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Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Christophel, George William Senator Christophel, George William - Represented Bremer and Balthus Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 7 Dec 1881 Pilot Mount Township, Kosciusko County, Missouri

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Edith Mebling 23 Jan 1906 Illinois

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business He was awarded a gold medal 13 Jan 1927 as a Master Farmer by Wallace's Farmer

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership First Evangelical

5. Sessions served 41<sup>st</sup> 42<sup>nd</sup> General Assemblies 1925, 1927 House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 43<sup>rd</sup> 44<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1929, 1931 - Senate

A. Local Secretary of the Bremer Creamery Company, 1911-1912; president of vice-president of the Bremer County Farm Bureau

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

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

7. Death 12 Nov 1932 near Haverly, Iowa; buried Washington Cemetery, Haverly, Iowa

8. Children Floyd; Clarence C.; Mildred; Louella

9. Names of parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Christophel

Christopher, George William

10. Education He attended country schools in his locality in  
Pilot Mound Township of Hancock County, Illinois

11. Degrees He attended Northwestern College, Naperville, Illinois

12. Other applicable information

- He taught school in 1902-1906 in the county.
- After his marriage, they moved to a farm near Bremer in  
Bremer County, Iowa
- In 1913 they moved to a farm 3 miles west of Haverly.
- He helped organize the Farmers Relief Association in Haverly.



# AUTO DAMAGE SUIT STARTS BEFORE JURY

## Case of E. M. Russell Vs. S. D. Orcutt Begins Tuesday.

The jury in the case of E. M. Russell, Nashua, plaintiff, against S. D. Orcutt, Plainfield, defendant, was chosen in district court here Tuesday morning, and opening arguments were presented by attorneys Tuesday afternoon. Judge T. A. Seardmore is presiding.

The case is the outcome of an automobile collision which occurred on highway 218 two and one-half miles northwest of Waverly on May 9, 1931. Russell is asking for personal judgment against the defendant in the sum of \$300, for damages to his automobile. In his petition Russell alleges that Orcutt was negligent in the operation of his car at the time of the accident. In answer to Russell's petition, Orcutt denies negligence.

The jury is made up of the following persons: John Kasemeier, Aug. Blume, Craig Alcock, Mayme Blaine, George Lindner, Lawrence Jissen, Louis Volker, Walter Kuezer, Alfred Krueger, W. D. Christman, Leonard Dorn, and L. F. Hinrichs.

The next case set for jury trial is that of Alvie Allen, plaintiff, against W. H. Prangley, defendant. The plaintiff is asking for personal damage in the amount of \$25,000 for injuries received in an auto collision on highway 20 between Cedar Falls and Waterloo Feb. 12, 1932.

Recent cases acted upon in this term of court are as follows:

The grand jury made report to the court Nov. 11 and was excused for the term, subject to recall. No indictments were brought in.

After trial held before Judge Seardmore in the claim and application matter filed in the estate of W. Schwarze, entry as per signed finding and order was made.

The following cases were settled and dismissed: Buechele Lumber Co. vs. H. Spurge; Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa; Charlotte Harmening vs. Gertrude Wackerhahn, et al.

## Senator Dies



GEO. W. CHRISTOPHEL

State Senator Geo. W. Christophel of the Bremer-Butler district died Sunday morning at his home northwest of Waverly after an illness of several months. Funeral services will be held Wednesday.

# PROMINENT MAN PASSES SUNDAY

George W. Christophel, Well-Known Legislator and Farmer, Succumbs.

George W. Christophel, prominent farmer, and former member of both branches of the state legislature, died Sunday morning, Nov. 13, at 8 o'clock at his farm home northwest of Waverly after an intermittent illness of several months. The immediate cause of his death was heart trouble.

Mr. Christophel's health began to fail early this year when he suffered a stroke. He rallied, however, and was able to take an active interest in the management of his farm. He

# TAXABLE VALUE OF COMPANIES ORDERED SPREAD

## Railroad, Telephone, Power Companies Values Listed.

The list of taxable valuations of railroads, power companies, telephone companies, and express companies in Bremer county has recently been certified to County Auditor H. J. Stumme by the state board of assessment and review. The county board of supervisors in session last week ordered a spread of the valuation to towns, townships, and school districts in the county according to mileage.

