

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Peet, Robert Melvin Senator _____

Reprinted Jones County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 20 Mar 1856 Harrison Twp, Jones County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Carrie Belle Carver 28 Nov 1878

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business _____
B. Civic responsibilities _____
C. Profession Farmer; raised livestock; extensive landowner

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 30th and 31st General Assemblies 1904, 1906

6. Public Offices
A. Local County board of supervisors for 4 years
B. State _____
C. National _____

7. Death 26 Oct 1936 Anamosa Iowa; buried Sklar Cemetery, Jones County, Iowa

8. Children Harriet A. (Mrs. J. S. McCarty); Robert M.; Francis P.; Ora Alvin
(Mrs. Meyer); Minnie Alice; Almada (Mrs. Bowditch); Beanie; Almona; Louis; Clarence; James

9. Names of parents James Melvin and Ann (Galloway) Peet

10. Education He was educated in the district schools of
Fairview Township in Jones County, Iowa

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

He was born on a farm in Fairview Township in Jones County, Iowa that
was a 560 acre farm entered by his grandfather, William Pett of the
land office in Dubuque, Iowa in 1845. Robert's father, James M. purchased
the interest of the seven brothers and one sister and became the sole owner of the
farm. Robert added land to the original farm so it became 1200 acres.

JUDICIAL EFFICACY DESCRIBED:
 of you, are heretofore in now on of the Clerk Court of Iowa, County, the petition, as above entitled and praying the and empower estate here- belonging or private paying the of administration said real estate

Anamosa, Jones County, Iowa, at the time and place for said hearing, and at which time and place you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said petition and application should not be granted; and that unless you appear at said time and place, the said Order will be granted, as prayed in the petition.

JOHN T. CHESTRE,
 Administrator of the Estate of Frank P. Chestre, deceased.

GEORGE C. GORMAN,
 Attorney for Estate.

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(Political Adv.)

**EASTERN JONES COUNTY
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 1 LB. BAG 17c

CAMERY Butter, lb. . . . 34c

e Sugar, 10 lb. cloth bag 51c
 100 LB. BAG \$4.91

PINEAPPLE, No. 2 can 15c
 DOZ. CANS \$1.75

ORANGE JUICE, 2 No. 2 cans . 25c
 DOZ. CANS \$1.45

KEY LIME, 2 No. 2 1/2 cans . 29c
 DOZ. CANS \$1.65

APPLE, 2 No. 2 1/2 cans 35c
 DOZ. CANS \$2.00

CHES, 2 No. 2 1/2 cans . 29c
 DOZ. CANS \$1.45

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| SECTION Jacks 10c | WINTER KEEPERS Sweet Potatoes 8 LBS. 25c |
| | CALIFORNIA Dried Peaches 2 LBS. 29c |
| 90 unes 25c \$1.39 | FANCY Seedless Raisins 4 LB. PKG. 29c 2 LB. PKG. 15c |

(WINTER KEEPERS)
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**GILLETTE SERVING
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Beloved Jones County Pioneer Died on Monday

**Had Largest Acreage
 In This Section
 Of Iowa**

Funeral services were held at the Peet family home at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, for Robert Melvin Peet, 80 years old, who died Monday. Mr. Peet was one of the best-loved and most highly respected citizens of Jones county.

The Rev. D. M. Beggs, pastor of the Anamosa Congregational church, was in charge of the services, which were attended by a large number of friends. Interment was in Wilcox cemetery. Pallbearers were sons and grandsons of the deceased.

Born in Fairview township, the son of James M. and Dallas Peet, "Mel" Peet, as he was known to a host of friends, truly exemplified the type of hardy pioneer, stock which transformed this section from a virgin prairie into its present fruitful state. Stalwart, honest, generous, far-seeing, dependable—Mr. Peet was a man who was known throughout this community as one of its finest citizens.

Entered in 1840
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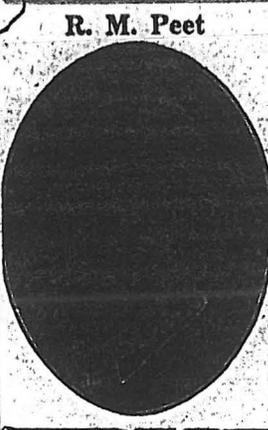
Since 1877, R. M. Peet added to the original acreage of the farm through sane investments and hard work, until the place is listed at 1200 acres, all in one body, in addition to acreage in other localities. It is one of the largest farms in this part of the state, and one of the finest, a beautiful monument to a man whose greatest joy in life was the success he attained in the happiness it enabled him to bring to his family and friends.

