

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Shortess, Ernest Earl Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Iowa County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 26 Sept 1858 near Sports, Morrow County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Elizabeth Waite Keith 6 Sept 1881 Vinton, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Manager of the Iowa County Investment Company, in charge  
of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company formerly operated by son Glenn

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Red Cross

C. Profession Jeweler; optometrist

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 36<sup>th</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1915, 1917

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayer of Iowa for 7 years; Iowa town councilman 6 years;  
member of the Iowa State and light commission

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

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

7. Death 13 Aug 1944 Marshalltown, Iowa; Covid

8. Children Clifford Keith (died 7th 1936); Glenn A.

9. Names of parents Stephen Hockery and Jephthah (Jinkham) Shortess

Shostee, Mount Earl

10. Education He was educated in rural schools and Tilford Academy, Vinton, Iowa

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

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came with his family to Iowa in fall 1864 where they settled on a farm near Vinton, Iowa in Benton County. They lived there for 2 years in a log cabin.
- In 1875 he started learning the watch and jewelry repair business and in 1879 he moved to Reinbeck, Iowa and started a jewelry store.
- Early in 1881 he returned to Vinton, Iowa and went into partnership in the jewelry business with the jeweler whom he learned the trade from called Mount and Shostee.
- In 1888 he moved the business to Trues buying the Pierce Jewelry Store. He owned this store from Feb 21, 1888 to Apr 3, 1889 when he sold the store to Theodore Maeller.
- His jewelry store was called "Iowa's greatest small town jewelry store". He drew patronage from a wide area.
- While he was mayor, Trues established its municipal electric light and power and steam heating plant.
- When he sold his jewelry business, he kept a room in the store where he practiced optometry, later sold to H. Q. Everts.
- In 1937 before leaving for Marshalltown, he was given a Benquet honoring him for 48 years of interest in the advancement of Trues.
- His wife, Elizabeth, died 24 Aug 1929.



SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR

# F. E. Shortess, Longtime Booster For Traer, Dies

## Succumbs to Stroke in Marshalltown Hospital at 86—Buried at Vinton

Traer lost one of its most loyal friends who for nearly fifty years was one of its most progressive civic leaders and greatest boosters, with the death of F. E. Shortess at 7:45 p. m. last Sunday, in the Deaconess hospital at Marshalltown. Mr. Shortess, who was 86, was the victim of a stroke Friday morning while in his office in Marshalltown. He failed rapidly, but his son, Glenn, who has been living at



F. E. SHORTESS

Tulsa, Oklahoma, during the last two years or more, and was in Wichita Kan., on a business trip when he learned of his father's illness, reached him before death came. Glenn's wife followed later from Tulsa. The grandson, Robt. Shortess, came by plane from Oklahoma.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 10:30 at the Este Funeral Home in Marshalltown, conducted by Dr. F. F. Travis, pastor of the First Methodist church of Marshalltown. The body was brought Wednesday afternoon to a cemetery west of Vinton for burial beside Mrs. Shortess. Nearly twenty-five Traer residents attended the funeral in the cemetery in a body, as well as a few other old friends from Traer. John

# Donations Asked for Memorial Marker on Salem Church Site

Hope that sufficient funds to insure the erection of a permanent memorial at former site of historic Salem church, southwest of Traer, can be raised within the next few weeks was expressed at the annual picnic of the Salem society last Saturday in Taylor park here.

The thirty or more present heard a report showing nearly \$150 already collected, or perhaps half enough to pay for a stone-and-bronze marker of the type desired.

Providing sufficient additional funds are received through donations this fall, and if it is found a suitable memorial can be secured in wartime, a committee composed of James Dodd, J. R. Morrow, Mrs. Ralph Mitchell, Orr Wylie and Harry Rose was instructed to purchase a marker and arrange for its erection before next year's picnic, which will be held at Taylor park the second Saturday in August.

All officers of the Salem group were re-elected for another year. They are James Dodd, Traer, chairman, Mrs. J. R. Morrow, Reinbeck, vice chairman; and Mrs. Harry Rose, Gladbrook, secretary-treasurer.

All donations to the memorial fund should be sent to Mrs. Rose. Contributions already received include one of \$25 from the Lincoln congregation which has been using the Salem church building since it was moved to that village a few years ago.

Members of the Tama county board of supervisors have already indicated they will permit the memorial to be erected at the roadside in front of the former Salem church site.

## TO ISSUE LICENSE PLATES

We are to have new license plates for our cars this year, but only one instead of a pair for each vehicle. The plate will be put on the rear. Instead of the front plate there will be an additional sticker to add to your collection on the upper right hand corner of the windshield. The plates will be issued as usual beginning Dec. 1 when present licenses are renewed.

