

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative GREENE, Harry M (artin) Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Pottawattamie County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 6 September 1882; on farm southeast of Avoca, Ia

2. Marriage (s) date place

Betty Thies (1898-1986); probably Minden, Iowa, 19 Feb. 1941

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business farmer, lawyer

B. Civic responsibilities American Legion

C. Profession \_\_\_\_\_

4. Church membership wife--Congregational

5. Sessions served 42,43,44 GA, 1927-1932, Pottawattamie County

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State St Highway Commr, 1935-1939; Ia Nat Guard 1917

C. National 168th Inf (Rainbow Div

7. Death 19 May 1953, heart attack, at farm soeast Avoca. Bur. Avoca Cem.

8. Children none

9. Names of parents Lewis Cass Greene (Ohio 17 Nov 1858-Ia 1941); Martha Ellen Martin (1861-1940). M. 1861

10. Education Avoca HS; Univ of Iowa

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11. Degrees LL.B., Iowa 1906

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12. Other applicable information Grandfather, H. S. Greene, b.NY 1828,m  
Ashtabula Co., Ohio in 1830; to Pottawattamie Co, Ia 1870. Father, Lewis Cass (or Cass),  
rented his father's farm one year, then bought it. Harry, the only child, although admitted  
to the bar in 1906, remained on the farm.

His mother, born in Jasper Co, Ia, to parents from Ohio who later moved to the  
Avoca area.

Harry M. was wounded and gassed during overseas service 1917-1918; He helped  
organize Avoca post of American Legion, and was its first commander. Also Mason, Knights-Tem-  
pler, Shrinder, Eastern Star, Elks

Instigator in getting many highways paved in area; including getting viaduct built  
over RI RR on Hwy 59, in Avoca. At time of death he was presidents of the Iowa Sec of No 59  
Road Association.

His wife, Betty, born on farm near Minden; graduated from Minden HS; worked in Minden  
post office 1927-1932, and was postmaster 1932-1936. Avid china painter and gardner; liked  
to travel. Eastern Star, American Legion Auxiliary

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# Here-n-There

by J. R. D.

Saturday, May 23rd is the annual sale of poppies by the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary. The little red poppy, made by disabled war veterans, honors the war dead of both World Wars plus the boys who have given their lives in the Korean conflict.

In addition to honoring the deceased veterans, you also help the living disabled veterans when you buy a poppy. The little red paper flowers are made by hospitalized veterans and the money raised from the poppy sale is used to aid disabled veterans and needy children of veterans.

In case you're missed by one of the ladies selling poppies... which we believe is an impossibility... you can stop in at the J. & W. Hardware store, headquarters of the drive Saturday, and Mrs. Carl Nelson, the poppy day chairman, will sell you one.

A fellow up in our end of town says there's a lot of smart kids in the neighborhood. Only trouble is they don't smart in the right place.

Understand the oats market has spurted this week since demand has jumped for the grain with the opening of the race season at Omaha.

This community lost a good citizen with the passing of Harry Greene this week. Harry was always interested in Avoca, one of the first to donate to a worthy cause, and had the best interests of this community in mind when he represented the county in the legislature and later as a member of the highway commission.

We counted Harry as one of our friends. When we first came to this community, he gave us a warm welcome. Although we differed politically, Harry was always tolerant of our views on matters.

Teachers are glad... mothers are sad. School will be out next week.

Then there's the woman that said there's nothing like a dish towel to take the contented look off a husband's face.

## IPALCO 20 YEAR CLUB HAD PARTY

Approximately 50 people attended the Iowa Power and Light Company 20 Year Club Party which was held at the American Legion Hall at Avoca, Iowa on Tuesday, May 19, 1953.

# Prominent Avoca Man Dies Suddenly Tuesday

## Funeral Services For Harry Greene Friday

Harry M. Greene, 70, prominent Avoca resident, died at his farm home southeast of Avoca, Tuesday morning. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Mr. Greene was a former member of the Iowa State Highway Commission serving four years. He was also prominent in Republican politics in southwest Iowa. He was a State Representative from Pottawattamie county serving in the 42nd, 42nd extra, 43rd and 44th General Assemblies.

Harry Martin Greene was born September 6, 1882, at Avoca, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Cass Greene. He graduated from the Avoca High School with the class of 1900. A 1906 graduate of the University of Iowa Law School, he was admitted to the bar the same year.

