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GEORGE ALLISON WILSON, attorney, jurist, Iowa legislator, governor and U. S. senator, died September 8, 1953, at Des Moines, Iowa; born April 1, 1884, on the farm south of Menlo, Adair county, Iowa, to which his father, James H. ("Prairie Jim") Wilson, came from New York after service in the Civil war; rode a horse four miles to the public school in Menlo; attended Grinnell college from 1900 to 1903, waiting upon tables for his board and tending a furnace for his room; served as assistant secretary of the Iowa senate in 1904, and entered the law course at the State University of Iowa that fall; won his "G" at Grinnell and his "I" at Iowa, in basketball; while governor appointed John Chalmers, his Iowa basketball coach to the district bench in Dubuque county, where Chalmers is still serving as judge; began law practice in Des Moines upon graduation from law school in 1907; continued as assistant secretary of the Iowa senate in the sessions of 1906, 1907 and 1909, and as secretary of the senate in 1911; elected county attorney of Polk county in 1914, and appointed district judge in 1917, being 33 years of age when he went upon the bench; re-elected district judge in 1918 for a four-year term, but resigned in 1921 and resumed the practice of law; elected and served in seven sessions of the Iowa senate from Polk county, from 1927 to 1935; married Mildred Zehner in Des Moines, December 8, 1921, who with three sons, James, George Jr. and John, and a daughter, Mary Ann, survive; elected governor of Iowa in 1938, and served two terms; elected United States senator in 1942, serving one six-year term; resumed practice of law in Des Moines, which he continued in partnership with his son, George, Jr., until his death, concluding one of the notable official careers of leading Iowa public men.

JOSEPH H. ANDERSON, farmer, public official and legislator, died at his home in Thompson, Iowa, September 24, 1953; born on a farm in Winnebago county, Iowa, near Forest City, in 1871; received his education in the rural schools of his county and at the State Teacher's college at Cedar Falls, from which institution he was graduated in 1898; served two years as principal of the school at Fairbanks, Iowa, since which time he engaged in farming with exception from January 1, 1905 to January 1, 1913 during which time he served as clerk of the district court of his county; elected in 1914 as representative from the ninety-fifth district to the Iowa

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