Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Beardsley, William Shane Senator Beardsley, William Shane – Represented Harrison and Clarke Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 May 1901 Beacon, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Charlotte E. Manning 29 Jan 1919 Ottumwa, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business

B. Civic responsibilities Rotary; I.O.O.F.; Mason;

C. Profession Pharmacist; farmer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 45th 46th 47th 48th General Assemblies 1933 1935 1937 1939 – Senate
52nd General Assembly 1947 – House of Representatives

6. Public Offices

A. Local

B. State Governor of Iowa 1942, 1952

C. National

7. Death 21 Nov 1954 near Des Moines, Iowa; buried New Virginia Cemetery, New Virginia, Iowa

8. Children J. Blaine; Mary (Mrs. Henry Schrig); Daniel; Charlotte (Mrs. Stickel); William (died 1930).

9. Names of parents William and Carrie (Shane) Beardsley

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Beardsley, William Shane

10. Education Educated in Birmingham, Iowa public schools, graduating in 1919

11. Degrees Graduate of Bowers Institute of Pharmacology 1922

12. Other applicable information Republican

As a young pharmacist at age 21, he took over the drug store in New Virginia, Iowa (using borrowed money). He later bought a farm and as he prospered he had accumulated 700 acres.

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Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Obituary/death notice - The New Virginian, New Virginia, Iowa, Thurs. Nov. 25 1954, p. 1, col. 1+2			
Iowa Press Association of Historic Iowa 1940, p. 1217			
Iowa Official Register 1947-1948, p. 59			
Photo - Original photo located in Special Collections of the State Historical Society of Iowa			

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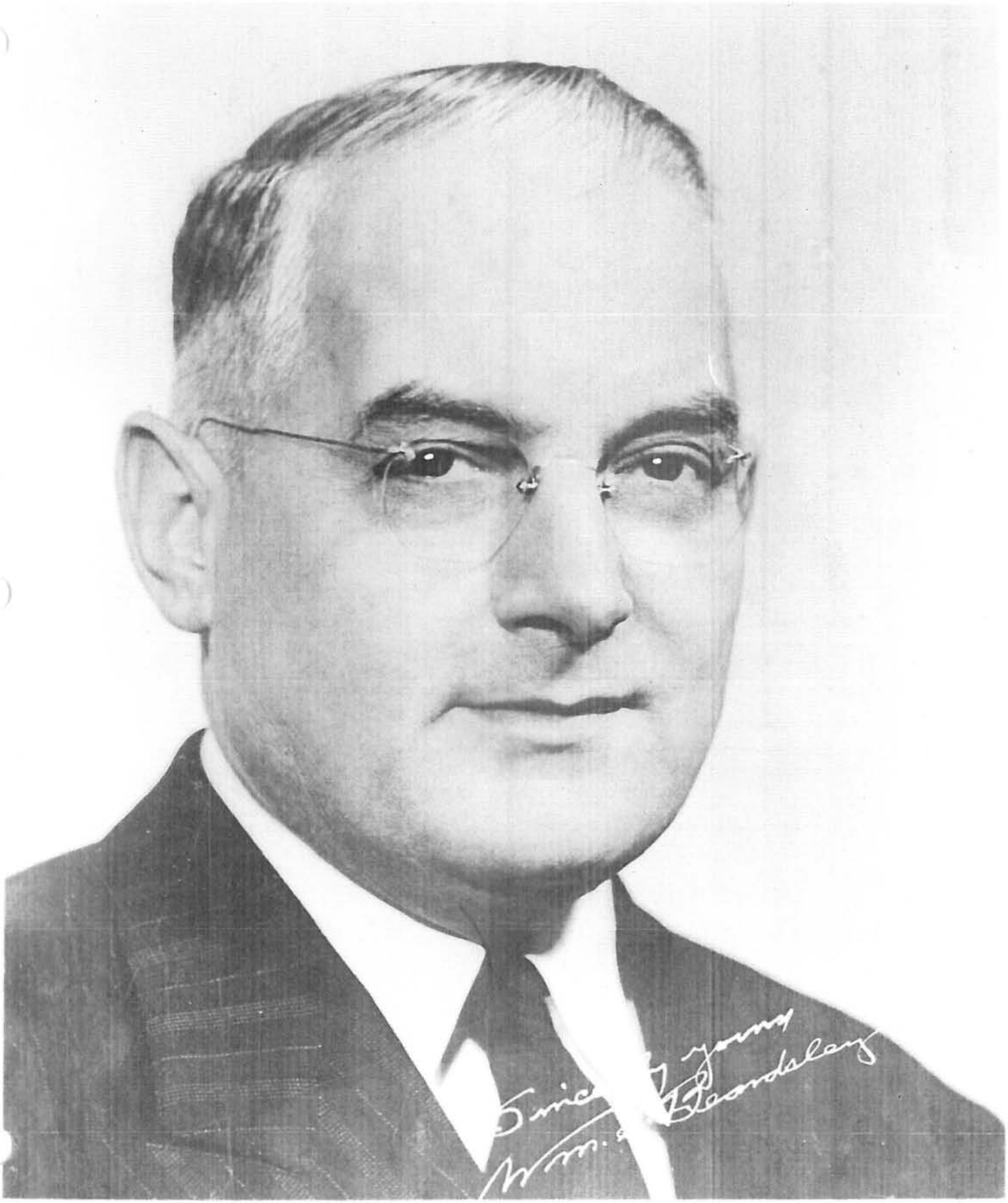

