

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Ramsey, John McClelland Senator Ramsey, John McClelland - Represents Des Moines and Butler counties

1. Birthday and place 25 Feb 1870 Clarksville, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Sella Shefer 30 Sept 1893 Clarksville, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was a member of the Iowa Press Association and the National Editorial Association

B. Civic responsibilities Knights of Pythias; Odd Fellows, Clarksville  
Y.M.C.A. Club; Masons; and Grand Lodge

C. Profession Published of the Clarksville Star newspaper 40 years;  
accountant; printer; farmer; teacher

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 39<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1921 and 1923 - House of

6. Public Offices Representative; 41<sup>st</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> General Assemblies - 1925  
and 1927 - Senate

A. Local Township clerk many years; assessed for 10 years; Butler county  
treasurer for one term; Justice of the Peace in Clarksville from 1936

B. State He was assistant state game warden

C. National

7. Death 23 Feb 1944 Clarksville, Iowa; buried Lynnwood Cemetery, Clarksville, Iowa

8. Children Georgia Ethel (Mrs. Ray Jackson); Alice Laron (Mrs. Anderson);  
two sons died in infancy

9. Names of parents Charles Perry and Margaret Jane (Gabby) Ramsey

10. Education He was educated in the Clarksville Iowa school and Green Iowa  
High School graduating in 1888

11. Degrees He attended Cedar Rapids Business School, Cedar Rapids Iowa

12. Other applicable information Democrat until 1891, then Republican since 1892

- His parents came to Iowa in 1843 from Ohio where they acquired land near  
Clarksville Iowa. He grew up on the farm and had a practical knowledge  
of business which he learned while he worked as an accountant and was employed  
for several years in the clerical department of the Chicago Great Western and  
Rock Island Railroads

- His first lessons in the printing trade were acquired in the office of a  
Waterloo Iowa newspaper.

- For 20 years he was an employee of Edward Madigan, owner of the Clarksville  
Iowa newspaper. In 1909 he bought the paper from Mr. Madigan

- In 1889 he taught school for one term. He also studied commercial  
subjects and shorthand at Green, Iowa.

- He gave up his ownership of the Clarksville Star newspaper in 1933.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary -			<u>The Allison Tribune</u> , Allison, Iowa, Wed. March 1, 1944, p. 1, col. 1
- Iowa Official Register			1927-1928, p. 234
- Iowa Journal			1947, p. 1725-1726
- The People of Iowa			1931 Vol. B, p. 146-148
- Outline of Personal History			for the Historical Department of Iowa (originals located on the library clipping file #2)
- Portrait			The original photos located in the archives of the State of Iowa Historical Library, 600 E. Locust Des Moines, Iowa
- Obituary -			<u>The Clarksville Star</u> , 'Clarksville, Iowa Thurs. Feb 24, 1944, p. 5, col. 5 to end Thurs. Wed 2, 1944, p. 1, col. 5



were played and Valentines were exchanged. Our teacher gave each of us a candy heart.

We have sent Valentines to our friends and relatives in the service. Two were sent to Clarence Voigts in Italy and Hugh Ziert in Iran.

Steven Wilkins of Gainsville, Texas, sent a letter thanking us for the Valentines he received. His father is Private First Class Clarence Wilkins, who is stationed at Camp Howze, Texas.

The students wrote a Valentine book of poems which was sent to the county superintendent, Mattie Harms, who sent a "thank-you" poem and a box of treats in return.

We also received a letter from Clarence Voigts in Italy after sending him a Christmas box in October which he received December 28.  
Edith Green, teacher.

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# Where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

But the things they dream of coming back to are the little simple pleasures that mean home to all of us—like a home-cooked meal, a glass of beer with friends, a game of horseshoes in the backyard.

From where I sit, one of our most sacred obligations here at home is to keep these little things exactly as they remember them—to keep intact the world they're fighting for.

*Joe Marsh*

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formerly was secretary of the Iowa state bar association.

Mr. Brierly has been active in Republican circles for the past 10 years, and according to Mr. Burma, he has many friends throughout the state.

It is generally conceded that Butler county's "Hank" Burma and Robert Blue of Eagle Grove, will be the only two candidates in the 1944 primary race.

In his news letter, issued last Saturday, Lou Gardner, state Republican central committee publicity chairman, said, "Chance that there

## John M. Ramsey, Veteran Editor, Died Wednesday

John M. Ramsey, age 75, former publisher of the Clarksville Star, and former member of the Iowa state legislature, having served during three sessions, died last Wednesday afternoon following an illness of only a few hours.

