

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Shaw  
Albert Josiah - Represented Board West a, Humboldt and Pocahontas  
Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 31 Aug 1876 Dayton, Wisconsin

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Genevieve B. Murphy 23 Sept 1902 Acwa City Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Trustee of Bacon Vista College at Storm Lake Iowa

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Lawyer; Teacher

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 46<sup>th</sup>, 47<sup>th</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 51<sup>st</sup> General Assemblies -  
1935, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1943, 1945

6. Public Offices

A. Local Pocahontas County attorney 1910-1920;

B. State Industrial Commissioner of State of Iowa;

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

7. Death 10 Oct 1952 Fort Dodge, Iowa; buried Calvary Cemetery, Pocahontas,

8. Children Marj; Albert Josiah Jr.; Robert; Catherine (Mrs. Ann  
George Shaw); Eleanor (Mrs. Lawrence Herbert);

9. Names of parents Prentice Josiah and Jennie Ann (Marshall) Shaw

10. Education Educated in the Rolfe and Plow, Iowa  
schools

11. Degrees Attended Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, Iowa;  
Arake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa  
graduating in 1901

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His parents came to Iowa in 1892 settling on a farm north of  
Havelock. 3 years later they moved to Pocahontas Township  
which became the family home for many years
- He taught school for a time
- He established a law and real estate business in  
Corwith, Iowa, but soon returned to Pocahontas forming a  
partnership with H. C. Ralston. Later his 2 sons joined  
him in partnership.



# Start Harvesting Record

## Average Yield Here is Expected To Hit 70 Bushels

### Record Yield of Soybeans Adds to Farm Income In The County

Pocahontas county farmers are well started on the job of harvesting the largest corn crop in the history of the county. Yields of 100 bushels per acre have been reported from a number of fields and the average throughout the county is expected to run from 70 to 75 bushels.

Two weeks ago, state estimate averages were increased to 63 bushels per acre and many observers believe the figure will exceed that for Iowa when the crop is actually out of the fields. Iowa's previous record yield was in 1948 with a state average of 60.5 bushels per acre. Pocahontas county corn that year fell just short of a 70-bushel average.

In addition to the record yield, this year's corn crop is of exceptionally high quality. Moisture content has been reported as low as 20 percent rather frequently with the crop well advanced before frosts occurred. All but a small percentage of the corn acreage in the county reached maturity before frost.

This year's corn harvest is far ahead of schedule with cribbing of the new crop underway on many farms. Several farmers have already shelled some of the new corn.

#### Record Soybean Yield

A new record yield per acre of soybeans was harvested in the county this fall with estimates running from 25 to 30 bushels per acre. The average yield in the state was 25 bushels per acre topping the previous high of 23 bushels in 1946 and 1949.

Soybeans reached maturity exceptionally well before harvest. There were some reports of poor filling of pods, but the condition did not appear to be very general in the county. Virtually all combining was completed before last week.

The favorable weather in September may have added considerably to the maturity of the corn and bean crops, but did little for



## Albert J. Shaw, Sr., Prominent Lawyer, Died Friday P. M.

Albert J. Shaw, Sr., Industrial Commissioner of the state of Iowa, and a prominent Pocahontas attorney for the past fifty years, died Friday evening in Mercy hospital in Fort Dodge. He had been a patient there since Wednesday. However, he had been in poor health since he suffered a stroke July 6, while on a trip to northern Minnesota with F. F. Frost of Des Moines.

Funeral services were held Monday morning in Sacred Heart church. Rev. Fr. Jerome Koenig was celebrant of the requiem Mass and Rev. Fr. H. B. Karhoff gave the sermon. Pallbearers were: Francis Kelly, Marcell Moritz, J. B. Pattee, Dr. J. J. Ryan, Dr. J. C. Tolan and A. J. Shimon. Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

Albert Josiah Shaw was born at Dayton, Wis., August 31, 1876, the son of Prentice and Jennie A. Shaw. His parents came to Iowa in 1892 and settled on a farm north of Havelock. Three years later they moved to the N½ of Sec. 14, Powhatan township, which was the family home for many years. He attended the Rolfe and Plover schools and later studied at Cornell college at Mount Vernon.

After teaching school for a time he went to Drake University in Des Moines to study law. He received his degree in 1901 and established a law and real estate business in Corwith. He soon returned to Pocahontas and bought

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## Rites Today In Methodist Church For Mrs. J. Alvis

Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the Methodist church for Mrs. John Alvis who died at her home here Monday afternoon. Rev. Robert Moss, the pastor, will officiate. Mrs. Alvis had been ill about a week.

Mrs. Alvis is survived by three sons, W. E. Alvis of Humboldt, Ray of this place and Chas. E. Alvis of Sheldon, and two daughters, Mrs. Frank Wolfe of this place and Mrs. Carl Mason of Rolfe.

A complete obituary will be published next week.