He enlisted in Company L of the 168th Infantry, a part of the famed Rainbow Division of World War I. He served in the army for 24 months and was wounded twice.

He was a charter member and the first commander of the Fred Funston Legion post in Avoca. He was also a member of the Rainbow chapter of the Disabled Veterans of Council Bluffs.

Mr. Greene was active in the Masonic Order and was a member of Mt. Nebo lodge in Avoca; Royal Arch Masons, Harlan; Mt. Zion Commandery, Harlan; Abu Bekr Shrine at Sioux City and the Eastern Star at Avoca. He was also a member of the Elks lodge in Council Bluffs.

Good Roads Booster. Always interested in good roads, he was the instigator of getting many of the highways paved in southwest Iowa. For Avoca in particular, he was instrumental in getting the viaduct built over the Rock Island tracks on highway 59. At the present time he was serving as President of the Iowa section of the No. 59 Road Association.

Funeral services will be held at the Blust-Berthussen funeral home on Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. with the Rev. J. R. Perkins of Council Bluffs officiating.

Interment will be in the Avoca cemetery with military rites accorded by the Fred Funston Legion post and Masonic rites by members of the local Masonic lodge.

He is survived by his wife Betty.

## Botna Valley Boy's 4-H Met Recently

The Botna Valley 4-H Club held their May meeting at the home of James Holtz. During the meeting the club members were chosen to go to 4-H camp at Griswold which is June 29th

## Salutatorian Of Senior Class



Miss Donna Krieger

Donna Krieger was chosen as salutatorian of the 1953 Avoca High School senior class for the graduation exercises at the school auditorium tonight (Thursday).

Miss Krieger is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Krieger of Avoca. She was given the honor on the basis of her grade average of 93.34.

## DONATIONS SPURT TO WAR MEMORIAL

Donations to the War Memorial Fund took a spurt since last week and the total as of Wednesday afternoon is \$388.20. Slightly over \$500 is needed to pay for the granite stone and more money is needed if the area in the cemetery is to be properly landscaped.

The committee in charge of the project hopes that enough money will be donated by Memorial Day so that at least the large stone memorial can be paid for. It is due to be erected in the cemetery sometime this week. A large flag pole will also be placed near the stone.

Donations since the last report in the paper include the following:

- Emil Peters ..... \$ 2.00
- Mrs. O. A. Grukke ..... 3.00
- Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Blust ..... 5.00
- Frank Torres ..... 4.00
- Mr. and Mrs. Harry Greene ..... 5.00
- Pilgrim Fellowship Youth Group ..... 2.50
- Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Putnam ..... 8.00
- Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Zimmermann ..... 2.00
- Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Dinges ..... 5.00
- Mr. and Mrs. Magnus (Previous donation of 5.00)
- Mr. and Mrs. L. Chris

NEWS ABOUT Boys IN THE ARMED FORCES

Herbert C. Jens Promoted To Sergeant



Corporal Herbert C. Jens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jens of Hancock, has recently been promoted to sergeant. Sgt. Jens entered the service July 24, 1951 receiving his basic training at Camp Chaffee, Ark.

Sergeant Jens went to Korea July 4, 1952, where he is now stationed.

Pvt. Darrell A. Wilson in Artillery Division  
Pvt. Darrell A. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Wilson, is now stationed in Korea with an artillery division. Darrell entered the service in October, 1952. His address is: Pvt. Darrell A. Wilson US 55-277-425, Btry. A. 189 F. A. Bn. APO 86 c/o p.m. San Francisco, Calif.

Pvt. 2/c Herbert C. Swift Stationed in Korea  
Pvt. 2/c Herbert C. Swift, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Swift left Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash., April 22 and arrived at Camp Drake, Japan May 4. Leaving Camp Drake May 11th, he is now in Korea serving with an electrical engineering maintenance company. Pvt. 2/c Swift entered the service in August, 1952.

## Cancer Crusade Nearly Complete In E. Pott. Co.

The Cancer Crusade in East Pottawattamie is progressing very well, reports Mrs. Wilbur McCown Campaign Chairman. All six towns have completed their crusade as well as six townships.

In each of the 8 townships remaining to finish there are only one or two workers who have not completed their area. The returns are most satisfactory. McCown asks that each worker complete her work very soon and report to her chairman.

