

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Anderson, Joseph Herman Senator _____
Represented Keosauqua County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 Apr 1871 near Forest City, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Matilda Kiel 26 Dec 1898 Thompson, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:
 A. Business Member of the Board of Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa
 B. Civic responsibilities _____
 C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th General Assemblies 1915, 1917, 1919, 1921, 1923

6. Public Offices
 A. Local Clerk of the district court of Keosauqua County 1904-1912
 B. State Speaker of the House 40th General Assembly in 1923; part president of the Iowa Association of Co-operative Organizers; member of the State of Iowa Board of Education
 C. National Part-president of the National Association of Creameries

7. Death 25 Sept 1953 Thompson, Iowa; buried Linden Lutheran Cemetery near Thompson, Iowa

8. Children Orland A.; Merlin H.; Delpha (Mrs. Alfred J. Field); Ada (Mrs. Ray J. Stender); Joy Margaret; Rhoda Maribel (Mrs. H. O. Bowers); twin boys died in infancy

9. Names of parents Anders and Christina (Hans daughter) Anderson

Anderson, Joseph H.

10. Education He was educated in the schools of Humboldt
County, Iowa

11. Degrees He attended Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls,
Iowa, 1898

12. Other applicable information Republican
- In 1898-1900 he was Superintendent of Schools at Fairbank, Iowa
- His wife, Matilda, born 24 Mar 1876, died Feb 1958, also buried
Linden Lutheran Cemetery near Thompson, Iowa



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Young Marine Jailed Monday for Car Theft

Richard A. Steele, 19-year-old Minneapolis youth, was arrested near Forest City Monday after he attempted to speed away from highway patrol officers in a stolen car.

Steele was stopped by Patrol Sergeant Robert Reese of Mason City after the car Steele was driving passed Reese at a high rate of speed in a 35-mile-per-hour zone on the outskirts of Forest City. Reese said that he caught up with Steele and stopped him near the intersection of highways 69 and 9 near Forest City.

When Steele was unable to produce his driver's license when told to do so, Reese ordered the youth to drive back to Forest City.

Steele turned east on highway number 9 and attempted to outrun the officer. Reese caught up with the youth after chasing him for about five miles.

Investigation revealed that the youth was driving a stolen car. He was returning to the Marine Corps at San Diego when he left the train on which his parents had put him and stole the car in Omaha. The car, a 1947 Plymouth, was stolen Sunday night.

Steele was convicted of auto theft once before and given a five year suspended sentence at Minneapolis. The sentence was suspended on the grounds of good behavior. He had been on leave from the Marine Corps and visiting his parents when the latest car theft took place.

Police officers at Forest City yesterday said that they are holding the youth pending arrival of a U.S. marshal from Ft. Dodge, Omaha officers called in FBI agents and said the youth would be charged with transporting stolen goods across a state line.

Steele was given a 30-day jail sentence in Justice of the Peace Emory Oleson's court at Forest City. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a valid operator's license.

Oct. 5, Last Day To File For City Election

Monday, Oct. 5, is the last day for candidates to file for the City council, mayor, or to fill the vacancy on the park board. City Clerk Rush Reed said this morning that no one as yet has filed for office. The election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Rites Held For J. H. Anderson, Ex-Legislator

Services were held yesterday at Forest City for Joseph H. Anderson, 82, one of Winnebago county's leading citizens and a former state legislator. Anderson was also widely known for his work in the co-operative creamery field.

He died at his home in Thompson Friday following a stroke. He was a member of the state legislature from 1915 through 1925 and served as speaker of the house for two sessions.

He was a past-president of the Iowa and National Associations of Co-operative Creameries. From 1928 to 1934 he was a member of the Iowa state board of education. He also served as a member of the board of education of Waldorf college and in a similar capacity with the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Mr. Anderson was born in Forest City. Survivors include his wife, two sons, Orland of Thompson and Merlin of Ames; four daughters, Mrs. Alfred Field of Forest City; Mrs. Ray Wunder of Sanborn; Joy Anderson of Cedar Rapids, and Mrs. W. O. Bowers of Long Beach, Calif.

Grand Opening of Hauan Bros. Station

The grand opening of the Hauan Brothers Cities Service station here will be held Saturday it was announced this week. Free coffee and doughnuts will be served and many prizes will be given away.