A life-long resident of Butler county, Mr. Ramsey was born February 25, 1869, at Clarksville.

He was many years publisher of the Clarksville Star, and had served in a number of public offices. Besides having represented Butler and Bremer counties in the Iowa senate in the thirty-ninth, fortieth and forty-first general assemblies, he served as town clerk for many years, assessor for 10 years and Butler county treasurer one term. At the time of his death he was justice of the peace in Clarksville.

He was married to Della Shafer September 30, 1893, divorced at the time of his death. There are two daughters, Mrs. Gay Jackson of Clarksville and Mrs. Lavon Anderson of Des Moines, besides four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Two sons preceded the father in death.

will be four candidates for governor in the Republican primaries—a possibility voiced in this column weeks ago—is fading fast. With 17 days left for filing after this appears in print, there is less chance of developing additional candidates than at any time since the primary itch began to affect aspirants. Two men from the northern part of the state recently removed themselves from the list of possibilities. H. E. Narey of Spirit Lake, who was elected and served a short term in congress in 1942, has declared himself a candi-

ler county and Wright county. Reports have parts of the str the campaign, but that "Hank edge over the State column claim that as vote is conce have the edge, only started a himself seen a the 99 counties may write diff

## Eighteen New Books At Allison Library

Eighteen new books have been placed on the shelves of the Allison public library since January 1, according to information given by Mrs. Herbert Folkerts, librarian.

Adult books include "Here Is Your War," by Ernie Pyle; "Victoria Grandolet," by Henry Bellamann; "The Gay Illiterate," by Louella Parsons; "The Tharrus Three," by Catherine Maclean; "Burma Surgeon," by Gordon Seagrave; "Portrait of Jenny," by Robert Nathan; "The Promise," by Pearl S. Buck; "Dawn's Early Light," by Ellawyth Thane, and "Time of Peace," by Ben Ames Williams.

Books for youths of junior high school and high school age include: "To Meet Miss Long," by Joan Kahn; "Canyon of No Sunset," by Annette Turngren; "Call of the Mountain," by Cornelia Melgs; "Air Patrol," by Henry B. Lent; "Winterbound," by Margery Bianco; "On the Staked Plain," by Eric P. Kelly; "Inside the FBI," by John J. Floherty; "Son of the Smoky Sea," by Nutchuk and Hatch, and "Pegs of History," by Raffaello Busoni.

Mr. Ramsey was a member of the Presbyterian church, Odd Fellows lodge and Knights of Pythias lodge.

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# John Ramsey Died Suddenly

John M. Ramsey, well known Clarksville resident, died suddenly Wednesday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock. Mr. Ramsey became ill Wednesday morning and about 10:30 lapsed into a coma from which he failed to rouse.

Mr. Ramsey, a former editor of the Clarksville Star, was born in Butler county and had spent most of his life in this community.

While editor of the Star he took an active interest in Republican politics and served this county in the House of Representatives and also as State Senator from the Butler-Bremmer district.

He disposed of his interests in the Star in 1933 and since had served as Justice of the Peace for Butler township and did collection work.

A more complete obituary will be printed next week.

A potluck dinner honoring Keith Gates of New Hampton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gates, was held Thursday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Crawford. Keith will leave for the navy Thursday. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilder and daughters Marilyn and Harriett, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crawford and daughters Ruth and Marie Ann, and Mrs. Ernest Crawford of Allison; and Paul Fredricks of Ardale.

Seymour and Sherman Palmer spent Sunday in the James Leach home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Toll spent Sunday to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kramer,

band who is stationed somewhere in Africa.

Mrs. Fred Toll spent two days in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ed Kramer, of Maynard, and Sunday Mr. Toll accompanied her and they attended the wedding of their granddaughter which took place Sunday.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Grace L. Alexander to Mary V. Hickie, W. Deed, \$1.00, 1-6th interest in E 1/2 NW 1/4 and W 1/2 NE 1/4 of 35-92-16; E 22 acres of SE 1/4 NW 1/4 and W 10 acres of SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Sec. 30; and E 1 1/2 acres of west 5 acres of N 1/2 NE 1/4 of Sec. 29-92-15; also north 54 feet of lot 6, block 20, Clarksville.

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George Bergman, Beaver Twp.  
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Mrs. Arthur Lindall, Bennezzette Twp.

