

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative McArthur, William Senator McArthur, William

Represented Cerro Gordo, Franklin and Hancock Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 15 Jul 1886 near Mason City, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Alice L O'Neil 5 Dec 1911

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Chief of the grain division of the Commodity Credit Corporation in 1940 and various federal agencies until retirement in 1954.

B. Civic responsibilities President of the North Iowa Fair

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 45<sup>th</sup> 46<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1933, 1935 - Senate

6. Public Offices 58<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1959 - House of Representatives

A. Local First president of the United Farm Organization of Cerro Gordo County

B. State President of the North Iowa Fair 3 years; director of the Iowa Beef Producers Association

C. National United States Dept. of Agriculture head of the grain branch;

7. Death 22 Oct 1963 Mason City, Iowa; buried Elmwood Cemetery, Mason City, Iowa

8. Children Dan Neil; Alice (Mrs. Sanford) Inholt Evelyn  
Mapine (Mrs. Daniel) Beshers

9. Names of parents Daniel and Maria (Bond) McArthur

10. Education Educated in rural schools near his  
home and graduated from Mason City  
High School

11. Degrees Melland Normal School, Mason City, Iowa;  
Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa - graduated 1910 B.S.  
Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa - MS degree in 1923

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- While in Washington, D.C. he was known as the largest grain  
seller in the nation.
- After college he managed several farms in Oklahoma
- In 1913 his father was killed, so he came home to care for the  
large McArthur farm
- One of the first men to be chosen for the Most Meritorious Farmer Award  
given by Wallace's Farmer.
- Active in farm insurance work and for several years served  
as president of the American Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance  
and American Farmer's Mutual Life Insurance Companies of  
Des Moines.
- In 1947 he went to Washington, D.C. to help write the corn loan  
program and in 1948 he helped write the wheat loan program.
- During World War II he directed the movement of grain held by the  
government. He was a member of the International  
Emergency Food Commission Awarded Legion of Honor from France for his  
work.
- He proposed the use of steel bins for grain storage.



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# MASON CITY GAZETTE

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## William McArthur in Florida



WILLIAM McARTHUR

**William  
McArthur  
is dead**  
Well known  
in government

William McArthur, 77, Mason City farmer, a former Iowa legislator, and for 20 years head of the grain branch, United States Department of Agriculture, died Tuesday night in a Mason City hospital of a heart ailment.

A native of Mason City, he was known while in Washington as the largest grain seller in the nation. He became chief of the grain division of the Commodity Credit Corp. (CCC) in 1940 and continued to serve in various offices of that federal agency until he retired in 1954.

He purchased millions of bushels of grain in the United States for the United States government for shipment overseas. He was a member of the U.S. delegation to the International Wheat Council and was awarded the Legion of Honor Award from the French government for his work on the allocation of grain during World War II.



they still could complete the largest long-range airmail in U.S. history by the deadline Thursday night.

Rhein—Main air base near Frankfurt, destination of most of the Texas-to-West Germany fleet, closed

shortly before dawn as visibility dropped to less than half a mile.

Two four-engine C135s were rerouted to Ramstein, about 60 miles southwest of Frankfurt, and one was ordered to land at Mildenhall Royal Air Force base in England with 73 soldiers.

"Right now the situation is very very flexible," a spokesman said. "But the schedule has not been disrupted by any appreciable amount, and we are confident that the 72-hour overall deadline will not have to be changed."

The planes began ferrying the men of the U.S. 2nd Armored Division — the old "Hell on Wheels" division — from the United States Tuesday in a demonstration of the mobility of America's strength.

The airlift aroused fears in West Germany that it was the prelude to a reduction of U.S. troops in Europe and that the United States would rely instead on fast airlifts to trouble spots.

To quiet such fears, a high-ranking U.S. official said in Washington Tuesday night that Secretary of State Dean Rusk would announce during a visit to West Germany over the weekend that the United States has no intention of withdrawing any of its 250,000 troops in Europe.

Until the fog closed Rhein-Main, the operation went off through the night like clockwork. By 8:30 a.m. — 2:30 a.m. EST — 1,897 soldiers had arrived at West German and French bases, along with 50.7 tons of equipment.

## Chest hits 93 per cent

Contributions received Tuesday have brought the Mason City Community Chest total pledges to \$116,891.89, it was reported Wednesday by Dr. John MacGregor, campaign chairman.

The \$1,384.50 added to Monday's total brings the campaign to 93½ per cent of its \$125,000 goal.

Employees of three additional firms made their quotas Tuesday. They are the Mason City

whites already are beginning to return to the homes they left and don't have as much to fear as they anticipated.

Another official spoke of the U.N. assistance to the developing countries ("We no longer call them the 'underdeveloped' countries," he explained.)