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Iowa's Governor Dies In Auto Crash Sunday Night

Shocked is a mild word to express the feelings of the entire state and nation when it was learned that Iowa's Governor William Shane Beardsley was dead. He met death in an car-truck crash about a mile north of Des Moines on Highway 60 in which officials state was entirely unavoidable. Mrs. Beardsley received painful injuries and is reported as doing nicely at Iowa Lutheran hospital. Governor Beardsley was dead on arrival at the hospital and death was due to a crushed chest.

The Governor and Mrs. Beardsley were enroute to Des Moines from Ames when the accident happened. The panel truck involved in the accident was also enroute to Des Moines and was driven by John Gardner, of Des Moines.

Governor Beardsley was a strong advocate of highway safety and it is tragic that he should have met his death in a highway mishap. It was just one of those things that can happen to anyone.

The body will lie in state at the state house in Des Moines from 2 to 4 P. M., Tuesday, November 23rd after which it will be brought to the Governor's farm home near New Virginia. The body will later be brought to the Methodist church where it will lie in state from 11 A. M., until 1 P. M. Funeral services will be at 2:30 P. M., at the church with burial in the family plot in the New Virginia cemetery.

His son, Blaine and family, arrived in Des Moines by plane from their home in Hillsboro, Oregon, about 2:30 Monday afternoon. A daughter, Mrs. Henry F. Schieg and Mr. Schieg and daughter arrived in Des Moines early Monday after an all night drive from their home at Appleton, Wisconsin. Their son, Dan, a student at Ames, and Mrs. Charlotte Stickel and Mr. Stickel and son, Tommy, besides Mrs. Beardsley are the immediate members of the family.

Funeral services in New Virginia were attended by large crowds. As the body lie in state at the Methodist church neighbors and friends from all over Iowa filed past the casket for a last look at the man they knew and loved.

The sermon was given by Rev. Raoul Caulkins, of Columbus, Ohio the son of a former pastor here and long time friend of the family. He was assisted by Rev. Leroy Moore, the present pastor; and Rev. W. J. Fowler, also a former pastor here and a long time friend of the Beardsley family.

Mrs. Beardsley is still confined to the hospital and was unable to attend the services.