Viola Brockmann, Butler Twp.  
Ethel Conner, Butler Twp.  
Elsie Heine, Butler Twp.  
Arthur Heise, Butler Twp.  
F. L. Kemp, Butler Twp.  
Hugo Poppe, Butler Twp.  
Arnold Schmadeke, Butler Twp.  
Nettle Stevenson, Butler Twp.  
Sam Whiteside, Butler Twp.  
Mrs. Dell Curtis, Coldwater Twp.  
Chas. DeLong, Coldwater Twp.  
Mrs. Bert Hagarty, Coldwater Twp.  
Ethel Landers, Coldwater Twp.  
Mrs. Ed Merfeld, Coldwater Twp.  
Dwight Pooley, Coldwater Twp.  
Ernest Steere, Coldwater Twp.  
Charles Ackerman, Dayton Twp.  
Libbie Lovell, Dayton Twp.  
Burrough Needham, Dayton Twp.  
Robert Martin, Jackson Twp.  
Mary Neal Wedeking, Jackson Twp.  
Ada Burroughs, Jefferson Twp.  
John Wiarda, Madison Twp.  
Mrs. Roger Arends, Monroe Twp.  
Henry Eilers, Monroe Twp.  
Mrs. John Schoeneman, Monroe Twp.  
Mrs. Lloyd Faber, Pittsford Twp.  
John Johnson, Pittsford Twp.  
Mrs. Ray Jones, Pittsford Twp.  
Ebel Miller, Pittsford Twp.  
Mrs. F. W. Noelting, Pittsford Twp.  
F. C. Jacobs, Ripley Twp.  
Marie Mason, Shell Rock Twp.  
Ocea Wilson, Shell Rock Twp.  
Eno Harken, Washington Twp.  
Clara Alssen, West Point Twp.  
George Folkerts, West Point Twp.  
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Karl Koch, West Point Twp.

Four men were recently assessed a total of \$1,400 in fines by California judges. The men were arrested for hunting deer during closed season with jack lights and for possession of doe deer.

## Program Important

## J.M. Ramsey Funeral Services on Saturday

### Former Editor Of Star Died Suddenly

Funeral services for John M. Ramsey, who took suddenly ill last Wednesday morning and died that afternoon, were held Saturday from the Hammel & Martin funeral home with the Rev. Bernard Olson, pastor of the Community church, in charge. Interment was in Lynwood cemetery.

John McClelland Ramsey was born in a log house at Clarksville, Butler county, Iowa, on February 25, 1869, to Charles Perry and Margaret Jane Ramsey, the fifth child born to this union. He passed away at 4:30 p. m., February 23, 1944, of cerebral apoplexy and complications of bronchial pneumonia, having been ill only seven hours. Had he survived two more days he would have reached his 75th birthday. His eldest sister, Jeanette, Mrs. John Caskey, is the sole survivor of this immediate family, the other brothers, sisters, parents and one grandson, John James Jackson, having preceded him in death.

He was christened in the Presbyterian church in Clarksville by Rev. George Grabam.

He completed rural grade school and high school at Greene, the latter course completed in 1888. The next year he reviewed and completed 11th and 12th grade subjects at Clarksville high school. In 1889 he acquired a teachers certificate and taught school one term in his home country district. He then studied commercial subjects and shorthand at Greene.

In 1894 he was employed by Ed Madigan on The Clarksville Star and on Thanksgiving Day of 1908 he became its owner, editor and publisher, serving in these capacities until September 1933, at which time he sold the paper, completing a long association with the Star.

Besides his life's work in the Star office another interest near and dear to his heart was his political career which began for him when he was elected township clerk at 19 years of age, to be followed by appointment as assessor. Following this he was elected town recorder of Clarksville and for 10 years was assessor of Clarksville, and was elected for 5

men, blood plasma for the Army Navy, emergency supplies for armed forces and Chapter production supplies such as surgical dressings assistance to the disabled men; their families of this and past wars and assistance to U. S. prisoners of war. For men overseas in addition to the foregoing services, special welfare and recreational activities are provided.

In addition to the war activities the American Red Cross carries vital health, educational and social services at home.

Be prepared to do your part—to the American Red Cross.

### MRS. MINNETTA BURMA DIED IN TEXAS

Henry W. Burma received a telegram Thursday morning telling of death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Minnetta Burma, in the Scott and White hospital in Temple, Texas. Mrs. Burma was the wife of Henry's brother Dr. John Burma, who passed away four years ago.

