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MEMORIALS

PERRY C. HOLDOEGEL

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Perry C. Holdoegel of Rockwell City, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

Perry C. Holdoegel was born in Harrison county, Iowa, September 7, 1869. In the early nineties he was elected superintendent of the Manson school and later went to Rockwell City to assume the superintendency of the city school.

Before coming to Calhoun county he built the first independent telephone line in Iowa between Woodbine and Logan. In 1903 he was instrumental in establishing the Central Mutual Telephone Company of Rockwell City. He became president of the Independent Telephone Association of the United States.

Mr. Holdoegel became a director in each of the three banks in Rockwell City, and later negotiated the consolidation of these three banks into what is now the Union State Bank of which he was chairman of the board. He was an extensive land owner in Calhoun county.

He was an active member of the Methodist church. He had a membership in all the Masonic lodges including the Za-Ga-Zig in which he prized his membership. In politics he was a Republican, and took an active and responsible place in the party of his choice. He was elected from the twenty-seventh district to the state senate and continued to serve through the Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Fortieth Extraordinary sessions.

He is survived by his wife, Mattie, and daughter, Dorothy, both living in the home in Rockwell City; also a son, Donald, an attorney, living in Des Moines.

If this were prepared as a eulogy instead of a simple biographical sketch designed to commemorate his service in this body, there are many things that could be said with propriety.

Senator Holdoegel had been in failing health for several months, and finally passed away at his home in Rockwell City, July 30, 1940, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fiftieth General Assembly: That in the passing of the Honorable Perry C. Holdoegel of Rockwell City, Iowa, the state has lost a valuable and honorable citizen, an earnest statesman, and the family, a loving husband and father, and

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary of the Senate be di-

rected to forward an enrolled copy to the members of the family of the deceased.

C. V. FINDLAY,
RALPH E. BENSON,
A. J. SHAW,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

M. L. BOWMAN

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee which was appointed to prepare and report resolutions commemorating the character, service and life of the late M. L. Bowman, begs leave to submit the following report:

M. L. Bowman served as a member of the Senate during the Fortieth, Fortieth Extraordinary and Forty-first sessions of the General Assembly of Iowa.

Mr. Bowman was born at Galesburg, Illinois, in 1885. At four years of age he moved with his parents to Hutchinson, Kansas. While still a youth his parents died, leaving him an orphan, at which time he returned to Iowa and began working under his guardian who was a stock man and banker. He responded readily to the training received as a youth, as evidenced by the fact that at 17 years of age he was serving in the responsible position of buyer at the Chicago stock yards.

In 1903, Mr. Bowman responded to an urge for higher education and entered the State Agricultural College at Ames, where he was graduated in 1905. During his college career, he served as superintendent of the college farm, in which position, together with extra work in the Agronomy Department, he financed his college education. Upon his graduation, he was offered a chair in the Farm Crop Department of the State Agricultural College by Professor Holden, who had taken a great interest in him during his progress as a student. Two years later, he had earned and was given a full professorship in farm crops experimental work.

During the time Mr. Bowman was associated with Professor Holden, they traveled to all parts of the state on what was known as the "seed corn specials." Mr. Bowman originated the idea of an "oats special" which made similar educational trips throughout the state of Iowa.

Mr. Bowman was secretary of the Iowa Corn Growers' Association. While his whole life and activities were associated and interwoven with farming and the livestock industry, he was a public-spirited man who always had an interest in civic developments. He operated a farm near Waterloo, Iowa, where he specialized in the raising of Holstein cattle. He found time during his busy career to serve his immediate community as secretary of the Greater Waterloo Association. While acting in this capacity, he was elected to the State Senate of Iowa from the Black Hawk-Grundy District. His record during the Fortieth, Fortieth Extraordinary, and Forty-first sessions of the General Assembly of Iowa give testimony of his active attention to a varied legislative program.

The sessions found him active in introducing utility regulation, ap-