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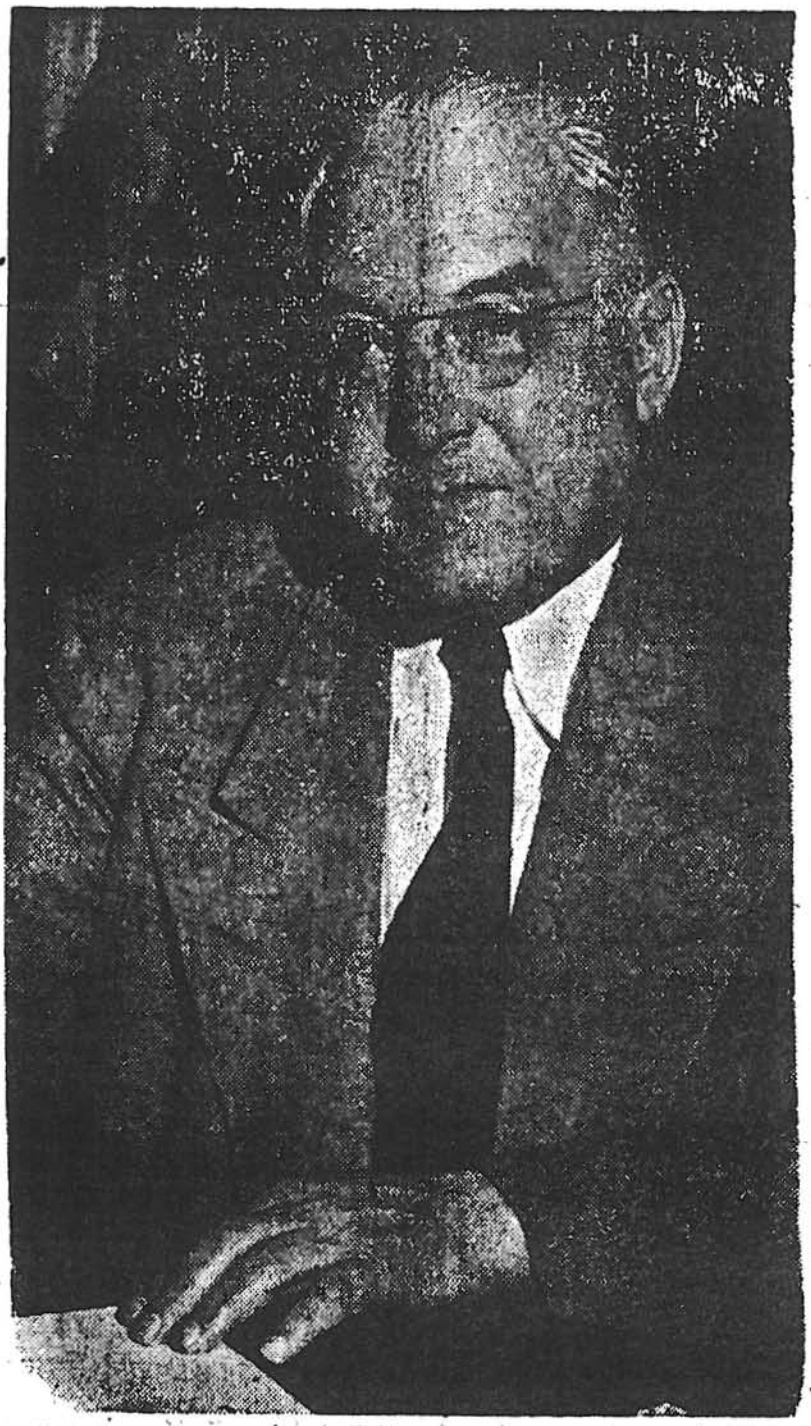

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Francis Chiles

Francis M. Chiles, son of John and Delia Chiles, was born on Feb. 9, 1879, near Rising Sun, Iowa, and died at his home near New Virginia on Nov. 14 at the age of 75 years.

He lived all his life in Polk and Warren counties.

He early joined the church and became a member of the Presbyterian Church

Trailer House Fire Saturday Night

The trailer house belonging to the C. C. Cox family caught fire from an unknown orgin late Saturday night after the family had gone to bed.