Mrs. Burma had been in fair health for some time and in January underwent a major operation, since then had not regained her health. She is survived by one son, Dr. J. Harmon Burma, who is an instructor at Grinnell College, and also granddaughter, Susan Bea Burma.

She has visited in the Burma home in Allison several times and other Butler county friends and relatives.

### State Forest Nursery to Operate in

The State Conservation Commission has been assured of enough labor to operate the State Forest Nursery during the 1944 spring season. The nursery will supply trees to farmers for erosion control plantings in cooperation with the U. S. Forest Service under the provisions of the National Dorey and Clark-McNary Acts of Congress. A list of the species of trees available, prices and other blanks may be secured from the State Conservation Commission at Ames or from the various county extension directors.

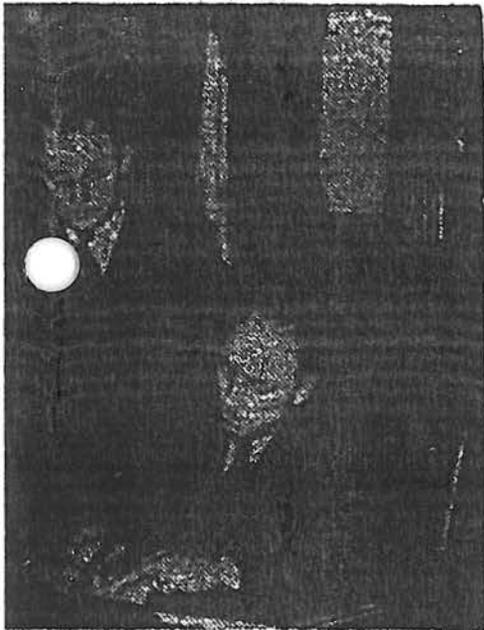
## School Election Will Be Held March 13

Two Directors To Be

Mrs. Ray Jones, Pittsford Twp.  
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 F. C. Jacobs, Ripley Twp.  
 Marie Mason, Shell Rock Twp.  
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Signs statement urging the saving of fat is Herbert C. Plagman, State

### WOMEN'S MESSAGE

Statement to call the attention of all citizens to household fats. Before the war we used fats from the Philippine Islands, and from the kitchens—a direct way of depriving the Allied Nations.

85,000 lbs. more fats than in December, however, the Federal authorities in 1940 lbs. In spite of this increase, we are still short of 65% of quota. When it becomes longer good for cooking, are in and in processing the new synthetic housekeepers will reach the goal

**R. B. HICKENLOOPER,**

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In 1920 he went to the legislature. He represented Butler county 4 years in the house of representatives and 4 years as senator from the counties of Butler and Bremer, where he proved himself an honest and intelligent representative of his constituents, having served on important committees in every session of the General Assembly. He also served two extra sessions in each house and was proof reader on the revision of the Code of Iowa, which legal knowledge he retained and used in various capacities the remainder of his life.

On September 30, 1893, John McClelland Ramsey was united in marriage to Della Shafer at Clarksville, to which union were born four children, two sons dying in infancy, and surviving him are two daughters, Georgia Edna, now Mrs. Gay Jackson, and Alice LaVon, now Mrs. R. E. Anderson, together with 3 grandsons, 1 granddaughter and one great granddaughter.

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## School Election Will Be Held March 13

### Two Directors To Be Elected

The annual election of the Clarksville Independent School District will be held on Monday, March 13th, at which time two directors and a treasurer will be named. Directors whose terms expire this month are F. G. Kocher and Dr. Harry Lodge. Carl Kessler, the present treasurer of the district, has been heard and no names for the position have been filed with the secretary until Wednesday of this week.

### Town Election

The biennial election of the Incorporated Town of Clarksville will be held the fourth Monday of this month, March 27th. A mayor, five councilmen, treasurer and assessor are to be elected.

Present town officials are: Knoche, mayor; George Vance, Moore, F. L. Kemp and George H. councilmen; Carl Kessler, treasurer and Walter Best, assessor.

One vacancy exists on the council at the present time and a second will exist before the election if the moving from the community R. J. Moore.

Outline of Personal History of

*John Ramsey*  
RESIDENCE Clarksville, Iowa

Kindly furnish on this sheet the necessary data for a personal sketch and return at your early convenience. Every question is important.

EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR  
The Historical Department of Iowa  
DES MOINES, IOWA

(This form is for use in collecting data on deceased as well as living persons. Appropriate alterations may be made in matter below.)

