

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Peiser, Dean William Senator _____
Represented Hardin County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 2 June 1882 Eldora, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
(1) Woodrow Hobbs Jul 1917 Marquette, Minnesota
(2) Jesse Scott 29 Dec 1922 Jonas Hall, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Treasurer of Cornell College

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

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 47th, 48th General Assemblies 1937, 1939

6. Public Offices

A. Local Judge of the District Court

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 26 Nov 1946 near New Providence, Iowa, buried Eldora Cemetery
Eldora, Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife - Dana Woodson; by 2nd wife - George H.

9. Names of parents David H. and Agnes (Lamprecht) Peiser

10. Education Educated in the public schools of Eldon, Iowa
graduating in 1905

11. Degrees B.A. from Cornell College, 1909; L.L.B. from Harvard
Law School in 1912

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - World War I - U.S. Army
- After the war, he returned to Eldon, Iowa where he entered
law practice in the firm of Lundy, Peisen and Soper.
This arrangement continued until 1926 when the firm broke up
and was reorganized until Peisen and Soper.
- The firm was dissolved when he became a judge of the district
court in 1941
- He began practicing law in 1913



JUDGE DEAN W. PEISEN

Wehrman Cottage Destroyed by Fire

Firemen were called to the Fred Wehrman cottage during the early hours of Tuesday morning. The cottage is located on the north side of lower Pine Lake. The fire already had gained a rapid start, and the firemen were unable to bring it under control. The cottage was a complete loss.

Cause of the fire has been undetermined. The cottage had not been occupied for several weeks. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

\$138,400 Is Low Bid For Boys' Dormitory

Maurice Schumacher and associates of Minneapolis was the low bidder at \$138,400 on general construction work for a new dormitory building at the Eldora boys training school, P. F. Hopkins, chairman of the state board of control, said Friday.

Low bidder on the heating and plumbing contract was W. A. Peck, Des Moines, who bid \$23,992. Winger Construction Co. Ottumwa, bid \$27,000.

The only bid, \$8,163, on electrical work, came from the Algona Electric Co.

Hopkins said the total of the three low bids, \$170,555, was only \$555 above the board's preliminary estimate.

Fellow Bar Men Mourn Death of District Judge

As a tribute to Judge Peisen, our staff interviewed the different law firms of this city. These men have had considerable association with Dean Peisen—professionally and personally. Our community has lost a fine citizen and the judicial system has lost one of their most capable jurists.

E. H. Lundy, speaking in behalf of his firm, had this to say: "His ideals were the highest but he never lost the common touch. Every man trod the same sacred soil."

James L. Cameron and D. W. Dickinson of the law firm of the same name stated: "The bench and bars has lost an intellectually honest judge—the community a good citizen."

Elvin Ryan and R. R. Bateson remarked: "The members of this

firm have lived our entire lives in Eldora with Dean, and have watched him grow from a small town lawyer to an able jurist of statewide prominence. His loss to the profession and to the Judiciary of Iowa is very great because he was so able both as a lawyer and on the Bench. As far as we are personally concerned we have lost a true life-long friend and that loss goes so deeply with each of us that no attempt to put it in words would be adequate. We can merely say that we are sincerely grieved and our heart-felt sympathy goes to his loyal wife and children.

Due to the illness of W. H. Soper, a close friend of Judge Peisen's, our staff was unable to obtain a statement from his office.

The judge's death creates a serious problem in our judicial district. He is seriously and sadly missed by his associates and fellow citizens alike.

School Celebrates

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Burial Friday for Noted Jurist

Dean W. Peisen, lifelong resident of Eldora and a judge of the district court, died suddenly at the farm home of his son, George, near New Providence on Tuesday morning following a heart attack.

Judge Peisen, who was in apparent good health, was stricken while watching corn pickers at work on his son's farm. He made his way to the house and asked his wife to call a doctor, but died before help could reach him.

He was born in Eldora, June 3, 1888, the son of Don W. and Agnes Lamprecht Peisen. After graduation from the Eldora high school in 1905, he attended Cornell college from which he received his BA in 1909. He then attended Harvard law school and was graduated with his LLB in 1912.

In 1917, he enlisted for service in the army from which he was discharged in November, 1918.