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patrons have been the salient features in winning him the liberal trade which is accorded him.

Mr. Keller, in 1877, was married in Belvidere, Illinois, to Miss Flora Sellerd. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has filled all of the chairs in lodge No. 606, at Council Bluffs. In politics he is independent, voting for men and measures rather than for party. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist and is serving as one of the trustees of the church, in which he holds membership. His prosperity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabating industry and energy that never flags.

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#### LEWIS CASS GREENE.

Lewis Cass Greene is a highly respected and leading agriculturist of Knox township, deriving his income from a valuable property of two hundred and ten acres on section 27. He was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, November 17, 1858, a son of H. S. Greene, whose birth occurred in New York in 1828. He was only about two years of age when, in 1830, he was taken by his parents to Ohio, where he spent the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof. After he had attained his majority he engaged in teaching school for several years. He married Miss Sarah J. Wood, a native of the Empire state, born in 1829. They resided for a number of years in Ohio and in 1870 left that state for Iowa, settling in Pottawattamie county. Here Mr. Greene purchased two hundred acres of land in Knox township, upon which his son, Lewis Cass Greene, now resides. With characteristic energy he began the development and improvement of the farm and continued to engage actively in its cultivation until his life's labors were ended in death in 1886. In the family were four children but only two are now living, the younger being Woody D., who is located at Ashtabula Harbor, Ohio. The mother still survives and is yet living in the Buckeye state.

Lewis Cass Greene was reared to the occupation of farming, which he has always followed, and he is indebted to the public school system of Ohio and of Iowa for the educational privileges he enjoyed. He has always followed farming and remained at home, working for his father until twenty-three years of age, after which he rented and for one year cultivated his father's farm. On the expiration of that period he purchased the homestead property of two hundred and ten acres lying on section 27, Knox township. He is quite well known because of his live-stock interests, making a specialty of raising shorthorn cattle and also Percheron horses and roadsters. He has owned and sold some fine stock, both horses and cattle, and is an excellent judge thereof, being seldom, if ever, at error in his estimation of the value of live-stock. He is, moreover, a man of keen business discernment and strong purpose, who is meeting with success in his chosen field of labor and well merits the prosperity which has come to him.

In 1881 Mr. Greene was united in marriage to Miss Martha E. Martin, who was born at Green Castle, Jasper county, Iowa, a daughter of James J. and Catharine (Given) Martin, who were natives of the Buckeye state. They went to Jasper county, Iowa, at an early day and later came to Pottawattamie county, the father trading two old mares and a colt for eighty acres of prairie land located on section 12, Knox township. There he built a log house with puncheon floor, puncheon door and puncheon roof, and in true pioneer style the family began life on the western prairie, being closely associated with the early development and progress of that part of the county. The family numbered nine children. The father is now deceased, while at this writing the mother makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Greene. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Greene has been born one son, Harry Martin, who is a graduate of the Avoca high school and of the law department of the State University of Iowa. He was also admitted to the bar and is recognized as a man of strong intellectual force. He possesses superior oratorical ability and the consensus of public opinion says that he has no equal in this regard in the locality in which he lives. Undoubtedly a bright future awaits him.

Mr. and Mrs. Greene are people of culture, widely and favorably known in the locality where they reside. They enjoy the hospitality of the best homes and the circle of their friends is a very extensive one. In his political views Mr. Greene is a democrat and has served as township trustee but otherwise has never sought nor held office, preferring that his time and energies should be devoted to his business interests, whereby he is meeting with success that enables him to provide well for his family.

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#### THOMAS G. GREEN.

Thomas G. Green, of the firm of Green & Riker, real-estate and insurance agents, was born in the out-kirts of Council Bluffs, July 27, 1876. He was reared to manhood under the parental roof and received his education in the public schools, from which he was graduated in 1894. He immediately secured employment in the First National Bank, where he remained for two years, and then entered the office of Lougee & Lougee, dealers in real estate and loans, continuing there for nine and one-half years. He was actively interested in every detail of their business and most popular with their patrons. The firm took great interest in giving him the benefit of their experience and he was wise enough to make the best of these opportunities.

