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7, 1869, on a farm in Jasper county, near Kellogg, the son of James Lee, a Massachusetts Yankee whose grandfather had fought at Lexington and mother, Sarah Whitcomb Lee, related to the poet, James Whitcomb Riley; attended country school, Hazel academy at Newton, Iowa, Iowa State college at Ames and Drake University at Des Moines; was graduated from Iowa State in 1894, Drake law school in 1895 and admitted to the bar the latter year, immediately beginning the practice of law at Ames, retiring in 1945; served as Ames city attorney from 1896 to 1902 and as district judge from 1907 to 1914; a member of the American Bar association and the Iowa State Bar association, also president of the Story county bar association; during college career at Iowa State college was editor-in-chief in 1903, of the institution's first "Bomb" (annual yearbook) ever published, and in 1903-1904 was editor-in-chief of the *Iowa State Student Daily*; married to Emma McCarthy in 1906, who died in 1953; survived by a daughter, Mrs. Earl Spencer, Waterloo, and two sisters, Mrs. R. C. Daily, Newton, and Mrs. Morton Rose, Santa Cruz, California, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

ELMORE A. ELLIOTT, clergyman, legislator and former Des Moines finance commissioner, died at his home in the Capital City where he had resided 51 years, on December 6, 1956; born on an Indiana farm across the Ohio river from Louisville, Kentucky, in 1864; spent his early years farming; attended Westfield College, Westfield, Illinois, and former Western College at Toledo, Iowa, and came to Des Moines in 1898, when he married Lois Shepherd, whom he met at Western College; was an ordained minister of the Evangelical United Brethren denomination and served the former Castle and Miller Memorial churches in Des Moines and other United Brethren congregations at Dawson, Van Meter and Elkhart, and Congregational churches at Ankeny, Johnston, Bondurant and Granger, and during most of these ministries continued to make his home in Des Moines; served in five sessions of the Iowa house of representatives from 1924 to 1930 and was re-elected in 1932 and 1934; earlier served two terms on the Des Moines city council, starting in 1918 and 1920, as city finance commissioner; later for a time was a claim adjuster for the city legal department; surviving besides his widow is a sister, Mrs. Thomas Vardenius, Portland, Oregon.

BURTON E. SWEET, attorney, former Iowa legislator and congressman, died at his home in Waverly, Iowa, January 2, 1957; born on a farm near Tripoli, Bremer county, Iowa, De-

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