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FRANK A. O'CONNOR, lawyer, legislator and Federal bank and credit counsel, died at his home in Dubuque, Iowa, June 20, 1954; born in Independence, Buchanan county, Iowa, August 2, 1875, one of 13 children of Timothy and Ellen Curran O'Connor, his parents coming from Ireland at very early age; as a child of five went to visit grand parents at Lawler, Iowa, by whom he afterward was raised; graduated from the Lawler high school, attended the Iowa City Academy and the State University of Iowa, graduating in the law school in 1898, and admitted to the bar the following year; with William Avery Smith, now a member of the Iowa supreme court, opened a law office and practiced at New Hampton, Iowa, and the partnership continued 44 years, moving their office to Dubuque in 1918; elected county attorney of Chickasaw county in 1902 and re-elected in 1904; on May 1, 1922 became United States attorney for the district of northern Iowa; married Mary Agness McNevin, of Minneapolis, Minn., November 24, 1904, who with a son, Gerald, was killed April 6, 1934, in an auto-train collision, and in March, 1939 married Mrs. Mabel Conover of Dubuque; elected state representative from Chickasaw county in 1908 and re-elected in 1910, becoming minority party leader of the democrats of the house in the session of 1912; was delegate-at-large from Iowa to the Democrat national convention at Baltimore, in 1932 was chairman of the Iowa delegation of the Democrat national convention at Chicago, and in 1940 placed the name of Henry Wallace of Iowa in nomination for vice-president; served on the Iowa governor's council of defense during the World War I years of 1917 and 1918; entered the Federal service in 1934, becoming general counsel for the Farm Credit Administration at Omaha, and later that year became its general agent, filling the post until June 1, 1937, and being responsible during that time for the operation of the FCA, including the four credit banks set up by the congressional act, as chairman of the boards of the those banks—the Federal Land Bank of Omaha, the Omaha Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, the Production Credit Bank of Omaha and the Omaha Bank for Cooperatives; returned to private practice in 1937; served as president of the Dubuque Chamber of Commerce, a member of the board of governors of the School of Religion at the University of Iowa, a director of the archdiocese of Dubuque and a trustee and member of the board of regents of Loras college;

as a layman was engaged in outstanding activities of the Catholic church and named in 1945 a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory by Pope Pius X, so recently elevated to sainthood; a member of the Dubuque Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Elks lodge, the Dubuque county, Iowa State and American Bar associations, the Catholic order of Foresters and the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's church; survived by his wife, two sons, Charles E. and Francis J. O'Connor, both of Dubuque, five grand children, three brothers, four sisters and nieces and nephews.

J. FRANK ALDRICH, physician, of Shenandoah, Iowa, died at Decatur, Illinois, the home of his daughter, July 8, 1954; born at Creston, Iowa, January 24, 1873; a son of Charles and Rixie Caldwell Aldrich; was educated at Western Normal college in Shenandoah, where he received his B.S. degree in 1891, and his M.D. degree from Rush Medical college, Chicago, in 1897; married December 22, 1897 to Fannie McGogy, who died February 22, 1952, and to them were born three children, Lester E. Aldrich of Arlington Heights, Illinois, Mrs. William P. (Kathryn) Bishop of Decatur, and Mrs. Ernest (Frances) Pool of Denver, Colorado; practiced medicine at Murray, Iowa, from 1897 to 1905, and located in Shenandoah the latter year, was a practicing physician there until 1952, when he retired; served as city health physician many years, a member of the Iowa State Board of Health, local physician for the Burlington and Wabash railroads, a member of the board of education, a trustee of the public library board, chamber of commerce, Rotary club, a past noble grand of IOOF, the Page county and Iowa medical societies and the American medical association, a trustee of the Methodist church and a civic leader; served on the staff of the Medical Health Institute in Clarinda after retirement from active practice; was deeply interested in cancer research and made many generous gifts to it during his life, a recent one being in Mrs. Aldrich's memory at the time of the dedication of the new wing, which was used to furnish the laboratory, and a more recent one to provide an oxygen tent; survived besides his children by three sisters, Mrs. Alice Castle, of Shenandoah, Mrs. Beecher Smith of Gravity and Miss Bertha Aldrich, Los Angeles.

EDWARD WILLIAM McMANUS, attorney and former president Iowa Bar Association, died at Keokuk, Iowa, June 1, 1954; born near Charleston, December 31, 1887; son of Edward P. and Sarah I. Downey McManus, the father having served two terms in the Iowa state senate and his grandfather, John Downey, also was a state senator, representing Lee

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