# Harold Leuders Wounded Slightly In France Battle

Mr. and Mrs. William Leuders reported that their son, Harold Leuders, had been wounded slightly in a battle in France. The report was made at the Traer school building Wednesday.

# Budget of T School Next To Be \$47,2

## OPERATING COSTS OF SCHOOL

Year	Operating Costs
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1939-40	.....
1940-41	.....
1941-42	.....
1942-43	.....
1943-44	.....
1944-45	(estimated)

The Traer school district adopted a budget for school year totaling \$47,250 in history. The net increase in history, however, is only \$1,500.

It is proposed to raise \$47,260 by taxation, of which \$1,500 will be levied for the school year from which the operating expenses of the school are paid, and \$45,760 from the school house fund for principal interest on the district's debt. The remainder of funds to operate the school will come from the balance on hand and the balance on the coming year's fund expenses, and that will furnish \$5,400.

The debt of the Traer school district at one time exceeded \$100,000 due to a disastrous fire which destroyed our school building in 1911. It was only seven years of operation when the debt had been reduced to \$16,000. The principal on the debt was \$12,000 in November of last year, and in November of this year the debt will be cut to \$12,000. The fact that operating expenses will be the largest in history for the coming year, and the fact that the district is requiring such a contribution from the taxpayers to their local taxes, it is for the Traer school district is of debt.

The total expense of the Traer school district last year was \$42,988. \$39,571.41 represented general expenditures for the operation of the school, and \$3,585 was expended for the school house fund. The Traer school have increased their operating expenses to \$10,000 per year in the past few years.

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19c

for the cards and gifts I received while a patient in Mercy hospital. They were sincerely appreciated.—Mrs. Wilfred Novak. 33-1

Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Craven, of El Centro, Calif., are here for a visit of several weeks with the Emil Erickson and the Mochal families, and other relatives. In Dysart and Elberon. Mrs. Craven is the former Emma Erickson, daughter of J. A. Erickson, deceased. Her husband is a conductor on the Southern Pacific railroad.

After a 21-day furlough spent with his mother, Mrs. H. E. Fett, of La Porte City, and his sister, Mrs. George I. Dietrich, of Van Horne, S/Sgt. Melvin A. Nation, who also visited Traer recently, which he still regards as home, has reported to Fort Sam Houston, Tex., for reassignment, after fifty-two months overseas.

Mrs. Alvina Ploen, of Traer, entertained a company of guests Sunday evening at a birthday dinner honoring her son, August Ploen. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Joens and Mr. and Mrs. James Chervenky and children, of Toledo; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chizek and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Hubacek, Bob Murray, William Montgomery, John Dickey, Mrs. John Robert Thomas and children, Mrs. Phyllis Beecher, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Caslavka and Henry Greve, all of Traer.

The folks out in Phoenix, Ariz., and nearby Glendale, are hearing about Barbara and Beverly Frost, talented young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frost, former Traerites, of Glendale, and granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Cizek, of Traer. A Phoenix daily newspaper notes that Barbara won a \$5 prize for being the first place winner in a 100-foot freestyle swimming event at a water carnival at Glendale recently. Beverly has appeared as an acrobatic dancer on the program of one of the large theatres in Phoenix a number of times. Mr. Frost is an Army pilot instructor at Luke Field, near Phoenix.

Mrs. Sadie Sherrett has received word of the death of Karl Isenberg, of the Army, following an operation in the base hospital at Seaside, Calif. Mr. Isenberg, whose wife is the former Margaret Jean Sherrett, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christie Sherrett of Grant county, Minn., formerly of Traer, had been in the regular Army four and one-half years, but had received a medical discharge last spring. The operation was for the removal of a bullet which had lodged close to the spine. Mr. and Mrs. Isenberg were married May 9 of this year at Riverside, Calif., where they made their home. Surviving with the widow are his parents in Tennessee, and a sister in California.

Stamped labels, salesbooks, milk tickets, cafe checks, bank supplies, and other printed specialties may always be purchased through the Traer Star-Clipper. tf

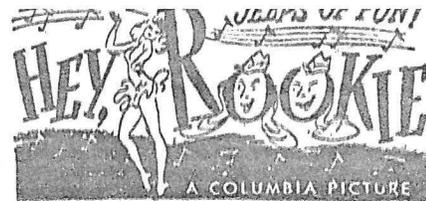
vice to Traer. Mr. Shortess responded fittingly.

