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Bronxville; survived by his widow, two sons, William C. Keefe, of Bronxville and John M. Keefe of Rye, New York, three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

ALEXANDER STANLEY BLOEDEL, hardwareman, undertaker and legislator, a resident of Iowa 54 years, died at a Hamburg hospital September 10, 1955; born in Papillion, Nebraska, May 8, 1876; son of Andrew and Caroline Bloedel; attended rural schools at Papillion, and moved to Iowa in 1893; married Sarah Weatherhead in 1904, and they have a family of five sons and two daughters; a civic leader, and at the time of death was serving a third term as representative from Fremont county in the Iowa legislature; his varied activities included those of a Tabor hardware dealer for 54 years, a trustee of the now defunct Tabor college 15 years, president of the old Tabor & Northern railroad, many years a funeral director, a former mayor of Tabor, and bank director 35 years; in 1948 received his 50-year Masonic pin and also held membership in the order of Knights of Pythias, the Congregational church and the Republican party; survivors include his widow, two sons, Raymond of Malvern, and Robert of Tabor, both in the hardware business; five daughters, 17 grandchildren, one brother and three sisters.

HOBART M. MCPHERSON, banker, died at his summer home at Bridgewater, Conn., October 1, 1955; born at Fairfield, Iowa, in 1896; was graduated from the University of Kansas in 1920 and then joined the National City Bank in New York; was assigned to the credit department; appointed an assistant cashier in 1928 and an assistant vice president in 1931; stationed at the Forty-second street branch from 1935 until transferred to the Fifth Avenue branch at Fifty-first street, in 1944; in July 1945 promoted to a vice presidency, the title of the bank since March, 1955, being the First National City Bank, as a result of the merger of the National City and the First National; had been active in the work of the National Travelers Aid association, of which he was elected president in May, 1946; was also treasurer and a director of the National Health and Retirement association; belonged to the University Club and the Skating Club of New York city and the Apawamis Club of Rye, and resided at 200 East Sixty-sixth street, New York; survived by the widow, Mrs. Dora Dehli Gould McPherson, their marriage having occurred last November, and a step-daughter, Mrs. C. Samuel Ashmun, Jr., of Minneapolis.

FRANK J. COMFORT, lawyer and former referee in bankruptcy, died at Des Moines, Iowa, November 1, 1955; born at Mason City, Iowa, May 30, 1890 and attended high school there; at-

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