

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Arney, Wallace H. Senator Arney,
Wallace H. - Represented Marshall County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 2 Apr 1862 Iowa Township, Marshall County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Almira Jane Kerr 1881
② Ruth Binford Buck 4 Aug 1917

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the Albion Bank, Albion, Iowa many years, an organizer
of four Savings Banks of Marshalltown; first vice-president of the Iowa Savings Bank

B. Civic responsibilities Rotary

C. Profession Banker; farmer; teacher; livestock feeder

4. Church membership Church of Christ

5. Sessions served 32nd 33rd General Assembly 1907, 1909 House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 35th, 36th, 37th General Assembly 1913, 1915, 1917 - Senate

A. Local Constable; assessor; township trustee

B. State Candidate for the Republican nomination for Lieutenant Governor
1916 and 1920, was unsuccessful

C. National _____

7. Death 19 Feb 1941 Marshalltown, Iowa; buried Riverside Cemetery Marshalltown, Iowa

8. Children H. G.; J. L.; Binford; Richard

9. Names of parents Ira R. and Sarah (Beeson) Arney

10. Education Educated at the Albion Seminary, Albion,
Iowa

11. Degrees Attended college at Oskaloosa, Iowa

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He taught school at Dillon, Iowa in Keenina Township,
Marshall County, Iowa and in Grundy County, Iowa
- He retired from banking in 1932
- He farmed in Taylor Township before his banking career
- His first wife, Cornelia Jane, died 16 Sept 1915, buried in
Riverside Cemetery, Marshalltown, Iowa
- His second wife, Ruth Linford, born 15 Oct 1884, died 22 Feb 1983,
buried in Riverside Cemetery, Marshalltown, Iowa



Wallace Arney, Former Senator and Banker Dies

Death Comes Wednesday After Long Illness Of Heart Disease

Wallace H. Arney, retired banker of Marshalltown and Albion and former legislator from Marshall county, died at 3:50 Wednesday afternoon in the Deaconess hospital after a long illness. Mr. Arney had been in failing health for two years and frequently was a hospital patient for treatment of a heart ailment, but returned to the hospital for the last time just a day before his death. He was nearly 79 years old.

Senator Arney served 12 years in the Iowa general assembly, representing Marshall county. He was a member of the lower house from 1906 to 1910 and then served in the senate from this county from 1912 to 1920. Known as an able legislator, he twice was a candidate for the republican nomination for lieutenant governor in 1916 and 1920.

He was president pro tem of the Iowa senate in 1917-19, served on the committees on agriculture in both houses and was chairman of the committee on educational institutions in the senate.

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RETIRED BANKER DIES—Senator W. H. Arney, above, retired banker and former legislator from Marshall county, died Wednesday afternoon at the Deaconess hospital after a long illness.

Union County Gives Approval To Food Stamps

Union county, where the food stamp plan has been in effect for several months, gives its unqualified approval to the basic principle of the plan, but L. M. Randolph, secretary of the Creston chamber of commerce, believes that the requirements of stamp purchase as they affect old age pensioners could be lowered.

He points out that the amount of food consumed by relief families in Union county has been increased as a result of the adoption of the food stamp plan, and expresses the opinion that if the stamp requirements for old age pensioners were lowered, the food consumption in the county would be increased even more.

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He was one of the organizers and first president of the Marshalltown Rotary club.

Mr. Arney was born on a farm in Iowa township, Marshall county, April 2, 1862. His father, Ira R. Arney, was a pioneer farmer of the north part of this county and his mother was Sarah Beeson Arney, a sister of Gen. B. A. Beeson, civil war hero. He received his early education in the old Albion Seminary, attended college at Oskaloosa and later taught school at Dillon, in Vienna township and in Grundy county before returning to farming.

MARRIED TWICE.

Twice married, his first wife was Miss Almira Jane Kerr, whom he married in 1881. She died in 1915 and he married Ruth Binford Buck Aug. 4, 1917. Besides his widow he is survived by four sons, two brothers, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

The sons are K. G. and I. R. Arney, prominent Taylor township farmers, Binford Arney, an attorney of Austin, Texas, and Richard, with the Hormel Packing company in Austin, Minn. The brothers are C. E. Arney of Boise, Idaho, and Harry of Dayton, Ohio.

The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock Saturday morning at the Estel funeral home in charge of Rev. P. G. Dennis. Burial will be in Riverside.

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FULL CO-OPERATION.

Mr. Randolph said there was full co-operation from all of the organizations in the county, including the board of supervisors, the bankers, the ministers, the grocers, the service clubs and others. However, he said, it was necessary to send a representative to Washington to sell the department of agriculture on the advisability of allotting the plan to Union county. The department's approval was finally given, and on Nov. 1, 1940, the plan was put to work. The county board provided a revolving fund of \$6,000, headquarters offices and pays an office manager \$90 a month to administer the plan.