Built Brick House.
 On Thanksgiving day of 1878—Nov. 28—Mr. Peet was married to Miss Carrie Belle Carbee, daughter of William and Harriet Smith Carbee, and they lived on the home place ever since. In 1888 Mr. Peet built the fine brick house across the road from the old farmstead.

Surviving are Mrs. Peet and their eight children; Mrs. W. F. McCarty, of Ames; Mrs. Meda Bowditch, and Miss Minnie Peet, of Anamosa; Mrs. Ora Mayes, of Tipton; Mrs. H. L. Arentz, of California; Mrs. W. E. Dandridge, of New Orleans, La.; and James W. and Robert M. Jr., of Anamosa. There are also nine grandchildren and a host of friends.

Mr. Peet always took a prominent part in community and political affairs, lending his influence to those projects which he deemed worthy and of the most benefit to his fellow citizens. An active member of the Democratic party throughout his life, he served in the thirtieth and thirty-first general assemblies and also served as a member of the Jones county board of supervisors for four years. Throughout his public life he followed the same strict, honest and unassuming rules of conduct which so inspired all those with whom he came in contact. He was president of the Wilcox cemetery association, and many of the improvements there are traced directly to his efforts.

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R. M. Peet

WIN PRIZES

While hundreds of Jones county residents participated in the Standard Oil company's road test contest, results of which are announced in this week's issue of The Journal, only two were fortunate enough to win prizes, Fred Letare and Melvin Sievers, both of Wyoming, were listed as winners of merchandise awards.

Red Cross To Begin Its Annual Roll Call

The Anamosa chapter of the American Red-Cross, along with the thousands of chapters scattered throughout the country, did a great deal of home service work in connection with this year's program, particularly in connection with the various services rendered veterans and men in the army and navy and their families. The transient relief of the local chapter was practically discontinued because of the impossibility of determining the whereabouts of many of the World War relief of transients.

Relief was provided for a number of local families during the year when the organization felt that the family was entitled to some relief although not on the public relief rolls, or where the officers felt that public relief should be supplemented by some private aid. Education in home and farm accident prevention and in highway accident prevention was one of the chapter's worthwhile activities. The local group also contributed to the public school diphtheria immunization program.

The chapter's work in connection with the various activities that are carried on from time to time are made possible through the membership dues collected during the annual roll call which is held each year between November 11 and Thanksgiving Day. Mrs. Della Cooley is the present chairman of the Jones County Chapter, having succeeded Glen J. McLaughlin who was chairman for the past seven years. Plans for the 1936-37 roll call will be announced shortly.

Five Disasters.
 During the period from March 3, 1936, to July 4, 1936, the Red Cross took a leading part in extending aid to a number of disaster-stricken communities in Iowa.

On March 3, 1936, Missouri Valley and Mondamin were flooded. The Red Cross rehabilitated 68 families at a cost of \$1,065, and organized a clinic where 202 persons were given typhoid immunization.

One hundred and three families were aided in the Slout City flood on March 6, this year. Cost to the Red Cross was \$1,781.16.

Following the tornado in northeastern Iowa, on April 30, '36, 70 families were rehabilitated at a cost of \$12,000.

The Red Cross gave \$1,200 for aid following the explosion at Tama, June 6, 1936.

Fire in Remson on July 4 rased 18 homes and 23 business buildings. The Red Cross spent \$663.85 for relief in this disaster. The Red Cross gave rehabilitation assistance to more than 1200 individuals, and expenditures totalled \$10,712, of

Best Corn Huskers Are Meeting Today

Ten men have been selected to compete in the fifth annual Jones county corn husking contest scheduled to get under way at 10:00 o'clock this Thursday morning at the Shaffer-Alber farm, Madison Township, five and one half miles west of Wyoming on Highway 117. The corn husking contestants are as follows: Christian Armstrong, Martels; Howard Becker, Oxford Junction; Ralph C. Becker, Mehanicville; Harvey Grover, Wyoming; Joe Lajehoff, Center Junction; John F. Martensen, Anamosa; Conrad Monck, Monticello; Willie Peterson, Oxford Junction; Frank Remington, Martels and Melvin Steffens, Oxford Junction; Louis Zimmerman, Olin, Aberrata.