After the war, he returned to Eldora where he entered into the practise of law as a member of the firm of Lundy, Peisen and Soper. This arrangement continued until 1926 when the firm was broken up and was reorganized under the name of Peisen and Soper. This latter firm was dissolved when Peisen became judge of the district court in 1941.

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As chairman, he led the successful fight in the Iowa house for passage of Republican bills to reorganize the state government. Principal change was the creation of the department of public safety. The highway patrol and motor vehicle registrations division were taken from the office of the secretary of state and incorporated into the new department.

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Eldora This Week

Service

The hours when employment service will be in the Eldora has been the area office in New hours are 1-3 on Thursdays. will be the con-

Fellowship of the church will cancel city in a paper November 29. They are to be tied and vicious place.

Remony yesterday, the of the Baptist Eldora presented to the Memorial wide one in each hospital.

Stock Sales Pavilion led 18 carloads of and North. There were head in the yard a record of the le this year.

Water Cut Off

City Clerk George Schafer has announced that the water will be turned off in the first and the fourth wards from 1 to 3 p. m. Saturday, November 30 in order that a leaky hydrant at Edgington Avenue and 11th street may be repaired.

New Bank Service

With the remodeling completed in the bank building and the office space now ready for occupancy, the Hardin County Savings Bank has announced the addition of a new department for the service of its customers.

The new department will offer bookkeeping and accounting and income tax services. Plans have been made to meet the needs of farm customers as well as business firms, and the bank will furnish necessary tax reports in connection with its bookkeeping service.

Information desired by interested parties may be secured by contacting Mr. Long.

Teen-Agers Plan Party

A joint meeting of committee members from the Odd Fellows and public welfare organization

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It will be necessary, to fill his unexpired term of office, for Governor Blue to appoint a judge. The appointee must then become a candidate for the short term at the next general election.

Surviving are his wife, Jesse Foot; a son, George F., a daughter, Dana Woodson, two brothers, Dr. Conan J., of Des Moines, and Robert of Detroit, Mich., and two sisters, Rachel of Ames, and Mrs. Ralph Reed of Portland, Ore.

Judge Peisen was a trustee of Cornell college, past president of the Rotary club, member of the Community club, I. O. O. F., Ancient Free and Accepted Masons 147, and Royal Arch Masons. He was a member of the Methodist church and a Republican.

Funeral services will be Friday morning at 11 a. m. and will be held in the Methodist church with The Rev. Cole from Cornell college officiating. Music for the services will be furnished by Mrs. J. D. Leonard. Active pallbearers will be James L. Cameron, Lyman R. Lundy, R. R. Bateson, D. W. Dickinson, Elvin J. Ryan, and John L. Butler. Interment will be in the Eldora cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers will be E. H. Lundy, F. J. McGreevy, C. A. Bryson, John F. Wards, B. R. Bryson, W. H. Soper and C. O. Griffith.

organization of a permanent youth group, committee members

SALE CALENDAR



Keep Posted—Watch this calendar for dates of sales of interest to all farmers and prospective buyers.

Tomorrow
Farm Sale
Mrs. L. J. Haaland

Farm Sale
Mrs. Hazel Newby

Monday, December 9
Livestock Sale
Eldora Sales Pavilion

Tuesday, December 10
Farm Sale
Fred Massen

Wednesday, December 11
Livestock Sale
Eldora Sale Pavilion

Farm Sale
Harley Maas

Thursday, December 12
Farm Sale
Mayo Hendrickson

Friday, December 13
Jess Lytle

Thursday, December 19
Farm Sale
H. A. Eckhoff

Eldora's popular auctioneers, Knowles, Reisinger and Kramer, are the auctioneers.

Successful farm sales for years have been advertised in the Herald-Ledger. If you plan a sale get your date on this calendar early.



Auto Accident Fatal To New Prov. Lady

Mrs. Margaret Hunt of New Providence died Tuesday night in a Marengo hospital where she was taken following an automobile accident Sunday. Details of the accident are lacking but it is known that Mrs. Hunt accompanied her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Laughlin and daughter of New Providence to Iowa City Saturday. They were taken to the hospital in Marengo and M. J. Eckhoff, later removed to the hospital in

Show Returns of \$256.75 In First Week; Sale Ends on Christmas

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS PEISEN RITES FRIDAY

Friends of the late Judge Dean W. Peisen filled the Sanctuary and overflowed into the parish hall of the Methodist church last Friday morning to pay their respects to their esteemed fellow townsman.