The station is operated by Milton and Myron Hauan and is located at the north edge of Lake Mills on highway 69. The station and lunch stand is being operated on a 24-hour basis for Lake Mills customers.

Registration for the prizes will be on Friday and Saturday. Drawings will be held at 9 p.m. Saturday but those who register need not be present to win.

Many Expected For Circuit Meeting

A large crowd is expected at Salem Lutheran church here for the fall meeting of the St. Ansgar Circuit of the South Central District. The meeting will be held Sunday with two sessions, one

P.T.A. Holds First Meeting Of School Year

James Esse, high school math teacher, was elected vice-president of the Lake Mills Parent Teachers association at the first meeting of that organization for the new school year here last night.

The election of a new vice-president was made necessary by the resignation of Harry Gillespie who moved to Clear Lake this summer. The meeting was under the direction of A. J. Ingebritson, PTA president.

Teachers and parents attended the meeting which included a pot luck dinner and a short business meeting and program. Introduction of the teachers, new and old, was included on the program.

The welcome to the teachers was delivered by past vice-president, Mrs. Parnell Heltne. Minnie Narum gave the response on behalf of the teachers. Group singing was led by Mrs. Wilbur Godfredson accompanied by Evelyn Kivipetto at the piano.

New teachers are Miss Elaine Wessels, second grade; Morris Schroeder, coach, history and physical education; Richard Peterson, athletic director and manual training; JoAnn Payne, English and speech; Eulalia Skinner, physical education and biology; Mrs. Lillian Rollins, English and library.

Other teachers returning to the Lake Mills school system are JoAnn S h a r p, Carmen Heltne, Carmen Olson, Minnie Narum, Mrs. Evelyn Ludvig, Mrs. Norma Grimstead, Milo Engstrom, Ralph Richardson, Mrs. Josephine Swenson, James Esse, Fred Bliza, Alice Collins, Robert O'Neill, Donald Skaar, Evelyn Kivipetto, Dean Olson, L. R. Swartwood and William H. Young.

Regular meetings of the P.T.A. will be held every fourth Monday.

Annual Lutheran Bible Conference

The Rev. E. J. Conrad and the Rev. J. O. Gisselquist, two well-know Lutheran evangelists, will be the main speakers at the annual Bible conference at Thompson, beginning Sunday.

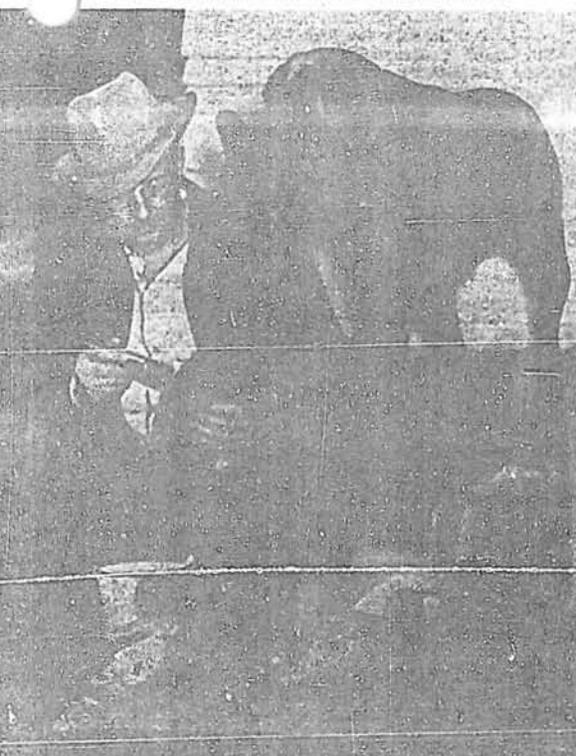
This meet, scheduled for the eight days of Oct. 4-11, is held at the Bethany Lutheran church, Oliver Selim, pastor. On Sunday there will be services at 11: a.m., 2:00 and 8:00 p.m.

On weekdays there will be a Bible study in I Samuel at 7:30 p.m. by Pastor Conrad and an evangelistic message at 8:15 p.m. by Pastor Gisselquist. There will also be a Prayer and Fellowship hour each afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

A new feature of the conference is the children's services for Olaf Johan Bimo, which opens here soon. Smokey is a three-year-old Weimaraner.



JUST WATCH THOSE DUCKS FALL—when Arnold Anderson, Jr., of Lake Mills takes to the fields soon for the opening of the hunting season. The gun Anderson is cleaning is a 20 guage pump, one of many he owns.