The mileage, taxable value per mile, and total taxable value of the various concerns are as follows the first figure being the mileage, the second figure the value per mile, and the last figure the total taxable value:

### Railroads

Chicago and Great Western, main line, 6,008, \$5,511, \$33,110.

Chicago and Great Western, Oelwein-Clarion branch, 25,398, \$5,511, \$139,968.

Chicago and Great Western, Waverly branch, 21,871, \$5,511, \$120,531.

Rock Island, main line, 4,170, \$6,667, \$27,801.

Rock Island, Waverly branch, 5,800, \$6,667, \$38,667.

Illinois Central, Dubuque to Sioux City, 19,440, \$7,365, \$143,176.

Waterloo Cedar Falls and Northern, 10,530, \$1,958, \$20,618.

### Power Companies

Central States Power and Light Company, 104.50, \$136.00, \$14,212.

City of Waverly, 12, \$94.00, \$1,128.

Iowa Public Service Company, 86.50, \$185.00, \$16,003.

Municipal Electric Plant of Cedar Falls, 6.50, \$85.00, \$533.50.

### Telephone Companies

Clay Hill Cooperative Telephone Line, Waverly, 1.50, \$18.00, \$27.00.

Fremont Telephone Line, Tripoli, 8.50, \$10.00, \$85.00.

Hopewell Telephone Company, 1.75, \$9.00, \$15.75.

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Entries as per signed decrees of reclosure were made in the following cases: I. H. McDaniels vs. Ira G. Callender; Oran Savings Bank of Oran, Iowa, vs. Bertha and Artha Heinemann; Lloyd L. Gibbon, receiver of the Carter Mansfield & Co. vs. I. Clifton and Ruth Meyers.

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Those receiving the grades are as follows:

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- Airgil Cmelik, freshman, 93 1/4;
- Mary Torrell, freshman, 92;
- Margaret Broste, freshman, 95 1/4;
- Bernadine Barr, freshman, 92 1/2;
- Mary Feldman, freshman, 96 1/4;
- Miriam Feldman, junior, 94 1/4;
- Marion Geiger, freshman, 96 1/4;
- Neal Geuther, senior, 93;
- Irmgard Grossmann, senior, 92 1/2;
- Robert Hardwic, freshman, 92 1/2;
- Leahette Hambergway, junior, 92 2/5;
- Gail Jackson, sophomore, 95 1/4;
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Funeral services will be held at the First Evangelical church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Geo. A. Stauffacher. Interment will be made in H. Langton cemetery.

An official committee from the state senate, appointed by Lieutenant Governor Arch McFarland, composed of Senator C. A. Benson of Elkader, Senator Lafe Hill of Nora Springs, and Senator E. J. Wenner of Waterloo will attend the funeral service. Senator Wenner will speak briefly.

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  - Lafayette - Warren Telephone Company, Waverly, 63, \$12.00, \$756.
  - Main Road Telephone Company, Tripoli, 7.50, \$10.00, \$75.00.
  - Park Telephone Company, Shell Rock, 4, \$3.00, \$32.00.
  - Plumb Creek Telephone Company, Sumner, 3, \$6.00, \$18.00.
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  - Potter Siding Telephone Company, Line No. 94, Tripoli, 9, \$9.00, \$81.00.
  - Rima Telephone Company, Sumner, 11.75, \$10.00, \$117.50.
  - South View Telephone Line No. 92, Tripoli, 7.50, \$8.00, \$60.00.
  - Trumbo Grove Telephone Company, Tripoli, 24, \$6.00, \$144.00.
  - Victory Telephone Line, Waverly, 10, \$8.00, \$80.00.
  - Washington Rural Telephone Company, Denver, 28.5, \$11.00, \$310.75.

