

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Kerkoteg,  
D. J. - Represented Adams and Taylor Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 2 May 1891 near Eagle Grove, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Kathryn Muriel MacCulloch 7 Feb 1937

3. Significant events for example:

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

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; American Legion; Shrine;  
Eastern Star

C. Profession Lawyer, educator

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 47<sup>th</sup> 48<sup>th</sup> Federal Assembly 1937, 1939

6. Public Offices 51<sup>st</sup> General Assembly 1945

A. Local Bedford city attorney for several years

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

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

7. Death 22 Mar 1945 Des Moines, Iowa; buried Kirwin Cemetery, Bedford, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents Knut H. and Olena Kerkoteg

10. Education

11. Degrees

Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa graduating in 1912; University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa graduate of law school in 1917

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He resided on the family farm near Eagle Grove for 17 years when the family moved to Cedar Falls to educate their seven children in Iowa State Teachers College

- He taught schools for a few years and was superintendent at Little Cedar and Calwabus City, Iowa, schools.

- Military service - World War I - U.S. Army

- He started practicing law in Bedford after the war forming a partnership, Wisdom and Kirketeg which lasted until Oct 1938. He then practiced alone



## HOLD LAST RITES FOR O. J. KIRKETEG

Host Of Friends Pay Him Tribute Here Monday

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon for Senator O. J. Kirketeg whose death occurred Thursday evening at Mercy Hospital, Des Moines, following a heart attack suffered earlier in the day at his hotel room in Des Moines.

Rev. G. L. Hufstader was in charge of the services at the church, and Masonic rites were given at the graveside in Fairview cemetery, with taps sounded as a parting tribute tendered a veteran.



O. J. Kirketeg

Among the hundreds of friends present for the last rites were Masonic Grand Lodge officers from over the state, fellow senators and representatives, and state officials, judges and fellow members of the bar, Legionnaires and Auxiliary members, members of the Republican county central committee, business and professional men and women of Bedford, and scores of friends from the county and state.

The great number present as well as the great number of floral pieces sent in for the services indicated the esteem in which O. J. Kirketeg was held in memory.

## G.O.P. COMMITTEE TO MEET MONDAY

To Select Successor Of Late O. J. Kirketeg

Mrs. Esther Dixon of Lenox, vice chairman, Taylor County Republican Central Committee, has issued a call to committeemen and women, to meet at the Court House in Bedford Monday, April 2, at 1:30 p. m., asking a full attendance.

## Name S. P. Webb As Fair Secretary

Sid P. Webb was elected secretary of the fair board in a meeting held at the office of the president, L. R. Vogt, Sunday afternoon. The office was vacant on account of the resignation of C. N. Nelson, who is in ill health.

Ben Scane was elected a member of the fair board, taking the place made vacant by Webb's acceptance of the secretary's job.

O. J. Kirketeg was born on a farm near Eagle Grove, Iowa, May 2, 1891. He was one of five children born to Knute K. and Olena Kirketeg. Here he resided for 17 years, when the family moved to Cedar Falls to educate the children in Iowa State Teachers College. From here he graduated in 1912. For a few years he was a teacher and superintendent in the public schools near Alta, at Little Cedar and Columbus City. He then returned to the University of Iowa from which he graduated in the College of Law in 1917. While there he was affiliated with the Acacia fraternity.

Here his career was interrupted by two years' service in the army in World War I. He served at Camp Joseph E. Johnson, Jacksonville, Florida, from December 2, 1917 until February 20, 1919, having been assigned to Military Police. Twice afterward, in November 1926 and November 1936, he was commissioned in the infantry reserve.

Returning from his army service he began the practice of law under the name of Wis-

## 3 MORE MEN INTO SERVICE

Left This Morning For Fort Leavenworth

The following registrants of Taylor county left this morning for Leavenworth, Kansas, for induction into the armed forces:

- Donald Fay Lowry, Bedford
- Harvey Benjamin Spoonmore, Lenox
- Haldean William Rogers, Lenox

## Eston Congdon Dies Here This Morning

Eston Congdon died at his home in Bedford about 11 o'clock this forenoon, following an illness of several hours.

## C. B. Walters Dies At Home This A. M.

C. B. Walters died at his home in Bedford about 3 o'clock this Thursday morning, following an illness of several hours.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Miss Ada Fern Walters of Bedford, and one son, Herbert Lee Walters, WT2c of the U. S. Navy, who is stationed at Philadelphia.

