

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Dr. Eiker, Bert Leander Senator _____

Represented Decatur County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 6 Oct 1871 near Decatur City, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Edith Hendrickson 28 Aug 1907

3. Significant events for example:

- A. Business He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons; active member of the Decatur County Medical Society; Southwestern Iowa Medical Society, Iowa and The American Medical Association
- B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Eastern Star; I. O. O. F.;

C. Profession Physician

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 28th, 29th General Assembly 1900, 1902

6. Public Offices

- A. Local In 1907 appointed medical examiner of the Decatur County exemption board serving until end of WWI.
- B. State Member of the Iowa State Board of Health and later president of the group; in 1931 elected president of the Iowa State Medical Society;
- C. National For several years he was a delegate from Iowa to the American Medical Association

7. Death 6 May 1932 Sioux City, Iowa; buried Fern, Decatur County, Iowa

WPA Record:
Leon Cemetery,
Buried: Row # 2

8. Children Edith; Helen; James

9. Names of parents James Michael and Rhoda (Russell) Eiker

10. Education Educated in rural Decatur County schools; graduate of
Leon, Iowa High School in 1892

11. Degrees Attended State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa for 3 years;
Rock Medical College, Chicago, Illinois graduating in 1896; in
1905-1906 he was House Physician at the Post Graduate Hospital in
Chicago

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He practiced medicine at Decatur City for a time beginning in 1896
- where he was in partnership with Dr. D. W. Springsteen
- In October 1906 he opened an office in Leon, Iowa where he
practiced until his death.

DR. B. L. EIKER OF LEON DIED FRIDAY AT SIOUX CITY

State and County Mourns Loss of Prominent Physician

The people of Decatur county and, in fact, the entire state, were shocked and deeply grieved last Friday night when it was learned that Dr. Bert L. Eiker, Leon physician and surgeon, had passed away in St. Joseph's Hospital in Sioux City following a brief illness. Influenza and pneumonia caused his death. The body was brought to Leon Saturday evening by the Stewart Funeral Service of this city and the funeral was held at the Stewart Funeral Home on Monday afternoon.

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LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THE MAYSES

Interesting Meeting Wednesday Evening Last Week

The Leon Chamber of Commerce met in regular session Wednesday evening at the Civic Club room. Attendance and membership shown in the proceedings. After a splendid dinner by the ladies of the club, a business session was held. B. Price, newly elected, presiding.

Various matters of the community and county were presented. A committee was appointed to prepare for a Rooster held shortly.

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Middle States Utilities Making Survey

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The physicians of the Iowa State Medical Society assembled all stood in silent prayer and the banquet which was to have been the gala occasion of the entire meeting resulted in one of extreme sadness.

The funeral service held Monday afternoon was attended by a large number of people including between sixty and seventy physicians from all parts of the state including Des Moines, Sioux City, Council Bluffs, Creston, Ottumwa, Burlington, Cedar Rapids, and other cities and towns including all of those in Decatur county. It was one of the largest funerals ever held in this county. The county and state suffers a very great loss in the death of Dr. Eiker.

The pall bearers were Dr. J. W. Wallis of Davis City, Dr. J. S. Coontz of Garden Grove, Dr. M. W. Rogers of Leon, Dr. C. E. Sixbury

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Obituary

Bert Leander Eiker, only child of James Michael and Rhoda (Russell) Eiker, was born on a farm near Decatur, Iowa, Oct. 6, 1871, and died at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Sioux City, Iowa, May 6, 1932, aged 60 years, 7 months.

His early education was received in the rural schools of Decatur county, and the Leon high school, from which institution he was graduated in 1892. He spent the next three years in study at the State University of Iowa. He then entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, and received his professional degree from that school in 1896. The same year he began the practice of medicine at Decatur, Iowa, where he was a

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During the ten days of survey, it is the company's policy to have every local subscriber visited by employees of the exchange. An inspection will be made of the telephone instruments, cords, bells and other exterior equipment. Damages will be reported for repair placement.