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# WAREHOUSE IS TAKEN BY FIRE

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## ONE-CENT SALE ON AT MEYER'S

Famous Bargain Event, Described  
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Mr. Christophel became a member of the Warren Evangelical church when he first came to the county. When he moved to the place northwest of Waverly he became associated with the Waverly church. Prior to his first illness he served as a Sunday school teacher for a boys class. Six of the boys of the class, Ray Koenig, Kenneth Keller, Clarence Iserman, Howard Ritchie, Edwin Mills and Wendell Ormiston, will act as pall bearers.

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—Want Ads Get Results.

## Silex Electric Home Lighting

### Christmas Lights on Program Again for Waverly Homes.

eating soda crackers and whipped cream: he was no cook. He said, "Either you quit work or we quit farming": from then on, my career was farming.

Two children were born to this marriage, Richard of Waverly, a farmer, and Elizabeth Erkel of Corpus Christi, Texas, an associate director of nursing in the Corpus Christi University. There are seven grandchildren.

Clarence and Esther retired from farming in 1971 and moved to Waverly. Clarence died in September, 1972. At the time of his death, both were members of Faith United Methodist Church in Waverly.

Clarence was active in church work and served on the board. He was active in community work, served on the Farm Bureau board, C&H Oil Co. board, Farmer's Exchange board, Farmer's Home Administration board, and taught a G.I. farming class. He was elected a Republican member of the House of Representatives for the 55th, 56th, and 57th General Assemblies. Esther is active in Farm Bureau and Extension work and was chosen Bremer County Homemaker of the Year in 1965. She also is active in her church, Garden Club, Republican Women, and Senior Citizens. *Esther Christophel, Waverly, Iowa*

### GEORGE CHRISTOPHEL FAMILY

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**George Christophel, Forty-First General Assembly — 1925**

In 1911 and 1912, he served as secretary of the Bremer Creamery Company. In 1913 he moved to a farm three miles northwest of Waverly. He was president of the Bremer County Farm Bureau two years and vice president two years. He was elected twice to the Iowa Federation of Farm Bureau and awarded a gold medal, January 13, 1927, in the Master Farmers Contest. He helped organize the Farmers Reload Association in Waverly. In 1930 he was elected the first president of that association and was re-elected president in 1931. He was elected state representative in the fall of 1924, re-elected in 1926, and elected senator in the fall of 1928.

George was prominent in farm activities. He had a state test plot for fertilizer on his farm for twelve years, which was sponsored by Iowa State University, Ames.

He was an active member of First Evangelical Church, now known as Faith United Methodist of Waverly. He held various offices, taught Sunday School, and also was a delegate to the Iowa Conference meeting.

### LAVERNE AND HELEN CLARY FAMILY

Laverne R. and Helen L. Clary are both graduates of Waverly High School. They were married in Princeton, Missouri, on October 22, 1942. To this union were born three children: Dianne Lucille, who died in infancy in 1946; Michael L., born July 25, 1948, who lives in Waterloo and is employed as a chef in Hudson, Iowa; and Margaret H. Bernard, born September 26, 1950, who now lives in Tacoma, Washington, where her husband, Jeffrey T. Bernard, is a meteorologist in the United States Air Force. They are the parents of two children: Christopher Michael, born on July 24, 1978, and Kimberly Joanne, born on September 10, 1984.



**The Laverne Clary Family**  
Front: Christopher Bernard, Helen Clary. Back: Laverne Clary, Margaret and Kimberly Bernard, Michael Clary.

Laverne was born on November 29, 1923 in Frederika, Iowa. His parents were Archie C. Clary, son of Martin and Elizabeth Alcock Clary, and Lela Mae Parson Clary, daughter of Hillman and Libbie Pierson Parson. They also had one daughter, now Mrs. Lucille Clary Lee, who lives in Clinton, Iowa. The family moved to Waverly, Iowa, from the Alcock farm in Douglas Township in 1924.

Charles and Elizabeth Peacock Alcock were the parents of Elizabeth Alcock Clary. At the time of her death in 1870, Mrs. Alcock asked to be buried on the Alcock farm. Later this area was made into a cemetery. Thus, she became the first to be buried in what is now the Alcock Cemetery.