1. What is your name in full? John McClenethan Ramsey
2. What is your present profession or occupation? Editor and Publisher
3. Where and when did you begin? Clarksville, 1892, as "devil" in Clarksville Star office for Ed Madigan, Publisher
4. What other occupation have you followed; where and when? Farming. In Butler county, Iowa, until 1892. Farmed years of 1894 and 1900 for myself near Clarksville
5. What is your residence address? Clarksville, Iowa
6. What is your business address? Clarksville, Iowa
7. What is the date and the place of your birth? February 25, 1870, Clarksville, Iowa, or on farm nearby.
8. If born abroad, when and where did you first settle in America?
9. If you removed again before settling in your present home, where and when was such removal? Always lived in Butler county, on farm or in Greene, Iowa, and Clarksville, Iowa
10. What schools have you attended; if a graduate, when and with what degree? Greene High school, Clarksville High school, private college under instruction of Prof. McTaggart in Greene in 1889.
11. What was your father's full name? Charles Ramsey
12. What was your father's occupation? Always farmed
13. What was your mother's full maiden name? Margaret J. Gabby

14. Where did your parents reside at the time of their marriage? Adams county, Ohio
15. What military service had your father; give as complete as you can? State militia
16. What military service have you had? None
17. What political offices have you held; do not omit even the smallest, and give date and place of service, if you can? Township assessor ten years, township trustee three years, city clerk six years, deputy county treasurer one year.
18. Of what financial, religious, or educational institutions are you a trustee or director; give dates if you can?
19. With what political parties have you been affiliated; give dates? Republican party since 1898  
Democratic party before that time from 1891.
20. In what religious denominations have you a membership? None at present. Was raised a Presbyterian
21. If you have no church membership, to what sectarian faith do you incline? Presbyterian
22. In what societies of learning have you a membership?
23. Of what secular orders or secret societies are you a member? Knights of Pythias and Odd Fellows
24. What honors or offices have you held in your society or lodge; give dates? Secretary for OddFellows  
Chaplain for K. of P's and nearly all other offices, but cannot now give the dates.
25. Of what social clubs are you a member? Clarksville Gun Club, Nashua Rod and Gun Club, (Clarksville Commercial Club)
26. Of what business firms have you been a member? Never had a business partner
27. Please enclose both a business card and your photograph for permanent record in the Historical Department of Iowa
28. For which of your works (as writer, sculptor, artist, architect, politician or other constructive influence) have you the highest esteem? Writer and Politician

You Want to Vote for



FOR REPRESENTATIVE  
FROM BUTLER COUNTY

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE (over) CLARKSVILLE, IOWA

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30. Will you attach your autograph to one of  
Iowa for permanent preservation?

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REPRESENTATIVE  
SEVENTY-THIRD DISTRICT  
BUTLER COUNTY

CLARKSVILLE, IOWA

FIRST MARRIAGE.

32. With whom was your first marriage? Della Shafer
33. Where and what date was this marriage? September 30, 1893, Clarksville, Iowa
34. When and where was your wife (or husband) born? Farm north of Clarksville, Iowa
35. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership? Methodist Episcopal church
36. Where did your wife (or husband) die, if not surviving, and where and when was the interment? Living
37. What was the full name of the father of your wife (or husband) and where was he born? W. W. R. Shafer  
Washington county, Pennsylvania
38. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)? Lydia Jane Clemmer
39. Where and when was she born? Green county, Wisconsin

**CHILDREN OF FIRST MARRIAGE.**

	Full Name.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.
1.	Georgia Edna Ramsey	March 20, 1900	Clarkeville, Iowa
2.	Alice Lavon Ramsey	October 15, 1906	Clarkeville, Iowa
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**SECOND MARRIAGE.**

40. With whom was your second marriage? .....
41. Where and what date was this marriage? .....
42. When and where was your wife (or husband) born? .....
43. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership? .....
44. Where did your wife (or husband) die, if not surviving, and where and when was the interment? .....
45. What was the full name of the father of your wife (or husband) and where was he born? .....
46. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)? .....
47. Where and when was she born? .....

**CHILDREN OF SECOND MARRIAGE.**

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A Narrative History  
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The People of Iowa

with  
SPECIAL TREATMENT OF THEIR CHIEF ENTERPRISES IN  
EDUCATION, RELIGION, VALOR, INDUSTRY,  
BUSINESS, ETC.

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Schaefer's first addition, at Lombard and Gaines streets.

