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in Des Moines in 1905, continuing among its leaders since with the exception of the years he served as pastor of the new College Avenue Christian church, beginning January 1, 1925, leading it in the erection of the building, completed and paid for that year; became a world traveler, making extensive trips to various countries in Europe, crossing the Atlantic ocean 32 times, and made five trips around the world, the last at the age of 71; became celebrated as a lecturer and author of articles of religious and historical nature; was a 33rd degree Mason, and a member of Adelphic lodge and the Des Moines consistory of that order, also a member of the Kiwanis club of Des Moines for 20 years; a teacher of the large Loyal Married Folks class of University church for many years and an honorary member of its board of elders; survived by three daughters, Florence Nichols and Mrs. Edna Goss, both of Des Moines, and Iva Nichols of New York, N. Y., a son, Clark Nichols of Buffalo, N. Y., two grandsons and six great-grandchildren.

JAMES MONROE BELL, insurance and bond broker, public official and legislator, died at Burlington, Iowa, August 3, 1953; born in New Boston, Illinois, March 28, 1876, the son of Omer H. and Vashti Willets Bell; came to Burlington as a boy and spent most of his life there; employed for a time by Marshall Field & Co., Chicago; also traveled out of New York for the Borden Milk Company as a salesman and supervisor of branch establishments; beginning in 1901, served as deputy county auditor of Des Moines county, Iowa, and twice elected as Mayor of Burlington from 1916 to 1920; served as state senator one term from 1934 to 1938; engaged in the insurance and bond brokerage lines in Burlington for many years, and was a Democrat candidate for various official positions, usually unsuccessful excepting when he ran for mayor and for state senator; married Mrs. Julia Leake Steinbrecher in 1925, who survives as also do two married daughters by a previous marriage, Mary and Betty of Los Angeles, a stepson Richard E. Steinbrecher of Chicago and three grandchildren; formerly a member of the Iowa National Guard and served in Company H.; a Methodist, and held membership in the Eagles, Elks, Odd Fellows, Rebeccas and A.O.U.W.

STEPHEN RAY EMERSON, building contractor and legislator, died at Creston, Iowa, August 1, 1953; born in Union county, Iowa, February 25, 1889, son of Lincoln Jasper and Verna Shaw Emeson; and grandson of the Rev. Stephen and Mary

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