It was located near the cafe they operate. Had it not been for their little pet dog, who awakened them, ther would have perished in the

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Geo. W. Stapleton

George Wesley Stapleton, son of Martin and Jenny Stapleton, was born at New Virginia on December 15, 1882. He lived at New Virginia all his life and was a carpenter there.

He died on November 3, 1954 He was preceded in death by a brother, Marcellus, and a sister, Carrie. He is survived by his brother, Bert, of Des Moines, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the New Virginia Methodist church on November 6 with Rev. Leroy Moore officiating. Burial was at the New Virginia cemetery.

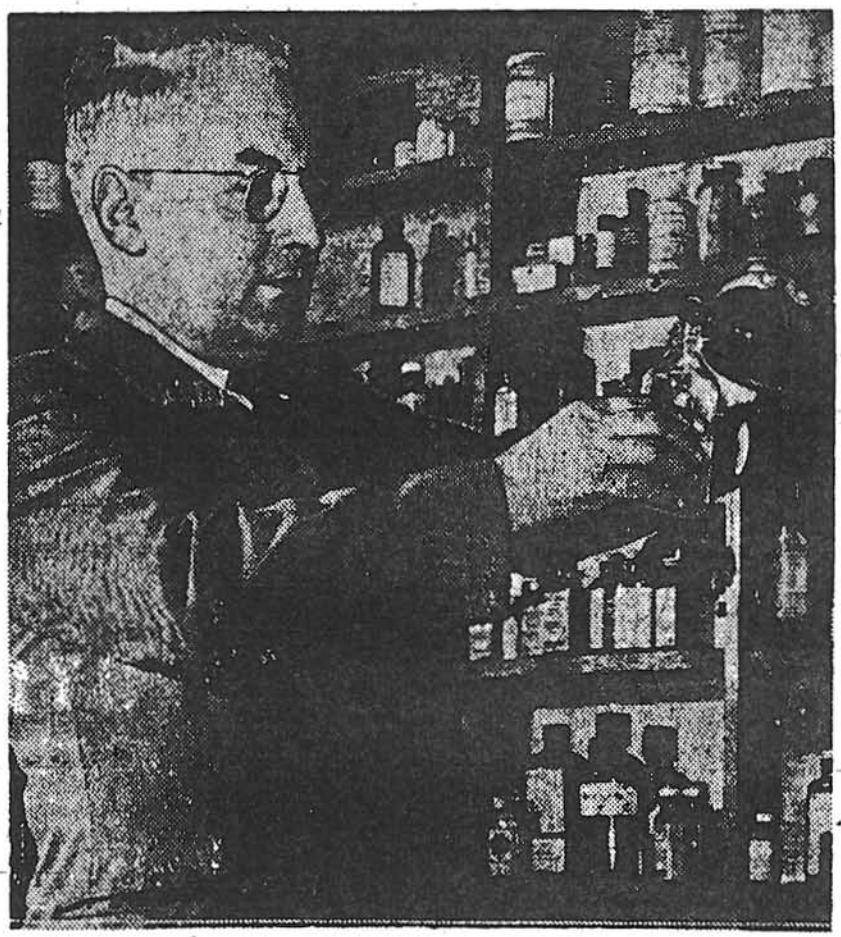
Inspection Day November 27

The pot luck dinner on Nov. 27, Inspection Day, will be served at 12 noon. Members who are coming for afternoon session only, please come one hour earlier.

Mrs Zelphia Felton, the Department Inspector, has visited several Corps over the state during October and November.

FOR SALE: The J. H. Harsh property. Inquire at the office or call 404K, Osceola, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Hylvin Harris and family motored to Des Moines on Sunday and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs Clare O. Chaplin.



William S. Beardsley, 53, killed Sunday night, left his drug store in New Virginia five years ago to become governor of Iowa. Here's "Bill," as he was known to friends, pouring a remedy into a bottle back in 1948.

