

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

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Clermont 1871

Name of Representative Blake, William R. Senator _____

Represented Jayette County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1 Oct 1878 Elizabeth, Jay County, Missouri

2. Marriage (s) date place
Bessie Beatrice Morgan 11 Oct 1904 Manchester, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business In 1929 he started work as a special representative of commercial activities for Interstate Power Company and Central State Power and Light Company until 1942

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; T.O.O.F; Modern Headman of American

C. Profession Newspaper publisher; agent with Iowa State Bureau of Investigation

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 39th, 40th, 41st General Assemblies 1921, 1923, 1925

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Clermont Iowa 1918-1922; Clermont town councilman

B. State In 1925 he was made state agent for the Bureau of Investigation; in 1927 he became State Deputy Tax Marshal until 1929; Secretary-Manager of Iowa Whiskey Association 1942 - Sept 1948

C. National _____

7. Death 6 Nov 1949 Postville, Iowa; buried Clermont Cemetery, Clermont, Iowa

8. Children William Burdette; Lela Mapius (died 1913); Anna Lolita

9. Names of parents Jose William and Mary Ann (Bateman) Blake

Blake, William R

10. Education Graduate of the Elizabeth, Illinois High School, 1894

11. Degrees Graduate of Danville, Illinois Normal School, 1896; graduate of Chicago Park Business College, 1897-1898

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He taught school after college.
- While still in high school he began to learn the printing trade
- He had connections with several papers in Illinois and Michigan before going to Delaware County, Iowa where he did newspaper work until summer 1905.
- That is when he moved to Clermont Iowa and started publishing The Clermont Enterprise newspaper until 1925.
- After serving in the legislature he worked for the Bureau of Investigation.

Wm. R. Blake Died Sunday at Postville

Had Been in Failing Health for Over a Year

William R. Blake, 71, died of a heart ailment at the Postville hospital early Sunday morning, Nov. 6. He was taken there from his home at Clermont on Tuesday following a heart attack. He had been in failing health for more than a year.



WILLIAM R. BLAKE

Mr. Blake was born in Elizabeth, Ill., and was a graduate of the Elizabeth high school, Danville Normal and Chicago Park Business College. He taught school and while in high school began to learn the printing trade. He had connections with several papers in Illinois and Michigan before going to Delaware county, Iowa, where he did newspaper work until the summer of 1905, when he started the publication of the "Clermont Enterprise," which he

Mission Week at Elgin Baptist Church

Nov. 13, to include all evenings of that week (except Saturday evening) and to close Sunday evening, Nov. 20, is going to be a great week of inspiration with the Rev. G. A. Dünger, who has for many years been our missionary in our Cameron field in Africa. No one will want to miss this great week of thrilling missionary stories of African people and country. When you will hear this interesting message of missions you will agree that Missions is not after all taught, it is caught—like the measles—from somebody else.

Elgin Canning Company Joins in National Drive

Consumer purchases of one of the largest and best quality canned corn stocks in years are being boomed by a merchandising and marketing program of the Can Manufacturers Institute of New York and the Associated Independent Corn Cannery, Chicago, of which the Elgin Canning Company is a member.

The local canning company, in cooperation with more than a hundred other independent corn packers, will encourage corn sales at the wholesale level and through retail store displays across the country. A total of 6,700 newspapers, 1,500 magazines and more than 300 radio stations will thus be informed of this program by photographs, recipes and stories about the supply, economy and nutritive values of canned corn. Canning officials realize that contracting for and canning corn is not their sole job these days. To assure a year-after-year market from locally produced corn and



Basketball Team to Benefit Dance

of Elgin basketball are organized a town team to play similar neighbor towns this year. Their initial project is a dance in order to raise money for uniforms. This dance is on November 17, and they are having an advance sale of tickets. Advertisement in today's

plans to carry seven as yet they are not announce the members.

Zone Meeting Held, December 1

Elmer Meyer were at Marquette lay evening to attend club meeting. Representatives of the West Union Lions were in attendance. Three clubs are planning a zone meeting at Postville

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Services Held Mrs. L. D. Smith

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noon. She died at
her daughter, Mrs.
of St. Olaf.
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in Clayton coun-
rn in Germany and
the age of 7. She
rm near Elgin, and
Smith 49 years ago.
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and a son, Clyde.
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ultz of Postville.

94th Birthday

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of 94 today, Thurs-
He is still confined
l a wheel chair part
broken hip he suf-
rs ago on Thanks-
Harrington appears
nd is exceptionally
te his great handi-

Skating Rink

Millard Gilbertson
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"Clermont Enterprise," which he
continued until 1925.

He served as mayor of Cler-
mont from 1918 until 1922. In
1921 he was elected state repre-
sentative from Fayette county
and continued in office until 1925.
At this time he gave up the news-
paper business and became state
agent for the Bureau of Investi-
gation. In 1927 he was made
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job he held until 1929, when he
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tative of commercial activities for
Interstate Power Co. and Central
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He continued this work until
1942, at which time he was made
secretary-manager of the Iowa
Utilities Association, with offices
in the Fleming Building, Des
Moines. He resigned from this
position in September, 1948, due
to ill health.

He is survived by his widow,
two children, Mrs. Lolita Steele
and Burdette Blake, and four
grandchildren.

Mr. Blake was a member of the
Masonic, Odd Fellows and Mod-
ern Woodman fraternal orders.

The funeral was held Tuesday
afternoon in the Presbyterian
church at Clermont and burial
made in the Clermont cemetery.
The Rev. Bruce D. Jones conduct-
ed the services.

Casket bearers were Marion H.
Moore, Bernard Schrader, Harold
Triem, Richard Crowe, John Hal-
vorson and Laird Cline. Singers
were Theo. C. Ressler, Williams-
burg, and former school superin-
tendent here, who sang a solo,
and the mixed quartet of Morris,
Arthur and Norene Amundson
and Mrs. Willet Miller, who sang
two songs.

will be given and plate lunch
served at the Medberry school.

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full-scale employment at the local
cannery, it has become necessary
to follow through direct to the
consumer via active participation
in the modern sales methods ad-
vanced through national mer-
chandising programs.

Champion Lambs Were From Local Flock

The first prize junior lamb,
first prize senior lamb, champ-
ion lamb, champion pen and re-
serve champion pen shown at the
Waterloo Meat Animal Show,
were all raised by F. Rothlisberg-
er and Son, Elgin.

These were shown by Dewey
Jontz & Son of Altoona who
bought these lambs from the
Rothlisbergers in June. They
were all Southdowns.

The champion lamb was pur-
chased by Rath at \$1.61 per
pound. They then presented it
to Iowa State College which will
fit and show the lamb at the In-
ternational at Chicago.

Falbs Have Fire Scare

For a short time it looked
like Falbs' new garage addition
and maybe the entire garage
would go up in smoke last week.
The men were tarring the roof
when the material caught fire and
flames rose to the ceiling and all
around the large entrance door.
They were luck to have hand
extinguishers and the fire truck
handy and the fire was stopped
before any extensive damage was
done. The ceiling was scorched
and tar exploded over the brick
front near the doorway which
was the extent of the damage.

Mrs. Bovis Entertains Study Club Tuesday