The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, at the Walker-Shum Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Fairview cemetery.

## Mrs. C. J. Engstrom Dies In California

Mrs. C. J. Engstrom, 93, died at her home in Inglewood, California, Saturday, March 24. The body is being brought to Bedford for burial, probably Friday.

The funeral services will be held at the Wetmore Funeral Home Saturday at 2 P. M., conducted by Rev. O. H. Hallgrimson. The body will be placed in the mausoleum in the Fairview cemetery.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Bessie Lusk and her husband, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Mr. Engstrom died several years ago.



## OUR BOYS WITH THE COLOR

Joe Dawson, S2c, is here on boot-leave from Great Lakes, visiting at his home.

Otis Padgett, Flc, is at New Caledonia, according to word received by his wife.

Melvin Douglas is here from Ardmore, Oklahoma, visiting relatives while on furlough.

Albert Campbell, Jr., S 2, recently spent his liberty from ship in Hollywood, while ship was in dry dock.

Harry Johnson, S 2/c, who completed his boot training at Great Lakes, is spending leave in Bedford with his father.

Lloyd C. Whipp, who has been on Iwo Jima with the Marines, writes to his folks in Clearfield that he is well.

Dean Nelson and Dwight Math are at their home in Clearfield from boot training at Great Lakes.

C. F. Lyddon of Clearfield Saturday for Memphis, Tennessee, where he will receive training in Air Craft Engineering.

Darrell Lyddon, who had been spending a furlough with his wife and parents at Clearfield, Friday for a camp in California.

Pvt. Roy Beck of Sharpsburg, who is stationed at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, is ill with mumps.

Lt. Dale W. Lewellen of Clearfield, pilot of a B17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the air medal at an air base in England.

T Sgt. Robert E. Lyddon and Merrill Reynolds, both of Clearfield, recently met in office headquarters somewhere in Iowa.

well as the great number of floral pieces sent in for the services indicated the esteem in which "Kirk's" friends hold dear his memory.

The minister, Rev. G. L. Hufstader, gave a fine address at the service, and the Times-Press asked him for a resume of it for publication, as follows:

He liveth long who liveth well.  
All other life is short and vain;  
He liveth longest who can tell  
Of living most for heavenly gain.

He liveth long who liveth well.  
All else is being thrown away;  
He liveth longest who can tell  
Of true things truly done each day. — Horatius Bonar.

Life is not measured by years, but by service to humanity, by the recognition and good-will of friends, associates, colleagues and by their esteem. To us it seems that Mr. Kirketeg was cut off in the prime of life, and when rewards, honors and opportunities were before him which he so richly deserved.

One of the indications of true greatness is to be able to carry honors with humility. This Mr. Kirketeg did. This quality came to him from his Christian faith. Success, praise, achievement were borne without ostentation or pretense. He did not relax his courtesy and thoughtfulness for others, but rather with additional honors increased his kindness and solicitousness toward all and especially for those of his family and friends.

In this spirit Mr. Kirketeg made the greatest contribution one is able to make. Far greater than monetary gifts to institutions and charities, is the influence of a man of integrity and honor who defends the principles of God's Word, and who upholds them by his own life and by his unselfish service to others.

Our mortal existence is ever surrounded by frailty and uncertainty. None can depend upon life. Brother Kirketeg understood this and placed his faith in the Good God and His Providences, in that Divine Power who rules over all and who doeth all things well. "Kirk" wished to live; he hoped to be able to recover; he prayed that he might be permitted to do so not merely for himself but for those whom he loved. But he also had the faith that could be reconciled to God's will.

tioned in the infancy reserve. Returning from his army service he began the practice of law in Bedford, forming a partnership under the name of Wisdom and Kirketeg, which partnership continued until October 1, 1938, since which time "Kirk" as he was familiarly known, had practiced alone.

He was an active member of the American Legion and a charter member of Bedford Post No. 164. He served as District Commander of the 8th Congressional District in 1921. He was a member and trustee of the Presbyterian church. He was city attorney of Bedford, in which capacity he had served several years. He was a past president of the Third Judicial Bar Association and a member of the Board of Governors of the Iowa Bar Association. He served as county attorney in 1929-1930, and was serving his third term in the State Senate, having been a member of the Senate in 1938-1940, representing the Adams-Taylor district.