Mr. Schaefer came into national prominence during the World war, when he was serving as president of three organizations, the Davenport, Iowa State and National Retail Grocers Associations. He was also a member of Mr. Hoover's personal staff and spent a great deal of time at Washington in connection with the work of the National Retail Grocers Association. He served three years as president of that association, three years as president of the Iowa State and twelve years as president of the Davenport Association.

Mr. Schaefer has been for twenty-five years a member of the Davenport Chamber of Commerce and formerly accepted assignments to many of its important committees. He had much to do with securing the splendid new building for the Elks Club, and is a member of the Kiwanis Club. He has lived the life of a practical Christian without membership in any church.

Mr. Schaefer married, in 1891, Miss Emma Goos, who died in 1925. There are five children. The son, Jack, associated with his father's grocery business, married Jane Kuehl, a daughter of Louis Kuehl, a pioneer grocer of Davenport. The daughter Elsie is the wife of R. A. Fitz-Simonds and Gertrude is the wife of N. A. Flick. Della M., the third daughter, is the wife of W. H. Romine, a civil engineer and assistant superintendent of parks at Davenport and member of one of the old families of that city. The youngest daughter, Jannette, is the wife of Harms Peters.

JOHN C. SCHRICKER enjoys an enviable place in the business circles of Davenport, where he is owner and operator of the Schricker Marble & Granite Company. This business, whose present location is at the corner of Fourth and Scott streets, was started in 1884, by Mr. Schricker. He and one other man did all the work in the modest shop. In forty-five years it has developed into the largest firm of memorial art manufacturers and dealers in the extensive trade territory around Davenport. The company has handled, manufactured and erected thousands of memorials over this district. Most of the people of Iowa are familiar with one outstanding work put out by the firm, the Iowa State Soldiers Monument at Des Moines, built in 1894, an imposing shaft of stone that rises many feet above the broad base, sixty by sixty feet, and 136 feet high, constituting one of the patriotic shrines of the state.

Mr. Schricker was born in Saint Louis, Missouri, in 1863, son of Adam and Anna (Paus-tian) Schricker, who two years later moved to Davenport. John C. Schricker grew up and received his literary education and his training in his trade at Davenport. He is a skilled worker in marble and granite, and out of his skill and his business management has developed the Schricker Marble & Granite Company.

He married, in 1884, Clara Scheel, a native of Davenport, daughter of Hans Scheel. They have three children: Lillian, wife of Fred C. Strohh-behn; Freda; and J. Raymond, associated with his father in business. The company has membership in the Iowa State Memorial Association.

J. CORNELL JOHNSON, superintendent of schools at Ringsted, was born at Kanawha, Wright County, Iowa, February 7, 1904. He was reared and educated in Minnesota, graduating from the high school at Red Wing in 1923 and in 1927 completed the work leading up to the Bachelor's degree in St. Olaf's College at Northfield. Mr. Johnson came to the Emmet County community of Ringsted as principal of schools in 1928 and has also had charge of the athletics. In 1930 he was elected superintendent of schools.

On July 6, 1930, Mr. Johnson married Miss Margaret Hatlestad, of Curtiss, Wisconsin, daughter of Otto Hatlestad, a farmer at Curtiss. Mrs. Johnson is also a graduate of St. Olaf's in the same class as Mr. Johnson. She is likewise a teacher, having taught three years at Westby, Wisconsin.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the social fraternity of Kappa Sigma Phi and was a member of the school debating team and graduated with cum laude honors. He is also a member of the Iowa State Teachers Association and the National Education Association. He is working on his thesis for his Master's degree at the University of Minnesota.

HON. JOHN McDONALD RAMSEY is an Iowa newspaper man with a continuous record of forty years' association with one paper, the *Clarksville Star*. These years have been rich in other service to his community and state, especially noteworthy having been the eight years he spent in the Legislature at Des Moines.

