

Iowa's Notable Dead

EDWIN F. LEE, Methodist missionary, chaplain and bishop, died at Rochester, Minn., September 14, 1948; born at Eldorado, Fayette county, Iowa, July 10, 1884, son of Andrew and Carrie Anderson Lee; received his B.S. degree in 1909, and S.T.D., in 1945 from Northwestern University, D.D. in 1918 and LL.D. in 1939 from Upper Iowa University, B.D. in 1924 and D.D. in 1928 from Garrett Graduate School of Technology, M.A. in 1924 from University of Chicago; married Edna Dorman of Fayette, June 8, 1909; ordained in the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1908; served as pastor of the M.E. church at New Hampton, Iowa, 1908-1910; became a missionary serving in southeast Asia for thirty-one years, finally becoming resident bishop of the Singapore area, his work in the Philippines and Malaya placing him at the head of 125,000 Methodists in 600 congregations; served as chaplain of the U. S. army 1917-1919, with the A.E.F. from January 1918; decorated by France for bravery, and postwar service won further citations from Great Britain, Yugoslavia, the United States and Serbia; became senior chaplain A. E. F. with rank of captain, and director general of communications army and navy chaplains, at Washington, D. C. in 1944, representing the chaplains' interests in the war and navy departments, recruiting chaplains and maintaining contacts with them in the field; widely-known as a public speaker, told of the danger of Japanese invasion of the Philippines in a Des Moines speech Oct. 10, 1932—ten years before Pearl Harbor. Dr. Lee is survived by his wife, the former Edna Dorman, of Fayette; his sister, the late Agnes Lee Herman- sen, served as Polk county, Iowa, recorder for several years.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN KAUFFMAN, banking and insurance, died at Des Moines, Iowa, July 14, 1948; born here in 1874, son of Ben. F. and Anna O. Kauffman, the father a prominent Des Moines attorney, the paternal grandfather being Daniel W. Kauffman, from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, coming to Van Buren county, Iowa, becoming a nurseryman at Keosauqua, and on the maternal side the grandfather was Henry Le Bosquet, removing from Virginia to Iowa; attended the public schools of Des Moines, Iowa Wesleyan college and Amherst college, a fellow student of Calvin Coolidge, at the latter, graduating in 1896; entered the employ of the Des Moines Savings bank the next year, remaining until 1900, when he embarked in the real estate and insurance

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