

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Yager, William A. Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Dickinson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 6 Oct 1888 Cross Road School House  
Andover County

2. Marriage (s) date place

Minnie Mae Hartman 18 Dec 1912 Welford, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities IOOF; Red Cross

C. Profession Real estate; Ford auto dealer, real estate broker  
general store owner, Montgomery full year

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 45<sup>th</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup>, 47<sup>th</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1933, 1935,

6. Public Offices

A. Local Montgomery Township clerk 1914-1926; city councilman 1949-1951;  
township assessor 4 years

B. State He was field representative for the Iowa Independent Association  
1938, 1939, 1940

C. National He was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention 1940

7. Death 20 May 1959 Spencer, Iowa; buried Lake View Cemetery Spirit Lake, Iowa

8. Children Duane Albert

9. Names of parents James Macklin and Mary Elizabeth (Morrison) Yager

Yager, William R.

10. Education Graduate of Spirit Lake, Iowa High School in  
1907

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He first farmed for his father in Dickinson County, Iowa 1 Nov 1901
- In 1911-1914 he moved to Spirit Lake where he entered the grocery business
- In 1914, he bought, owned and operated Yager's General Store until 1925
- He sold out in 1925 and traveled the western states
- In 1926-1928 he sold Des Moines Life and Community Insurance
- In 1929-1938 he was a partner then sole owner of the Ford dealership in Spirit Lake. He sold the dealership in 1938
- In 1938 he established a real estate and insurance business



"The Diamonds," a singing group which has become a big hit with record buyers, will be featured at the Grand Opening of the Roof Garden Ballroom in Arnolds Park Saturday night, May 30.

The quartet records for Mercury Records and has also made several guest TV appearances. Their recordings "Li'l Darlin'", "The Stroll", "Kathy 'O'" and "She Says" have been outstanding successes.

Don Glasser and his nationally famous orchestra, featuring vocalist Lois Costello, will provide music for the patrons dancing pleasure.

Officials of the ballroom also announced the summer dance schedule. Teen dancing is again planned for Tuesday nights, name bands will appear on Wednesday evenings, territorial bands will play on Fridays and Saturdays and a New "Top 40" night is planned for Sundays, featuring stars and the top 40 bands. Conway Twitty and his band are on tap for Sunday, May 31.

## Methodist Vacation Church School to Be in Session June 1 through June 5

The Methodist Vacation Church School will be in session June 1 through 5. All children from kindergarten through sixth grade are welcome to attend.

Kindergarten children will study "God and His World" and will meet in the mornings from 9 until 11:30.

"The Earth is Full of His Riches" is the unit of study for Primary children. The course for Junior boys and girls is "Finding God through Work and Worship." Both Primary and Junior classes will meet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children are asked to bring a sack lunch each day. Milk will be furnished.

An open house will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 5, for all interested persons. Mrs. Berkley Bedell is the general superintendent for the Vacation Church School.

1959 wheat allotments.

Winter wheat producers will have until June 1 and spring wheat producers until June 10 to dispose of any planted excess wheat acreage by pasturing or cutting for hay or silage, it was stated by Milton F. Sanders, chairman of the county ASC committee.

After these deadlines, excess wheat acreage cannot be pastured or cut for hay or silage. After the deadlines, producers may get into compliance with their wheat allotments only by disposing of excess wheat acreage by mechanical means such as plowing under or otherwise incorporating the growth into the soil.

Any Dickinson County farmers who have planted wheat should get in touch with the county ASC office.

Farmers who have any questions concerning disposal of excess wheat acreage may get complete information at the county ASC office in Spirit Lake.

Farmers who have 1958-crop soybeans stored on their farms under price-support still have time to reseal them for an additional one-year period, Sanders also announced this week.

Farm stored soybeans under loan or purchase agreement are eligible for reseal this year for the first time. Eligibility requirements are the same for quality and storage as under original loans, and the Iowa farmer who reseals his beans receives a storage payment of 17 cents a bushel for a full year of storage.

Farmers who reseal soybeans, Chairman Sanders pointed out, are in position to watch the market in future months and redeem their beans at any time they find it is to their advantage to do so. If resealed beans are redeemed in less than a year, the storage payment is prorated.

