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WARD BARNES, newspaper publisher, died at Iowa City, Iowa, March 15, 1947; born on a farm near Fedora, South Dakota, December 4, 1883; came to Iowa when he was thirteen years of age, at the time his father, A. H. Barnes, purchased the Eagle Grove Eagle, the family moving there in 1896; graduated from the Eagle Grove high school in 1902; spent a year in the printing office and then entered the State University of Iowa graduating in 1907; taught English and public speaking at Burlington High school and at Washington High school at Cedar Rapids; bought a half interest in the Eagle newspaper in 1909, and became the sole owner in 1918; married Maude Morford of Iowa City in 1909; consolidated the papers at Eagle Grove in 1927; took in as a partner in the publishing business Maurice B. Crabbe in 1934, when his father retired from editorial work upon the paper, and in 1940 died at the age of ninety-two; served as president of the Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce, president of the Rotary club, a member of the Wright county Republican committee, on the board of directors of the Security Savings bank, and master of the Masonic lodge; became president of the Iowa press association and the National editorial association; a winner of the 1938 "master editor" award of the Iowa Press association; was active in politics serving as campaign manager for Gov. Robt. D. Blue; in 1940 was an Iowa delegate to the national Republican convention in Philadelphia; besides his wife and a brother Solon, is survived by two children, Mrs. Mary Baxter of Middleton, Ohio, and Arthur Barnes, professor of journalism at the State University of Iowa.

COMFORT HARVEY VAN LAW, attorney and legislator, died at Marshalltown, Iowa, April 20, 1947; born on a farm in Keokuk county, near Tilton, Iowa, July 19, 1869, a son of Catherine and Robert Van Law; educated in the rural schools, and his family lived for a time at Brooklyn, Iowa; at the age of eighteen he was teaching school and continued until he began to read law in 1892 in the office of Maj. John F. Lacey of Oskaloosa; attended the old Oskaloosa college and in the fall of 1893 entered the State University of Iowa and graduated in 1896, receiving his M. A. degree the following year and was admitted to the bar in October 1897; opened a law office in Marshalltown in 1898, practicing there as an attorney for forty-eight years; married Alice Luscombe at Iowa City August 2, 1898, Mrs. Van Law dying in January 1933; served as city attorney from 1901 to 1905; served as state senator 1908 to 1912 in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth General Assemblies; active always in community and church affairs, serving as chairman of the official board of the Marshalltown Christian church for more than thirty years and often filled the pulpit as a lay speaker when the church was temporarily without a pastor; survived by a

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