

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Caswell;

Grant L. - Represented Crawford, Harrison and Monroe Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 18 Jul 1869 Barnes County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Evelena Clark 6 May 1891 Ashton, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business In 1915 he became secretary of the Iowa Press Association, an organization he helped organize; from 1915 he was managing director in Ames until 1937
B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Sigma Delta (Chief journalism fraternity); Lions Club; Elks Club
C. Profession Publisher

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 36th 37th General Assembly 1915, 1917

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 12 May 1948 Clarinda, Iowa; buried Clarinda Cemetery, Clarinda, Iowa

8. Children Carl Clark, Paul H.; Donald L.; Florence B. (Mrs. Guthrie)

9. Names of parents L. A. and Louisa Caswell

10. Education He attended school at Maingona, Ogden and
Bones all in Boone County, Iowa. He attended
high school at Coon Rapids, Iowa

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information

Democrat

- He began working as a typewriter after school at age 13 at the
Coon Rapids Enterprise newspaper, Coon Rapids, Iowa
- He progressed as a printer in Manning, Cherokee, Sheldon
and finally at Ashton, Iowa where he acquired his first
ownership of a paper at age 19, named The Ashton Argue.
- He owned newspapers at Sibley, Rock Rapids and Denison, all in
Iowa, from 1893 until after World War I.
- He disposed of his Denison papers and traveled to 17 states
helping them to organize a Press Association for their state.
- He was awarded the Iowa Press Association Master Editor
Awards in 1937 for 22 years as secretary and managing director
In 1937 he moved to Clarinda, Iowa where he became part owner
of the Clarinda Herald-Journal newspaper
- He was editor of the Sibley Tribune and Denison Bulletin
newspapers also.



The annual Poppy Day poster contest in junior high school. Left to right: second; Dick Hill, third.

FORMER IOWA PRESS EXECUTIVE DIES OF HEART ATTACK HERE

Death Sudden for Veteran Printer-Publisher; Masonic Services at Walker's Chapel

"Thirty," the printer's term for the end, was written Wednesday morning on the life of Grant L. Caswell, who devoted 65 of his 78 years in Iowa newspaper business.

Mr. Caswell, called the dean of Iowa newspapermen, succumbed suddenly at 6:30 a. m. Wednesday at his Clarinda home, with a heart attack. Although his family knew his heart was in a weakened condition, his death was unexpected, as he had made his customary daily visit at the Herald-Journal office Tuesday afternoon, apparently alert and feeling well. His sturdiness and almost youthful gait were commonly noted by friends.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 3 o'clock at the Walker funeral home, in charge of Dr. W. W. Bentzinger and Clarke McComb, worshipful master, and his staff of the Nodaway Masonic lodge. Interment will be made in the Clarinda cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers will include Don Reid, managing director of the Iowa Press association, Fred Hill, editor of the Hamburg Reporter, Allen Wortman, editor of the Malvern Leader, Kenneth Sidney, editor of the Greenfield Free Press, Willard Archie, editor of the Shenandoah Sentinel, A. M. Hamblin, editor of the Bedford Times Press, A. L. Gauthier, editor of the Corning Free Press, and Don L. Berry, editor of the Indianola Record-Times.

Retirement Incomplete

Mr. Caswell, who had been a partner in the Clarinda Publishing company since 1930, had made his home in Clarinda for five years, since his retirement in 1943 after 60 active years in the printing business. However, his retirement was incomplete as he continued as a newspaper broker on occasional request and almost daily lent a helping hand on many of the lighter but pressing tasks at the Herald-Journal office virtually up to the day of his death.

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G. L. CASWELL
... "30" for Iowa printer-publisher after 65 years in newspaper business.

GRADING WORK IS STARTED ON GRID, PARK SPORT FIELDS

Clark-Barnes Rigs Shaping Up Crown at Cardinal Stadium, Beg'n Monday on Diamonds

Rush work was started Thursday on two athletic field projects in Clarinda that have been in the planning stages for many months.

Clark and Barnes moved their grading rigs Wednesday to Cardinal field for dirt work on the football field, after which they expect to move to the Chautauqua park for grading in the east-side baseball and softball field areas.

The park board Wednesday afternoon authorized the hiring of the Clark-Barnes dirt contractors to grade the athletic area in the old quarter stretch in preparation for two different diamonds.

Track Extension Costly

The contractors hope to complete the football field work by Friday or Saturday, if the weather continues satisfactory. Tentative plans for extending the track layout were abandoned because of present costs.

Instead, the school board has authorized grading to build a crown in mid-field running the length of the field to improve drainage and encourage the growth of a better turf on the gridiron.

Plans call for shaping the crown to be built up about 18 inches, by cutting into the sides of the field starting on the outside of the playing area, and sloping the dirt up to the center. No attempt will be made to grade up the south end of the gridiron, which is some three feet below the north end of the track.

