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Mr. Taylor was one of the keenest minded men ever to live in Spencer and with his pleasing personality and natural ability as an organizer and salesman he had countless friends throughout the country with whom he came into contact as advertising manager of Farm Life. He was born in Washington state and went two years to Dartmouth and was graduated from Northwestern University where he took an active part in campus affairs and was a leader in university affairs.

He was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and of the Presbyterian church.

Those who knew Miles Taylor loved him. He with his charming wife and children formed one of the most interesting families ever to live in this city and his going will be felt by hundreds here. A young man yet, Mr. Taylor was just entering that best period in a man's life and death cuts short a life which would have gained even greater success later. Mr. Taylor has not been well for several years. He was a veteran of the World War and served overseas.

Among those who have expressed their sympathy and sorrow at the death of such a splendid gentleman are the following of the Farm Life Publishing Company:

It is hard to realize that Miles Taylor has gone. His personality was so fine and vivid that it makes the thought of death seem unreal. I shall always treasure my memories of happy association with him, and my deepest sympathy goes out to his family in their sorrow.

Wm. Johnson.

Miles Taylor is gone. He is dead. I find myself as yet unable fully to realize the tragic, the overwhelming significance of the words. He was my friend. I still see him as young, full of the buoyancy of life. I happened to be with him on a week's business trip, some fourteen years ago, when he took a few hours away from the job to get married. He was then just out of college. It was my privilege to witness the growing and continuous happiness of Miles and his young bride, and to rejoice at the success of the family life based on that marriage. I touched elbows with him in the daily work and saw the brilliant development of his mind and character. I came to have a great esteem of that side of him revealed in the friendly intimacies of social life. I can remember now, most of all, his outstanding courage, his integrity, his loyalty. There can be but small comfort in the coinage of phrases, but I hope the remembrance of his gallant courage in meeting life as it came to him will be of sustaining effect now to the grief-stricken family and friends.

George Weymouth.

My contacts with Miles Taylor were always pleasant and always left with me the impression of an unusually keen, aggressive and ambitious young man, with many years of life and many years of accomplishment ahead of him. Mrs. LeQuatte and I join with his many friends in Spencer in sympathy for his father and mother because of their loss of a son in whom they took justifiable pride; for his devoted wife and their four fine children to whom he meant so much, and for his sorrowing sisters.

Because of Miles Taylor's long association with Farm Life and as a mark of respect to his memory and as an evidence of our sympathy, the plant will be closed during the funeral.

T. W. LeQuatte.