Mr. Ramsey was born on a farm a mile north of Clarksville in Butler County, February 25, 1870. He is of Scotch ancestry and through his mother is classified with that stock known as Scotch-Irish, due to the fact that a family long seated in Scotland moved across the channel to Northern Ireland, whence representatives came to America. Mr. Ramsey is a son of Charles and Margaret Jane (Gabby) Ramsey. His grandfather, Adam Ramsey, came from Edinburgh, Scotland. He was a cabinet maker by trade and was a young man when he sought home and fortune in the new world. Charles Ramsey was born at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1836, and as a young man located at West Union, Ohio, where in 1861 he married Margaret Jane Gabby. Her father, Alexander Gabby, was born in Londonderry, Ireland, was also a cabinet maker, and on coming from Ireland to America settled in Washington County in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Adam Ramsey and Alexander Gabby were both members of the Masonic fraternity and very devout United Presbyterians, maintaining their religious activities strictly according to the rites of that substantial old church. Both served as

superintendents of their Sunday School. Charles Ramsey after his marriage tried to get accepted for service in the Union army, but for some reason was rejected. However, he was with the Ohio Home Guard and was called out for active duty at the time of the Morgan raid through the southern part of the state. Morgan made one of his camps on the Gabby farm.

In 1865 Charles Ramsey brought his family to Iowa, acquiring a tract of land a short distance northeast of Clarksville. Later he moved to the property of M. B. Wamsley, one mile northwest of Clarksville, and two years later he bought a farm four miles southeast of Greene. He had acquired the skill of a cabinet maker from his father and was always an adept with tools and machinery. The furniture and other equipment for his Iowa home were made by his own hands during his hours of leisure. He developed a fine farm and in later years was a representative of the International Harvester Company. He died in 1906, at Sioux City, Iowa. His wife was born in 1840 and died in 1887. Charles Ramsey took an active part in local affairs, serving as trustee, treasurer and clerk of his township and as a school director. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Greene and voted as a Democrat, though two of his sons became very staunch Republicans. There were eight children in all, only two of whom are now living. Arthur died in infancy. George passed away in 1878, when a small boy. Ida Ellen died in early girlhood. Agnes Euphemia became the wife of W. W. Moss and died at Osage, Minnesota. William M., a farmer and carpenter, died at Clarksville in 1905. Charles met an accidental death at Sioux City in 1921. The only surviving child besides John M. is Mrs. J. L. Caskey, of Akron, Iowa.

Farm life during the years when John McDonald Ramsey was a boy was not a series of prosperous years. There were crop failures, and with a large household to provide for Charles Ramsey had need to economize and there was little money to provide the children with advantages outside of those of the community church and school. Consequently John M. from early boyhood buckled down to a routine of hard work, and his earnings paid for all his education beyond the limited advantages of the neighborhood school. Part of the time he carried water for a gang of section hands at fifty cents a day. It was more or less of a struggle for him to complete the work of the Greene High School. Borrowing money, he enrolled as a student in the Cedar Rapids Business College. His training there made him a good penman and a capable accountant, and for several years he was employed in the clerical department of the Chicago Great Western and Rock Island Railroads.

His political career began before he reached his majority, when he was elected township clerk. Following that he was made recorder of Clarksville, for ten years was township assessor and five years township trustee, and for five years was assistant state game warden.

In 1920 Mr. Ramsey went to the Legislature. He represented Butler County four years in the Lower House and for four years was in the Senate from the district comprising Butler and Bremer counties. He proved himself one of the most valuable members of both Houses, being hard working, taking an intelligent attitude toward all public questions and was given important committee assignments, being a member of the judiciary, ways and means, text books, cities and towns, and was chairman of the committee on education. He was in the Legislature during the code session, and he read proof on the revised laws. His legislative experience gave him a wide acquaintance with prominent men all over the state.

His first lessons in the printing trade were acquired in the office of a Waterloo newspaper. For twenty years he was an employee of Edward Madigan, owner of the *Clarksville Star*, and in 1909 he bought the paper, so that for fully forty years he has been associated with that live publication. His newspaper files are mines of historic interest for this section of the state. Mr. Ramsey is a master of a forcible newspaper style and his editorials and comments on public questions have been widely quoted in the press of the state. He has for twenty-five years been attending state Republican conventions and twenty-two years of that time has been a delegate. He is a member of the Iowa Press Association and National Editorial Association, is a past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Clarksville, and has taken all the degrees of Odd Fellowship.

The record of his life shows that he has been a very busy man, but he has hobbies, one in particular being geology. He has gone about with an observing eye examining the rocks and soils of Iowa, and in collecting specimens illustrating geologic history he has been naturally drawn to the kindred investigations in local archaeology and has gathered up many interesting specimens and curios.

Mr. Ramsey married Miss Della Shafer on September 30, 1893, daughter of the late W. W. R. Shafer, who passed away in 1929. Mrs. Ramsey was born in Butler County. They have two daughters, Georgia Edna and Alice Lavon. Georgia is the wife of Gay Jackson, and they have three children: Robert G., Barbara A. and Billy Joe. Both daughters graduated from the local high school and attended the State Teachers College at Cedar Falls, and Alice Lavon is also a graduate of the Ingram School of Expression.

