

## Stoddard Lane

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## NOTABLE DEATHS

JUDSON CHURCHILL WELLIVER, newspaper man and publicist, born at Aledo, Ill., died in Philadelphia, April 14, 1943, at the age of 72; son of Morrison Welliver, educated at Cornell College; married to Jane Hutchins, daughter of Dr. E. R. Hutchins of Des Moines; survived by two daughters and two sons; reared at Fort Dodge and graduated from Cornell College, his entire life was devoted to newspaper work and publicity. He commenced with the Fort Dodge Messenger under Geo. E. Roberts, was with the Sioux City Journal under Geo. D. Perkins, associated with John C. Kelley on the Sioux City Tribune, and on the Des Moines Leader with Strauss & Dawson. He was later with the Washington, D. C. Times, then had charge of the London office of the New York Sun.

Mr. Welliver was in close and confidential relations with Presidents Harding and Coolidge, and was sent to Europe by President Theodore Roosevelt to report on waterways and railroads. He became an assistant to the president of the Pullman Company and in his later years was in charge of publicity for the Sun Oil Company.

Mr. Welliver was an unusually versatile and brilliant newspaper writer, whether in the news field or on editorial direction. He was in Sioux City at the time of its great expansion and temporary collapse from 1890 on, and came to the capital city of Iowa to take a hand in the reform movement of 1900 and later that had great influence in securing for Iowa better government. As a young reporter he was most prolific and of untiring energy. In his later years, in Des Moines and in the east, he was always in the forefront of every activity of real public interest. It is no secret that while at the national capital he prepared many state papers. His great literary ability was fully recognized by those in high position and by his associates of the press.

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STODDARD LANE, minister and community worker, born at Unionville, Conn., July 2, 1887, died May 16, 1943 at Des Moines, Iowa; graduated from high school at Mount Vernon, N. Y. in 1905 and from Amherst college in 1909, receiving his master's degree in 1910, also from Amherst. In 1934 he returned to receive a doctor of divinity degree. He attended Hartford Theological seminary, from which he received a bachelor of divinity degree in 1913. He studied at the University of Berlin, but left Germany shortly after the outbreak of World War I in August 1914. Dr. Lane's first pastorate was in Brooklyn, N. Y., and his second at Bogota, N. J. He served in the army ambulance corps, becoming a sergeant and driver attached to the French army in France, from June 8, 1917 to April 8, 1919. He was decorated with the Croix de Guerre for dangerous

and continuous service at Ouchy la Ville in 1918, and his unit was twice cited by French General Petain.

Dr. Lane was married to Anna Hepburn on Oct. 26, 1915, who died a year after their marriage. On June 22, 1920 he was married to Estella Hitchcock. In 1922 he entered the pastorate of the First Congregational church at Manchester, N. H., remaining there seven years, coming to Plymouth Congregational church in Des Moines on Oct. 10, 1929, and had been its pastor almost fourteen years. He has been a forceful man in many groups dealing with public affairs, international relations, race questions and education. He was a director of the Grinnell Institute of International relations, and filled many positions of community responsibility. In his church he had been a moderator of the Iowa Congregational and Christian conference, a member of the church's council for social action and commission on inter-church relations.

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HENRY HOWARD TEDFORD, newspaper man and public official, born in Tipton, Ind., May 30, 1870, died at his home in Mount Ayr, Iowa, May 30, 1943; a son of James H. and Elizabeth Rowan Tedford. As a boy of nine years he came to Iowa, the father becoming pastor of the United Presbyterian church at Mount Ayr, later entering the newspaper business as editor of the Ringgold Record, to which position the son later succeeded him. He attended school at Monmouth college, at Monmouth, Ill.; married to Regina Vale, of Bonaparte, Iowa, June 4, 1902, and since resided at Mount Ayr; a member of the United Presbyterian church.

As a young man he succeeded his father as private secretary to the late Col. W. P. Hepburn, representative in congress from the old Eighth district and during the winter of 1839 he also served as secretary to K. M. LeCompte, representative in the present Fifth district. On July 1, 1924 he became postmaster at Mount Ayr and served until his commission expired June 30, 1936. From 1900 to 1906 he served Iowa as state binder. During the later years of his life Mr. Tedford was in the real estate business and continued his interest and activity in politics.

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FRANK BISHARD, printer and publisher, born July 22, 1871, died April 27, 1943 at Des Moines, Iowa; son of M. H. Bishard, who founded *Plain Talk* at Des Moines in 1868; succeeding their father he with his brothers Porte and John owned and continuously published the paper as Bishard Brothers since the father's death; married Elizabeth Allen and resided in Des Moines his entire life.

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