Chairman Sanders said current Department of Agriculture reports indicate there may be considerable demand for soybeans for export to Western Europe the rest of 1959.

band. Following the parade graveside services will be held at Lakeview and St. Margaret's cemeteries.

The conclusion of the 1959 program will again be the dropping of a wreath, in honor of the veterans who died at sea, from a plane piloted by Robert Kline.

The wreath will be released to drop on the waters of Big Spirit Lake in the vicinity of the West Side Boat Livery. The assemblage is asked to be present on the south shore to observe the memorium.

## Services Saturday For Bill Yager, 70

Funeral services were held Saturday for William (Bill) Yager, 70, who died last Wednesday evening at the Delaney Nursing Home in Spencer. The rites were held in the Methodist church with the Rev. C. B. Wittstruck officiating.

Yager was well known in Spirit Lake and Dickinson county. He served six terms as Dickinson county state representative (1932-44), was a delegate to the national Democratic Convention in 1944, was field representative for the Iowa Taxpayers Association three years, was township clerk 10 years, township assessor four years, and superintendent of his Sunday school for many years.

Mr. Yager operated a general store in Montgomery for 11 years, had the Ford dealership in Spirit Lake from 1927 to 1936, and was a Spirit Lake realtor from 1940 until becoming ill four years ago. He had been bedfast since the sickness.

He is survived by: one son, Duane of Spirit Lake; five brothers; and three sisters. Interment was in Lakeview cemetery.

## Fined For OMVI

Ida Balcik, 38, Lakefield, Minn., was fined \$300 and costs last week by Judge H. E. Narey for OMVI, first offense.

She was apprehended by Highway Patrolman Marilyn Mossman two miles east of Spirit Lake.

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ARRISON WEBER  
Daily Press Writer

DINES — (IDPA) —  
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# William Yeager, 71, Dies Here Wednesday

## Rain--

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southeast of Spencer were wash-  
ed clear of their gravel sur-  
faces, with adjoining farmland  
receiving rivulets of gravel cov-  
er.

### Lakes Are Filling

Probably the brightest side of  
the heavy rains came from re-  
ports from the Lakes area,  
where residents are showing  
signs of optimism concerning  
the water levels. Lost Island  
Lake near Ruthven, according to  
reports, last night began to run  
water from the inlet into the  
lake, and a definite improve-  
ment in the lake condition was  
reported this morning.

Cecil Nelson, boat house op-  
erator on Big Spirit Lake, re-  
ported early this morning that  
the water level there is up near-  
ly three inches and is still  
climbing rapidly. Lake level is  
presently about 18 inches below  
the run-over point into East  
Okoboji.

East (don't look now, your  
mud is showing) Okoboji, ac-  
cording to Glen Hafer of the  
Hafer Boat works, is up about  
five inches this spring. Two  
inches of the rise was a result  
of last night's rain. Ollie Goy-  
ette reports that Minnewashta  
Lake is up about six inches  
since the rains began.

Near Spencer, Rossie re-  
ported 3.30 inches of rain in  
about three hours from 3:30  
p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Ruthven  
had 2.90 inches during the  
same period. Greenville re-  
ported heavy flooding in  
basements. Highway 71 was  
under water in several  
places, including the low-  
land area near the river. A  
hill going into Sioux Rapids  
from the north. The Em-  
metsburg area reported sev-

SPRIT LAKE—William (Bill)  
Yeager, 71, life-long resident of  
Spirit Lake, died in Spencer  
Wednesday evening at the De-  
laney Nursing home

Yeager had been bed fast for  
several years preceding his  
death.

Yeager was widely known in  
Spirit Lake and throughout  
Dickinson county for his civic  
activities and public service. He  
served for a time with the Iowa  
Tax Commission, was a town-  
ship clerk for many years, was  
an active member of the Meth-  
odist church, and a constant  
participant in community serv-  
ice projects.

He served five terms, during  
the late 1930's and early 40's as  
Democratic committeeman from  
Dickinson county.

He is survived by one son,  
Duane, of Spirit Lake.

Funeral services have been set  
for Saturday at 2 p.m. in the  
Methodist church at Spirit Lake.  
Burial will be in Lakeview  
cemetery.

