

Mr. McFerren was also an ordained minister, having served at Duncombe and surrounding vicinity.

He was united in marriage August 3, 1885, to Minnie A. Clockman, and to this union were born three sons and one daughter—Donald, Robert, Maynard and June.

Mrs. McFerren preceded him in death July 9, 1927, and Maynard was killed in Germany in 1942, during World War II action. He was also preceded in death by his parents, one brother and two sisters.

Mr. McFerren was author of the book, "Distribution," published in 1940, and also had written a book of poems. A champion of the cause of the farmer in the days of the 1920's, he organized the National Farm League. He was always interested in matters of progressive citizenship, and his public spirit was often manifested in many ways.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter—Donald and Robert, both of Webster City, and Mrs. Ralph (Jane) McClure of Iowa Falls. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Terry Ann McFerren of Britt and Peter and Mary McClure of Iowa Falls.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of the honorable Rube McFerren, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful public servant, and the House, by this resolution, would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

JOHN A. WALKER,
PAUL M. WALTER,
ARCH W. MCFARLANE,
Committee.

O. P. MORTON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable O. P. Morton, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Mr. Morton was born in Bremer county in 1860. He spent the years 1862 and 1863 with his parents in Fort Randall and Fort Sully, South Dakota, where his father was stationed as a member of the 7th Iowa Cavalry. He lived in Iowa Falls from 1864 to 1875, when he, with the family, moved to the farm in Wright county.

He attended school in the country and at Iowa Falls. He taught school during the winters from 1878 to 1891. He helped to form and carry on many of the farm organizations of the county.

Mr. Morton was a director and member of the executive board of the Farmers Insurance Company of Wright County since its organization in 1890. He was always interested in schools and was secretary or treasurer of the local school board since 1896.

He was married to Anna H. Birdsall in 1892. Mrs. Birdsall died in 1927.

He was a member of the I.O.O.F.

Mr. Morton served as Representative from Wright county in the Forty-fourth Session of the General Assembly.

He passed away March 12, 1951.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable O. P. Morton, the people, not only of Wright county, but of the entire state of Iowa, have sustained a great loss.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

CLARK H. MCNEAL,
ARCH W. MCFARLANE,
JOHN A. WALKER,
Committee.

JAMES A. NEWSOME

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable James A. Newsome, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

James A. Newsome was born near "Last Chance," Lucas county, Iowa, August 6, 1878, and died at Derby, Iowa, November 14, 1952, at the age of 74 years.

He received his formal education in the schools of Lucas county and at Iowa State College, and taught in the rural schools of Lucas and Clark counties for ten years. For many years he was president of the school board and also served on the county board of education.

Ever since its origin he has been active in the Farm Bureau and served as a director and president. He was one of the organizers of the Derby District Agricultural Association and the Derby District Fair and was its first secretary. He was a director and past treasurer of the Lucas