Joe Ledetoff, Center Junction, veteran corn husker who has competed in every corn husking contest in Jones County, winning three contests and placing a close second in 1935, is again entered this year. John Martensen, Anamosa, who has also competed in former contests and placed third in 1935 is re-entering this year. The records of the men as turned into the entries committee show that all are extremely fast corn huskers which would assure a fast and interesting contest.

In conducting this year's husking contest 48 men have been selected to serve on the different committees. Every effort has been made to see that all of the contestants receive fair treatment and an equal chance to win the contest.

According to word received from the Farm Bureau Office the winner of the Jones County Contest will be entered in the State Corn Husking Contest scheduled to be held in Benton County on November 5.

4-H Club Round-Up At Center Junction

Different awards to 4-H club boys for outstanding work in their respective divisions will be made at the Boys' 4-H Club Round-up to be held at Center Junction high school on November 4 at 8:00 p. m. Delbert Craft of Olin, county president of the boys' 4-H club of Jones County, will preside, and Henry Newman, chairman of the County Club Committee, will present the awards.

4-H club members will elect their county officers for the coming year. Every candidate for one of the county offices will be introduced by Max E. Sauerstry, county club agent. Each club member present at the meeting will be allowed one vote.

Floyd Johnston, extension dairyman of Iowa State College, will lecture and present pictures of his recent trip to Europe. Mr. Johnston accompanied the National Champion Dairy Cattle Judging team to England to compete in the international contest held there in July. The team representing the United States was from Owen Black Hawk County, Iowa. Mr. Johnston, the team and their coach, County Agent Paul Berger, toured British Isles and Denmark, Germany and France on the mainland.

Plans for refreshments are doughnuts furnished by the club members and apples furnished by the Jones County Fair Bureau. Each member is asked to bring doughnuts for himself and his parents.

A wristwatch, awarded by the Iowa State Extension Association, to the extension household members will be made at this meeting. Also six trips to the Boys' 4-H Club Shortcourse given by the Jones County Fair Association will be made to boys doing outstanding work in various livestock divisions.

Two Badly Cut In Crash at Wyoming

Voters Call To Go

If you want polls on Tuesday have no means tion — Call N driver will call you to the polls home again, No. 410 is the ber at the Ber quarters, and a ing the voting day, you need ask for a ride in Anamosa.

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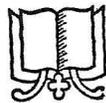
PLAN CONVENT
 The Seventy-First a vention of the Jones co of Christian Educati held at the Methodist Olin, on Wednesday, N October 15. Mrs. Ford M Jones of Olin, who is holding the reins of the school, urged to send large a committee composed

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HISTORY
OF
JONES COUNTY, IOWA
PAST AND PRESENT

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



IN TWO VOLUMES—ILLUSTRATED

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in which his opinion is always accorded a respect and deference that is befitting his record as a public servant. His fraternal affiliations are limited to the Knights of Pythias, but he has many staunch friends in county and state who are not bound to him by lodge ties, but those who know him intimately are unanimous in their loyalty to him as a friend.

ROBERT MELVIN PEET.

Robert Melvin Peet is a representative of one of the oldest pioneer families of Jones county. He is also an extensive landowner, having some valuable property in this county, while his home place, pleasantly situated about five miles from Anamosa, has been in possession of the Peet family since 1840, in which year it was purchased by his grandfather. Mr. Peet was born on this farm, March 20, 1856, the second son and third in order of birth in a family of four children, whose parents were James M. and Ann (Dallas) Peet.

