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HARRY WARD, retired brigadier general Iowa National Guard, veteran A. E. F., legislator and local official, died at Davenport, Iowa, September 21, 1957; born at LaCrosse, Wisconsin, June 8, 1882; attended LaCrosse public schools and came to Davenport in 1907; employed at the U. S. arsenal on Rock Island until 1914; married Katie A. Berny in LaCrosse August 2, 1903; served as chief of police of Davenport and alderman at large; member of the city planning commission, zoning commission and board of adjustment; enjoyed an outstanding military service, having been a member of the Iowa National Guard and the United States army more than 32 years, advancing through various ranks of each; earned military decorations including the Philippine campaign medal, Mexican border service medal, Victory medal given for service in World War I and a 25-year medal for national guard service; was 10 years in the U. S. army serving a year in Alaska, on the Island of Samar, two years in England and France and 10 months at Brownsville, Texas; started his career in the Iowa National Guard with the field artillery as a first lieutenant, became colonel of the 185th F. A. and retired in the present year as brigadier general; from 1914 to 1920 was a clerk in the Davenport post office, served as state representative for one term from Scott county in the Fifty-third General Assembly; a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, 40 & 8, the Moose, the Red Men, Woodmen of the World and the Eagles, as well as community and civic organizations; survived by the widow, one son, John, of Davenport, four daughters, two granddaughters and two grandsons.

MICHAEL E. SLINDEE, former deputy and acting treasurer of the United States, died at New Hampton, Iowa, September 30, 1957; born at Lawler, Chickasaw county, in 1881; was educated in the Lawler public schools and graduated from Valparaiso (Indiana) University; also received a law degree from Georgetown University at Washington, D. C., and was a graduate of the American Institute of Banking; until retirement, December 31, 1950, had worked continuously for the Office of the Treasurer since assignment there as a clerk in May, 1905; served with the Chemical Warfare Service in World War I in the rank of lieutenant and was retired from the Army Reserve with the rank of major; shortly after

assignment to the Treasurer's office, began work in the National Redemption Agency, where he progressed to superintendent; was named administrative assistant to the Treasurer in 1936, and became Deputy and Acting Treasurer in 1944; on death of William R. Julian in 1949, became acting U. S. Treasurer, serving in that capacity under a special presidential commission until the appointment of Georgia Neese Clark; returned to his native Iowa upon his retirement, spending his summers with his brother Jim and sister Mae on the Slindee farm north of Lawler, and winters at Fort Lauderdale, Florida; survived by two brothers and two sisters, Carl, James and Mae Slindee, all of Lawler, and Mrs. Herman Carrie Natdig, Decorah, Iowa; several nieces and nephews also survive, including Mrs. John J. O'Keefe of 108 Yorktown drive, Alexandria.

MILTON J. GLENN, lawyer and district judge for 18½ years at Dubuque, died August 18, 1957, at Greenwich, Connecticut, where he was a vacation guest of a boyhood friend, Louis J. Kaep; born in East Dubuque, April 21, 1902; son of Thomas George and Katheryn Stephan Glenn; attended St. Patrick's elementary school and St. Mary's high school in Dubuque; became a teller in the American Trust and Savings bank in Dubuque; moved with the Glenn family to Milwaukee where he entered the law school of Marquette University and was graduated in 1925, returning to Dubuque the same year and entered the practice of law; between 1928 and 1934 was a member of the Dubuque board of education and also police judge from 1929 to 1939; elected judge of the 19th judicial district, assuming office in 1939 and held the post continuously since; became a member in 1939 of the executive board of the Northeast Iowa Boy Scout council and a director of the Dubuque boy's club; a member of the Elks, the Dubuque county and state bar associations, the Dubuque Art association, the Chicago Arts Guild, Nativity Parish and its Holy Name society, vice-president of the Iowa District Judges association and several social and community organizations, and resided with his mother, Mrs. John Glenn, in Dubuque who survives him with several cousins.

GUSTAVE ALESCH, farmer, legislator and writer, died at Remsen, Iowa, October 5, 1957; born in Luxemburg, Europe, January 25, 1877; educated in the public schools and came to the United States in 1918; married to Justine Kass, first farmed in Plymouth county, Iowa, and later moved to Kansas; returned to Iowa after three years and purchased a farm near Remsen where the family resided until his retirement in 1941;

served as secretary of the Farmers Elevator Company of Marcus, and secretary-treasurer of the Shippers Association; became president of the Co-operative Community Oil Company and a member of the Rural Independent School Board of Remsen; served six years as a member of the Plymouth county board of supervisors, also five consecutive terms as a state representative from Plymouth county, from 1933 through 1941, and affiliated as a Democrat with the economy block in the house of Representatives; retired from his farm in 1941 and resided in Remsen until his death, utilizing his abilities and knowledge of state affairs in writings upon political subjects and public affairs during his retirement; survived by the widow, seven children, 29 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

FANNIE R. BUCHANAN, musician, author and rural extension instructor, died at Grinnell, Iowa, September 3, 1957; born near Victor, Iowa, in 1875; daughter of Thomas H. Buchanan, from Ohio, and Rosa A. (White) Buchanan of Muscatine, Iowa, the family further consisting of one son, Clarence, and three other daughters, Ethel, Frankie and Hattie; removed with the family to Grinnell; attended the public schools and graduated from Grinnell college of music in 1900; served upon the staff of Iowa State college for 12 years, becoming widely known to rural groups throughout Iowa as well as nationally; credited in 1944 by the National Congress of 4-H clubs through its president with "putting the lilt and music into the 4-H program"; in collaboration with Miss Lena Parish wrote several songs which became nationally sung by 4-H clubs; in 1942 was one of two persons to receive from the U. S. department of agriculture a citation and medal for outstanding contributions to rural culture; helped form many women's rural chorus groups; wrote poems and stories for several national children's magazines; first book written by her twenty years ago still listed by critics as one of the best stories of music, entitled "How Man Made Music"; survived by her brother Clarence and one sister.