STAMP USE INCREASES.
During December 1,011 families were eligible to use the stamp plan and about 43 percent of them bought stamps to the total amount of \$4,512 in orange stamps and were given \$2,256 in blue stamps. The second month of operation showed a gain of 33 clients and a proportional increase in stamp sales and food consumption.

Thus far, the Creston commerce secretary says there has been no word of complaint from any of the sponsoring organizations nor from users of the stamps. The county supervisors still retain complete control of the relief situation and the relief load of the county has not been increased as a result of the adoption of the stamp plan.

Mr. Randolph's analysis came to Oliver S. Reilly, manager of the Greater Marshalltown Association in response to questionnaires sent

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NOTES AND COMMENT

Wallace H. Arney, a retired banker of Marshalltown, Iowa, died on February 19, 1941. He represented Marshall County in the Iowa House of Representatives during the years 1907-1910 and was a member of the State Senate for 1913 to 1920, being president *pro tem* of the Senate in 1917 and 1919. Mr. Arney was born on a farm in Marshall County on April 2, 1862. He attended the Albion Seminary and went to college at Oskaloosa, later teaching school and farming until he became a banker at Albion and later at Marshalltown.

Frank E. Ellis, State Senator from 1936 to 1940, and founder of the Frank Ellis museum of archeology and anthropology at Maquoketa, died on February 6, 1941, at Maquoketa. Mr. Ellis was born near Hurstville in Jackson County on March 12, 1879. His business was insurance and real estate but he was also interested in archeology, geology, and anthropology, and was instrumental in having the cave region along the Maquoketa River made a State park. He was active in community affairs and was one of the promoters of the Jackson County centennial celebration in August, 1938.

George Titus Baker, a mayor of Davenport from 1898 to 1900 and a member of the State Board of Education since its organization in 1909, died on December 13, 1940. He was born in Iowa County on July 9, 1857. Educated at Hall's School for Boys at Ellington, Connecticut, McClain's Iowa City Academy, the State University of Iowa, and Cornell University, Mr. Baker began his engineering work at Davenport in the service of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad. From 1889 to 1892 he served as chief engineer of the high bridges at Muscatine, Clinton, and Winona, Minnesota. Later he engaged in construction work. He was a member of the Iowa House of Representatives from 1896 to 1898.

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In 1927, Rotarians who contributed \$5,000 became the leaders in raising \$125,000 toward the funding of the half million dollar Hotel Tallcorn. Rotary held their weekly luncheon meetings in the Tallcorn for the next 60 years.

In the mid 1920s, Rotary gave Lawrence Jones, a black educator who graduated from Marshalltown High School in 1903 and the University of Iowa in 1907, \$1,000 for the development of Piney Woods School which Jones established in 1909. That gift later gained the local club national attention both in the Rotarian and Reader's Digest.

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vides low interest loans for Marshalltown High School graduates attending Iowa colleges or universities. Local members also generously support the Rotary International Foundation which maintains charitable and educational programs throughout the world and a Marshalltown Rotary Foundation specifically to offer grants to worthy Marshalltown High School graduates pursuing higher education.

Marshalltown Rotary inducted its first female members in 1987 when Pauline Hartman, Julia Messersmith, Martha Ellen Tye and Dr. Beverly Nelson became Rotarians. That same year the club voted to hold its luncheon meetings at Elmwood Country Club. Active membership now totals about 200. Three charter members have descendants active in Rotary at present: Jasper Fisher's daughter, Martha Ellen Tye; Charlie St. Clair's grandson, Robert McGregor; and Ross Apgar's son, Pat and grandson, Tom. There have been three father-son presidencies: Kenneth and Lee Brintnall, Paul and David Norris, and ex-President Greg Brown's father, Walter and grandfather, Ralph McCague were also presidents.

Submitted by Dorothy Apgar

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After the war, a speech club was organized at the YMCA. It remained an independent club for 10 years before the members decided to join Toastmasters International. On May 12, 1953, the charter was presented to Don Trowbridge with 20 members signing it. The original name was the Marshalltown YMCA Toastmasters Club. In 1973 the name was changed to the Marshalltown Toastmasters Club. The club was so popular that there was a waiting list for memberships, as membership was limited to 40 members.

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For several years the club has kept two miles of Highway 30 cleaned of debris as a community project. The club members also answer questions about speaking, give demonstrations, appear on KDAO-

TV, write articles and serve as judges at speech contests.

Several honors have been bestowed on the Marshalltown club and its members. In 1990, Marshalltown Toastmasters Club was named as one of the 10 top clubs in District 19, which represents the state of Iowa. In 1970, Les Dahms was named Toastmaster of the Year, and Kay Hockett received this title in 1989. Ed Parker, Area 44 Governor was named Governor of the Year in 1995, and he also won the Humorous Speech Contest in 1995. Kay Hockett, as a club specialist, earned the "Phoenix Award" for the club's banner.

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