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CHARLES W. HUNT, farm leader and former Federal Trades Commissioner, died in Washington, D. C. August 16, 1938. He was born in Harrison County, Iowa, January 2, 1864, the son of Jason Z. and Mary M. Hunt, who came to Jefferson Township, Harrison County, as pioneers from New York state in 1850. Charles Hunt was educated in the district school, Logan High School, and in Iowa State College of Agriculture, Ames, Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1888. After graduation he returned to Harrison County to engage in farming. Active in the civic affairs of Logan, as township assessor, township trustee, and member of the school board for twenty years, he was elected on the Republican ticket to represent Harrison County in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth General Assemblies of the state, 1911-15. Interested also in the early farm movements of the present century, he was instrumental in the establishment of the Logan Short Course for general instruction to actual farmers of new developments in agricultural methods. He was the first secretary of the Harrison County Farm Bureau when it was organized in 1919. In 1920 he became president of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, holding that office until 1923, when he resigned to become secretary of the Federation after the resignation of E. H. Cunningham from that position upon his appointment to the Federal Reserve Board. In 1924 he was appointed to fill out an uncompleted term on the Federal Trades Commission; the following year he was appointed to serve the full seven year term. He continued to live in Washington after the termination of his federal service up to his death.

HUGH G. VAN PELT, nationally known dairyman and stock raiser, died in Waterloo, August 22, 1938. He was born November 19, 1880, in Exira, Iowa. After receiving his early education in the schools of Exira, he attended Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. From 1906-09 he was Professor of Animal Husbandry and the manager of the college dairy farm at Iowa State College. It was while still serving on the faculty of the Iowa State College that he was drafted to help organize the movement to educate Iowa stock raisers and farmers how to better care for their stock, a movement financed by an act passed in the state legislature of 1909. This activity led him to take an active interest in the possibilities of the Waterloo Dairy Cattle Congress, which he served as general manager the first several years of its organization, until 1916. He was also the editor of *Kimball's Dairy Farmer* for a number of years, prior to its merger with *Successful Farming*, published in Des Moines. Nationally known among purebred cattle raisers, he was frequently called to all parts of the country to participate in the judging of stock exhibited in fairs and shows. He was a former director of the American Jersey Cattle club. In recent years he maintained a purebred stock farm near Waterloo, which he managed at the time of his death.

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