In his younger days and continuing long after he was not so young, Mr. Shortess usually served on or was at the head of committees promoting celebrations, the merchants' exhibit and other big events in Traer. He presided over many public meetings, and was a good impromptu speaker on most any occasion. He sold tickets to all entertainments in the Traer Opera House for nearly 40 years. During World war I he was chairman of the Red Cross drives and always put Tama county over the top. He was a leader in every movement for public improvements in Traer—the paving, sewerage system, library, park improvements, the municipal plant, etc. He was one of the earliest advocates of hard surfaced roads for Tama county, and did much effective personal work in the state general assembly and as a private citizen to lay the groundwork for the system of roads of which all Iowa is so proud today.

Mr. Shortess was one of the oldest active members of the Masonic fraternity in Iowa. He was a member 64 years, master of the Traer lodge from 1897 to 1902, and maintained his membership here until his death. He often attended special events in the Traer lodge after moving to Marshalltown. He had also been a member of the Knights Templar and Royal Arch Masons 60 years, and for many years was a member of Traer's Congregational church.

In Marshalltown, Mr. Shortess continued active until stricken by his last fatal illness. Since his son, Glenn, and family have been in Oklahoma, where Glenn has an important job at the Spartan Aircraft and the Spartan School of Aeronautics, two large enterprises managed by Capt. Max Balfour, former Traer boy, Mr. Shortess had made his home in the Stoddard hotel, and had been in charge of the Marshalltown office of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance company, which Glenn had represented there before the war. He has also continued practice as an optometrist. Marshalltown friends declared they could set their watches by the time Mr. Shortess reported at his office each morning. He was never late, not even on the morning of the fatal paralytic stroke. Soon after his arrival at the office he was stricken and fell from his chair. Other tenants in the office building soon found him, and rushed him to the hospital. He never regained consciousness.

Mr. and Mrs. Shortess were parents of two sons. The eldest son, Clifford Keith, died July 7, 1936. Mrs. Shortess, who like her husband was a willing worker and always a booster for Traer, was taken Aug. 24, 1929. Surviving with the son, Glenn, are two grandchildren, Robert Shortess, who is employed at the Spartan school at Miami, Okla., where British Army pilots are trained, and Mrs. Paulette Herwig, who is living with her parents at Tulsa, while her husband is in the armed forces.



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## “Memphis Belle”

In Technicolor

THE STORY OF A FLYING  
FORTRESS



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**FRUIT** ..... **10c**

**ALIFORNIA**  
**EMONS**  
per doz. .... **42c**

**ELI GLOBE**  
**NI** 5, Large Size  
3 lbs. for ..... **19c**

**EW POTATOES**  
Per peck ..... **69c**

**Monte**  
**LUMS**  
Per jar ..... **22c**  
12 POINTS

**NCY GARDEN**  
**LLS,**  
quart jar ..... **25c**

**WALTER RALEIGH**  
**BACCO,**  
1-lb. box ..... **75c**

**PUDDING MIX**  
**LUFTEX**  
3 lge. boxes ..... **25c**

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**AN FLAKES,**  
2 large boxes ..... **13c**

**MC'S BEST**  
**KL FLOUR**  
per box ..... **19c**

**LET SOAP**  
**EETHEART,**  
bars ..... **20c**

**RSHEY'S**  
**COA**  
-lb. box ..... **19c**

**YLER'S RICE DINNER**  
In One Package  
A Victory Dinner For 5  
Packages  
For ..... **25c**

**ANGE**  
**ICE**  
6-oz. can ..... **47c**

**G FOOD**  
**R-B-KUBES,**  
boxes ..... **25c**

**GE BOX**  
**OTHPICKS**  
or ..... **10c**

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**IA BEANS**  
lbs. .... **23c**  
2 POINTS PER LB.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 at the "Estate Home" in Marshalltown, conducted by Dr. F. F. Travis, pastor of the First Methodist church of Marshalltown. The body was brought Wednesday afternoon to a cemetery west of Vinton for burial beside Mrs. Shortess. Nearly twenty-five Traer Masons attended the service at the cemetery in a body, as well as a few other old friends from Traer. John Ames, past Iowa grand master, who was made a Mason by Mr. Shortess when the latter was serving as master of the Traer lodge many years ago, conducted the Masonic service at the grave. Casketbearers were Judge B. F. Thomas, K. P. Moore, John Steffen, John L. Thomas and R. J. Smith, all of Traer, and Nate Hicks, of Marshalltown. Four Marshalltown Masons, including J. R. Sexton, master of the lodge, and several from Vinton participated in the Masonic service with the Traer lodge.

Fremont Earl Shortess was born Sept. 26, 1858, near Sparta, Morrow county, O., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Thackery Shortess. The family came west to Iowa in the fall of 1864, settling on a farm near Vinton. During the first two years a log cabin was the family home. Mr. Shortess attended Tilford Academy at Vinton in his youth. In 1875 he started to learn the watch and jewelry repair business in Vinton. In 1879 he went to Reinbeck and opened a jewelry store, but early in 1881 returned to Vinton and entered a partnership with the jeweler who had taught him the trade. The firm name was Mount & Shortess.

