

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

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a name of
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Name of Representative Beeler, William J. Senator _____
Represented Madison County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 29 Apr 1875 near Peru, Iowa, Madison
County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Hollie Zerkette Seardorff 12 June 1901

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Eastern Star; Knights of Pythias;
Rotary

C. Profession Farmer; raised livestock

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 48th and 49th General Assemblies 1939 and 1941

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 24 Apr 1947 Hinterset, Iowa, buried Ebenezer Cemetery, Peru, Iowa

8. Children Albert Donald; Velma (died in infancy)

9. Names of parents Fredrick and Nancy Beeler

Beeler, William J.

10. Education

He was educated in the public schools of
Madison County, Iowa.

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

- Republican
- He farmed the Beeler homestead until age 45 and then moved into Pease for 3 years before moving to their tract
 - His parents homesteaded in Madison County, Iowa in 1854
 - His wife, Hattie, died Jan. 1965

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TEAMS CAPTURE BASKETBALL CROWNS

Huskettes Both Play Improved to Defeat Spirited Truro Teams in Finals Saturday.

High school's two basketball teams, boys and girls, won the Madison county titles in their respective divisions in the annual county tournament held here Saturday.

Both teams took the championships by defeating the finalists in the finals last Saturday night. The Huskies defeated Truro boys by the decisive score of 50 to 24; while the girls took their final game by an emphatic margin, 30 to 10.

TRURO 19
The Huskies were victorious in the county girls' basketball tournament after defeating Winterset in the final game Saturday night.

Winterset was expected to have a hard time in this game but they were defeated by a very strong Huskies team.

Observers reported that every player on the Huskies team had a chance to score in any girls' basketball game in action. The girls' team handled the ball with skill and accuracy, and their defense was a close guard. The Huskies were offensively very strong, scoring 19 points in the final game.

Mary Ann Brunns started to find the key in the second period, and she was very successful in scoring two points.

Winterset started White and Tolby at forwards; Lane at center; and Stevens and McKenzie at guards. Substitutions were: Bass, Watkins, Kuhns, Lyons and Henry Ford.

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BOYS' TOURNEY
Winterset 50 — Truro 24
Playing inspired basketball, their best game of the year, Winterset's Huskies captured the boys' championship of Madison county by defeating a dangerous Truro team in the finals last Saturday night by a decisive margin. The score was 50 to 24.

It was a game of offense throughout, somewhat wild and erratic at times, but exciting all the way. Winterset employed superior height to hawk the rebounds and tip-offs, and this proved their greatest advantage.

It was Winterset's night, not to be denied, for they had their basket eyes peeled. McKenzie, who has won a berth as a starting guard, tried six impossible long shots from the middle of the floor, and hit on four of them. Stevens, Lane and Tolby were bulwarks on offense and defense. Lane was the offensive star of the game, tossing in seven field goals and five gift shots for a total of 19 points.

Creger led Truro's scoring with 11 points.

It was a close battle during the first half. Winterset scored first

and the count at half time was 16 to 12.

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Don Lane, Winterset's starting center, served notice of his scoring ability by hitting for 20 points, taking game honors.

In the only other first round game, Macksburg eliminated the

WILL J. BEELER DIED LAST FRIDAY

Was Former State Legislator and Chairman of War Ration Board

Madison county lost one of its most public spirited citizens last Friday, Jan. 24, in the death of William J. Beeler, at his home in Winterset. He was 71 years of age, and had been in rapidly failing health during the last year.



WILL J. BEELER

Mr. Beeler had a long record of service to this community. He served two terms as Madison county representative in the state legislature, and throughout the war years he served as chairman of the Madison county War Ration board, devoting unstinted time and energy to that task.

Mr. Beeler was a life-long resident of Madison county. He was born near Peru on April 29, 1875, the son of Fred and Nancy Beeler. He was married June 12, 1901, to

infancy, and a son, Donald.

He farmed the old Beeler homestead until he was 45 years old, then moved to Peru for three years before coming to Winterset. He had lived here the last 23 years.

He had been an active member of the Methodist church since early life. He was a member of the Masonic lodge, Order of Eastern Star, Knights of Pythias, and Rotary club.

Mr. Beeler is survived by his wife, of Winterset; his son, Donald Beeler of Peru; two grandchildren; and a brother, Charles Beeler, of Winterset.

