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Boone, and one daughter, Mrs. Jacqueline Erbe of Boone, wife of his law partner, Iowa Attorney General Norman A. Erbe.

ADOLPH L. BENSON, stock farm operator and former opera singer, died at Memorial hospital in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin January 4, 1959; born February 23, 1896 on a Highland township farm near Elkader, Iowa, the son of August and Sara Elizabeth Jacoby Benson; studied voice at Upper Iowa University, and served overseas as a sergeant in the 349th machine gun group during World War I; returned to Europe after the war to study two years in Sweden, and following additional study in New York City, joined the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company in Chicago as a baritone soloist; remained with this famous company for ten years before returning to Elkader to operate a service station until about 1945; has since been associated with his father and two brothers, Charles August Benson, former state senator, and Oscar A. Benson, in operating the stock farm of August Benson & Sons on the family homestead in Highland township; was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Masons; married in September of 1941 to Frances Finley who survives him.

FRANK KOCH, retired newspaper publisher and former legislator, died at the hospital in Spencer, Iowa December 28, 1958; born near Whittemore, Iowa November 15, 1885, the son of John and Josephine Kindle Koch, and the fourth child in a family of eight boys and four girls; learned the printing trade with the *Whittemore Champion* while attending high school, graduating in 1902; left that paper to become printer for the *Woodbine Twiner* in 1903, established a printing business in Loveland, Colorado in 1904, removed to Fort Lupton, Colorado that same year, worked as a printer at Garner, Iowa from 1905 to 1906, at Clarion the following year, and at Whittemore from 1907 to 1908; was shop foreman on the *Emmetsburg Democrat* for ten years under W. I. Branagan before beginning twenty-eight years as editor and publisher of the *West Bend Journal* in April of 1919; married May Schlichtemier in Nehawka, Nebraska June 29, 1927; was a former semi-pro baseball player, member of the West Bend school board from 1929 to 1944, eight years as president, and served five years on the board of the Methodist church; retired from his paper in January 1947, elected to the Iowa house of representatives as a Republican from Palo Alto county in 1946, and served three terms; was active in the Masonic order and the Order of the Eastern Star; survived by his wife, one son, Richard Dean, Lincoln, Nebraska, and two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Jean Stauch, Kimball, Nebraska, and Kathryn Ann, a student at Iowa State college.

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