Rhodes, Phil Black, Dale Man-  
ning, Dennis Schuuler, Roy Noll  
and Don Simmons.

### Emmetsburg Hit

Emmetsburg received heavy  
rains and considerable damage.  
A new home under construction  
by Earl Ellsworth was damaged  
when the west side of the base-  
ment wall caved in.

Foundation ditches on the new  
West Elementary school filled  
with water, and considerable  
water ran into the school proper,  
but Principal John Geertsema re-  
ported no serious damage.

Water broke through the base-  
ment floor of the Archie Shaffer  
residence. City crews were  
pumping this morning, but were  
unable to keep ahead of the in-  
coming torrent.

City crews worked this morn-  
ing to unplug a sewer line at  
Call and Harrison streets, and  
Ray Mohrhouse of the city

# M

## Spencer

### GRAIN

Corn .....  
Soybeans .....  
Oats .....  
Milo, per hundred

### CREAM

Sweet .....  
Number 1 .....  
Number 2 .....

## Chicago

CHICAGO, (AP)—  
Thursday supply  
hogs, apparently  
the recent firming  
eased the market a  
downward for the  
more than a week.

Prices were 25 to  
er. Only one small  
sorted No. 1 grade  
\$17.75 top.

A few choice 200-  
lb slaughter steers,  
25 on a steady to  
with the good to  
at \$27.00-30.25.

USDA—Hogs 12.00  
to 50 lower on  
mixed grade 190-2  
17.00; 1-2 mixed  
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1s 210 lbs closely  
mixed grade 2-3  
16.25-16.75; few to  
230-235 lbs up to  
mixed grade 240-2  
16.25; deck 1-2 260  
deck 2s 270 lbs  
grade 2-3 270-300 lb  
mixed grade 330-  
13.00-14.00; few sm  
to 300 lbs up to  
grade 125-150 lbs

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# BUSINESS MEN OF IOWA

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OF IOWA

a (Wahrer) daughter of Clinton and Anna (Moorehead) Merrill. There are no children.

**WRIGHT, WALTER F.**, Cadillac and Oldsmobile Dealer, 813 Diamond Street, Onawa, born Moorhead, February 19, 1907, son of D. O. and Dora (Younkin) Wright. Completed Moorhead grade school and graduated from high school in 1924. During school days he assisted his father in his hardware and implement business; went into business with his father in 1924 and continued until his father's death in 1931; thereafter he operated the entire business until 1947; purchased implement business in Onawa in 1945, and in 1946 built and moved into modern display sales room and service quarters, occupying same to date; in 1948 was appointed Cadillac and Oldsmobile dealer for Onawa and surrounding territory. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge (past master), Consistory, Shrine, White Horse Mounted Patrol, Sioux City, Jesters, Onawa Chamber of Commerce (past president), Onawa Country Club (past president), Kiwanis, Onawa Fire Department (assistant chief), Eagles. In politics, he is a Republican. His religious affiliation is with the Christian Church. Hobbies: hunting, fishing and outdoor sports. Married, Onawa, July 28, 1930, Dorothy Uptegrove, daughter of M. E. and Florence (Moorhead) Uptegrove. Children: David Orlo, born October 30, 1931; Walter F., Jr., born November 30, 1933; and Robert Earl Wright, born October 7, 1938.

**WYLAND, GEORGE C.**, Lawyer and Civic Official, Avoca, was born in Harlan, seat of Shelby County, on February 11, 1894, the son of Jay and Lenore (Cullison) Wyland. He received his early education in the elementary and high schools of Harlan, working as a dairyman and carpenter in his summer vacations. Following his graduation from high school in 1911, Mr. Wyland studied in a Harlan business college, from which he was graduated in 1912. He prepared for the bar in the College of Law of the State University of Iowa at Iowa City and in 1915 was admitted to the Iowa State Bar. At the law school he was a member of the John Marshall Law Society. In the fall of 1915 Mr. Wyland established himself in Avoca and began the private practice of law, two years later, in November, 1917, he entered the United States Army. Trained at Camp Dodge, Mr. Wyland was assigned to the Field Artillery and went overseas. In February, 1919, he was discharged. Upon his return to civilian life he resumed his law practice. In addition to having held the offices of mayor and city attorney of Avoca, he has also served on the Avoca Board of Education and on the Pottawattamie County Board of Education. As farmer and real estate operator he is further serving his neighbors. Mr. Wyland is active in the American Legion, having been a charter member of the Avoca Post, of which he was first adjutant. Prominent in the Republican party, he served for several years on the party's State Central Committee. He is also a member of the Pottawattamie County and Iowa State bar associations; the Masonic fraternity, in which he has been High Priest of his chapter of the Royal Arch Masons; and the Avoca Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. On July 25, 1929, Mr. Wyland married Edith O'Connell.

