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Cal.; Leavitt, Iowa City, and a daughter, Mary Louise Forward, Penn Laird, Va.

RUBE McFERREN, attorney, minister and legislator, died at Webster City, Iowa, October 27, 1952; born in Hamilton county, on a farm just north of Webster City, December 31, 1868; son of William D. and Emma A. (Bennett) McFerren, pioneer Iowa settlers who came in 1855 from Ohio to Webster City, then known as New Castle; secured his education in the public schools, the State Teachers college, and the State University of Iowa, and admitted to the practice of law in May, 1890; served as city attorney from 1907 to 1909 and state representative from his county two terms, in 1915 and 1917 sessions; united in marriage August 3, 1892 to Minnie Woolsey, who died three years later and married Minnie A. Klockman in April, 1902, and to this union were born three sons and one daughter—Donald, Robert, Maynard and June, Mrs. McFerren preceding him in death July 9, 1927, and Maynard McFerren killed in Germany in 1942, during World War II action; also was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and two sisters; surviving are two sons and one daughter, Donald and Robert, both of Webster City, and Mrs. Ralph (June) McClure of Iowa Falls. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Terry Ann McFerren of Britt and Peter and Mary McClure of Iowa Falls; was author of a work, "Distribution," published in 1940, and also had written a book of poems; a champion of the cause of the farmer in the days of the 1920's, he organized the National Farm League; was also an ordained minister, having served at Duncombe and vicinity.

ARTHUR H. BRAYTON, newspaperman, civic worker and convention director, died at Des Moines, Iowa, December 23, 1952; born at Ida Grove, Iowa, December 12, 1891; graduated from high school at Lyons, now Clinton, Iowa, and from the University of Wisconsin in 1914; in newspaper work at Marshalltown and Des Moines, 1914-1934, serving in the armed forces in the meantime from 1917 to 1919; engaged in sales promotion and personnel work with Marshall Field & Co., Chicago, 1934-38; served as secretary-manager of the Des Moines Convention Bureau since 1938 until his death; suffered an operation for brain tumor in May of 1952, remaining in critical condition after the operation until death; had engaged in widespread civic activities in addition to promoting and handling conventions in the city, served as general chairman of the Red Cross campaign in Des Moines in 1945, and chairman of the speakers bureau of Polk county in war bond campaigns from 1942 to 1945; in college he was the managing editor of the *Daily Cardinal*

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