

George C. Claussen

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himself in turn, succeeded as its publisher, having previously affiliated with other newspapers at Corning, Bedford, Orange City, Chariton, Albia, Fort Madison, Shenandoah, and Creston in Iowa; served for two terms as president of the Iowa Press association, also two terms as mayor of Fairfield and postmaster from July 1, 1930, to August 4, 1934; was a member of the Elks, Rotary, the Fairfield country club and social organizations.

GEORGE C. CLAUSSEN, lawyer and jurist, died at Clinton, Iowa, December 18, 1948; born at Clinton August 6, 1882, son of John and Wiebke Banderob Claussen; attended the Clinton schools, and the State University of Iowa college of law in 1901-03; later studied law in the office of M. W. Herrick, at Monticello, Iowa, and gained admission to the bar in 1909; worked as railroad mail clerk on the run between Monticello and Davenport while studying law; began general practice in Clinton in 1911; married to Luella Farr March 18, 1920; served as county attorney from 1914 to 1918 and elected first judge of the Clinton municipal court in 1918, and served until 1919; was a member of the law firm of Wolfe, Wolfe & Claussen from 1919 to 1932, when he became a justice of the Iowa Supreme court and served as chief justice while on the supreme bench; appointed judge of the district court at Clinton in 1941 and served until his death; active in the Masonic bodies, a Republican, and survived by his wife and one son, Robert.

WILLIAM J. BURBANK, druggist and public official, died January 27, 1949, at Eldorado, Missouri, where he had lived the last year, having previously resided at 1312 Harrison avenue, Des Moines, Iowa; born at Waverly, Bremer county, Iowa, May 21, 1866; attended the Waverly grade schools and at age of sixteen entered his father's drug store at Allison, Iowa; became a registered pharmacist in 1889; married December 14, 1895, to Miss Lena A. Hummell; served as postmaster at Allison four years; elected in 1898 county treasurer of Butler county, Iowa, and re-elected in 1900; moved to Waterloo in 1904, and employed by Paul Davis Dry Goods Co.; nine years later elected county treasurer of Blackhawk county and twice re-elected; nominated in the Republican state primary and elected state treasurer in 1920 and re-elected in 1922; upon relinquishing state office he was employed in the Polk county treasurer's office for several years; a member of the Masonic order, Knights of Pythias and Presbyterian church; survived by his widow, one daughter and two sons.

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