

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Jorgeson, Samuel Reinhold Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented North County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 28 May 1892 near Vanlontown, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Emma Lullavall 30 Nov 1922 Minneapolis, Minnesota

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Vice president of Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Lake Miller, Iowa; secretary of the department of pension of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Minneapolis

B. Civic responsibilities Boy Scouts, Lions Club

C. Profession Banker in Vanlontown, Iowa and Lake Miller, Iowa

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 42<sup>nd</sup>, 43<sup>rd</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1927, 1929, 1931

6. Public Offices

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

B. State President of Iowa Bankers Association 1937-1938; member of the Iowa Republican State Central Committee

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

7. Death 25 Sept 1954 Minneapolis, Minnesota; buried Salem Lutheran Church, Lake Miller, Iowa

8. Children Leon Nathan

9. Names of parents Jorgen C. and Olive Maria (Storre) Jorgeson

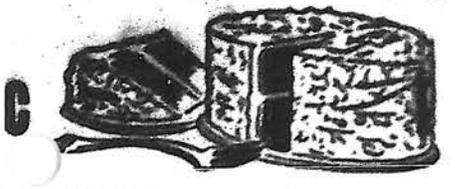
10. Education Educated in rural schools of North County, Iowa

11. Degrees Graduate of Haldorf College, Forest City, Iowa;  
graduate of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota 1917

12. Other applicable information Republican

- While attending school he worked on the farm with his mother  
in 1907-1918
- In 1919-1922 he was a bookkeeper, teller and assistant cashier  
at the Citizens Saving Bank of Hamilton, Iowa
- From 1922-1933 he was cashier at the Farmers Trust and  
Savings Bank at Joice, Iowa
- After 1933 he was cashier at the Farmers and Merchants  
State Bank of Lakes Mills, Iowa
- He was a trustee of Haldorf College, Forest City, Iowa
- He was a very active church man, having served as a deacon and  
trustee in various parishes
- He was a director of the Board of Pensions of the Evangelical Lutheran  
Church





**EMONEY!**

**AL FLOUR**

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**PON IN BAG**

# Rites Held Monday For Former Banker



S. R. Torgeson

## Torgeson Also Active in Church, Political Circles

Funeral services were held in Salem Lutheran church ~~here~~ Monday for Samuel R. Torgeson, 62, former Lake Mills banker and state representative who died at his home in Minneapolis Saturday afternoon.

He had been ill for the past three months. Mr. Torgeson had suffered a heart attack and was bedfast, but some hope was held for his recovery until last Thursday, when he suffered another severe stroke.

Mr. Torgeson was vice-president of the Farmers and Merchants State bank in Lake Mills until he resigned about three years ago to become secretary of the department of pensions of the Evangelical Lutheran church in Minneapolis.

**THROUGHOUT** his long residence in North Iowa in the banking profession in Hanlontown, Joice and Lake Mills, he was actively engaged in the affairs of church and state. He represented Worth county in the house of the state legislature from 1927 to 1933 and was president of the Iowa Bankers association in 1937-38.

Mr. Torgeson was active in Republican party affairs in the state of Iowa and served as sixth district chairman of the GOP central committee, a post he held for nine years.

Salem church was filled with many friends who came to pay last tributes to a friend and outstanding citizen. His activities included every phase of community and church work.

## To Welcome New HPO Thursday

The latest innovation in mail transportation will be on display in Lake Mills from 10:55 to 11:15 Thursday morning. The new highway post office, which will begin regular twice-a-day mail service between Albert Lea, Minn., and Tama, Iowa, on Oct. 1, will stop in Lake Mills for an inspection by local citizens.

The Lake Mills marching band will provide music for the short ceremony which will be held in front of the post office, and Mayor Wallace Bratrud will welcome the HPO in behalf of Lake Mills. Persons will then have an opportunity to inspect

**THE HPO will stop for inspec-**

**AS FINANCIAL DESTINATIONS FOR THE WINNEBAGO COUNCIL FOR BOY SCOUTS**

# Aug 89c

## Golden Cream 10c 303 tin

By a Case at This Low Price

## 10c

By a Case at This Low Price

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Florida Sweetened

## 59c

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# Meats

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Lake Mills, a carload of milk will have an opportunity to inspect the HPO inside and out.

THE HPO will stop for inspection at all of the towns it will serve during its regular trips. It will stop at Emmons from 10:25 am to 10:40 am, and at Leland from 11:25 to 11:50.

When it begins regular service on Oct. 1, the new HPO will travel twice daily between Albert Lea and Tama. The north-bound HPO will stop at Lake Mills at 10 am, and the south-bound HPO at 3:22 pm.