FRANK W. OERTEL, lawyer, legislator and judge of superior court, died September 4, 1957, at Keokuk, Iowa, the city of his birth; born December 9, 1887, the son of Frank and Emily Hesbacher Oertel; blind since infancy, attended Keokuk public schools and was graduated from the law department of Drake University in 1911; commenced law practice in Des Moines, but removed the same year to Oklahoma, engaging in the practice there from 1912 to 1915 when he returned to Keokuk, where he had since remained; served

as state representative from Lee county in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth General Assemblies; elected justice of the peace in 1922 and was continuously re-elected to that position until May 1915, when he became judge of the superior court, which office he held at the time of his death; married Gertude K. Jackson on March 1, 1941, who survives, with several cousins and other relatives, his mother dying November 17, 1937, and his father January 17, 1954; a member of the St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed church and the Lee county bar association, and a Republican.

ROSS R. MOWREY, former state senator and U. S. attorney, died in his law office at Newton, Iowa, September 28, 1957; born on a farm near Baxter, Iowa, March 5, 1882; was graduated from Baxter high school in 1900, and from the law school of the State University of Iowa in 1903, being admitted to the Iowa bar the same year and located at Newton in the practice of law; was attorney of Jasper county from 1910 to 1914, and assistant attorney general of Iowa in 1916; was United States attorney for the southern Iowa district, 1924 to 1932, and served two terms in the Iowa state senate from 1939 to 1947; active in Republican political circles, a Methodist, a member of the Masonic bodies, the Knights of Pythias, Iowa State Grange, Sons of the American Revolution, Kiwanis and Newton chamber of commerce; married in 1908, his wife preceding him in death, and survived by two daughters, Virginia Mowrey, New York City, and Mrs. William Spaulding, Wakefield, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM F. JACOBS, M.D., retired medical superintendent of Bellevue Hospital, New York, 23 years, died at Daytona Beach, Florida, May 21, 1957; born in 1885 on a farm near Sigourney, Keokuk county, Iowa, settled on by his grandfather in 1840; his great-great grandfather being with Washington at Valley Forge; in youth tried farming, railroading, bookselling, clerking and newspaper work, but medicine won; graduated with highest honors from the St. Louis Homeopathic Medical College in 1907 and moved to New York to serve his internship at the old Metropolitan hospital; had his first taste of administration as superintendent of the Oppenheimer Institute for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction from 1909 to 1918; during latter year entered New York's service as deputy superintendent of the old Cumberland Street Hospital in Brooklyn; served for nine days as city Commissioner of Hospitals in 1946, while Hospitals Commissioner Edward M. Bernecker served as Health Commissioner; chosen to open and organize the new Cumberland Hospital, the Brooklyn Cancer Institute and Morrisania Hospital in the Bronx and appointed to Bellevue in 1931; after

directing Bellevue Hospital for twenty-three years—longer than anyone else in its history of more than two centuries—retired in 1954 with thirty-seven years in the city's service; surviving are the widow, Charlotte, and a son, William F. Jacobs, Jr.

LAWRENCE A. FALVEY, banker, lumberman and legislator, died at Albia, Iowa, July 23, 1957; born there also, on May 27, 1901; eldest son of Michael and Ellen Falvey; attended St. Ambrose college, Davenport, and was graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1925; has been co-owner with his brother Paul Falvey, of the Falvey Lumber company, founded by their father, the late M. C. Falvey, also a former state representative; married Katherine Ann Mull of Muscatine in 1925, who survives him; elected to the Iowa house of representatives and was serving his third term, the death creating a vacancy; president of the Iowa State bank, Albia, and was an owner of farm properties; was a Phi Beta Kappa in receiving his university degree, a past president of the Albia Rotary club and Albia Country club, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and of the S.U.I. Alumni Association, the Catholic church, Holy Name society, Knights of Columbus and Farm Bureau; besides his widow and brother Paul, is survived by another brother, John, residing in Chicago, Ill., preceded in death by parents and brother, Francis.

FREDERICK W. BECKMAN, journalist and former head of school of journalism at Iowa State college, died at Knoxville, Iowa, July 9, 1957; born at Clayton, Iowa, September 5, 1873; son of Herman F. and Louise Kurdelmeyer Beckman; graduated from the State University of Iowa and started his newspaper career on the *Council Bluffs Nonpareil* in 1898; also was on the *Sioux City Journal* and in 1903 came to the *Des Moines Register and Leader* as associate editor; became professor of journalism and head of the Iowa State College of journalism department and bulletin editor for the school's experiment station in 1911; founded the *College Press*, a publishing organization associated with the college, and started the first short courses for Iowa newspapermen; leaving the college in 1927, was editor of *Farmers Wife*, St. Paul, Minnesota, now part of the *Farm Journal* magazine, until he went to Knoxville in 1939 and since had been editor and publisher of the *Knoxville Journal*; in 1940 was honored with one of the Iowa Press Association "Master Editor" awards; was an honorary member of national Sigma Delta Chi journalism society, a former member of the Rotary club, former president of the American Association of Teachers of Journalism, long a member of the national board of the Y.M.C.A. and a member of the Presbyterian church; besides a son, Richard W. Beckman, surviving are his widow, Anna M., a daughter, Mrs. Betty Bodnar-chuck, Washington, D. C., and three grandchildren.

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