

## Kristian Prestgaard

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AMOS EIZA GRIFFITH, minister and district superintendent in the Des Moines conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, died January 23, 1946, at the home of his son, Arthur E. Griffith, Cleveland, Ohio; born in Story county, Iowa, July 17, 1856; graduated from Iowa State college at Ames in 1878, and ordained as a minister at Winterset, Iowa, September 15, 1882; took his master of science degree at Simpson college, Indianola, Iowa, in 1885, and studied later at Garrett Bible Institute at Evanston, Illinois; served as pastor of Wesley Methodist church in Des Moines, secretary of Iowa Methodist hospital and superintendent of the Iowa National Bible Training school, Des Moines; long years were spent as a minister and district superintendent, as well as a leader in Iowa Methodism. Dr. Griffith was a Scottish Rite and Thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the First Methodist church, Des Moines. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Paul Millhone, Clarinda, and Mrs. Grace Throckmorton, Oskaloosa; three sons, Foss H. Griffith, Des Moines; Dudley D. Griffith, Seattle, Wash.; and Arthur E. Griffith, Cleveland; and ten grandchildren.

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SAMUEL B. CROUCH, farmer and legislator, died at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, November 27, 1945; born in Grundy county, Iowa, October 14, 1883, a son of W. B. Crouch, who later resided at Storm Lake, Iowa, where he resided twenty-six years, removing to Hardin township, Greene county, Iowa, where he engaged in farm and afterwards in the oil business at Jefferson, Iowa; married Catharine Mae Hamilton; served as representative in 1933 in the Iowa House of Representatives, and afterwards removed to Storm Lake; a member of the Presbyterian church and the Masonic order, and is survived by the wife and one daughter, Catharine Ann.

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KRISTIAN PRESTGAARD, editor and author, died at Decorah, Iowa, January 25, 1946; born in Norway in 1867 and came to this country as a special correspondent for Norwegian newspapers covering the Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893; became an internationally known author, editor and gladiolus hybridizer; came to Decorah, Iowa, in 1897 and started work upon the *Posten*, the Norwegian language newspaper, becoming its editor-in-chief in 1923, which position he has held until his death; knighted in 1926 by King Haakon and became commander of the Order of St. Olof in 1940; survived by his daughters, Mrs. Everett McManus, of Chicago, and Gunvar Prestgaard of Decorah.

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