IT WILL MAKE connections with trains at both ends of the run and will connect at Grundy Center, Iowa, with the HPO running between Austin, Minn., and Des Moines.

The new highway post office is very similar to the older type railway post office. Regular mail clerks will be sorting the mail all during the trip for faster distribution all along the route. The HPO is a mobile post office mounted on a truck chassis.

## Forest City Boy Struck by Truck

John Langford, 13, son of William Langford, Forest City, was injured Thursday when struck by a semi-truck near the intersection of Highways 69 and 9 in Forest City. The boy ran into the path of the truck while chasing a football that had rolled onto the highway. The truck's wheels passed over both of the boy's legs but no bones were broken.

William Hols of Des Moines, driver of the truck, said he saw a football roll into the road and he started to turn to avoid hitting it. At the same time young Langford ran out into the road, kicking the ball and started to follow it across when he was struck by the truck.

and church work.

AS FINANCE chairman for the Winnebago council for Boy Scouts of America, he conducted successful fund raising campaigns. As a GOP party worker, he was frequently called on to speak and head up campaigns throughout his district. As a church worker, he served in important capacities both on general church committees and also in district and circuit work.

Samuel Torgeson was born May 26, 1892, near Hankentown where he grew to manhood. He was a graduate of Waldorf college, Forest City, and of St. Olaf college at Northfield. His marriage to Emma Dahl took place Nov. 30, 1922 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Neal in Minneapolis.

Survivors include his wife, a son, Dean, a student at the State University of Iowa; a sister, Thelma, Minneapolis, and a brother, the Rev. Thomas Torgeson, Chicago, Ill.

A SHORT SERVICE was held Monday morning at 10 at the Bethlehem Lutheran church in Minneapolis. The speakers at this service were Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, retired president of the E.L.C., the Rev. Ernst Opahl, president of LBI in Minneapolis, and the Rev. Maynard Iverson, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran. Pallbearers were deacons of the church.

At the service held at Salem Lutheran church the Dr. V. T. Jordahl of Mason City, president of the South Central district of the E.L.C.; Dr. Farned of Waldorf college, and A. L. Pausted of Forest City, chairman of the board, were chairman of the board of pensioners of the E.L.C. brought short messages.

Prof. Odvin Hager sang two solos, "Asleep in Jesus" and "Jeg Ved En Vel" with Metilda Rose as accompanist. Both are teachers at Waldorf college.

OUT-OF-TOWN guests attending the service were the Rev. and Mrs. TORGESON, Next Page

## S. R. TORGESON FUNERAL SERMON As Delivered by the Rev. Thomas Doe



Sam C. Thompson

# Held Today Thompson

services were held this at the Lutheran church for Sam C. Thompson of 74 years.

Thompson farmed for many years in the Thompson vicinity. He moved to Iowa Falls and managed a branch of the Farmers Elevator retiring in 1945. He lived in Ventura where he lived his last days.

Survivors are his wife, Edith, Myron and Cy of this city, daughter, Irene (Mrs. J. H. Kiestler) of Kiestler and one son, Mrs. John Jacobson of California.

# Store Owned by Reuben Carlson

Inside Grocery in Clear Lake, was robbed by two men Thursday night by two men.

# Rites Held Monday For Former Banker S. R. Torgeson

TORGESON, From Page 1

Thor Sigmond, Mason City; the Rev. Carl Hanson, Emmons; the Rev. Mr. Bringle, Randall; the Rev. Mr. Hagen and Dr. Jacob Tanner, Forest City; the Rev. Jacob Tweeten, Albert Lea; the Rev. Robert Beckstrand, Winnebago Lutheran church; Dr. H. O. Shurson, treasurer emeritus of the E.L.C.; Norman H. Nelson, treasurer of the E.L.C., and the Rev. Alf Jorgenson, all of Minneapolis.

Frank Warner, Des Moines, secretary of the Iowa Bankers association; Clarence Rye, Miami, Fla.; A. T. Donhowd, vice-president of the Central National Bank and Trust company of Des Moines; A. S. Lund, Albert Lea; Kermit Paulson, Northwood; Ray Johnson, Mason City; H. N. Rye, Emmons; Marvin Rye, Conger, and Melvin Rye, Forest City, were among the bankers who attended the last rites.

RELATIVES attending from out of town were Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Neal and Joseph, Jr., Mrs. Robert Swinton, Therese Torgeson, Mr. and Mrs. Ira B. Garthus, Mrs. Einar Johnson, Ina Heltnie, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Larson, all of Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. Sever Singelstad, Waseca, the Rev. Thomas Torgeson, Chicago, and a host of relatives and friends from the surrounding community.