February 7, 1937, he was united in marriage to Miss Kathlyn Muriel MacCulloch of Nashua, Iowa.

He received his Masonic degrees in 1914, having been initiated in Columbus City Lodge No. 107 at Columbus Junction, later affiliating with Taylor Lodge No. 156 at Bedford, where he had since held membership. He served as Worshipful Master in 1939. He was also a member of Triangle Chapter No. 164, Royal Arch Masons of Bedford and served the Grand Chapter of that body as Grand High Priest in 1931; a member of Tyre Council, Royal and Select Masons at Shenandoah; Bethany Commandry, Knight Templars at Creston; ZaGaZig Shrine at Des Moines; and St. Ignatius Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine at Cedar Rapids. He was also a member of Bedford Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and in 1937 served as Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. At the time of his death he was a member of the Grand Chapter Charity Board and was serving as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, and a brother who died in infancy. He is survived by his wife and two sisters, Mrs. Orville Evenson of Marshalltown, Iowa, and Mrs. A. O. Stensrud of Seattle, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Bessie Lusk and her husband, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Mr. Engstrom died several years ago.

## Clint Norris Dies At Home Sunday

Clint Norris, a resident of Bedford for many years, died at his home Sunday, March 25. The funeral services were conducted at the Walker-Shum Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. G. L. Hufstader. Burial was in the Fairview cemetery.

Clinton A. Norris, son of Samuel and Mary Norris, was born January 4, 1869 in Knox county, Illinois. Being aged 76 years, 2 months and 21 days at the time of his death.

He was married to Francis M. Reeves on November 4, 1896. To them four children were born: Albert Norris, Mrs. Rollie Miller, Mrs. Ralph Hamm, and Miss Myrtle Norris, all of Bedford.

Surviving with his wife and four children are eight grandchildren, three of whom are in the armed forces; and one sister, Mrs. Ada Killfooy of Bedford.

## Club Members Make Red Cross Articles

The U.T.D. Club of the Lee community southeast of Gravity, reports its members have made the following articles for the Red Cross during the past year:

Four knitted mufflers  
Three knitted helmets  
One pair wristlets  
Two pairs knitted gloves  
Three V-neck sleeveless sweaters  
Two V-neck sleeved sweaters  
Four pairs slippers  
Fourteen pillow tops  
Fourteen table covers  
Fourteen baby quilts  
Four wool afgans  
Twenty-four kits

## Wm. S. Cornell Dies

William S. Cornell, 53, died Saturday afternoon, March 24, in the office of Dr. L. E. Wallace at Burlington Junction, Missouri. The funeral services were held at the Methodist church there Tuesday afternoon, with burial in the Ohio cemetery. Mr. Cornell was a brother of Mrs. Harley Hamm of Bedford and of Charles Cornell of Des Moines, formerly of Bedford.

Merrill Reynolds, both of field, recently met in of headquarters somewhere in gium.

Howard Hutcheson, who tioned at the Prisoner of Camp, Pheonix, Arizona, is on fulgous visiting his wife children.

M. Sgt. Harvey Swiga Opa Locka, Florida, visits the home of his brother, Swigart and family over week-end.

Clifford Beutler left Su returning to camp after spe a 12-day furlough with his ents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. B at New Market.

Pvt. Edward Johnson left day for Fort Meade, Mar; after spending his furlough Gravity with his parents, M Mrs. Leroy Johnson.

S.Sgt. Arlo McKinstry is stationed in France, accord word received by his parent and Mrs. Walt McKinst Clearfield.

Paul England, who had be boot-training at Great Lake rived in Clearfield last wee is spending his furlough wi mother, Mrs. Leona Englar

S. Sgt. Quentin J. Wildma landed safely overseas in land, according to word rec by his parents, Mr. and M E. Wildman of Ames.

Pvt. Denton D. Kidney, s Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Kidne Blockton, is stationed at Fannin, Texas, where he is ing his basic training.

Lester W. Hansen, QM2 the U. S. Navy, arrived in ford Saturday and is spe this week with his wife a home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. man.

Floyd C. Jobe, who had spending 30 days' leave' wit parents Mr. and Mrs. Conlin at Siam, left Monday for York to report for duty wit Merchant Marines.

Dewey John, now statione the Camp Downey hospital Chicago, is showing marked provement in health, having injured in action on Siapan fall. His parents, Mr. and Lee John and sister, Elaine, ited him recently.