The board revealed that Coach Howard Dean and Al Gray will be hired this summer to complete contemplated field improvements such as a new curb on the track and laying tile along the sides of the field to feed the water into the city's storm sewer running across the property.

Receiving Grading Plans

The go-ahead signal on the city park project was given Tuesday when grading plans were received from Parham-Robinson architect's office in Des Moines. This enabled the park board and C of C park committee to gather late Wednesday to take action on hiring the same contractors to move in by possibly Monday after the football field work is done.

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Armies of Three Address Seniors



HEW ROBERTS

STAFF AT POOL TO BEGIN WORK JUNE 1

Legion Hopes to Rush Ticket Sales, Repairs for Opening

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PLAN MARCH, RITES FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Committee Arranging Program At Grave of Unknown Soldier

Plans for Memorial day services on Sunday, May 30, were announced today by a community committee.

The parade to the cemetery, for a memorial service at the grave of the Unknown Soldier, will start at the square at 2:30 pm. The address will be given by the Rev. Fred R. Smith of the Assembly of God church. There will be music by the municipal band and songs by a quartet.

All patriotic groups will have an opportunity to decorate the grave of the Unknown Soldier in memory of the heroes of all wars.

The place of meeting for the Memorial Sunday morning service has not been determined.

The committee formulating plans are Glen Davison, Elmer Avery, Fred Conrad, Eldon Good, J. Dale Foster, Ralph Bond, Roy Dougan, Mrs. Harriett Davidson, Mrs. Bruce Bonsall and Mrs. Clyde Lawson.

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TRUSTEES WITNESS FIRE TRUCK TEST

New Model Given Trial by Clarinda Firemen Wednesday

Township trustees from near Clarinda had some interesting tests made Wednesday when the local firemen were trying out a new truck owned by Lisle Motor company.

A stock tank of usual farm size was used from which water could be draughted. With the local department's 1½ hose equipped with combination fog and straight stream nozzle, the small supply lasted 8½ minutes—which, the trustees exclaimed, could put out a lot of fire.

The 400-gallon tank on the truck supplied water for the small booster hose for 14 minutes under heavy pressure.

The trustees included representatives from East River, Nodaway, Nebraska and Harlan township, the four interested in the coming fire protection election.

AIR SHOW PLANNED MAY 23 AT ELMAN DAVISON'S PORT

Elman Davison has invited pilots of this area for a get-together and air show at his farm airport two miles south and one west of Clearmont on Sunday, May 23, beginning at 10:30 a. m.

He is offering trophies and cash prizes for several contests, including bomb-dropping, simulated forced landings to a spot, precision spot landings, pants race and close course race. A plane will be available for extra pilots who wish to enter the contests. Lunch will be served at the grounds.

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While serving as state senator for Crawford, Harrison and Monona counties from 1915-1919, Mr Caswell had a part in establishing the press association, which he served as managing director with offices at Ames until 1937.

Iowa Master Editor

In recognition of his service to the 300 newspapers of Iowa, Mr Caswell was presented the IPA's Master Editor award in 1937, at the close of his 22 years' work as secretary and managing director. He had originated this annual award a few years before. From 1937 until he moved to Clarinda in 1943, he operated his newspaper broker's office in Ames.

He was married 57 years ago at Ashton to Miss Evalena Clark, who survives him.

He also leaves three sons and a daughter, Carl C Caswell of Clarinda, Paul H Caswell of Salinas, Calif, Don L Caswell of Royal Oak, Mich, and Mrs Flo B Guthrie of Oklahoma City.

There are nine grandchildren, Robert Caswell of Clarinda, Mrs Dorothy Caswell Graham of Essex Fells, N J, Mrs Barbara Caswell Proctor of Los Angeles, Richard and Jane Caswell of Salinas, Jerry and LeRoy Guthrie of Oklahoma City, Carol and Joan Caswell of Royal Oak, Mich; and five great-grandchildren, Steven Caswell of Clarinda, Peter and Jonathan Graham, Julie and Michael Proctor. Three surviving brothers, Ned, Jud and Norval Caswell, live in California.

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'Star' Night at Masonic Hall for Mothers



Wednesday was "star" night for mothers and daughters at the Masonic hall, when members of the Order of Eastern Star entertained their daughters. More than 150 were at the tables for a covered dish supper, and the men of the Masonic lodge, giving mother another break, served the meal.

Mrs Vern Abbott headed toast program of "Stars" with salute, Minnie Gauthreau responding with a tribute, Mrs Arnold talking of aspirations, Mrs C Reynolds of rewards and all joining in songs. Helen Inez Hosson furnished accordion music, solos were sung by Jeannie Ab-