; born in Madison county about 1873, and attended the Earlham Academy, Earlham, Iowa; received his B.P. degree from Drake university in 1900, his B.S. in 1902, and M.S. in 1904, also serving as an instructor in mathematics; did graduate work at the university of Chicago the next year while a student assistant in mathematics, and later studied at Columbia university and the university of Wisconsin; was professor of mathematics at Bethany College,

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