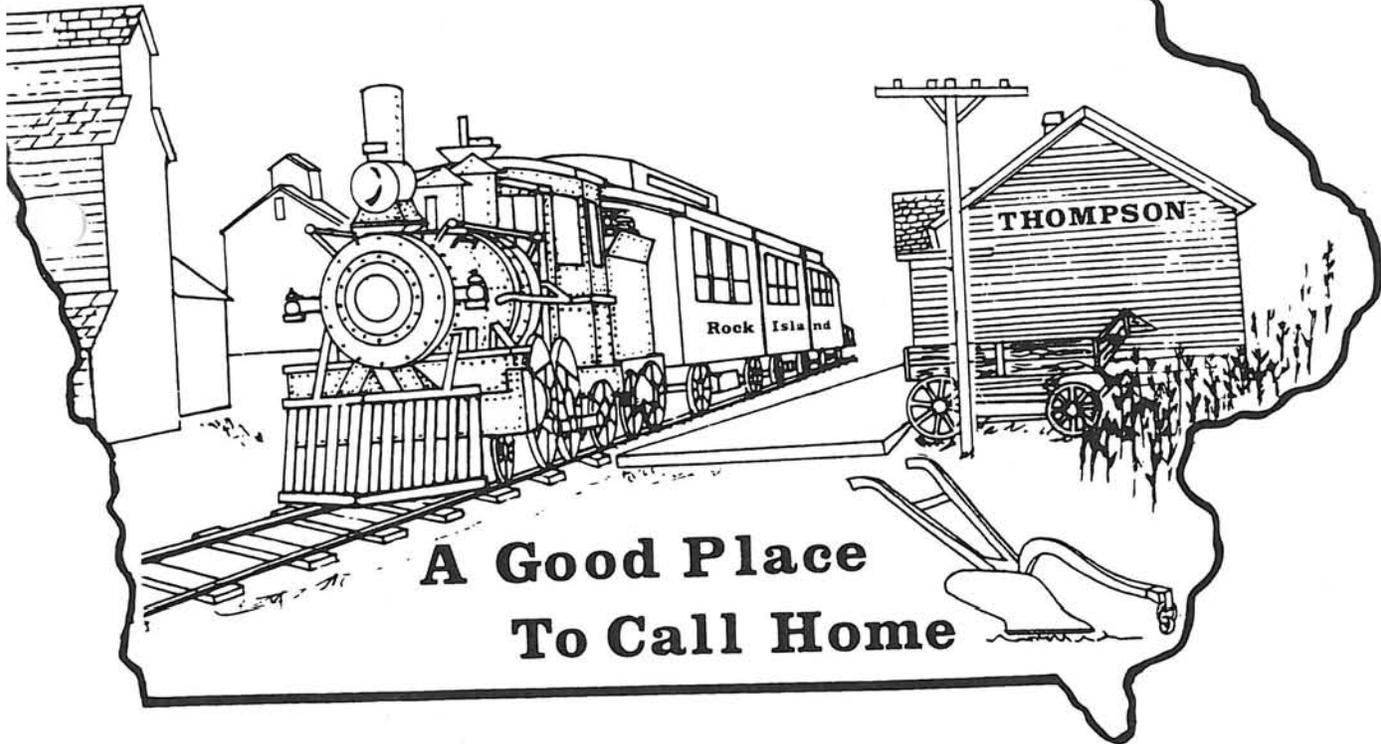
"P... BOSS PAINT THIS ONE NEXT"—Smokey seems to be telling his owner, Arlo Thompson of Lake Mills. Thompson and Smokey are getting ready for the hunting season which opens here soon. Smokey is a three-year-old Weimaraner.

Legion, Auxiliary Services Thursday Hold County Meet For Olaf Sime

The first county-wide American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary services for Olaf Johan Bimo, which opens here soon. Smokey is a three-year-old Weimaraner.

A Peek At The Past . . .

THOMPSON ★ 1892 — 1992



**THOMPSON, IOWA
1892-1992**

ANDREW J. AND ELLEN ANDERSON FAMILY

Andrew J. Anderson was born in Wisconsin on October 19, 1855. He married Ellen Oldsdatter Opdahl. She was born in Kristiansund, Norway, on July 4, 1846, and died in Thompson on August 27, 1922.