Two areas of assistance were stressed. One was the Technical Assistance Program which was developed from the U.S. Point Four Program. It accomplishes much with little expenditure, he said.

In one year the U.N. spent \$30 million on it, of which the U.S. paid \$12 million. However, that expenditure sparked an additional expenditure of \$70 million by the developing countries, themselves.

Most of the financial help comes from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, familiarly known as the World Bank. The World Bank has loaned more than \$7 billion with no defaults, the spokesman said.

He recommended the bilateral approach through the U.N. as the best because it encourages trade. Expansion of trade is essential for the developing nations, he said.

The United States is spending millions more on a unilateral approach, he conceded. It does gain military allies, he said, but is not effective in helping the countries to develop.

## Reds, U.S. confer on wheat deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soviet wheat buyers confer Wednesday with administration officials as reports circulate that the United States is ready to approve sale of 40,000 tons of corn to Hungary.

If the corn sale rumors are true, the deal would be the first to be closed with an Iron Curtain country since President Kennedy approved sale of subsidized farm products—particularly wheat—to the Soviet bloc two weeks ago.

The wheat sales, the chief item in Soviet-American bargaining, have been held up by haggling over the costs of shipping the grain on American

## McArthur . . .

(From page 1)

he was later to become closely associated in agricultural work, Henry A. Wallace. Both men were graduated in the Class of 1910, with bachelor of science degrees.

Mr. McArthur then managed a string of farms in Oklahoma, where he made his first success as a "dirt farmer" and agricultural leader and administrator.

Dec. 5, 1911, he was married to Miss Avice L. O'Neil of Clear Lake. Two years later, his father was killed in an accident and it was necessary for him to return home to help care for the large McArthur farm.

His desire for more education led to an M.S. degree from Iowa State College in 1923 in recognition of early work done with soy beans. This work was some of the first done in the Middle West with the Asiatic plant.

He served three years as president of the North Iowa Fair, was active and held office in the Farm Bureau, and was the first president of the United Farm Organizations of Cerro Gordo County. He also served as president of the co-operative livestock shipping group and was a director of the Iowa Beet Producers Association.

In addition he was one of the first men to be chosen for the master farmer award given by Wallace's Farmer to outstanding men in the field of agriculture. He was active in farm insurance work and served for several years as president of the American Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance and American Farmers' Mutual Life Insurance Companies of Des Moines.

His cattle and corn were prize winners. Seed corn was his hobby, long before hybrid corn brought general attention to breeding and selection of corn.

In 1932, when farmers were in desperate straits at the depth of the depressions, Mr. McArthur entered politics by declaring himself a candidate for state senator from the 43rd district comprising Cerro Gordo, Hancock and Franklin counties. He was elected and served four years.

He then served on the Iowa

cock and Franklin counties. He was elected and served four years.

He then served on the Iowa corn hog committee two years, which placed him in line for an appointment to the AAA.

In 1937 he went to Washington, D.C., to help write the corn loan program and the following year he was assigned to help write the wheat loan program. He then administered the entire grain loan program as assistant director of the grain branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

During World War II and until he left the department in 1954, Mr. McArthur directed the movement of grain held by the government. This involved storage, shipment, sales and exports. He was a member of the International Emergency Food Commission during the war.

McArthur is credited with proposing the use of steel bins that are now a standard part of the storage program for grain. His final work as a member of the Department of Agriculture was to direct the storage guarantee program for elevators.

Surviving are his wife, a son, Dan Neil McArthur, Mason City, two daughters, Mrs. Sanford (Alice) Focholt, Muscatine, and Mrs. Daniel (Evelyn Maxine) Beshers, New York City.

Four sisters, Mrs. Del (Lenie) Grothaus, Libertyville, Ill.; Mrs. R. B. (June) Gunn, Mason City; Mrs. John (Cris) Staudler, Lancaster, Pa.; and Mrs. Clarence (Gertrude) Neff, Lexington, Neb., and two brothers, J. Clifford McArthur, Florence, Ariz., and Arthur McArthur, Port Deposit, Md., also survive. He was preceded in death by a brother, Harry.

Mr. McArthur was a member of the First Congregational Church of Mason City.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the First Congregational Church. The Rev. Robert L. Stone will officiate. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

Visitation at the Hogan-McKee Colonial Chapel will be from noon Thursday until 1 p.m. Friday. Daughters of the American Revolution will attend the services in a group.

The family has suggested that any memorials be given to the memorial fund of the First Congregational Church.

Employees of three additional firms made their quotas Tuesday. They are the Mason City Brokerage Co., the Coca Cola Bottling Company of Mason City and the Pritchard Motor Co.

(See the campaign chairman's personal report on Page 29.)

## Jean Seberg wed again

AJACCIO, Corsica — American film actress Jean Seberg and French diplomat Romain Gary, 49, were married last Wednesday in a Corsican villa, it was learned Tuesday.