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**YAGER, JACK ARNOLD**, Merchant, of Cedar Rapids, was born at Kiev, Russia, December 15, 1902, son of Abraham Wolfe and Alta (Kossmann) Yager. He came to the United States in 1924 and attended night school in St. Paul, Minnesota. While studying, he clerked in a clothing store and in 1926 he became manager of a clothing store in Waterloo. He moved to Cedar

Rapids in 1927 to open a retail clothing store which he operated under the name of Jack's Store until 1936. At the behest of various financial interests he organized and incorporated the Jack Yager Company, which now operates the enterprise under the name of Yager's. Mr. Yager owns a controlling interest in this corporation and is its president and treasurer. He is a member of the Indian Creek Country Club, the Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce, the B'nai B'rith, the Young Men's Christian Association and the Eagles. A Thirty-second degree Mason, he belongs to the Consistory, the Shrine, and the High Twelve Club. He worships in the Temple Judah and was chairman of the Jewish Federated Charities. Charitable work and his family are his avocational interests. Mr. Yager married, as his second wife, in 1944, at St. Paul, Mildred P. Putzman, daughter of Abraham Putzman. He has a daughter by his previous marriage, Jean L. Yager, and two adopted children, Alvin M. and Rosalyn Belle Yager.

**YAGER, W. A.**, Owner, Real Estate and Insurance Business, corner Court and Main streets, Spirit Lake, born Audubon, October 6, 1888, son of J. F. and Mary Elizabeth (Moreland) Yager. He graduated from high school at Spirit Lake in 1907. He first farmed for his father in Dickinson County; 1911-1914, moved to Spirit Lake, entering grocery business; 1914, bought, owned and operated Yager's General Store, Montgomery, until 1925; sold out in 1925 and traveled in western states; 1926-1928, sales capacity with Des Moines Life and Annuity Company; 1929-1938, partner and then sole owner Ford dealership in Spirit Lake; sold garage in 1938, and established real estate and insurance business, which he has owned and operated to present date. 1914-1926, he was Montgomery Township Clerk; 1932-1946, served in Iowa Legislature (Democratic member); 1949-1951, city councilman, Spirit Lake; 1936-1947, did part time promotional work for Iowa taxpayers; is active in Red Cross work and other benevolent enterprises. Member, Odd Fellows Lodge, and has held all offices in Methodist Church. Hobby is fishing. Married, Spirit Lake, December 10, 1911, Minnie Mae Hartman, daughter of Albert and Emma (Waroch) Hartman. Child: Duane, born February 23, 1930, now in Air Corps, Camp Randolph, Texas.

**YARCHO, HARLAND E.**, Hudson Automobile Agency and G.M.C. Trucks, Sales and Service, Waverly, born Shell Rock, May 2, 1892, son of August F. and Kate (Mead) Yarcho. He was educated in the public schools of Shell Rock, and at Waterloo Business College. From 1916 to 1920, he was engaged in the automobile business in Shell Rock; then, in 1920, he established in Waverly the automobile business which he is still conducting at present date, the oldest in Waverly, Hudson and G.M.C. Trucks Agency, Sales and Service. He is a member of the Iowa Automobile Dealers Association and local director of the National Automobile Dealers Association, first president of the Lions Club, past president, Chamber of Commerce, past commander, American Legion, member, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and Waverly Golf and Country Club. Throughout World War I, he served as sergeant, United States Motor Transport. Politically, he is a Republican. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Church. Hobby is hunting. Married, 1922, Ruth Mary Richardson, daughter of Robert and Anna Richardson. Children: Roberta, now Mrs. Iserman; and Josephine.