Palbearers were Hans Rogstad, Alvin Saxerug and George Thomas, directors of the Farmers and Merchants State bank, and his cousins, Laur, Herman and O. K. Storre, of Kensett. Burial was in Salem Memorial cemetery.

# Band to Northwood, Mason City Next Week

The Lake Mills marching band will play for two out-of-town engagements during the next week. Friday night they will travel to Northwood for homecoming activities during the

ways and means of taking care of the retired ministers. That was his honor and he accepted it purely as a service to his Lord and His Church!

The writer here in Hebrews says, "It is my earnest wish that every one of you show the same kneeness . . . and not grow slack . . . but follow the example of those who by their patience claim the promises."

We are all present to honor Sam's memory. How lowly and humble some of you must feel as you compare your Christian life to his! How well you know that it would not be possible for me to preach a similar funeral sermon for you. I take this down to your level of living where it was just as possible for you to match him. Take that record of your church attendance with all its blank pages; think of your spending more for luxuries than you give to the Kingdom of God; think of the fact that you have not contributed a single hour of work in your congregation for months and maybe years; think of those whose conduct and walk of life does more to repel rather than draws men to the Savior . . . need I tell you that your example is a cause of much grief instead of a source of comfort and joy and strength, as was his. Yet as your pastor I plead with you to make your peace with God ere it be too late, by a keen faith, not growing slack, but showing patience that always wins.

Christ says to you just as He did to Sam, "Come unto me . . . And I will give you rest." Mat. 28. "I am the Way . . . Truth . . . Life." Jh. 14:6. "I am the door, . . . if any man enter he shall be saved." Jh. 10:9. "I am the Bread of life." Jh. 6:35. "I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness." Jh. 8:12. "I am the resurrection and the life." "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him turn unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him for He will abundantly pardon." Is. 55:6-7.

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preach a similar funeral sermon  
for you. I take this down to your  
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as possible for you to match him.  
Take that record of your church  
attendance with all its blank  
pages; think of your spending  
more for luxuries than you give  
to the Kingdom of God; think of  
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in your congregation for months  
and maybe years; think of those  
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vivid. It has been great to know  
them at times and in circum-  
stances when our knowledge of  
them could be more intimate than  
it could otherwise have been in  
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pointments. It's been good to have  
known them and felt their in-  
fluence upon us.

Sam was neither a great guy  
nor was he a great Christian.  
Sam had a great God. In it was  
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The public is invited to attend  
the screening. There will be no  
admission charge.

## Fractures Foot In Football Game

EMMONS—Kenneth Dahle son  
of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Dahle of  
Emmons, was injured in a foot-  
ball game held at Emmons Friday  
afternoon with Medford. He was  
taken immediately to Naeve hos-  
pital, Albert Lea, where it was  
found he had fractured four bones  
in the right foot.

His foot was placed in a cast  
Saturday morning and he will be  
able to return to his home the  
latter part of the week. Kenneth  
is a sophomore in the Emmons  
high school.

to Him from whom all perfect  
gifts come.

You who were close to him,  
God in His mercy permitted you  
to prepare for the departure of  
your loved one and permitting  
you to be by his side to the end!  
When his summons came you  
knew he was ready and that to  
him is the heavenly rest.

With that assurance and con-  
fident hope isn't it wonderful to  
look forward to meeting again?  
to meet in serene peace and the  
open vision of heavenly life, in  
the beauty and might of immortal  
youth.

Montgomery wrote it like this:  
So star by star declines,

Till all are passed away,  
As morning high and higher shines  
To pure and perfect day,

Nor sink those stars in empty night  
They hide themselves in heaven's  
own light.

May God in His mercy bring us  
all to that perfect light, to the  
city of the living and not dying,  
to the very vision of God, to the  
welcoming face of Christ. Amen.

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## S. R. TORGESON FUNERAL SERMON

SERMON, From Page 1

him with every position that he could be elected to including some 40 years as a successful Sunday school teacher. His life was such that we had no doubts as to his ability. Several of our institutions rejoiced in his high office of performance for them.

That maybe is enough of a eulogy for any man. It's wonderful when a community elects a man, a state chooses, the bankers appoint and rejoice in the service of one of us. But it is a still more noble commentary on his life when all the congregations of the money of those who disliked him, and made no effort to understand him.

His local congregation honored Synod working together choose and welcome and honor a man to the tremendous task of finding ways and means of taking care of the retired ministers. That was his honor and he accepted it purely as a service to his Lord and His Church!

