

# Services Held For J.J. Boatman, Prominent Farmer, Conservationist

Funeral services for one of the state's most prominent farmers and soil conservationists, J. J. Boatman of Montezuma, were held Tuesday afternoon at the Steffy Funeral Home. The Rev. G. R. Dieken, pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church, officiated. Mrs. Vincent Johnson



was soloist at the services accompanied by Miss Alice Underwood, organist.

Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery. E. W. McNeil, W. Hoyt Bonham, Loren Roorda, Robert Anderson, Vincent Johnson and Cliff Smith were pallbearers.

Born Feb. 1, 1883, in Mahaska County, Jesse James Boatman was the son of William C. and Emma McSpadden Boatman. His entire life was spent farming in Poweshiek and Mahaska counties.

Mr. Boatman was married to the former Nellie Gordon on Feb. 14, 1907, in Barnes City.

Widely known in farming, conservation and financial circles, he was a charter member of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation and for many years served as a director of the FS Co. He also served several terms as president of the Poweshiek County Farm Bureau.

Last March he was honored as one of the original three commissioners of the Poweshiek Soil District at a twentieth anniversary meeting. The state association presented him a lifetime membership in September for his work in soil and water conservation. Mr. Boatman was active in organizing the four county conservation districts prior to forming county districts.

In 1930 he was named Master Farmer by Wallaces Farmer and in 1941 he received the King Corn Trophy from the Des Moines Tri-

dent in the Iowa City and Oskaloosa hospitals the past six months following a stroke last summer.

Conservation Award in 1951.

He was one of seven original incorporators of the 12-county Central Iowa Production Credit Association and served as a director for many years.

He was a charter member of the board of directors of the Peoples Savings Bank of Montezuma and presently was serving as vice-chairman and vice president of the bank's board of directors. He was a member of the Montezuma Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Nellie, and their three sons, Dr. Lawrence C. of Albuquerque, N.M.; Maurice W. of Decatur, Ill.; Leslie C. of Des Moines; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; a brother and a sister, Julian L. of Ames and Mrs. Marion Giles of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and an infant sister.

Thursday, February 3, 1966

## Rites Held For J. J. Boatman, 82, Conservationist

J. J. Boatman, 82, of Montezuma, a Poweshiek county leader in the areas of conservation and farm credit, died at an Oskaloosa hospital Sunday following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Montezuma.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Dr. L. C. Boatman of Albuquerque, N.M., Maurice W. Boatman of Decatur, Ill., and Leslie C.

Boatman; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was named recipient in 1930 of a Master Farmer Award by Wallaces Farmer. In 1941, Mr. Boatman received the King Corn Trophy from the Des Moines Register and Tribune for producing the state's top corn yield.

Mr. Boatman was one of seven original incorporators of the 12-county Central Iowa Production Credit Association. For many years he served as a director.

Only last September, he was honored by the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation Commissioners for his work in soil and water conservation.

Also, he was one of the first commissioners of the Poweshiek Soil District and before that was active in organizing the four-county