Helen was born on January 24, 1923, in Waverly, Iowa, the daughter of James A. and Daphne L. Martin Curry. She has one sister, Mrs. Jean Williamson, living in Port Angeles, Washington. A brother, William M. Curry, died in 1964 in Renton, Washington.

At the time of their marriage, Helen was employed by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company as an operator, and Laverne was working for the Waverly Feed Mill. He entered the United States Army on September 8, 1943, and served as Supply Sergeant in Battery "B," 394th Field Artillery Battalion. After a short tour of duty in the European Theatre, he was discharged as a Staff Sergeant on February 6, 1946.

On June 3, 1946, he began working for the U.S. Postal Service in Waverly as a city carrier, and in 1969, he transferred to the Rural Carrier Division from which he retired on December 1, 1978, with nearly 35 years of government service.

In 1946, he became a member of Tyrrell Lodge #116, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in Waverly and continues to be an active member in this fraternity. He served the local lodge as Worshipful Master in 1953. On the state level, he was appointed Senior Grand Deacon in 1957, elected Junior Grand Warden in 1959, appointed Deputy Grand Master in 1964 and was elected Grand Master of Masons in Iowa in 1979. He has been secretary of the Board of Custodians of the Work in Iowa since 1967, except for the years of 1978 and 1979 when he was preparing for and serving as Grand Master.

He also holds membership in the York Rite bodies of Cedar Falls, Iowa; St. Bartholomew Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine in Des Moines; Waterloo High Twelve Club #46; and the Waterloo Scottish Rite Club, which he served as president in 1985. He is a member of the Cedar Rapids Consistory where he holds the rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor of the 32nd degree. He is also a member of the

American Legion and at the present time is serving as chairman of the Veterans Affairs Commission in Bremer County.

The Clarys are members of Trinity United Methodist Church in Waverly, where they have served on several committees, and Laverne is a certified Lay Speaker. They are also members of Waverly Chapter #353, Order of the Eastern Star. In their travels, they have made many friends, not only in Iowa but in other states as well, but are happy to call Bremer County "Home."

### ELMER AND BERNICE CLAUSING FAMILY

Elmer was born Jan. 7, 1924, to Theodore and Hilda Wolf Clausing in Bremer County. Grandparents were the Fred Wolfs and Will Clausings. He has one sister, Mrs. Virgil Meswarb (Darlys), Omaha, Neb. Elmer attended rural schools in Bremer County and worked for farmers and for Rath Packing Co.



**Elmer Clausing Family**

Bernice was born Oct. 31, 1923, to Fred and Mable Biermann Brase in Bremer County. She graduated from Tripoli High in 1941. She worked at Kramer Produce and Ration Office at Tripoli. She has one sister, Mrs. Vernon Wikner (Bernita), New Hampton, Iowa, and one brother, Lavern Brase, Readlyn, Iowa. Grandparents were: the Henry Brases, who came to Bremer County from Germany and settled in Western Douglas; and also the Herman Biermanns.

Elmer Clausing and Bernice Brase were married at Grace Lutheran Church, Tripoli, Iowa, June 25, 1944. They have two sons, the Rev. Dean Clausing, Batesville, Arkansas, and Craig Clausing, R.R. 4, Waverly, Iowa. Elmer and Bernice have lived on the farm northeast of Waverly for thirty-three years and are dairy farmers. Bernice has worked at the Carriage House in the men's department in Waverly for fourteen years.

Dean was born Feb. 25, 1947, and Craig April 10, 1951. Both sons graduated from Waverly High School: Dean in 1965 and Craig in 1969. Both were 4-H members. Dean graduated from Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebraska. He taught school for eight years and then entered the Seminary at St. Louis. He now is pastor at Hope Lutheran Church, Batesville, Arkansas. He is married to Susan Breitenbach. They have two children, David, nine, and Christine, five.

Craig graduated from Ellsworth College, Iowa Falls, Iowa, in 1971, and received a degree in dairy science, from South Dakota State, Brookings, South Dakota, in 1973. He farms and his wife, the former Jean Ketterling, teaches special education in Tripoli. They have two children, Cody, four, and Cara, one.

They are members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Bremer, and have lived in Bremer County all their lives.