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## African Missionary Film to Be Shown At Zoar Lutheran

An area premiere screening of "Jahangal . . . Your African Safari" has been slated for Sunday at 8 p.m. in the Zoar Lutheran church. Announcement has been made by the Rev. Herman Engbretson, chairman for the event which is planned in the interest of African missions.

Described as "a missionary film that is different," the dramatic documentary takes the viewer on an exciting 10,000-mile safari. Two tightly edited animal sequences, featuring the continent's wildlife wonderland, reach twin climaxes in a dispute over the right-of-way with a pride of lions and a leopard kill seen from the car window. One shares the photographer's spine-tingling experience of being stalked by a wild rhino.

Of human interest is the visit to the market place where imported candy "life savers" are sold as medicines and goats are bartered for wives. Primitive Africa is personified by the witch doctor whose headache remedy is "the fin of a fish, the tail of a rat, the head of a snake, the foot of a fowl." Patients are to "tie these in a bundle, place beneath the nose and inhale deeply." Presto, the headache is supposed to disappear.

The film depicts Africa as "the Continent of suffering, the open sour of the world," and points up the work of medical missions with a visit to a hospital where lepers are cleansed. It then moves right into an operating theater to witness the miracle of sight restored to a blind Mohammedan through the skill and devotion of a missionary surgeon.

The public is invited to attend the screening. There will be no admission charge.

## Fractures Foot In Football Game

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Wednesday, September 29, 1954

## **S. R. Torgeson A Leader for All That Was Good**

Lake Mills and all north Iowa lost a good friend in the death late Saturday of S. R. Torgeson. For many years Mr. Torgeson was a citizen of this area, and a noble one. His work and activities widened his acquaintanceship to include friends all over the state of Iowa.

Through his many activities, he was the good citizen that always worked to raise the general tone of his community, his state and his nation. He used his talents for the good and pleasure of others in clubs and societies, in business circles and in his every affiliation. Life to him was a mission.

It is always more difficult to be brave under commonplace conditions, than to play the hero amid the glitter of romantic surroundings. A man who keeps his soul spotless in the busy world of today, who is manly and clean and strong, who gives his strength to the weak and his help to the oppressed, all in the hum-drum obscurity of a business career, shows more signs of a brave heart and dauntless courage than the much praised knights of the middle ages. Such a man was Sam Torgeson.

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the 10 semi-finalists, a final selection among the finalists. Each of the 11 finalists had to exhibit some form of talent, in the form of voice, dancing or dramatic acting or in some other way.

All contestants naturally exhibited some natural talent of their own. But to make something a talent-and-beauty test, the talent is necessary although the most talented girl cannot always win. The choice is supposed to center upon the best combination of the two.

Our only comment on this year's contest, which constitutes a great show, is expressed here as a bit of advice to young girls who are future Miss America contestants. That advice can be summed up in just about one sentence: There is no need to go off the deep end on serious dramatic art. It is enough if one is a beautiful, healthy, American girl. A nice song, a nice dance or a nice play for playing a musical instrument we like. But the girl is enough suffering in life, and is without having to cry and groan and sob over a super-dramatic spiel from a Miss America candidate. So, of it, please, girls!

## **Case of the Reeling Ruble**

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He had a peculiar talent for being able to raise money and many times it was his diligent effort and thorough planning that made possible the meeting goals for his church, the Boy Scouts, the Brotherhood, the political party, or wherever he set his hand to work.

Mr. Torgeson was blessed with a wonderful ability as a public speaker. Few were more adept at expressing themselves clearly and concisely and all through his useful life "S.R." was the spokesman for many groups and through it was able to be a force for all that was good.

His hosts of friends throughout the area mourn his

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## Case of the Reeling Ruble

Gloomy comments concerning the decreasing worth of the American dollar may be justified, but our symptoms of inflation are as nothing compared to the worth of the Russian ruble over the 25 years. A recent study published in the Harvard Business Review indicates that Russia's so-called gains have really been more of a loss, as far as the Russian consumer is concerned.

The cost of living in the USSR has risen more than 1,400 per cent since 1928; while wages have risen eight times their 1928 level the result leaves the "man-on-the-street" (street, to you) worse off than he was a quarter of a century ago in terms of actual purchasing power. An annual income may be 700 rubles more than it was ten years ago but he can buy 20 per cent

# In Memoriam TO S. R. TORGESON

1892



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It is sad to give up one whose influence has been good among men, who by precept and example was a leader. Much has been taken from us and pleasant associations with our dear friend have been severed, but much is left. The fadeless memories of his sincerity, honesty and capability, while still among us, will prove a perpetual inspiration.