He was married Sept. 6, 1881, to Elizabeth Keith, of Vinton. They came to Traer early in 1888, Mr. Shortess buying the Pierce jewelry store. From Feb. 21, 1888, to Apr. 3, 1930, when he sold to Theo. Moeller, he conducted what was known far and wide as "Iowa's greatest small town jewelry store". He carried a stock of goods which would have been a credit to many large city establishments. It drew patronage from a wide area. During all of his years of business in Traer, Mr. Shortess found time for extraordinary public service. He was mayor of Traer seven years, three (See SHORTESS, Page Eight)

## 2 New Divorce Suits Are Filed in Court

### Bank Starts Foreclosure Suit on Gladbrook Property

The city of Tama furnishes two new divorce suits started in district court in Toledo this week.

Grace Noe is asking to be freed from Roland Edward Noe on the usual grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. The couple were married at Tama June 18, 1944, and lived happily together less than two months, separating Aug. 6. Mrs. Noe has a minor son, Walter Lynn Swenson, 5, by a former marriage, and the defendant had a minor son, Edward Duane Noe, 4, by a former marriage. Mrs. Noe's petition states that she is to become a mother again, and on account

## Wounded Slightly In France Battle

Mr. and Mrs. William Leuders received a telegram from the War department Wednesday stating their son, Pfc. Harold Leuders, had been slightly wounded in action in France. No particulars are yet known.

Harold, who has been in the infantry, entered service Nov. 12, 1941, receiving his training at Camp Polk, La., Camp Pickett, Va., and Indiantown Gap, Pa. He has been overseas since the latter part of last September.

## Rhoda Sears Bride Of Keith Wilkinson Friday in Geneseo

Miss Rhoda Sears, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sears, of Geneseo, and Pvt. Keith Wilkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilkinson, of Cedar Falls, Geneseo residents many years, were united in marriage Friday night at the home of the bride's parents.

The Rev. R. E. Hodgkin, Geneseo pastor, read the double ring ceremony in the presence of the immediate families.

The home was decorated in blue and white and garden flowers. The attendants were Elizabeth Gravatt, of Traer, and Art Sears, brother of the bride. The wedding march was played by



MRS. KEITH WILKINSON

Margaret Farnham, of Traer. Dorothy Sears, sister of the bride, sang "A Rose to Be Remembered."

The bride wore a two-piece blue rayon gabardine street length dress with white trim, and her attendant was gowned in a melon colored two-piece dress. Each had corsages of blue and white sweetpeas. Mrs. Sears wore a biege silk dress, and Mrs. Wilkinson wore navy silk.

Keith was graduated from Geneseo high school in 1939, and Rhoda is a member of the class of 1941.

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The total ... \$39,571.41 ... expenditures ... school, and ... the school ... and interest ... Traer scho ... \$10,000 per ... The salu ... and teacher ... taled \$27.96 ... it is estim ... The janitor ... from \$1,57 ... and nearly ... more than ... The scho ... school year ... balance on ... tax furnis ... apportionm ... There was ... the genera ... school year ... The tow ... budget for ... \$14,976 to b ... ago an eve ... the increa ... the Traer ... owned bui ... fore receiv ... The tax wi ... pairs to t ... not often ... purpose fo ... in mighty ... erings sever ... Traer's ... good condi ... terworks ... and the t ... sewage di ... levying ab ... the sewer ... rental tax ... bills each ... cent of th ... frays the ... al plant.

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**TO TELL**  
The W ... Tranquill ... Frank C. ... this Fri ... missionar ... ledo Presb ... guests. I ... the last ... Puerto I ... member

**The Churches**

**United Presbyterian**  
W. A. Thompson, Pastor  
Regular services and the Sabbath program will be discontinued the month of August. Pastor on Sabbath, Sept. 3, at usual time. Young People's meeting held during August as usual at 8 o'clock.

**Wesleyan Congregational**  
B. T. Schwab, Pastor  
Regular schedule of services will be held in this church next Sunday. Morning worship at 10 o'clock. School at 11 o'clock. Fellowship at 6:30 p. m.

**Methodist**  
O. Oliver Jensen, Pastor  
School, 10 a. m.  
Worship, 11 a. m.  
Fellowship, 7 p. m.  
As has been a small increase in attendance at the Youth Fellowships each week, but we need more people. Phyllis Romick will give the lesson next Sunday evening.

Meet at the church  
from 7 to 8.

