

Alexander Herman Bonnstetter

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JOHN P. MULLEN, farmer, teacher, implement dealer and fair official, died at St. Vincent's hospital, Sioux City, Iowa, July 4, 1948; born in Ireland, in 1864, son of Terrence Mullen, born 1821, who in 1860 married Margaret Ward, born in 1841, the family coming to America in 1881 and located on a farm southwest of Fonda, Pocahontas county, Iowa, which was their home until 1899, when they moved to Fonda; one of seven children John F. acquired his education at Fonda and was three and one-half years at Buena Vista college at Storm Lake; taught seventeen terms of school during his residence at home on the farm; in 1899 married Rose Brady of Storm Lake, and with his eldest brother, Owen W. Mullen, established the firm of Mullen Bros., dealers in live stock and farm implements at Fonda and Pocahontas; interested in the organization of the Big Four District Fair association at Fonda, and was a member of its board of directors; served as secretary of the Northwest Iowa Fair Circuit several years, became a member of the Iowa State Fair board in 1911, its vice president in 1918, and served as president sixteen years, retiring in December, 1947, when he was made president emeritis by the board in honor of his long and valuable service; an active participant in civic and community affairs and a leader in political circles though never a candidate for public office; served as chairman of the Eighth district congressional committee and a delegate to county, state and national Republican conventions; a fourth degree Knight of Columbus, a member of the Holy name society and the Catholic church at Fonda; survived by three sons and eight daughters, his wife having died in 1937.

ALEXANDER HERMAN BONNSTETTER, farmer, teacher and legislator, died at his home east of West Bend, in Garfield township, Kossuth county, Iowa, June 12, 1948; born on the Bonstetter home place near his own farm, November 20, 1892; attended rural schools and took a two-year normal course at Highland Park college at Des Moines; then taught school in the home locality two years, after which in 1915 he entered Valparaiso university at Valparaiso, Indiana, graduating in 1918; returned to farming at home, and on August 19, 1919, married Charlotte Lydia Anderegg, at Cincinnati, Ohio, who survives with one son, Dr. Rex Stanley Bonnstetter, a dentist, at Exira, Iowa; became active in farm organization affairs; served on the school board; a director four years and chairman one year of the Greater West Bend club; elected state representative on the democratic ticket in 1930 and served three terms, becoming chairman of the house appropriations committee.

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