HARRY E. RANSOM, M. D., has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Iowa since 1915, save for the interval of his overseas service in the World war, and he is now one of the representative physicians and surgeons in the City of Des Moines, with office headquarters in the Iowa Building.

Doctor Ransom was born on the parental home farm near Avalon, Rock County, Wisconsin, October 16, 1884, and is a son of Ensign H. and



*J. M. Ramsey*

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in banking and he served as cashier of the Belmond State Bank from 1890 to 1900. He lived on a farm in Garfield Township before moving to Garner in 1912.

On September 17, 1896, he was united in marriage to Jennie E. Finch. They celebrated their golden wedding last September. He is survived by Mrs. Pritchard and eight children: Catherine M. Campbell, living in California; Paul S. at Mason City; John W. at Britt; Mrs. Laura E. Grobaty in California; Mrs. Marian Oberhauser, Belmond; Stanley (Bud) and Harry M., Garner; and Robert J., at Clear Lake. There are several grandchildren.

After moving to Garner, he soon became one of the more active business men in Hancock County, operating a garage there. He was a member of the town council for six years and mayor for two years.

Mr. Pritchard was active in Masonic lodge work; a Past Master of the Belmond Lodge, where he served in 1896, and was a member of the Garner Lions Club. He likewise took a keen interest in state and national affairs, and served as a member of the Forty-ninth, Fiftieth, Fiftieth Extra and Fifty-first Sessions of the General Assembly, but was not a candidate for re-election.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-second General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable Walter Sherman Pritchard the State has lost a valued 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 memorial resolution be spread in the Journal of the House of Representatives and that the Chief Clerk be directed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.*

PENN ECKELS,  
THEO. KLEMESRUD,  
W. H. NICHOLAS,

*Committee.*

#### Memorial to the Honorable John M. Ramsey of Butler County

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

John M. Ramsey was born February 25, 1869, in Butler County. He lived his entire life in Clarksville and vicinity. Early in life he learned the printer's trade and became owner and editor of the Clarksville Star. His paper was well edited and promoted the best interests of the community.

He served his townspeople in many public and fraternal offices. He belonged to the Presbyterian church, Odd Fellows lodge and Knights of Pythias. He was a strong and loyal supporter of the Republican party, contributing of his time and money to its support.

The voters of Butler County chose him to represent them in the General Assembly where he served three sessions in the House. Later

Butler and Bremer counties sent him to the Senate where he served in the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Forty-first sessions of the General Assembly. He enjoyed the legislative work and was counted an able legislator.

In 1893 he was married to Miss Della Shafer. To this union four children were born, two sons who preceded him in death. There are left to mourn his passing, Mrs. Ramsey, two daughters, Mrs. Gay Jackson and Mrs. Lavon Anderson, besides four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He died February 23, 1944, at Clarksville following a brief illness.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-second General Assembly, That in the passing of John M. Ramsey, this state has lost a citizen who had labored long and faithfully for the best interest of his people.*

*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.*

H. A. MOORE,  
ARCH W. MCFARLANE,  
WILLIAM S. LYNES,  
*Committee.*

#### Memorial to the Honorable Philip F. Roan of Lee County

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Philip F. Roan, begs leave to submit the following report:

Philip F. Roan, who represented Lee County in the Forty-sixth, Forty-sixth Extra, Forty-seventh, and Forty-eighth Sessions of the General Assembly, was born on December 9, 1894, in Marceline, Missouri. The family moved to Fort Madison, Iowa, when he was one year old.

He was educated in the Fort Madison High School, University of Michigan and University of Detroit, LL.B., LL.M.

Mr. Roan served in France with the French Army, 1916 and 1917; and with the American Expeditionary Forces, Tank Corps, Company A, 2nd battalion, 1918 to 1919. He was a Past Commander of the local American Legion Post.

At the time of his death he was practicing law in Fort Madison, and was serving as chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Lee County.

He was married to Elinor Smith of Scranton, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1928. He died of a cerebral hemorrhage on February 22, 1947. He is survived by his widow and two children, Francis and Rosalind, all of whom live at Fort Madison, Iowa.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-second General Assembly, That in the passing of the late Philip F. Roan, the State has lost a valued and honored citizen, and the House of the Fifty-second General Assembly tenders, by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to the surviving relatives.*