Andrew was said to have been hard working and hot tempered. He was known as "Lightning" Anderson. The Andersons farmed south of Thompson and retired in Thompson. It has been told that there was always a ball game going on in their pasture.

Andrew and Ellen died the same week and there was a double funeral.

Their children were: Oscar, Gilbert, Elvin, Joseph and Bertha.

JOSEPH HERMAN ANDERSON



"Baker" Anderson and his wife, Kristina (seated), are pictured with three of their children (from left), Joe, Augusta and John.

Joseph Herman Anderson was born in a log cabin in the "bush country" or woods two and one-half miles northwest of Forest City on April 12, 1871. On the night of his birth, his 10-year-old sister rushed through the brush for a mile to fetch a midwife as the wolves howled in the distance. Joe had one brother and six sisters, some of whom were born in Norway. Their parents were Anders and Kristina Anderson.

When Joe was three years old, the family moved into a log cabin on a flat where the town of Leland is now located. At the age of four years, his sisters took him to visit school at Benson Grove. They told him if the teacher looked at him as though she were saying something he was to go up to class. When she looked at him, he sailed up to her desk expecting to read. She took him back to the seat and improvised a pillow so he could take a nap.

The family moved to about seven miles west of Lake Mills for a short time. Joe remembered the oxen swimming the stream at high water mark on the way to town.

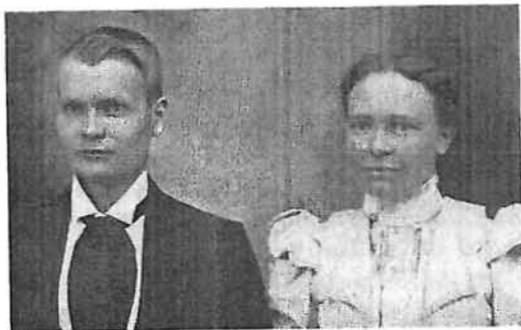
Next, the family moved to a farm two miles south and three miles west of Thompson, the old John Anderson Gangsei farm. Joe and his mother and brother herded cattle while his father worked as a hired hand for farmers. Friends and neighbors tore down the log cabin west of Lake Mills and rebuilt it on 40 acres one mile west and two and one-half miles south of Thompson (the old Theodore Austin farm, now owned by Irma Lockrem). The farm was homesteaded by Joe's father. This 40 acres, after he had paid all expenses, got the deed and lived on it for five years, cost him approximately \$20.00.

At 10 years of age, Joe started to school in a log school four miles south and one mile west of Thompson. Children from the Arne Dahl, Larson, Osmundson, Mortenson, and Baker Anderson families attended the school. From age 10 to 17, Joe had from three to five months schooling each year.

A school was erected a mile north (Linden No. 2) and Halvor Mattison was the teacher. Joe, Lawrence Larson and John Osmundson got their teaching certificates from this school. Joe then went to the county superintendent and said he wanted to teach. He was told he was too young to take the exams. However, the superintendent soon called him back due to a shortage of teachers. He passed the exams and was given a school in the west end of Linden township. At that time, the present townships had not been platted and Linden township extended west to Kossuth County.

From 1895 to 1898, Joe worked out in the summer, taught the fall term to earn money and then attended college at Cedar Falls during winter and spring sessions. He graduated in 1898, having carried a whole year of credits in two terms. For two years, he taught and was superintendent at Fairbanks, Iowa, and did farm work in the summers.

Joe Anderson and Matilda Keil were married December 26, 1898, at Linden Lutheran Church by the Rev. Salveson. In 1900, they moved to his father's homestead where they farmed about three years. In 1912, they moved to their farm three miles south and one-half mile west of Thompson, the pres-



Joe Anderson and Matilda Keil were married at Linden Lutheran Church on December 26, 1898.

ent Dan Thorland home. This was their family home the rest of their lives.

Their children were Delpha, Ada, Orland, Joy, Merlin and Rhoda. Twin boys died in infancy.

Joe was elected and served as Clerk of the District Court in Winnebago County from 1904 until 1912.

In the education field, Joe served on the board of education of Waldorf College; the board of education of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of America; and from 1931 to 1937 on the Iowa State board of education. In 1923, he gave the June graduation address at Iowa State Teachers' College. This was the 25th anniversary of his own graduation from the college.

In the agricultural field, Joe was active in local operatives. He helped organize the Thompson Co-operative Creamery and served on the Farmers Co-op Elevator board. He served on the Iowa State College agricultural foundation board which managed endowment farms owned by the college. He was also president of the National Co-operative Creamery Association.