Funeral services were held Sunday from the Ramsey-Richards funeral home, in charge of the Rev. G. L. Hufstader, pastor of the Winterset Methodist church. Burial was made in the Ebenezer cemetery.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH WEEK OBSERVANCE



Above is the farm home in the Worthington neighborhood of Madison county where the farmer was shot to death the evening of Jan. 18 by Leonard Clark of Winterset. Clark's door shown in the center of the picture, and fired through the glass of the door.

MRS. S. O. RIDOUT DIED HERE MONDAY

Life-Long Resident, Former School Teacher, Was 73 Years Old

Mrs. Samuel O. Ridout, a life-long resident of Madison county, died Monday, Jan. 27, at her home in Winterset after a lingering illness. She was 73 years old.

Mrs. Ridout was born in this county March 12, 1873. She was Caroline Magdaline Hart, daughter of Miles and Martha Hart. She attended normal school in Winterset and as a young woman she

She was married to Samuel O. Ridout on Nov. 30, 1898. They were the parents of nine children. A son, Claire Ridout, and a daughter, Mrs. Vivian Egy, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Ridout was a member of the Oak Grove United Evangelical church.

She is survived by her husband and seven children: Mrs. Pearl Jones of Fontanelle, Mrs. Chris Christensen of St. Charles, Lloyd Ridout of Winterset, Mrs. W. L. Cobb, Jr., of Omaha, Neb., Mrs. W. R. Stephenson of Winterset, Mrs. Nels Christensen of Fontanelle, and Wayne Ridout of Fontanelle; a brother, Orle Hart of Winterset; a sister, Mrs. Emma Hollen of Davenport; 22 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday from the Ramsey-Richards funeral home in charge of the Rev. Wilbur Watkins, pastor of the Win-

MARCH OF DIMES EXCEEDS LAST YEAR

Pollo Pete to Be at Winterset Community Auction This Thursday

Madison county was well on its way early this week toward its March of Dimes goal of doubling last year's contributions.

Charles Butterfield, treasurer for the county Infantile Paralysis foundation, reported Monday night that receipts in the March of Dimes so far amount to \$1,649. Total receipts last year were about \$1,100.

About half of Madison county's

from, and a sizeable sum is expected this Thursday from the visit of Pollo Pete, the famous Adair county rooster, which will be auctioned off as a pollo benefit this Thursday at the weekly Community auction in Winterset.

Pollo Pete has raised thousands of dollars for the pollo fund in Adair and Guthrie counties, and is expected to make quite a contribution at the Winterset sale.

Clifton Smith, county pollo chairman, this week renewed his appeal for everyone to get their contributions in if they have not done so already.

The drive ends officially this Thursday. Final pickup of March of Dimes boxes will be completed Saturday, and the books on the drive will be closed next Monday, Smith said.

PUBLIC SALE DATES

Thursday, Jan. 30: Felge and Christian Dairy Closing Out sale.

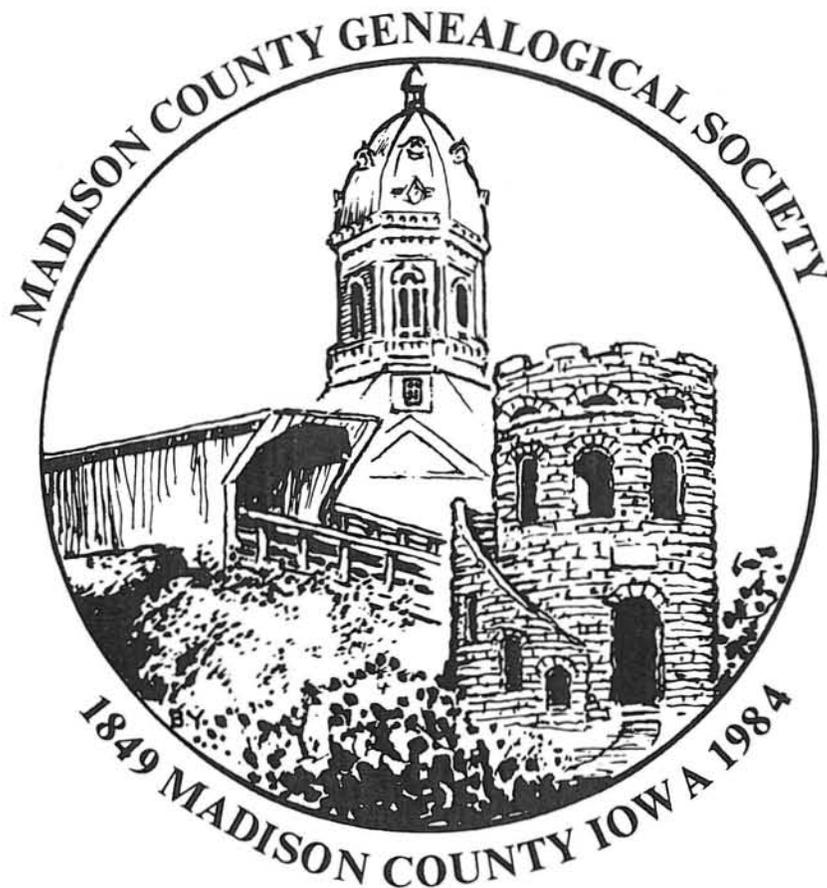
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grandfather, Fred Beeler, homesteaded. Larry is an active volunteer for soil conservation promotion.