In 1905 Mr. Green formed a partnership with Mr. Riker and has been busy since that time in building up an enterprising business. Though the firm has been in existence but two years it has by close attention to business secured a large patronage. His keen eye and instinctive business judgment enables Mr. Green to be a competent judge of real-estate values and his advice on these matters is often sought. In the line of insurance he has

He attended the grade and high schools of Boone and, after graduating therefrom, attended the University of Michigan, where in 1895 he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Law.

Upon graduation, he returned to Boone and became associated in the practice of law with Richard F. Jordan. Subsequent to Mr. Jordan's death, Mr. Goodykoontz was associated in practice for intervals with T. J. Mahoney, his son Dan E. Goodykoontz, John A. Hull, III, and Paul E. Hellwege.

Mr. Goodykoontz, from the inception of his practice, took a keen interest in the affairs of his community. He was mayor of Boone at the age of 33. He served two terms as State Representative from Boone County, serving in both the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth General Assemblies.

For many years Mr. Goodykoontz served as a director and as president of the Linwood Park Cemetery Association. He was trustee and long-time president of the S. L. Moore Charity Foundation. For a time he was actively identified as a member of the board of directors of two different banks of Boone County.

On December 31, 1900, he was married to Florence Streeter of Cedar Falls, who survives him. He is also survived by three children, Elizabeth Uehling of Mansfield, Ohio; Mary Barnes of Los Angeles, California, and Daniel E. Goodykoontz of Alhambra, California, and six grandchildren. He loved and was devoted to his family. In recent years his grandchildren were one of his chief topics of conversation.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable William W. Goodykoontz, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful public servant, and the House, by this resolution, would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

CHESTER A. SCHEERER,  
CARL H. RINGGENBERG,  
HENRY H. STEVENS,

*Committee.*

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HARRY MARTIN GREENE

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

Harry Martin Greene was born near Avoca, Iowa, on September 6, 1882, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Cass Greene. He passed away at his home on May 19, 1953.

He graduated from the Avoca High School in 1900, and the University of Iowa law school in 1906, and was admitted to the Bar the same year.

Mr. Greene served in France in World War I. He was in Company L of the 168th Infantry for 24 months and was twice wounded. He was a charter member and first commander of Fred Funston Post, American Legion at Avoca; and a member of Rainbow chapter of the Disabled Veterans of Council Bluffs. He was active in the Masonic order and Elks.

Mr. Greene served as State Representative from Pottawattamie county in the Forty-second, Forty-second Extra, Forty-third and Forty-fourth General Assemblies. He was a zealous advocate of good roads and named as a member of the State Highway Commission, serving a two-year term, ending in 1939.

He survived by his wife, Betty Greene.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Harry Martin Greene, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful public servant, and the House by this resolution, would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

T. J. FREY,  
JAY C. COLBURN,  
JIM O. HENRY,

*Committee.*

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GEORGE E. GRIER

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late George E. Grier, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

George E. Grier was born on a farm in Poweshiek County on March 18, 1876. He passed away at Kirkland, Washington, on February 25, 1954.

Mr. Grier was raised on a farm and received his early education in the rural public schools. He graduated from the high school of Deep River in 1895 and the same year entered Iowa College at Grinnell, graduating in 1900.

For two years he was principal of the high school at Deep River. He was connected with the State Bank at Deep River, and later with the bank at Iowa City from 1910 until 1921. He then moved to Seattle, Washington, and was an appraiser for the government until the time of his death.

was employed by the Rock Island RR, Kaven Construction, Geo. Barker, Harry Bledsoe, Harry Tingleff, Berthusen Furniture, Fullerton Lumber, E.C. Macklin. By working and learning from the aforementioned, he later became self-employed. He was able to perform the following: carpentry, plumbing, furnace and electrical work and sales work. He spent a short time at Avoca Waterworks.

In 1991 Harold formed the "Avoca, Iowa, Old Time Spring Country Music Party" with the help of the Pottawattamie Co. Fair Board. This is held each year the third weekend of May.

Hanne remained in the home most of these years. She worked as a nanny in Marysville, KS, while Harold was in the military. After moving to Avoca, she worked a short time at Avoca Dairy. The couple built a home in the Oak Park addition in the northeast part of Avoca. After the children were grown, Hanne became self-employed, building a modest janitorial service.