In the political field, Joe served for five terms (1915-1923) as representative in the Iowa State legislature, including one term and five months as Speaker of the House of Representatives. In 1924, he was defeated for the governorship of Iowa, although he carried Gov. Hammill's home county (Hancock) as well as his own home county (Winnebago).

He introduced Pres. Herbert Hoover at his opening speech for re-election in 1932 and was a delegate to the national Republican convention in Chicago that year.

Joe was sent from Iowa to speak before the United States National Chamber of Commerce in May, 1938, to promote closer farm and industry ties.

He remained active in local and state organizations and in the Republican party. He made trips to Washington, D. C. to work on behalf of agriculture. Joe died in September, 1953 and Mathilda in Feb-

ruary, 1958. They are buried in Linden Lutheran cemetery, southwest of Thompson.

Joe Anderson's Parents

Anders Anderson (also known as Baker Anderson) was born in Lille Hammer, Norway, the youngest of 12 children. At 15 years of age, he left home, walked 70 Norwegian miles to Trondheim, Norway, where he learned the bakery trade by serving as an apprentice for seven years. He followed this profession for 30 years in Norway and two years in Chicago, Ill.

He married Kristina Hansdatter Haukaason. She was born in Hedemarken, Norway. They came to Chicago, Ill., in 1866. There were eight children in the family.

The skipper of the ship that they came to America on told the passengers, "You folks don't need to think that fried pigeons will fly into your mouths in America." They found this true and that it required continuous, persistent, hard work, a long, determined grind. They came here already schooled in the real privations of want and poverty and were enured to the difficulties they faced on this side of the ocean. Baker Anderson knew the taste of barley bread mixed with ground bark. He died in 1900 at age 73 and his wife died in 1910 at age 63.

About 1885, a terrible storm struck this part of the country. Baker Anderson, who lived on the farm where Irma Lockrem now resides, took his family to the basement and held the doors by pulling them down so the storm didn't take them. Suddenly, the doors were jerked out of his hands and there in the storm stood Ole Dahl. His father, Arne Dahl, was bringing the mother and a three-day-old baby. Their house (where Don and Elmira Bell reside) had been blown over. Eric Dahl had started but was taken by the wind and ended up at Finer's old place.

Matilda Keil Anderson's Family

Andrew Olson Keil came from Keel, Norway, where he herded cattle until he was 15. He went to work as a choreboy for the seamen who were often very cruel to the boys. He was confirmed in Norway in the same class with Ted Isaacson's mother.

Andrew came to America several times as a seaman. When he settled here, he sent passage money to Diktena Antonsdatter from Kageraa, Norway, to come to America. They were married in Chicago. Matilda Keil (Mrs. Joe Anderson) was born March 24, 1876, northwest of Forest City. There were eight children in the family. They moved to the farm three miles south and two miles west of Thompson (Henry Hauan/Dave Larson farm), thereby becoming neighbors to the Andersons.

Andrew Keil died in 1908. Diktena moved into Thompson where she lived in a house one block

north of the schoolhouse. She died in 1923.

Because of the teacher shortage, Matilda Keil was asked to teach school, even though not of legal age. She taught for five years until her marriage to Joe Anderson. Joe and Matilda were confirmed by the Rev. Ole Tormesgaard in a neighborhood schoolhouse which then served as the church.



Joe Anderson and his son, Orland, in 1910.

ORLAND A. ANDERSON—LAURA M. (FIELD) ANDERSON

Orland A. Anderson was born September 8, 1904, in a log cabin home southwest of Thompson, the son of Joe and Matilda (Keil) Anderson. He first lived in Forest City where his father was Clerk of the District Court. He took his academy and junior college work at Waldorf College and then attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls. He was confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church in Thompson in 1920 by the Rev. Andvik.

Laura M. Field was born in a log cabin near Joice,



Laura Field became the bride of Orland Anderson on September 8, 1928.

Iowa, on December 9, 1903. She attended country schools, and then the academy and junior college at Waldorf College, where she was active in music. She taught country schools for four years.

Orland and Laura were married September 8, 1928, at Beaver Creek Lutheran Church near Joice, Laura's home church. They first farmed three miles south and three miles west of Thompson. They became the parents of one daughter, Verneil, born January 14, 1930.