James M. Peet was born in Cortland county, New York, September 1, 1821, a son of Gideon and Abigail (Wildman) Peet, who came originally from Connecticut and located in Cortland county, New York. Gideon Peet was an expert mechanic but followed farming as a life work. Following his marriage he located on a farm in central New York and there reared a family of eight sons and one daughter, all of whom lived to become heads of families. It was about 1840 that Gideon Peet removed with his family to the west, for he believed that this district offered better advantages and possibilities than the older settled east. He decided upon Jones county as a suitable place to locate and accordingly went to the land office in Dubuque and entered five hundred and sixty acres of land in Fairview township, on which he took up his abode. He lived to enjoy his new home for only a brief period, his death occurring in 1842. The sons then assumed the management of the home farm for their widowed mother, whose death occurred five years later, in 1847.

Subsequent to the mother's death, James M. Peet, who was then a young man of about twenty-six years, purchased the interest of the other heirs and became sole owner of the homestead farm. Taking up his work in earnest, he prospered as the years passed by and in the course of time added to his original possessions until his holdings embraced nine hundred acres, all in Jones county. He was very methodical and systematic in carrying on his work and took great pride in keeping everything about his place in good condition, so that on five different occasions his farm won first premium for being the best managed property in Jones county.

James M. Peet was married June 5, 1845, to Miss Ann Dallas, a daughter of Robert and Isabel (Couts) Dallas, of Red Oak Grove, Cedar county, Iowa. They began their domestic life on the farm and there reared their family numbering two sons and two daughters. William G., born May 8, 1846, was married February 8, 1872, to Miss Eliza E. Saum, a daughter of George Saum, a prominent farmer of Walnut Grove, this county. William G. died December 12, 1893, leaving a widow, two sons and one daughter. Lorenda E., who was born Decem-

ber 3, 1848, died March 17, 1877. Robert M., the next member of the family, is the subject of this review. Orra D., the youngest, was born July 30, 1864, and died May 24, 1904, leaving a husband and one daughter. After a happy married life covering almost three decades, Mrs. Peet was called to her final rest on the 22d of September, 1874. In about three years the eldest daughter was called to the home beyond, and subsequently the father left the farm to the management of his son Robert M. and removed to Anamosa, where he had purchased a comfortable home. He was married a second time, July 5, 1877, to Matilda Weaver, of this city, who died some time in 1906. He passed away August 13, 1888. In his young manhood, when much of the land in Jones county was still unclaimed, he made his way to this district to brave the trials and privations incident to the establishment of a home in a new country. He could relate with interest the incidents of those early days when the homes of the settlers were widely scattered and when the thriving towns and cities of the present were then, many of them, unknown. He was a most industrious and successful man, whose probity was unquestioned and had the love and respect of all with whom he lived. He was never identified with any church organization but the Golden Rule was ever the basis of his conduct. In the highest and best sense of the term he was ever and essentially a gentleman, and at his death he stood crowned with honors and years, surrounded by a host of warm friends who gave to him the reverence that should ever be tendered to one of his years.

Robert Melvin Peet, the immediate subject of this review, was reared to habits of industry and economy, being trained in the work of the fields at an early age, while his education was begun at the usual age in the district schools near his home and therein he mastered the branches of learning that fitted him for life's duties and responsibilities. In 1877, when the father retired, Robert M. Peet assumed entire management of the homestead farm and is now the owner of this tract, to which he has since added, so that his possessions now embrace eight hundred and twenty acres, all in one body, and two hundred and sixty acres in another tract in Greenfield township, Jones county. He likewise owns two hundred and seventy-six acres in Marion township, Linn county, this state. His home place is well improved with substantial barns and outbuildings, and the house which he occupies is a modern country residence, pleasantly located about five miles from Anamosa. Mr. Peet is extensively engaged in general farming and stock raising and is numbered among the most prominent and prosperous men of his section of Jones county. His interests have at all times been thoroughly identified with those of the county and while he has prospered, his success has been gained only by strict adherence to the most honorable and businesslike methods.