If the subscriber's facilities are inadequate for the best telephone service, suggestions will be made concerning additional equipment needed.

People without telephone service will be given an opportunity to subscribe for same, an inducement being offered during the period of the survey.

The local exchange is competing against the other exchanges in the Middle States system point-scoring competition. It is expected that the survey will result in still better telephone service for patrons in this locality.

Notice to Taxpayers

By order of the executive committee of the Taxpayers' League of Decatur county, there will be a full meeting of the Tax League held at the courthouse in Leon on Saturday, May 21 at the hour of two o'clock afternoon.

All citizens and taxpayers requested to be present.

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All citizens and taxpayers are requested to be present.

All candidates are respectfully asked to attend the meeting and will be accorded a few minutes to state their views on any and all questions that now interest the people. There will be no restrictions as to views of candidates and no discrimination between political parties. All candidates from president to township constables are cordially invited.

Everybody invited to attend and hear your candidates.

Taxpayers' League of Decatur County, W. S. McCaull, Secretary.

Mrs. Bert Adams and son, James, were Monday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Beck.

partner of Dr. D. W. Springsteen. The year 1905-06 he spent as a house physician at the Post-Graduate Hospital in Chicago. In October, 1906, he opened an office in Leon, where he practiced until the time of his death.

August 28, 1907, he was united in marriage to Edith Hendrickson, who preceded him in death. To this union were born three children, Edith Eiker, James H. Eiker, and Helen Eiker, all of whom survive him.

In 1899 he was elected state representative, which office he held for two terms. He was for seven years a member of the Iowa State Board of Health and Medical Examiners. In 1907 he was appointed as the medical member of the Decatur county exemption board, in which capacity he served until honorably discharged at the close of the war. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Order of Eastern Star, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His chief interest, however, lay in organizations connected with his profession. He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and an active member of the Decatur County Medical Society, The Southwestern Iowa Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He served two different terms as president of the Southwestern Iowa Medical Society. For several years he was a delegate from Iowa to the American Medical Association. In 1931 he was elected president-elect of the Iowa State Medical Society, and was installed as president May 5, 1932.

His life was one which exemplified the highest ideals of the medical profession.

gregation of wild animals. Among the many rare African specimens to be seen in this picture are the brindie gnu, the axix deer, the James buck, the sable antelope, spotted hyenas, zebras, baboons, gorillas, hundreds of monkeys, elephants, hippopotami and a dozen man-eating lions and leopards. Some of the most unusual animal thrills ever photographed were obtained, including a terrific charge of elephants through a pygmy village, destroying everything in their path.

Johnny Weissmuller, world's champion swimmer, was given the title role of Tarzan because of his remarkable physique. The cast includes Neil Hamilton, Maureen O'Sullivan, C. Aubrey Smith, Doris Lloyd, Forrester Harvey and Ivory Williams. The production was directed by W. S. Van Dyke of "Trader Horn" fame.

Mrs. Barnum's Mother Died at Oakland

C. R. Barnum and children departed Monday for Oakland where they had been called by the death of Mrs. Barnum's mother, Mrs. A. C. Vieth, which occurred Saturday night. Mrs. Barnum had been summoned to the bedside of her mother some days before. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of our people.

JACKSON ENTERS NOT GUILTY PLEA IN ROBBERY CASE

Bound Over to the September Term of Court at Princeton

At a preliminary hearing in Princeton, Mo., Friday, Roy Jackson, 35, formerly of Leon, who was arrested April 24 at Indianola for Missouri authorities on a charge of highway robbery, pleaded not guilty to the charge, and was bound over to the September term of court.

At this writing he had not been able to give bond. It is alleged that Jackson, in company with two others, held up and robbed Mr. and Mrs. Robert Estes, who lived in a cabin camp near Princeton, on the night of March 8 and escaped with over three hundred dollars and a gold watch.