He married Nelda Ruth Swan, who is the daughter of Mary Alice and Dale Swan. She was born on March 13, 1937, at the Harken Hospital in Osceola and was named after a nurse there. Nelda graduated from Truro Consolidated School and attended the University of Iowa until getting married.

Five children were born to them: Donald Bruce, born May 6, 1957, and his twin brother, Dale Allen, who died May 8, 1957; Larry William, born April 24, 1958; Gary Dean, born March 13, 1959; and Rebecca Ruth, born September 26, 1960.

Don graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1979. Larry graduated from Iowa State University in Agronomy in the summer of 1980 after he had the privilege of going to China that summer. In 1981, Gary graduated from Iowa State University in Agronomy and Integrated Pest Management. Becky attended the University of Iowa for two years and transferred and graduated in 1984 from Iowa State University in Home Economics Education with a minor in Food and Nutrition.

LINDA DIANN BEELER

Linda Beeler, daughter of Don and Dorothy Beeler, was born April 11, 1939, in Des Moines, Iowa. She attended the Truro Consolidated School, where she graduated from high school. Since then, she has graduated from Cottey College in Columbia, Missouri; the University of Northern Iowa; and received her Master's Degree from the University of Chicago. She has lived in Chicago since beginning her career as a librarian in Thornridge High School in Dolton, Illinois. She has seen the school's enrollment grow from 2,000 to over 4,000 students. Linda has served as a committee member of the National Library Association.



Linda Beeler

The opera, ballet, and theatre are Linda's favorite pastimes. Through the years, she has traveled worldwide.

OTHELLO BEELER

Othello Beeler was the oldest of Fred and Nancy McClure Beeler's sons, born near Peru on April 4, 1865. He farmed in partnership with his father who subsequently made him a gift of 120 acres in Ohio township.

On April 11, 1887, he and Emma Luella Deardorff, a daughter of Pleasant and Catherine Chadwick Deardorff, were married. They established their home on the Ohio township farm where they

parents of Pleasant Fred, born February 17, 1888; Otto R., born December 24, 1889; Lula May, aged two years and Clarence, seven months both died in 1895; and Leo Dennis born September 13, 1899.

Othello's death occurred March 9, 1937, followed by Emma's seven months later on October 9, 1937.

OTTO R. BEELER

Otto R. Beeler was born December 24, 1889, the second son of Othello and Emma Deardorff Beeler, at their home in Ohio township. He attended Oak Run School through eighth grade, and completed ninth grade in the Peru School. After spending one year working for uncles on their ranch in Colorado, he began his life-long vocation of farming.

November 27, 1913, he and Nina Porter were married at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.R. Porter, in Truro. They made their home on a farm in Walnut township.

December 19, 1917, Otto was inducted into the U.S. Army, and became Mess Sergeant in the Coast Artillery at Ft. Flagler, on Puget Sound, Washington. He returned to farming following his honorable discharge, January 14, 1919.

Otto and Nina were parents of three children: Lula Josephine was born July 16, 1918; Carl Eugene, born January 8, 1922; and Billy Otto, born May 13, 1935.

In 1924, the original house was destroyed by fire, and the present dwelling was built east of the first site.

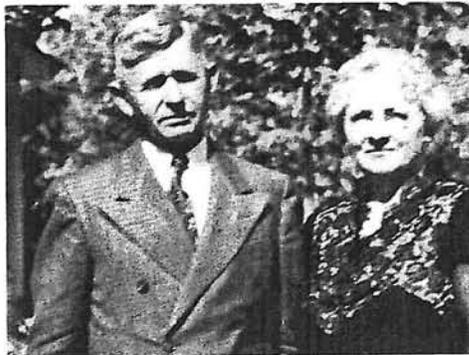
Otto was secretary of the neighborhood cooperative threshing company, and a director of Garrett School many years.