Bobette received her education at Avoca's schools. She was an honor student. Long before she graduated she had decided what she wanted to do. Before graduation she purchased and paid for her own car and saved an adequate nest egg. She went to Ogden, UT to be employed at a Mormon day care center as a teacher and supervisor. Having worked at home as a baby sitter, she learned to care for children very well. She tutored 80 children at the day care center. She met and married M. Sgt. Terry D. Broadhead; they have four children, Marie, Janna, Sara, and Bryan, and are living in Caracas, Venezuela.

David Lawrence excelled in mechanics both at home and in school. He took several years of classes at Iowa Western. David is very bright and very thorough, but to the consternation of his teacher, he was a procrastinator. David began collecting old tractors and antique gas engines at a very young age. He is now employed at Independence, MO, for the Independence AAMCO. He is certified in several fields of mechanics. David has one son, Justin Laurence Evans Green, who now resides in the Kansas City, MO area.

#### HARRY M. AND BETTY GREENE

Harry Martin Greene was a lifetime prominent farmer of the Avoca area. He was the only child of Martha Ellen and Lewis Cass Greene. Martha was born in Jasper County, Iowa, in 1861, and died at the family farm in 1940. Lewis Cass was born in 1859, in Ashtabula County, Ohio, and died in 1941.

Harry was born September 6, 1882, at the farm southeast of Avoca. Harry graduated from Avoca Public School, then attended University of Iowa in Iowa City where he graduated with a Bachelor of Law degree in 1906.

He returned to the farm and continued to farm until he enlisted in Co. "L" of the Iowa National Guard on April 12, 1917. This Company became a part of the Rainbow Division by the time they went overseas. He was wounded and gassed and was discharged in April, 1919. Returned to Avoca area to resume his farming and became active in the community. He helped organize the Avoca Post of the American Legion and was the first commander. He was elected to and served in the Forty-Second, Forty-Second

Extraordinary, Forty-Third and Forty-Fourth Grand Assemblies of the Iowa House of Representatives, being active in road and highway legislation.

In July 1935, Harry was again called to public service by being appointed to the Iowa State Highway Commission where he served for 4 years. Again returning to farming he specialized in raising white-faced Hereford Cattle and increased his land holdings. He became a Mason and a member of the Harlan Commandery, Knights-Templar, Abu Bekr Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and the Order of Eastern Star, as well as the Lodge of the Elks.

On February 19, 1941, Harry married Betty Thies of Minden, Iowa, who had an equally interesting career. Betty Abel was born to John and Magdalena (Rohlfs) Thies on December 23, 1898. She was born on a farm in Pleasant township and attended the nearby country school until she moved to the town of Minden with her parents. Graduating from the Minden High School. From 1927 to 1936 worked in the Minden Post Office serving as Postmaster 1932 to 1936.

Betty was an avid china painter and left many lovely pieces for her family and friends to enjoy. She had been baptized and confirmed in the Minden Congregational Church of which she was a lifetime member.

Betty was a Matron of Eastern Star and active member of the Avoca American Legion Auxillary. She enjoyed her flower and vegetable garden and shared much with friends. She enjoyed many trips to Europe and to many places in the USA. She passed away after a brief illness March 9, 1980, at the age of 81.

#### JOHN T. GREEN

John T. Green (my grandfather), along with two brothers, Will and Del, and two sisters, Mary and Emma, immigrated with their father, Mack F. Green (my great-grandfather), to the United States from Germany in 1885. John was 10 years old at the time. Their mother, H. Jensen, died on the ship coming over. Mack Green raised his five children alone in a river boat on the Missouri River around Omaha, NE.

By 1900, John was a naturalized citizen and had come to Avoca, where he worked as a hired man on the William Peters farm. There he met Della Klindt, whom he married, and they raised seven children in the Avoca area: Leona, my mother, who married Frank Garrison, my father, a mason contractor and meat cutter in Avoca for many years; Carl (single), a cross country truck driver; Julius (single), a self-employed contractor in California; Edward (wife: Naomi Wills) a factory worker and truck driver in California; Viola who married Stuart Browne, an auto mechanic in California; John (wife: Bernice Schueman), a truck driver and rethreader for a tire company in California; and Arlene who married Les Rogers, a Rock Island Railroad engineer in California. Naomi, Viola, John, and Bernice are still living in California. Arlene is living in Las Vegas, NV.

In 1915, John T. Green was working a rented farm south of Avoca, just past the fairgrounds, with the intention of buying it. Just before he could finish paying it off, tragedy struck. He owned one of the first cars in the area, and while