A section of the church was reserved for members of the Hardin county bar and attorneys from over the state and the Eleventh district. It is estimated that 100 members of the law profession attended.

Among the distinguished present were Congressman John W. Gwynne of Waterloo, Judge T. G. Garfield and Judge John E. Mulrone of Fort Dodge, both members of the Iowa supreme court; Judge Sherwood A. Clock of Hampton, Judge H. E. Fry of Boone and Judge John M. Schaupp of Fort Dodge, fellow judges from the Eleventh judicial district; Frank H. Noble of Des Moines and formerly of Eldora; H. M. Havner of Des Moines and former state attorney, and H. C. Crittenden of Des Moines.

A profusion of floral offerings bore mute testimony to the affection and regard which Judge Peisen enjoyed from those who knew him.

The service was in charge of his pastor, Rev. W. R. Ehlert, with Dr. Frank Cole, former president of Cornell college and a personal friend of the family giving the address which appears in full elsewhere in this issue.

William C. Elerding

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for William C. Elerding, 97, one of Hardin county's oldest residents, who died at the home of his brother, Her-

According to the December check-up, the first week of 1946 Xmas seal drive in Eldora has brought in \$256.75. The drive which opened on November 1 with the mailing of 704 letters to families in Eldora, will continue until Xmas.

Christmas Seals



Mrs. Earl Peisen, who is in charge of the drive in Eldora reports that, of the 704 letters sent out, 266 have been received and the recipients have sent replies to date.

Your Protection Against Tuberculosis Xmas seals become an American tradition

because they are attractive, because they are the symbol of an intelligent battle against a dreaded disease, and it is an American custom to stand up for efforts to improve the welfare of our people.

Recipients of seals are requested to place the money and seals not purchased in the turn envelopes provided.

Local Merchants Carry Complete Stock for Buyers

Santa Claus is thumping his nose at John L. Lewis, Eldora merchants agreed this week. The reason is that practically all Christmas merchandise had been received here before the strike became effective.

Shoppers in the Eldora area will find ample stocks in the local stores. Higher-priced items and expensive toys found right along with the practical and utilitarian displays.

Holiday buyers will find the same styles for the same or less money right in their home stores. Also in contrast to shopping in city stores, customers get better treatment, more personal attention and a wider variety of goods from local tradesmen.

Pupils Meet

Members of the Chinburg, Margaret Hoyt accompanied by Mrs. J. H. ...

en by J. H. of the Cedar shop Charles

n of the El- anization ... the steering the local org- ra schools. n is being the perma- I take place

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Memorial to the Honorable Dean W. Peisen of Hardin County

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Dean W. Peisen, begs leave to submit this memorial:

Dean W. Peisen was born at Eldora, Iowa, June 3, 1888. He was graduated from Eldora High School in 1905, and later attended Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa, and was graduated from that college in 1909, after which he entered Harvard Law School from which he graduated in 1912. He then went back to his home in Eldora, Iowa, and engaged in the practice of law in 1913. He served as a Trustee of Cornell College for years and was a member of the board of the Eldora Methodist Church and was always interested in the welfare of the young people of his home town and the state.

He was twice elected to the House of Representatives and served as representative from Hardin county throughout the Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth Sessions of the General Assembly of Iowa.

He was appointed District Judge by Governor George A. Wilson to fill a vacancy on the bench of the 11th Judicial District of Iowa in December, 1940, which position he filled with great honor and credit to himself and family. He passed from this life November 26, 1946, leaving surviving him, his wife, Jessie Foote Peisen, and daughter Dana and son George, and hundreds of friends throughout Iowa to mourn his loss.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-second General Assembly of Iowa, That, in the passing of the Honorable Dean W. Piesen, the people not only of Hardin County but of the entire state of Iowa have sustained a great 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.

C. A. BRYSON,
E. E. POSTON,
ALBERT STEINBERG,

Committee.

Memorial to the Honorable Walter Sherman Pritchard of Hancock County

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

Walter Sherman Pritchard was born September 28, 1871, at Belmond, Wright County, Iowa. His father was John Sherman Pritchard, a member of the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first Sessions of the General Assembly. Mr. Pritchard lived in the vicinity of Belmond and Garner all of his life and passed away at his home in Garner on November 30, 1946.

He received his education in Belmond and the Northern Iowa Business College at Garner. It was there that his active business life started

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