**Catholic**  
Joseph N. Schemmel, Pastor  
Blessing church at 8 a. m. daily; Traer church at 9:30 a. m.

**Local Calendar**

Crochet club picnic in Taylor  
23rd annual picnic and reception  
the Wilson clan at Taylor  
Traer. Dinner served at 12  
noon.

Friendship club; Taylor  
p. m. Bring own buns and  
or weiner roast. Club will  
rest.

**THANKS**  
I am grateful to the many relatives  
and friends who remembered me  
with letters and flowers sent to  
me while I was confined in St. Francis  
Hospital, Waterloo, and for every  
kindness shown to me. —Mrs. Joe Rund, Clutier. 1\*

**THANKS**  
I extend my sincere thanks to  
relatives and friends for the  
letters, gifts and flowers I received  
while in the hospital and since  
I returned home. —Mrs. Carl Sievers. 1\*

**THANKS**  
I thank my many friends  
for letters and gifts I received  
while in Mercy Hospital.  
Sincerely,  
Ed Novak. 33-1

**Shortess**

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times elected and once appointed to  
fill a vacancy. While he was mayor  
Traer established its municipal elec-  
tric light and power and steam heat-  
ing plant. Mr. Shortess took keen  
interest in the plant, and gave much  
personal time to the planning and  
management of it for years. Earlier  
he had served six years on the town  
council.

In 1914 Mr. Shortess was elected as  
Tama county's representative in the  
lower house of the state general as-  
sembly, and served two terms. Dur-  
ing his second term he was a candi-  
date for speaker of the house, and  
was defeated by a narrow majority.  
In 1918 he was a candidate for the  
state senate to represent the Tama-  
Benton district. He carried Tama  
county, but lost Benton by a margin  
which elected his Democratic oppo-  
nent from Benton county.

Mr. Shortess took a keen interest in  
politics throughout his life, and Gov-  
ernor Tom Dewey, present Republican  
candidate for president, certainly lost  
a vote next November by the passing  
of Mr. Shortess.

In 1931, Mr. Shortess was appointed  
to the Traer water and light commis-  
sion to succeed L. H. McComas, and  
served continuously until he left  
Traer Jan. 1, 1937.

With the sale of his jewelry busi-  
ness in 1930, Mr. Shortess reserved an  
office room in his store where he con-  
tinued practicing his profession of op-  
tometrist, and was manager of the  
Tama County Investment company,  
until January 1, 1937, when the com-  
pany sold its business to H. Q. Everts.

Before leaving Traer for Marshall-  
town in 1937, Mr. Shortess was hon-  
ored at a banquet given jointly by the  
Traer Commercial club and the Lions  
club, arranged in appreciation of a  
man who had given unselfishly of his  
time, energy and his money for more  
than 48 years to advance the interests  
of Traer and to make it a better place  
to live, one who had always been will-  
ing to aid any worthwhile project,  
whether or not any personal gain was  
involved. That farewell dinner was  
an honor few business men in Traer's  
history have ever received. Fifty-five  
business and professional men attend-  
ed. E. E. Taylor, editor of the Star-  
Clipper, oldest Traer business man  
and intimate friend of Mr. Shortess  
from the early years of the town, was  
toastmaster. Speakers included John  
Ames, T. F. Stoakes, Dr. A. A. Crabbe,  
A. J. Norton and Dr. P. L. Parsons,  
who told of Mr. Shortess' many and  
varied contributions to the Traer com-  
munity. D. H. Hyland presented Mr.  
Shortess with a gift from his business  
associates in appreciation of his ser-  
vice to Traer. Mr. Shortess responded  
fittingly.

long after he was not so young, Mr.

William... now a chief petty  
officer in the Navy. He is at sea  
now. His wife and daughter are living  
with the former's parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. C. D. Buis, in Traer.

**PIANO TUNING**  
Arthur Ericson will again be in  
Traer Aug. 25. Tuning \$3.50 Leave  
names and directions at the Star-Clip-  
per office. 33-1

Donald M. Soule,  
Mrs. W. E. Soule, has  
from storekeeper first  
storekeeper in the Na

**TRAER THEATRE**

FRIDAY, SAT., SUN.  
Aug. 18, 19, 20



With  
S. Z. SAKALL • Directed by David Butler  
Screen Play by Sam Hellacen, Richard Weil,  
Francis Swann and James Kern  
Based on Original Story by Richard Weil

**STAMPS BUY! BONDS** On Sale  
in Lobby

TUES., WED., THURS.  
Aug. 22, 23, 24



**Musca**



GO  
Tall Tumblers,  
Large Dinner P  
Large Coffee C  
Standard Size T  
Good Quality W  
Small Cream P  
Pie Plates, 4-in

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Requires no sug  
licious cake,  
Devils Food Mix  
One pound .....

