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DANIEL WALTER MOREHOUSE, president of Drake University and internationally known scientist, died in Des Moines of heart complications January 21, 1941. Born in a log cabin near Mankato, Minnesota, February 22, 1876, the son of Aaron and Sabra Ann Morehouse, he was educated at Northwestern Christian College, Excelsior, Minnesota, and taught school for several terms in South Dakota before matriculating at Drake University in 1897. He also attended the University of Chicago, and received his Masters degree from Drake in 1902.

Joining the Drake faculty in 1900 following his graduation, he pursued his specialty of astronomy, gaining international fame for the discovery of the "Morehouse Comet" in 1908. In 1919 he was named dean of men of the Drake institution, and in 1923 elected president, retaining the deanship until 1930. Under his administration the college undertook and completed a large building program for student and library and athletic facilities.

Dr. Morehouse, an active and contributing member to his community, received the Community Service Award in 1928 for outstanding service to the city of Des Moines.

DAVID CHARLES MOTT, newspaper publisher and state servant, died in Helena, Oklahoma, March 8, 1941. Born in Washington County, Ohio, March 23, 1858, the son of George W. and Abigail B. Mott, he came with the family to Iowa in 1863. Educated in the Keokuk County schools, and in the Friends Boarding School of Barnsville, Ohio, he taught school in Keokuk County and followed farming until 1888, when he began the publication of the *What Cheer Patriot*, What Cheer, Iowa. His long association with the newspaper field continued with the publishing of the *Tipton Advertiser* from 1893 to 1897, the *Audubon Republican* from 1897 to 1905, and the *Elreno Daily American*, Elreno, Oklahoma, in which he held a half interest, from 1906 to 1907. In the latter year he returned to Iowa to publish the *Marengo Republican* until 1912.

In 1906 he began the first of two terms in the state legislature, and in 1911-1919 served as a member of the state board of Parole. In the latter year he was appointed editorial assistant in the state historical department, which position he continued to hold until his retirement in 1937.

WILLIAM HENRY STEPANEK, business man and state legislator, died in Cedar Rapids, February 10, 1941. Born on a farm in Johnson County, May 8, 1868, the son of Joseph and Anna Stepanek, and educated in the public schools and in a business college in Cedar Rapids, he early entered the hardware business in Cedar Rapids. Active in Civic affairs and holding numerous city offices of trust and responsibility, he was instrumental in the construction of the Memorial building, the removal of the county seat of Linn County from Marion to Cedar Rapids, and the construction of the present court house. He served one term in the state legislature, representing Linn County from 1925 to 1927.

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