During World War II, he was a member of the Madison County Draft Board.

Nina's death occurred January 3, 1951, and Otto's on February 22, 1955.

WILLIAM J. BEELER

William J. Beeler was born April 29, 1875 on the Beeler homestead. He married Hallie Deardorff June 12, 1901, and they lived on the homeplace.



Hallie and Will Beeler

Hallie Zenette Deardorff was born on October 17, 1877. As a young lady, she would hitch her horse to a single buggy to drive to homes to give piano lessons. Music, especially the piano, was always an important part of her life.

Hallie and Will had one daughter, Velma, who died in infancy and one son, Albert Donald, who was born October 5, 1909. The family moved to Peru, Iowa, in 1920 and lived there until 1923, when they moved to Winterset, Iowa.

Will served as Madison County State Representative from 1939 to 1943. He was also Chairman of the Madison County Office of Price Administration from 1941 to 1946.

Will passed away January 22, 1947, and Hallie passed away January 17, 1965.

HARRISON DURHAM BEEM FAMILY

Harrison Durham Beem, son of William J. Beem and Amanda Elizabeth (Heacock) Beem, grandson of Michael and Mary Ann (Lockman) Beem, born 19 January 1858 — Madison County, Iowa — died



Harrison Beem

1833 to Lauretta Leeper, daughter of Hezekeah and Nancy (Snyder) Leeper, born 20 August 1861 died 14 September 1892 in Adair County, Iowa. Children to this union were infant son died at birth 1884; Viola M. born 6 August 1886 died 6 August 1888; Ona Stella born 6 July 1888 died 18 March 1974, married Verde Creger born March 1918 died 18 November 1950. Two children to this union: Wilber D. Creger born 25 February 1920 — married Edna McDonald 3 July 1943 — lives in Des Moines. Freda Louisa born 5 April 1922 died 22 August 1977 unmarried.

Alta Cora Beem born 22 November 1890 died 16 March 1980 married Lonnie Ivil Rhyno (her cousin) 11 March 1920 — one daughter to this union.

Harrison Durham Beem — 4 April 1894 married 2nd, Bertha A. Knauts born 12 October 1870 Michigan died 27 January 1942 — Idaho. She was daughter of John Henry and Tryphina (Nichols) Knauts. Two sons to this union: Virgil Otto born 8 September 1894 died 18 May 1972 Idaho; he married Katie Vos born 18 April 1897 in Holland died 16 November 1973 Idaho — to this union were seven children, Dorothy Hilda; Arthur Vernon, Fred V born 3 September 1920 died 21 December 1956 — Ann Bertha born 5 October 1921 died 21 December 1931. They died 25 years apart.

Truman Otta, Laura Fay, Kenneth Clyde. The Beem boys are successful farmers and stockman in the Jerome, Idaho area.

Ivan Leroy Beem born 5 November 1897 in Hanley, Madison Co., Iowa, was an engine man on the Union Pacific RR — he was killed in a railroad accident 31 January 1941 in Nevada — married Lucille Satterfield 30 June 1926 in Pocatello, Idaho. She was a registered nurse and now works as family historian — one son, Ivan R. Beem, insurance man in Pocatello, Idaho, born 6 June 1927 in Idaho — married R. Jacqueline Leigh of Cedar City, Utah — 15 August 1950. He was in service in WWII stationed in Camp Crowder, Missouri — in the Korean conflict he served in the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. He was a high school coach for several years before entering the insurance business. Jacqueline is an English teacher in Highland High School, Pocatello, Idaho. There were 3 children to this union: D. Granger, a graduate of Miami University, Florida, School of Music, married 3 February 1979 to Diana Pashley. They live in Salt Lake City, Utah. Teresa Lucille (Beem) Todd born 5 November 1954, lives in California. Leigh Ivan, Geology graduate born 7-19-58, lives in Pocatello, Idaho.

LEMUEL LYCURTIS AND LAURA ELIZABETH (ROSE) BEEM

Lemuel was born in Jackson County, Indiana 2: April 1857, a son of Richard Newton and Elsi (Newkirk) Beem. He arrived in this county with his