We deplore his loss to his family and friends, and to the community in which he lived. He was just and upright, a kind husband and father, an honorable and useful citizen, a sincere friend,

banking association. He served as state representative from Worth County and was long a leader in Republican party activities. As a churchman, he was active in all phases of Christian living. Wherever his talents and influence were needed, he was willing to serve. For many years he served as a youth worker with the Boy Scouts. He was a worker for all that was good.

He resigned from his banking position here in Lake Mills to accept a position as a department head with his church. This was motivated by a fine long deep interest in the church and a conviction that his talents could be of greater

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His work and varied activities produced friends and warm acquaintances throughout the state of Iowa. As vice-president of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank in Lake Mills, he was one of the

banking association. He served as state representative from Worth County and was long a leader in Republican party activities. As a churchman, he was active in all phases of Christian living. Wherever his talents and influence were needed, he was willing to serve. For many years he served as a youth worker with the Boy Scouts. He was a worker for all that was good.

He resigned from his banking position here in Lake Mills to accept a position as a department head with his church. This was motivated by a life-long deep interest in the church and a conviction that his talents could be of greater use to his Lord in assisting with the upbuilding of the church's pension system.

The sincere and heartfelt sympathies of the stockholders, directors and officers of this bank are hereby extended to the bereaved widow and family of our deceased brother, whose loss we,

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*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable J. Dick Snakenberg, 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 his wife and members of his family.

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

MAHLON N. BROWN,  
JOHN GRAY,  
ELMER VERMEER,

*Committee.*

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SAMUEL R. TORGESON

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

Samuel R. Torgeson was born at Hanlontown, Iowa, on May 28, 1892, and passed away in Minneapolis on September 25, 1954. He received his early education in the rural schools and at Waldorf College. In 1917 he received the Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Olaf College.

Mr. Torgeson married Miss Emma Dahl of Worth County. A son, Dean Nathan, was born May 2, 1926.

After a two-year period of teaching, Mr. Torgeson began in 1919 a long career in banking, serving first as assistant cashier of a bank at Hanlontown, and later as cashier of the Farmers Trust and Savings Bank at Joice, Iowa. Since 1933, he served as cashier, later as executive vice president and director of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank in Lake Mills. He served as president of the State Bankers Association of Iowa in 1937 and 1938.

Mr. Torgeson was a member of the Iowa House of Representatives, serving in the Forty-second, Forty-second Extra, Forty-third and Forty-fourth sessions of the General Assembly. He was a member for eight years of the Republican State Central Committee.

During the years, he has been an active church man, having served as deacon and trustee in the various parishes to which he has belonged; for thirty-five years he continuously taught Sunday School classes. Mr. Torgeson was a director of the Board of Pensions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Samuel R. Torgeson, the people of Worth County and of the entire State of Iowa have sustained a great loss and the House expresses its ap-

preciation of his character and public service and tenders, by this resolution, its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his beloved family in their great sorrow and loss.

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

W. R. CHRISTIANSEN,  
HENRY C. NELSON,  
CHARLES R. BURTCH,  
*Committee.*

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LAWRENCE I. TRUAX

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

Lawrence I. Truax was born on a farm near Yale, Guthrie County, Iowa, on June 5, 1884. He passed away at Des Moines, Iowa, on October 14, 1953.

His parents were John and Clara Truax, farmers, near Yale, Iowa. The early part of his life was spent in and around this home. His early education was received in the rural schools and the Guthrie County High School. He then attended Cornell College for two years after which he taught in rural and grade schools in Guthrie County. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bagley.

He married Dora Corsaut-Edmand of Bagley who preceded him in death.

His law education was obtained at the University of Iowa law school. He was admitted to the Iowa Bar in 1912, and to the California Bar in 1913 where he practiced law. He was also a certified public accountant. In 1914 he returned to Guthrie County and was elected county auditor there, serving three terms consecutively. He acted as a draft official during World War I. In 1920 he was elected as Representative from Guthrie County to the State Legislature and served in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.

Thereafter he served in the state auditor's office and from 1939 until the time of his death he was supervisor of county audits. Upon making his home in Des Moines, he transferred his church membership to Westminster United Presbyterian Church where he served faithfully as a deacon. He was also associated with the Masonic bodies—Scottish Rites, Commandery, and the Shrine. He was a member of the National Association of County Officials, Pioneer Law Makers Organization, University Club and East Des Moines Club.

At the time of his death, he left to survive him, his wife, Ellie S. Truax, two stepdaughters, one sister, and three brothers.



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Birth Date: **28 May 1892**  
Race: **Caucasian (White)**  
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