MIRACLE WHI  
per jar .....  
MIRACLE WHI  
per jar .....  
TALLY-HO DR  
pint .....  
NEW CROP ST  
6-lb. jar .....  
DRIED PEACH  
1 pound .....  
PRUNES, Extra  
1 pound .....  
PURE SORGHU

# Of City Budget

The city council Monday night voted to adopt the city budget for 1945 and instructed the city clerk to certify the estimates of expenditures for the next year to the county auditor. The budget for 1945 totals \$282,263, compared with the expenditures of \$181,444 for 1943-44.

Action came after objections were called for and none were forthcoming. No written objections were filed at the office of the city clerk and when oral objections were made at the council session so one responded.

## AMEND MILK ORDINANCE.

An ordinance amending the city milk ordinance was adopted by the council during the course of the meeting. The amendment provided for the addition of a provision that no raw milk is to be sold or distributed by any producer for consumption unless sold first to a distributor for the purpose of pasteurization.

The ordinance, it was stated, was for the protection and safety of the public.

The rules were suspended and the ordinance passed to the second and third reading and finally adopted to become effective on publication.

## BOW OVER LICENSE.

There was some argument when an application for the transfer of a class B beer permit from Clifford Hayne to A. I. Sinkler and Pearl Sinkler, at Cliff's Inn, 1012 Doty street, was asked.

It was explained that Hayne had sold his place of business to the Sinklers with the transfer to be made Tuesday. Owners moved that the application be approved but Carter said it had been the custom where the applicants were not personally known to the council to have the police make an investigation and report before a permit was issued and he thought the custom should be followed. He offered an amendment to the Owens' motion to have the police check up on the application and report to the council.

Owens and the city solicitor then explained that the transfer of the property was dependent on the transfer of the license and immediate action was desired. Owens declared the law had given him the right to pass on license applications and also the right to revoke them and he did not see any reason for police inquiry.

## WOULD BE DELAY.

If the matter was referred to the police, he said, there would be a delay as the chief is away on a vacation. Then it was suggested that the mayor conduct the investigation but here was a new difficulty as the mayor was leaving Monday night with some of the members of the council to attend the annual meeting of the Iowa League of Municipalities at Des Moines. The mayor, however, agreed to undertake an investigation, with the assistance of the city attorney, before he left the city and the council voted the license transfer on condition that it have the approval of the mayor. A permit to sell cigars was also voted the Sinklers and renewal of a class B beer permit to the Royal Order of Moose club, at 29 1/2 North First avenue, was also voted.

## Nazis Paint Red Cross On Armored Cars, Report

New York, N. Y. — (AP) — A Canadian broadcasting corporation reporter said Monday that the Germans had painted the red cross on armored cars, tank vehicles, self-propelled guns and other transport in their retreat in France.

The judge's verdict in the national law was reported in a NBC broadcast, quoting Correspondent Bill Hoffman.

parted Monday by the city police department, and officers said only one intention to arrest was listed on the blotter.

Charles Titus, Melbourne, who was arrested Saturday for drunkenness, was fined \$10 and costs Monday by Municipal Judge Ray P. Scott. Titus paid the fine.

A. Von Terch, city, was ticketed by officers Saturday on two counts, double parking and leaving the motor of his car running unattended. Ticketed for parking his auto too far from a curb Saturday, J. H. McCubbin, 108 North First street, was assessed court costs Monday by Judge Scott and paid his fine.

A fine of \$5 and costs was assessed James Anderson, route 1, after he was arrested by police Sunday on a charge of speeding. Milo Fisher, city, was charged with speeding over the weekend, according to information which was signed by highway patrolmen and which was on file Monday in the offices of municipal court.

James MacDonald, Eldora, was fined \$5 and costs by Judge Scott Monday after he was arrested by Deputy Sheriff W. L. Boswell over the weekend on a speeding charge. He paid the fine.

# Former Tama Legislator Dies

Fremont Earl Shortess, 86, former Tama county legislator, who lived at the Stoddard hotel, died at the Deaconess hospital at 7:45 p. m. Sunday. He suffered a stroke while in his office Friday morning.

Mr. Shortess was born Sept. 26, 1858, near Sparta, Morrow county, Ohio, a son of Stephen Thackeray and Typhena Tinkham Shortess. The family moved to Iowa in the fall of 1864 settling on a farm near Vinton where they lived for two years in a log cabin. On Sept. 6, 1881, he married Miss Elizabeth Kieth. To this union were born two sons, Glenn F. Shortess of Tulsa, Okla., and Clifford Kieth Shortess who died July 7, 1936, in California. Mrs. Shortess died Aug. 24, 1929.

