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JAMES E. CRAVEN, farmer and legislator, died at Newton, Jasper county, Iowa, May 15, 1945; born on a farm near Kellogg, September 6, 1866; his parents coming from New York to Iowa a few years earlier; after attending rural schools he took a three-year course in Hazel Dell academy at Newton, Iowa; married to Julia Smith of Poweshiek county, Iowa, December 14, 1892; engaged in farming and stock raising; had a long service in the Iowa House of Representatives from Jasper county in the Thirty-sixth, Forty-fourth, Forty-fifth, Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh General Assemblies; has engaged in insurance underwriting and active in Democratic party affairs.

CHESTER LELAND JOHNS, railroad man and legislator, died May 9, 1945, at his home in Ottumwa, Iowa; born June 23, 1887, at West Grove, Iowa, the son of Adam and Ida Jane Johns; had been a resident of Ottumwa 32 years, employed by the Milwaukee railroad during the entire period, five years in the train service and 27 years in the yard service; was elected to the Iowa house of representatives in 1936 and served in the Forty-seventh General Assembly; served as secretary of the state board of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen for twelve years, and as legislative representative during that period; was active in municipal affairs, a former member of the manpower committee, the city park board and the Wapello county ration board; a Republican and a member of a number of fraternal orders. Mrs. Johns and a number of children survive him.

CHESTER M. ROBERTS, banker and public official, died May 15, 1945, at Des Moines, Iowa; born in Fayette county, Iowa, May 19, 1858; attended public school at Fairbanks, Buchanan county; married Myrtle M. Higby September 5, 1891, to whom was born two daughters and a son, all of whom survive him; served as deputy clerk of district court, and county treasurer of Buchanan county, and 35 years as cashier of the Peoples National Bank at Independence, Iowa, until appointed a member of the Iowa Board of Control May 11, 1928, to fill a vacancy; was chairman of the board from July 1, 1931, to his retirement in 1933, after which he continued to live in Des Moines; a member of the Presbyterian church and the Masonic order.

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