Mr. Peet was married on Thanksgiving day of 1878, the date being November 28, to Miss Carrie Belle Carbee, a daughter of William and Harriet (Smith) Carbee, who were natives of New Hampshire. The Carbee family originated in England. The paternal grandparents were John H. and Anna (Powers) Carbee, who were likewise natives of the old Granite state and there they lived and died. Joel Carbee, the great-grandfather, served in the Revolutionary war. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Peet were Lyman and Rachel (Heath) Smith, also natives of New Hampshire. The father, William Carbee, served in the Civil war,

becoming captain of Company H, Twenty-fourth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and he lost his life at the battle of Champion Hills, May 16, 1863. The mother survived for a number of years and died in 1879, when forty-eight years of age. Unto Mr. and Mrs. William Carbee were born one son and two daughters, the brother and sister of Mrs. Peet being: Francis D., a resident of South Dakota; and Alice, the widow of H. G. Bowman, who died in 1893, leaving eight children, the family now residing in Cedar Rapids.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Peet have been born six daughters and two sons. The eldest, Harriette A., is now the wife of W. F. McCarty and has two sons, Robert W. and Francis P. The other children are Orra Almeda, Minnie Alice, Bessie, Almora Louise, Florence Lorenda, James William and Robert Melvin, Jr.

Mr. Peet is a democrat in his political views and has taken quite a prominent and influential part in public affairs, being a member of the thirtieth and thirty-first general assemblies and also serving as a member of the board of supervisors for four years. His extensive business interests make such heavy demands upon his time and attention that he finds little opportunity for active participation in politics. He is not slow, however, in lending his influence to the cause of any worthy movement or measure instituted by his fellow citizens. His enterprising and progressive spirit has made him a typical American in every sense of the word and by constant exertion, associated with good judgment, he has raised himself to the prominent position which he now holds, having the friendship of many and the respect of all who know him.

CHARLES WESTPHAL.

Charles Westphal, whose large farm in Wyoming township, represents the results of his own labors, was born in Germany and is a son of Adolph and Christina Westphal. They were born and reared in that land, which they could never be induced to leave although three of their four sons came to America and found homes in this county. They were Charles, the subject of this sketch; Louis, who lives in Jones county; and Henry, a resident of Wyoming township. Frederick, the third son has remained in Germany, living with his parents until their death.

It was in 1872 that Charles Westphal started upon his journey to the United States. He had received his education in the land of his birth, so that the years he has spent here have been devoted entirely to making a place for himself among his fellow citizens. On landing on our shores he went first to Chicago, where he remained six months, and then went to Clinton county, Iowa, where he stayed a year, working as a farm hand. Having acquired some familiarity with the language and customs of the country, he came in 1899, to Wyoming township, Jones county, where he purchased the farm on which he is living today. It consists of two hundred and ninety-six acres, lying on section 20, is well improved as the result of his efforts, and is cultivated with a skill that makes it productive of large harvests. In addition to his purely agricultural interests, he has given a great deal of attention to the raising and feeding of stock, so

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in the business of dairy farming. In 1916, he married Miss Rachel Chapman, daughter of the Rev. R. K. Chapman, of De Witt, Iowa and has two sons, Eugene and Stanley.

Mr. Paulson was elected to township office in 1914-1916 and as director of the farm bureau in 1928. Interested in railroad work, he entered the race for railroad commissioner in the last election but was defeated. He is a member of the Congregational church and of the Masonic order. He was elected as State Representative in 1929 and served one term with distinct credit to himself and his country.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-seventh General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable Harry C. Paulson, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, and the House would tender by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow, and

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

WILLIAM N. JUDD,
HARRY F. BULOW,
J. P. GALLAGHER,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 19, 1937.

HONORABLE ROBERT M. PEET

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public services of the late Honorable Robert Melvin Peet of Jones county, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

Robert Melvin Peet was born in Fairview Township, Jones county, Iowa, the son of James M. and Anna Dallas Peet. Gideon Peet, his grandfather, entered five hundred sixty acres of land in Fairview Township at the land office in Dubuque in 1840. He lived only a few years after that and his sons assumed management of the place. Mrs. Gideon Peet died in 1847. Soon after James M. Peet purchased the interest of the seven brothers and one sister and became the sole owner of the farm. James M. Peet was the father of Robert M. Peet, better known as Mel, and Mel assumed control of the land in 1877 when James M. Peet retired and moved to Anamosa. Since 1877 Robert Peet added to the original acreage of the farm through sane investments and hard work until the place is listed at twelve hundred acres all in one farm in addition to large acreages in other localities. It is one of the largest farms in this part of the state and one of the finest—a beautiful monument to a man whose greatest joy in the success he attained was in the happiness it enabled him to bring to his family and friends.