In 1875, Mr. Shortess started learning the watch and jewelry repair business and in 1879 went to Reinbeck and started a jewelry store. Early in 1881, Mr. Shortess returned to Vinton and went into partnership with the jeweler whom he learned the trade with under the firm name of Mount & Shortess. In 1888, he moved to Traer where he opened a jewelry and optical business until his retirement in 1937 when he moved to Marshalltown. While living in Traer, Mr. Shortess served two terms in the Iowa general assembly as representative from Tama county, 1915 to 1917.

Mr. Shortess was a member of Hesperia lodge No. 340, A. F. & A. M., of Traer and was the oldest past master of that lodge, having been a member for 64 years; a member of Signet chapter No. 38, R. A. M., King Solomon Council No. 20 R. & S. M. and St. Aldemar Commandery No. 30 K. T. He was a member of the Royal Arch Masons for the past 60 years and served 60 years as a Knight Templar.

In addition to the son, he is survived by two grandchildren, Robert M. Shortess, who is employed by the Spartan Aircraft company, British training school,

## PREPARE FOR OFFICE EMPLOYMENT

Barbara Cooper of Traer, received her business training at C. I. H. C. She is now employed at the Central Iowa Storage Co. You should prepare for Post-Office Employment. Full Term September 15th - CENTRAL IOWA

# Local Outfits

Three Marshalltown truck lines, the Ben Freight Line, the Ben Truck Line, Inc., and the Flower Truck Line, were under full government operation Monday as the result of a conference in Minneapolis, Minn., Sunday attended by local representatives of the strike-bound outfits.

Under the government operation program, wage scales ordered by the W. L. B. become effective and retroactive pay is due from operating revenues, according to press dispatches. Average weekly wages which have been from \$53 to \$55 will rise approximately \$6 it was said.

## SCHEDULES RESUMED.

Representatives of the Marshalltown lines said Monday full over-the-road schedules were being effected and that city service was being resumed as usual.

A threat of some local trouble in terminal cities might still interrupt service, one official said, although nothing had developed yet Monday.

The three Marshalltown firms affected are those which had failed previously to abide by the W. L. B. wage adjustment program. Until midweek the companies were all at a standstill, not thru local strikes, but thru tie-up in traffic because of terminal strikes.

## BACK AT WORK.

However on Thursday not only over-the-road employes of the Heuer lines, but city drivers and shop workers as well, quit work and did not return until late Saturday morning when government operation became semi-officially effective.

Under the present program of operations the office of defense transportation will be in charge of midwestern trucking insofar as it was affected by the firms involved.

Miami, Okla., and Mrs. Paulette Herwig of Tulsa, Okla. He was a member of the Congregational church of Traer.

## Vic Bredimus' Relative Killed In Air Crash

Word was received here Monday by Mr. and Mrs. Vic Bredimus, 610 1/2 West State street, that Lance Hull, Jr., son of Mr. Bredimus' niece, who had visited here a number of times and whose father, Lance Hull, formerly lived near Marshalltown, was killed in a training plane crash at Grand Forks, N. D.

The air cadet met his death on Aug. 7, his 24th birthday. According to the letter from the youth's mother, Mrs. Lance Hull of Denver, Col., the cadet was buried with military honors in Denver.

# For By De Gaulle

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force — (AP) — Gen. Charles de Gaulle's French committee of national liberation issued a call Monday for a national uprising in France.

"The duty of every Frenchman has been outlined in the appeal of de Gaulle for the people of France," a statement said.

"There is not one Frenchman who does not feel and who does not know that it is his simple and sacred duty to take part immediately in the supreme war effort of his country."

"In the field, in the factory, in the workshop, in the office, in the street—whether he be under arrest, deported or a prisoner of war—each Frenchman can harm the enemy or prepare that which harms him."

## Navy Recruiter Here For Three Days

In Marshalltown to enlist badly need a workers for naval establishments of the nation, Fred M. Shaw, navy recruiting representative, who arrived here Monday for a three-day drive, followed up a navy sound truck which was in the city on Saturday, sent out from the Hastings naval ammunition depot to give information on navy supply centers and depots.

"Rough carpenters are particularly needed as box makers at the Clearfield, Utah, naval supply depot," Mr. Shaw, who is at the U. S. Employment service office in the Woodbury building, said Monday.

"Welders, ship fitters, electricians and machinists also fall in the category of much-needed help at all shipyards," he declared.

No age limit has been placed on workers, he said, but men must be

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Adams, 1130 West Church street, are the parents of a son born at 4:35 p. m. Saturday at St. Thomas Mercy hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Withness, 1217 Fremont street, are the parents of a daughter born at 1:03 a. m. Saturday at St. Thomas Mercy hospital.