The Andersons attended Linden Lutheran Church where Laura served as church organist, using the old pump organ. They later transferred to Bethany Lutheran Church in Thompson. Both Orland and Laura were active in church and local organizations.



Laura and Orland Anderson observed their golden wedding anniversary at a reception at Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa, on August 20, 1978. Also pictured is their daughter, Verneil, and her husband, Donald Branstad.

Laura was afflicted with arthritis which worsened until she was confined to a wheelchair the last 16 years of her life. Orland died February 17, 1986 and Laura died January 24, 1988. They are buried at Rose Hill cemetery in Thompson.

Verneil attended country school, Thompson High School and then St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., and Fairview Hospital nursing program. She was active in 4-H work. On May 18, 1968, she married Donald H. Branstad. Don was born April 1, 1927, and raised in the Thompson area. He served one and one-half years in the Army Signal Corps and was stationed in the Philippine Islands. He graduated from Iowa State College, Ames, majoring in electrical engineering, and later took a two-year business course at the University of Minnesota. The Branstads have made their home in Minneapolis, Minn.

MEMORIES OF EARLY DAYS ON THE FARM, BY VERNEIL BRANSTAD

We lived across the road from grade school Linden No. 3, so teachers stayed at our house. The teachers would go to school early to get the fire started so the school would be warm when the students arrived. Two students would go to our place each day to

CARL C. ANDERSON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Carl C. Anderson, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Carl C. Anderson was born in Sweden, June 8, 1873, and passed away at Murphy Memorial Hospital in Red Oak, Iowa, on September 29, 1954. He received his early schooling in the rural schools of Sweden.

Mr. Anderson came to the United States in 1890 and worked as a farm laborer in Mills County.

He was naturalized and cast his first vote for president in 1896.

In 1901, Mr. Anderson bought a farm in Montgomery County and was a resident of that county for more than fifty years.

Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Mary Jones August 25, 1897. His wife lost her life in an automobile accident April 20, 1914. Surviving him are four daughters and one son.

Mr. Anderson was a member of the Forty-first, Forty-second and Forty-second Extra sessions of the General Assembly of Iowa.

He was a member of the Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star, Masons, Scottish Rite Masons and was a member of the AAA County Committee, acting as chairman for a number of years.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Carl C. Anderson, the people of Montgomery County and the entire State of Iowa have sustained a great loss and the House expresses its appreciation of his character and public service and tenders, by this resolution, its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his beloved family in their great sorrow and loss.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution 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.

OSCAR N. HULTMAN,
JAMES E. BRILES,
WM. H. HARBOR,

Committee.

JOSEPH H. ANDERSON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Joseph H. Anderson, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Joseph H. Anderson was born in a log cabin two and one-half miles

north of Forest City, Iowa, April 12, 1871, and passed away at his farm home, southwest of Thompson, Iowa, September 25, 1953.

After attending the local country schools of his day on approximately a four month basis per year, he received his degree from Iowa State Teachers College in 1898. Upon graduation he served as superintendent of schools at Fairbank, Iowa, for two years. Except for a period of eight years during which he was clerk of courts for Winnebago County, he spent the rest of his lifetime farming.

In the educational field he served on the board of education for Waldorf College, on the board of education of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, and on the Iowa State Board of Education.

He was married in 1898 to Matilda Keil.

He was elected Representative from Winnebago County in 1914 and served in the Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Fortieth Extra sessions of the General Assembly. He served as Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Fortieth General Assembly.

In the agricultural field, he was active in local cooperatives. He worked on the Iowa State Agricultural Foundation in connection with Iowa State College, was president of the Iowa State Co-operative Creamery Association, and later of the National Co-operative Creamery Association. He was a lifetime member of the Linden Evangelical Lutheran Church of Linden township.

Mr. Anderson is survived by his wife, Matilda, two sons, Orland of Thompson and Merlin of Ames; four daughters, Mrs. A. J. Field of Forest City, Mrs. R. F. Wunder of Sanborn, Joy of Cedar Rapids, and Mrs. Wilbur O. Bowers of Long Beach, California. Also surviving are one brother, John A. Anderson of McClusky, North Dakota, thirteen grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Joseph H. Anderson, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful public servant, and the House, by this resolution, would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to his wife and members of his family.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution 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.

HENRY C. NELSON,
CURTIS G. RIEHM,
W. R. CHRISTIANSEN,
Committee.