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from the Boston suburb of Walpole to Harwichport on Cape Cod after retiring from active practice in 1959; had an important role as a judge in the movie "Anatomy of a Murder" that year and appeared in a number of television programs; awarded honorary degrees from several colleges and universities; wrote an interpretation of *The Constitution*, published in 1956; survived by his wife and two sons, Lyndon of Walpole, Massachusetts and Joe N. Welch of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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JOHN M. VERNON, veterinarian, died in Des Moines September 18, 1960; born at Boonesboro, Boone County, Iowa May 28, 1871; received his early education in the local schools, and as a youth worked with his father, a bricklayer and plasterer; employed when a young man by the Union Pacific Railroad at North Platte, Nebraska; later attended the Chicago Veterinary College, and began practicing in Des Moines in 1907; married March 7, 1923, his wife preceding him in death; his longtime general practice made him well-known to stockmen and animal owners throughout central Iowa; became a partner in a Stock Food Company at Fort Dodge, and later sold his interests to an eastern firm for 500 shares in the company, which has developed into a growing and successful business; continued his practice to a limited extent till his death; was an officer in the Iowa Veterinarians Association; survived by an adopted son, John B. Vernon of Chicago, Illinois.

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ELMER M. LICHTY, retired farmer, stock feeder, and former state legislator, died in Waterloo October 11, 1960; born in Orange township, Black Hawk County, Iowa February 2, 1867, the son of Hiram J. and Sarah Lichty; moved with his parents onto the family farm when six months old, attended rural school, Mt. Morris College, Mt. Morris, Illinois, and Tobin Business College in Waterloo; married January 17, 1888 to Emma Miller of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, who died in May, 1921; began farm operations in 1890, feeding cattle, dairying, always raising a large number of swine, and also took an interest in community affairs; became a member of the original independent Orange township school board in 1916, and resigned as president of the consolidated school board, having been treasurer of the building committee when the township school was built, secretary and treasurer of the Orange township telephone company after twenty years, township trustee, and chairman of the township farm bureau upon his election to the state legislature in 1922; married to Clara Miller at Waterloo in December, 1922; served as Republican representative from Black Hawk County in the 40th, 40th extra, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, and the 48th sessions of the general assembly; retired from active management of his several farms and had resided in Waterloo since 1922; was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and treasurer of the South Waterloo Church of the Brethren for thirty years; survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Alice Klepinger, Neosho, Missouri, Mrs. Ruth Steouffer, Oak Park, Illinois, Mrs. Dorothy Parris, three sons, Clark M., Edward and Parker Lichty, all of Waterloo; an infant daughter preceded him in death.

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