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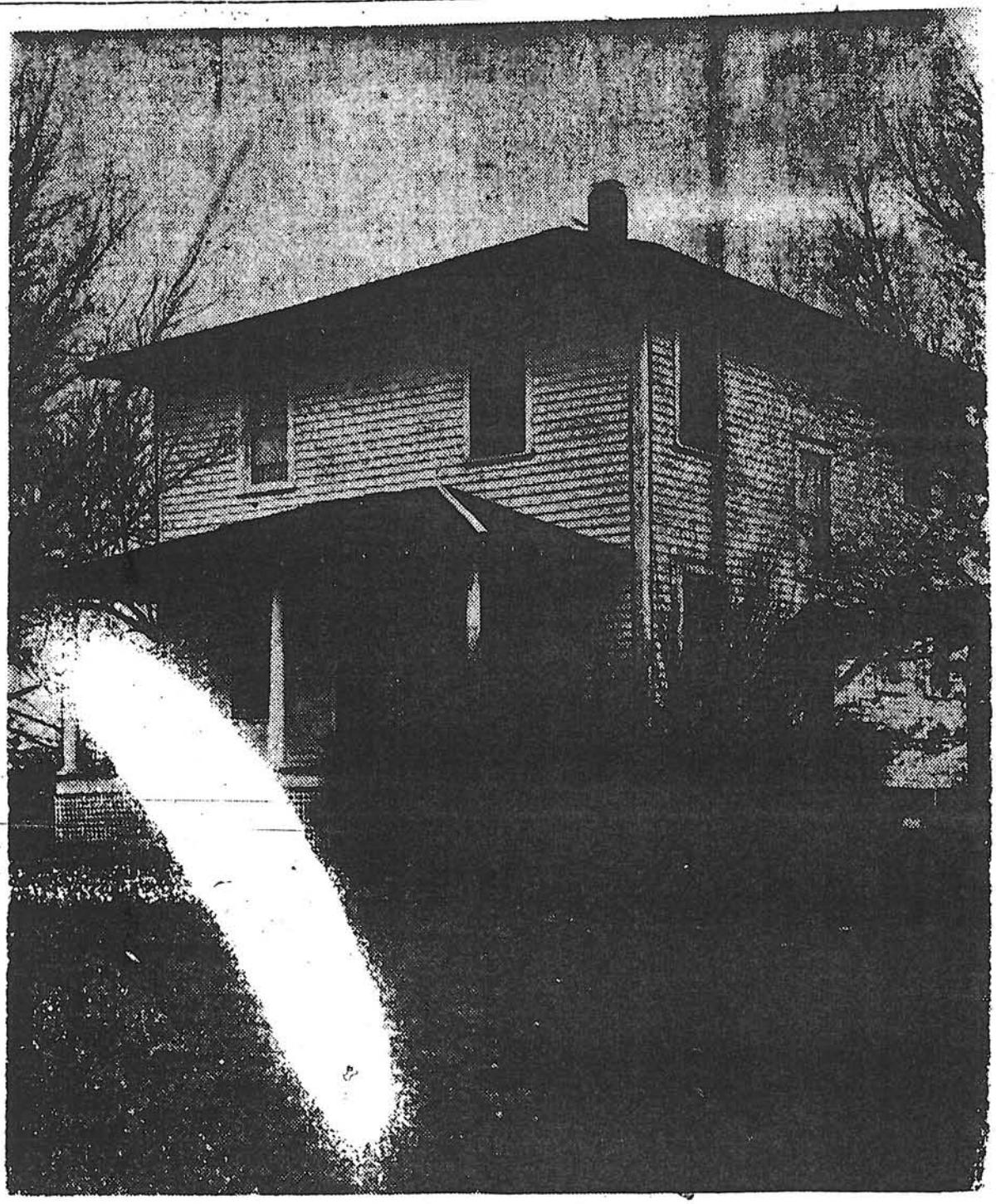

This is the Beardsley farm home near New Virginia. As a young pharmacist of 21, he took over the drug store in the little Warren county town in 1922, using borrowed money. As he prospered, he bought farm land—acquiring 900 acres. A popular man in New Virginia, he carried his home township by a vote of 235 to 16 in winning the

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