Glasses, Yonotic eye training, Dr. Leslie O. D., 3 1/2 West Main.

## Britain And U. S. In Accord On Security

Washington, D. C. — (AP) — Secretary of State Hull disclosed Monday that Russia and China as well as Britain have been fully apprised of American plans for a postwar world security organization.

The British and the United States are in substantial accord in the main lines of the proposed organization. Hull said the Russians within the last two days had sent a memorandum on their own security ideas but he had not had time to study it thoroughly enough for comment.

The security talks will begin at Dumbarton Oaks here next Monday.

## Cell Postwar Aviation

## Agreement With Reds

Washington, D. C. — (AP) — Secretary of State Hull announced Monday that a preliminary understanding has been reached with Russia on postwar civil aviation. Hull's announcement said both sides favor establishment of an international authority for civil aviation, with consultative and technical functions.

The agreement was reached after conferences with the Russian ambassador during June and July.

Hull emphasized that the consultations were preliminary and exploratory, and that "no commitments were made on either side."

## Disease Deaths Cut By Army's Medical Men

Washington, D. C. — (AP) — Disease is being beaten in this war by the army's medical men. The war department in a summary of accomplishments in investigation and control of influenza and other epidemic diseases, stated that at the present time, the death rate from disease in the army is not only lower than it was in the world war but lower than was in any of the last ten peacetime years.

Recent figures indicate that only ten thousand of an approximate total of 50,000 deaths from disease, including battle casualties and accidents, were the result of disease.

## Wac Recruiter Here To Make Two-Week Course

Pl. Catherine Bartlett, commander of the Wac sub-station in Houston, Texas, where she will attend the adjutant general's recruiting school for about two weeks. She expects to return to the city the first week of September and during her absence information on the women's army corps will be obtained by interested sons at the "W" community building. The Wac office will remain open during the recruiter's absence.

## Three Cubs Added To Piederhauser Fleet

Three airplanes, all Piper Cubs, were flown here from Columbia, Mo., Monday to be added to the fleet of craft at the local airport, was reported by the adjutant general's office. Piederhauser always officials, Harry Piederhauser, manager and part-

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9. Place of his or her burial
10. Father's full name
11. Born where and when
12. Occupation of his or her father
13. His or her mother's full name
14. Born when and where
15. Parent's residence at time of their marriage
16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family

CHILDREN OF *Thomas S. Barber* AND *Elizabeth Maile Barber*

NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE	MARRIED TO WHOM	WHERE	DATE
<i>Clara Keil Barber</i>	<i>Windsor</i>	<i>7/3/82</i>			<i>Ray Maile</i>	<i>Windsor</i>	<i>9/7/1904</i>
<i>Blanche F. Barber</i>	<i>Windsor</i>	<i>7/22/83</i>					

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NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE	MARRIED TO WHOM	WHERE	DATE

SIGNATURE

*T. S. Barber*

DATE *Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1914*

Traer established its municipal electric light and power and steam heating plant. Mr. Shortess took keen interest in the plant, and gave much personal time to the planning and management of it for years. Earlier he had served six years on the town council.

Mr. Shortess was very active in Republican party affairs. In 1914 he was elected as Tama county's representative in the lower house of the state general assembly and served two terms. During his second term he was a candidate for speaker of the house, and was defeated by a narrow majority.

During World War I he was chairman of the Red Cross drives and always put Tama county over the top. He was a leader in every movement for public improvements, paving, sewerage system, library, park improvements, the municipal plant, etc. He was one of the earliest advocates of hard surfaced roads for Tama county and did much effective personal work in the state general assembly and as a private citizen to lay the groundwork for the system of roads of which all Iowa is so proud today.

Mr. Shortess was one of the oldest active members of the Masonic fraternity in Iowa, being a member 64 years. He was a member of Traer's Congregational Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Shortess were the parents of two children, Clifford Keith who died July 7, 1936, and Glen who is employed by the Spartan School of Aeronautics at Miami, Oklahoma.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable F. E. Shortess, the state has lost a valued and honorable 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.*

LAWRENCE PUTNEY,  
HARRY E. WEICHMAN,  
H. R. FREI, JR.,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted,

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WARD B. SMITH

**MR. SPEAKER:** Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the Honorable Ward B. Smith, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Ward B. Smith was born in Old Bradford, near Nashua, Iowa, March 20, 1858. He was the son of Leander and Eliza Smith, one of the pioneer families who helped in the building of the Little Brown Church in the Vale, being very active members.

Mr. Smith received his education at the Bradford Academy and as a young man taught school for a few terms, later representing a harvester company.



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Members:	F E Shortess	

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