**YARHAM, CLARENCE RAY**, Cass County Attorney, Atlantic, born Newton, May 26, 1919, son of Ray E. and Viola (Jones) Yarham. He graduated from Roosevelt High School, Des Moines, 1937, and from

Drake University in 1949 with an L. degree. He served as flying officer, Royal Canadian Air Force, 1941-1944; captain, United States Army Air Corps, 1944-1945; came to Atlantic and established the general practice of law, July, 1949; was elected Cass County Attorney, 1950, took office January, 1951, and has continued in office to the present date. He is a member of State, Southwest Iowa and Cass County bar associations, Atlantic Chamber of Commerce, Phi Alpha Delta, Lions Club and American Legion. Politically, he is a Republican. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Church. Hobbies are photography, sports, fishing and hunting. Married, Kenora, Ontario, Canada, 1943, Doris Elliott, daughter of Robert and Alice (Dodds) Elliott. Children: Lawrence Nancy G.; and Robert A.

**YATES, H. LEON**, Owner, Yates Construction Company and Ideal Ready Mix Concrete Company, Ottumwa, born Quincy, Missouri, December 31, 1917, son of Herman and Rachel Yates. He received a public school education. In 1936 he went to work for John Morrell Company; 1939, became an independent contractor; 1943-1945, served in the Seaboard in 1946, established H. L. Yates Construction Company, Ottumwa; and in 1947 started the Ideal Ready Mix Concrete Company. He has continued to own and operate these businesses in Ottumwa to the present. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Elks, Eagles, American Legion, and River Front Commission. Politically, he is a Republican. His religious affiliation is with the Church of Christ. Hobbies: fishing and hunting. Married, Mason, Missouri, May 8, 1937, Verla Ferts, daughter of Norton and Alta (Volt) Roberts. Child: Gary Lee Yates.

**YEAGER, ARTHUR RAY**, Founder of A. R. Yeager Seed House, of Fairfield, was born in Wapello County, on February 28, 1884, son of John C. and Eliza J. (Arthur) Yeager. Arthur Ray Yeager was educated in the rural schools of Jefferson County, Harkness Academy and the Quaker Business College. He remained with his father, associated in farming and the animal industry until the older man retired in 1920, afterwards operating the farm as a personal enterprise. He also acquired two hundred acres in Black Hawk Township, Jefferson County, which he still has cultivated. In 1922, Arthur Ray Yeager started a wholesale seed business in Fairfield. He maintains a large plant at 410 South Depot Street, where his material are cleaned, processed and stored. Yeager is a member of the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, and the Lions Club. He gives allegiance to the Democratic party principles and candidates. He worships the faith of the Christian Church. Married, June, 1936, Arthur Ray Yeager married Lillian Grove, daughter of William G. and his wife, the former Ellen Pierson.

**YEAGER, GERALD W.**, Manufacturer, 106 Iowa Avenue, Fairfield, born September 22, 1905, in Wapello County, son of William G. and Dora E. (Fisher) Yeager. He graduated from high school in 1922 and attended Iowa State College 1922-1923, 1923-1924 and Iowa State University in 1928. Mr. Yeager farmed in Wapello County through 1927 and has been with The Dexter Company from 1927 to the present date, starting in a clerical position, working in various departments. Currently he holds the position of secretary, treasurer and is a director of the company. He is a director of the Jefferson County Building and Loan Association. His hobbies are golf and traveling. Mr. Yeager married Thelma P. Allman, daughter of Frank and Jennie (Harmon) Allman, September 7, 1929 at Ottumwa; two children: Marjorie Jean, born February 12, 1932 and Sandra Jane, born July 25, 1935.



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## 1920 United States Federal Census

Name: **William A Yager**

Home in 1920: Diamond Lake, Dickinson, Iowa

Age: 31 years

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1889

Birthplace: Iowa

Relation to Head of House: Head

Spouse's Name: Minie

Father's Birth Place: Iowa

Mother's Birth Place: Iowa

Marital Status: Married

Race: White

Sex: Male

Home owned: Own

Able to read: Yes

Able to Write: Yes

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	William A Yager	31
	Minie Yager	39



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IOWA OFFICIAL REGISTER 1933-1934

BIOGRAPHIES OF STATE REPRESENTATIVES

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