

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Klemme, William H. Senator Klemme, William H. - Represented Keosauqua and Howard Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 17. Feb 1849 Brookville, Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary Augusta Bolles 22 Mar 1870

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Lumber businessman

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1894, 1896, 1898 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 42<sup>nd</sup>, 43<sup>rd</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1927, 1929, 1931, 1933 - Senate

A. Local Trustee of Upper Iowa University for many years

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 11 Mar 1943 Redgony - Iowa; buried Deers Creek Cemetery, Deers Creek, Iowa

8. Children Mrs J. D. Parkes

9. Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information \_\_\_\_\_ *Republican*

- *His mother and father were born in Germany and came to America when they were children. They met in Brookville, Indiana. They had 13 children, William H. being the sixth son.*
- *William with his 10 brothers and 2 sisters came with his parents to Iowa in 1866, settling on a farm 3 miles southwest of Ridgeway, Iowa. They broke the virgin soil and worked with the ox team and plow.*
- *In 1872 he moved into Ridgeway to go into the drug store owned by his wife's father, Dr. George Ballou.*
- *He really wasn't a druggist, so he soon established a lumber yard in Ridgeway. It grew over the years.*



# W. H. Klemme, 94, Grand Old Man Of Ridgeway, Dies At His Home

Funeral services for William H. Klemme, 94, former member of the Iowa house and senate, were held at the Ridgeway Methodist church Sunday afternoon, with the pastor, Rev. L. J. Faris officiating. Burial was in the Decoral cemetery.

During the service Clara Gilbertson-Norma Quill and Betty Jean Rue sang, "One Sweet Solemn Thought," "Nearer My God to Thee," and "Abide With Me."

The pall bearers were O. O. Rue, Iowa; Henry Klemme of Cedar Rapids; Ben and Joseph Klemme



WILLIAM H. KLEMME

R. G. Baker, C. T. Trytten, Steen Johnson, I. G. McQueen and John Gesell.

William Henry Klemme was born in Brookville, Indiana, Feb. 17, 1849, and died March 11, 1943, being 94 years and 23 days old. His wife preceded him in death seven years ago in April.

One daughter, Mrs. J. D. Parker of Fayette, Iowa, was his only child. He has three grandchildren, Hugh Klemme Parker of Newark, New Jersey; Mrs. Dorothy Goebel of Fayette and Mrs. Eleanor Parker Fox of New York City. There are four great grandsons. Also surviving are five brothers, Charles Klemme of Manhattan Beach, Cal. of Boulder, Colorado; and Steven Klemme of Dysart, Iowa; and one sister, Mrs. Mary Ferguson of Mason City.

The father and mother of Mr. Klemme were born in Germany, came to America when children. They met in Brookville, Ind., and

were married when 20 and 22 years of age. To this union were born 11 sons and two daughters, William being the second son and oldest one; two other brothers lived to be 92. These sons and daughters all grew to maturity and lived useful lives. His father always was proud of the fact that he had nine grandsons in service in the first world war. It should be mentioned that his father and mother were most devoted church workers and never missed a church service if possible to attend.

### To Iowa in 1866

William, with his ten brothers and two sisters came with his parents west from Indiana to Iowa in 1866. They came in a covered wagon and settled on the old farm three miles southwest of Ridgeway. He helped break the virgin soil working long days with ox team and plow. A few years ago he flew over the old farm—a definite contrast to his first mode of travel.

In the fall of 1868 a young woman by the name of Mary Augusta Bolles came to teach school near the farm and boarded with the Klemme family. William went to school to this young lady and a romance developed. They were married March 22, 1870.

In 1872 Mr. Klemme came to Ridgeway to go into a drug store owned by his wife's father, Dr. George Bolles, not being a druggist at heart he soon established a lumber yard in Ridgeway. This lumber yard has grown with the years and is now the oldest lumber yard and was owned by the oldest lumberman between Calmar and Minneapolis. He spent 14 years in the Iowa House of Representatives and Senate at Des Moines and his integrity and honest devotion to the good of his state won him many friends and loyal supporters.