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Mr. Tunis H. Klein, an esteemed lifelong resident of Pella, Iowa, was born March 14, 1888, one of the five children of Antonie T. and Jennie Akkerman Klein. He passed on to his eternal reward February 21, 1965, at the age of 76.

He was united in marriage December 3, 1913, with Jessie M. Forsyth of Humboldt, Iowa. Surviving are Mrs. Klein and two children, Donald F. and Mrs. John H. (Bonnie) Smith, now both of Rock Valley, Iowa, five grandchildren and two sisters.

Tunis H. Klein was a graduate of the University of Iowa and Drake University Law School in 1913 and practiced law in Pella, Iowa, for fifty years, during which time he was a member of the Iowa State Bar Association.

He was a member of the Second Reformed Church and the Masonic Lodge.

He served with honor and distinction in the Iowa Senate in the Fifty-first, Fifty-second, and Fifty-second Extraordinary General Assemblies—1945 and 1947—and as mayor of Pella for nine consecutive years from 1949 to 1958.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-first General Assembly of Iowa:* That in passing of the Honorable Tunis H. Klein, the state has lost a valued public servant and honored citizen and by this resolution tenders its sympathy and best wishes to Mrs. Klein and members of the family.

*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be spread on the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to forward an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mrs. Klein, and his son and daughter.

STANLEY M. HEABERLIN, *Chairman,*  
J. HENRY LUCKEN,  
JOHN A. WALKER,

*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

#### WILLIAM McARTHUR

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable William McArthur, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

William McArthur was born on a farm near Mason City, July 15, 1886, and passed away October 22, 1963.

In addition to his widow Avice, Mr. McArthur is survived by a son, Dan Neil of Mason City, and two daughters, Mrs. S. K. Fosholt of Muscatine, Iowa; and Mrs. D. S. Beshers, New York City.

William McArthur graduated from Iowa State College with a BSA degree in 1910, a Professional Master's degree in 1923. Member of Adelante Fraternity and Alpha Zeta, honorary Agricultural Fraternity.

William McArthur was a longtime federal farm program official. He was a member of the original three-man "Corn-Hog" committee which

administered the first New Deal farm program in Iowa in 1933-35. He also served on the AAA state committee. Mr. McArthur became chief of the grain division of the Commodity Credit Corporation in Washington, D. C., in 1940. He remained active in positions of importance in that agency until his retirement in 1954. Mr. McArthur's work in the allocation of grain for export during the post World War II period won him a Legion of Honor award from the French government. He also served on the U. S. delegation to the international wheat council.

Mr. McArthur served Cerro Gordo and Hancock Counties in the Iowa Senate from 1933 to 1936. He served in the Iowa House as Cerro Gordo County State Representative in 1959.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-first General Assembly:* That in the passing of the Honorable William McArthur the state has lost a valuable, loyal, and honored citizen, and by this resolution tenders its sincere sympathy to the members of the family.

*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate and the Secretary be directed to send an enrolled copy to each member of his family.

DELBERT FLOY, *Chairman,*  
ROBERT R. RIGLER,  
LEO ELTHON,

*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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LEROY S. MERCER

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Leroy S. Mercer, begs leave to submit the following:

Leroy S. Mercer was born in Newcomerstown, Ohio, on November 30, 1889, son of S. W. and Harriet Keast Mercer. He was graduated from Iowa City high school in 1908 and attended the University of Iowa where he became a member of Phi Kappa Psi.

He was married to Isabelle Brant on September 6, 1913.

Mr. Mercer's career of public service began in 1929 when he was elected to the city council. He was a Councilman until his election to the State House of Representatives in 1932. He served three terms as Johnson County's Representative.

After two years absence from the Statehouse, he was elected State Senator from the old Johnson-Iowa county district and served in that post from 1941 to 1953.

Mr. Mercer was elected to the city council of Iowa City in November, 1953, and named Mayor when he took his seat in January, 1954. He continued as mayor all through his four-year council term.

A divided Iowa City council turned to him again in April, 1962. Chosen from a list of 53 suggested, Mr. Mercer was selected unanimously by the four remaining members of the council and again named Mayor.



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### William McArthur

Birth **15 JUL 1886** in [Cerro Gordo, Iowa, USA](#)  
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15 Jul [Birth](#) [Cerro Gordo, Iowa, USA](#) [1 source citation](#)
- 1911**  
5 Dec [Marriage to Avice Lillian O'neil](#) [Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo, Iowa, USA](#)  
Age: 25
- 1963**  
22 Oct [Death](#) [Mason City, Cerro Gordo, Iowa, USA](#)  
Age: 77
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##### Parents

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 Birthplace: **Iowa**  
 Relation to Head of House: **Head**  
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 Race: **White**  
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