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In politics Robert Peet was a democrat. He served as a member of the Board of Supervisors in Jones county for four years and was elected Representative from Jones county and served in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the passing of the Honorable Robert Melvin Peet, Jones county and the state of Iowa have lost a valuable and honored citizen and that this General Assembly bear unanimous witness of his upright life and his honorable service to his state. He was a man honored and trusted, of sterling quality and irreproachable character.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

THOMAS STIMPSON,
JOHN R. GARDNER,
GEORGE SCHLATTER,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 19, 1937.

HONORABLE NELS PETERSON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public services of the Honorable Nels Peterson, a member of the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, and Fortieth Extra General Assemblies of Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

Nels Peterson was born in Galesburg, Illinois, October 9, 1857. He died April 15, 1936 at the age of 78 years, 8 months, 6 days.

In 1895, he was married to Minnie A. Alter. They have one son and three daughters, who together with his wife and several grandchildren, and a host of friends survive him.

Mr. Peterson came to Swedsburg, Henry county, Iowa, when eleven years old. He received his education in the district school and Howes Academy, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Mr. Peterson served his community long and faithfully in various capacities such as railroad station operator, assistant postmaster, secretary and director of schools, and as director of insurance associations and the elevator. Most of his life was spent on the farm near Olds, Iowa, where he looked after his farms and other business interests.

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Iowa, soon thereafter to St. Louis, Missouri, and in 1861 to McGregor, Iowa. The boy had helped support the family by selling newspapers on the streets when only ten years old. In McGregor he soon began clerking in dry goods stores, and in early manhood became a dry goods merchant on his own account, and was successful. He retired from business in 1893. That fall he was elected representative from Clayton County and served in the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-sixth Extra general assemblies. He served McGregor as member of the Board of Education, as town councilman, as mayor, and for years as justice of the peace.

ROBERT MELVIN PEET was born on a farm in Fairview Township, Jones County, Iowa, and died at his home on the same farm October 26, 1936, at the age of eighty years. Burial was in the Wilcox Cemetery near his home. His parents were James M. and Ann Dallas Peet. J. M. Peet's father, Gideon Peet, purchased from the government 560 acres in Fairview Township. After Gideon Peet's death J. M. Peet purchased the interests of the other heirs, and on his retiring in 1877, Robert Melvin Peet assumed control of the land. By industry and good management, he enlarged the acreage until he owned 1,200 acres in one body besides other nearby tracts. A successful farmer and stockman he was also a public-spirited citizen. He was an active member of the Democratic party in his county, served as a member of the Board of Supervisors of his county in 1902 and 1903, and in 1903 was elected representative and served in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first general assemblies.

OLIN H. MICHAEL was born at Ansley, Nebraska, May 13, 1889, and died in Ottumwa, Iowa, December 22, 1936. Burial was in the Shaul Cemetery, Ottumwa. When he was less than a year old his parents, Harve W. and Eleanor Michael, removed to Ottumwa, Iowa. He attended public school in Wapello County, Ottumwa High School, and Ottumwa Commercial College. He resided on a farm until 1912 when he removed to Ottumwa and, for most of his business life, was engaged in the cigar business. During later years he was affiliated with Spry Bros. Cigar Company. He early became interested in politics, was secretary of the Wapello County Republican Committee in 1912-14, was chairman of that committee in 1922-26, and was made the Sixth District member of the Republican State Committee, serving in 1928-34. He was sergeant-at-arms of the Iowa delegation to the national conventions of 1924, 1928, and 1932. He had a wide acquaintance among political leaders. In 1929 Governor Hammill appointed him a member of the State Board of Control in which position he served six years.

AMBROSE L. URICK was born in eastern Pennsylvania February 6, 1862, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, December 20, 1936. Burial was in Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines. He came to Des Moines in 1880 and



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 Fairview, Jones, Iowa, USA
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 Fairview, Jones, Iowa, USA
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| Almeda Peet | F | |
| Almora Louise Peet | F | |
| James William Peet | M | |
| Minnie Alice Peet | F | 27 Apr 1886 in Anamosa, Iowa, USA |
| Robert Melvin Peet | M | 1902 |

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FATHER

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Children:

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 James William Peet (1899 - 1985)*
 Robert Melvin Peet (1902 - 1988)*

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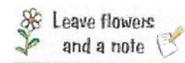
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