### Civic-Minded

He always was interested in home activities, the church, the town hall, school and all organizations which worked for the good of the town and its citizens. He also served in educational work having been a trustee of Upper Iowa University many years. He gave liberally to this institution and al-

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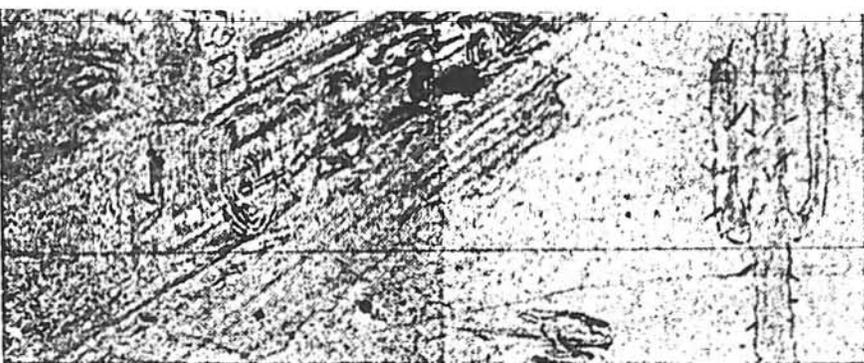
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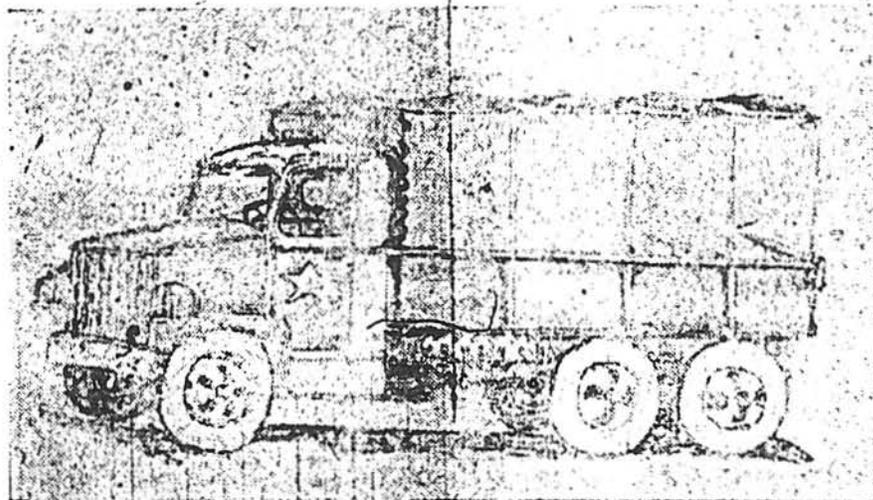
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Pvt. George Nolte finds time to write droll poetry poking fun at army life as Journal readers know since two of his poems have been printed in this publication. Now Pvt. Nolte demonstrates his ability as an artist with two pencil sketches, one of the truck he drives and one of a scene he frequently saw while on desert maneuvers. Unfortunately he used a light pencil which makes printing difficult. At present he is stationed at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Nolte, Sr., of near St. Lucas.



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so to Luther College.  
O. O. Rue has honestly and efficiently served with Mr. Klemme for the past 27 years and Ellen Thompson has given him devoted care the past 13 years of his life in his house.  
In addition to many from Cresco and Decorah among those from a distance attending the funeral were Steven Klemme of Dysart, Ia., Dr. Hugh Parker of Newark, N. J., Capt. and Mrs. Robert Fox of New York City, Mrs. Dorothy Goebel, Mrs. Helen Fox, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Carpenter, Rev. Marion Sunderland and Pres. U. T. Smith, of Upper Iowa University, all of Fayette

## College Film And Western At The Lyric

Double Bill Scheduled Friday and Saturday  
Provide Variety  
Six hit songs were written especially for the musical sequences of Republic's "Youth On Parade," giddy, collegiate comedy film, which will run Friday and Saturday at the Lyric Theater.  
Authors of the songs are Jule (I Don't Want to Walk Without) Sung by Martha O'Driscoll and Ruth Terry assisted by the other

Andrew Graham