## Weather

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Oct. 8	70	32	
Oct. 9	67	32	
Oct. 10	65	32	
Oct. 11	65	27	
Oct. 12	68	40	
Oct. 13	63	38	
Oct. 14	55	35	

## Junior Class Play This Friday Night

The junior class of Pocahontas high school will present its annual class play Friday night, October 17, at 8:00 P. M. The class has chosen a mystery-comedy, "The Ghost Parade", a play of laughs, thrills and chills. The cast includes: Robert Anderson, Albert Hudek, John Pascal, John Bouma, Faye Seger, Dale Anderson, Bill Carmichael, Therese Stoullil, Shirley Niemand, Max Schill, Jack Patrick, Darlene Snow, Opal Powers, Janet Trimble, Hazel Klocko, Grace Johnson.

## Gun-S Plan H

A program is being planned by the P. Walton L. October 1. A teen-age group of age and age, will be given a Gun Club Pocahontas.

A gun will be given to Rokenbroton officiating part of the given tions and Ammunition rods in the ed free.

Following scheduled shoot will be held in the ev will be held.

## Women to S

The Women's Club is planning a school year. There are in conjunction classes of ture Depa tas public. There are classes be and cont Wednesday Thanksgiv Years.

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# Election Time Interest Is C

With the election less than three weeks away, interest in its out-tion. may

## Band Receives II Rating In Contest

## Lindy Son Explores



Jon Lindberg, son of famed flier Charles Lindberg, returns to New York from an ocean exploring expedition. Jon, a student at Stanford University, examines specimen party found on floor of the Atlantic. They also discovered a canyon 300 feet deep and 800 miles long in midocean.

### WITH THE ILL

O. P. Malcolm returned from the Lutheran hospital Friday. He had been there since Monday where he was treated for an eye infection.

Miss Helene Clark was taken to Fort Dodge Saturday where she entered the Lutheran hospital for medical treatment. According to latest reports she is getting along nicely.

## Shaw

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out the late Judge Geo. Heald and formed a law partnership with the late W. C. Ralston. Later his two sons, Frank and Albert, Jr., joined him in a partnership.

During his long career as an attorney, he was prominent as a community leader and served the town, county and state in various official capacities. He was Pocahontas county attorney for ten years, from 1910 until 1920, and from 1935 to 1947 he served the 50th district, Buena Vista, Humboldt and Pocahontas counties, as state senator. During his tenure in office he was appointed to many legislative committees, and he was responsible for a number of important laws. The most outstanding was the Homestead Tax Exemption law, of which he was author.

In 1950 he was appointed industrial commissioner for Iowa, by Governor Wm. S. Beardsley. At the time of his death he was a trustee of Buena Vista College at Storm Lake, a position he had held for some time.

He was united in marriage with Genevieve B. Murphy on Sept. 23, 1908 at Iowa City. Following their marriage they established their home in Pocahontas. Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons, Frank and Albert Jr., both local attorneys, and Robert, a member of the faculty of the Jordan schools, and two daughters, Mrs. Geo. (Catherine) Shors and Mrs. Lawrence (Eleanor) Flaherty of this place. Also surviving are eight granddaughters and eight grandsons, and two sisters, Mrs. J. H. Bucher of Plover and Mrs. Ben Driftmier of Anacortes, Wis.

Among those from a distance

## Overseas Mailing Dates Now Here; Oct. 15 - Nov. 15

Christmas mail for members of the armed forces overseas must be mailed between now and November 15 to guarantee delivery by December 25, according to latest information from the local postoffice.

"The importance of mailing

attending the last rites were: Gov. Wm. S. Beardsley of Des Moines; Hon. and Mrs. Gus Alesch of Remsen; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greenley, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Huebner, Mrs. Ann McFarland, Mrs. Evelyn Madison, Miss Viola Gustafson, F. F. Frost, and Nellie Shine, all of Des Moines; Senator and Mrs. Jack Crystal of Coon Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. Vic Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Grosenbaugh, Tony Gargano, Tony Mazzu and Mrs. W. J. Lampe, all of Fort Dodge; Dr. Jay Marshall of Maplewood, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Marshall of Park Rapids, Minn.; P. F. Shaw of Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Prichard and Dor-ed of Emmetsburg; Mr. and Mrs. D. E. McFarland of Minneapolis, Minn.; Dr. D. F. Fitzpatrick and Miss Bertilla Murphy of Iowa City; Mrs. Phil Wieland and Mrs. W. J. Rafferty of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Clair Jones of Royal; Pres. and Mrs. Henry Olson of Buena Vista College, Storm Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hamilton of Milford; Mr. and Mrs. Ed King, Mary and Del of Fonda, and attorneys and numerous friends from surrounding towns.

Christmas parcels designated period, cannot be empty — the soonest master Robert

The regular limits for domestic apply to Christmas parcels, ever, packages than 50 pounds. A. P. O. number overseas packages wood, solid fill double-faced board.

The boxes should be wrapped in heavy paper, the box should be secured, preferably with string, pieces, two layers crosswise. Seal with gummed tape.

It is also recommended that each box contain a list of the contents of the package, used by postal inspectors if the package is broken open.

The packages should be addressed in ink or typewritten on the side address labels directly on the labels frequently used for shipping.

Mail addresses should include the name and address, the name of the organization, A.P.O. or F.P.C. which the mail is to be sent to.

In addition, it is prohibited in the use of lighter fluid and lighter fluid to overseas.

"Armed forces members of the armed forces and authorized personnel employed overseas."

— Buy U. S.

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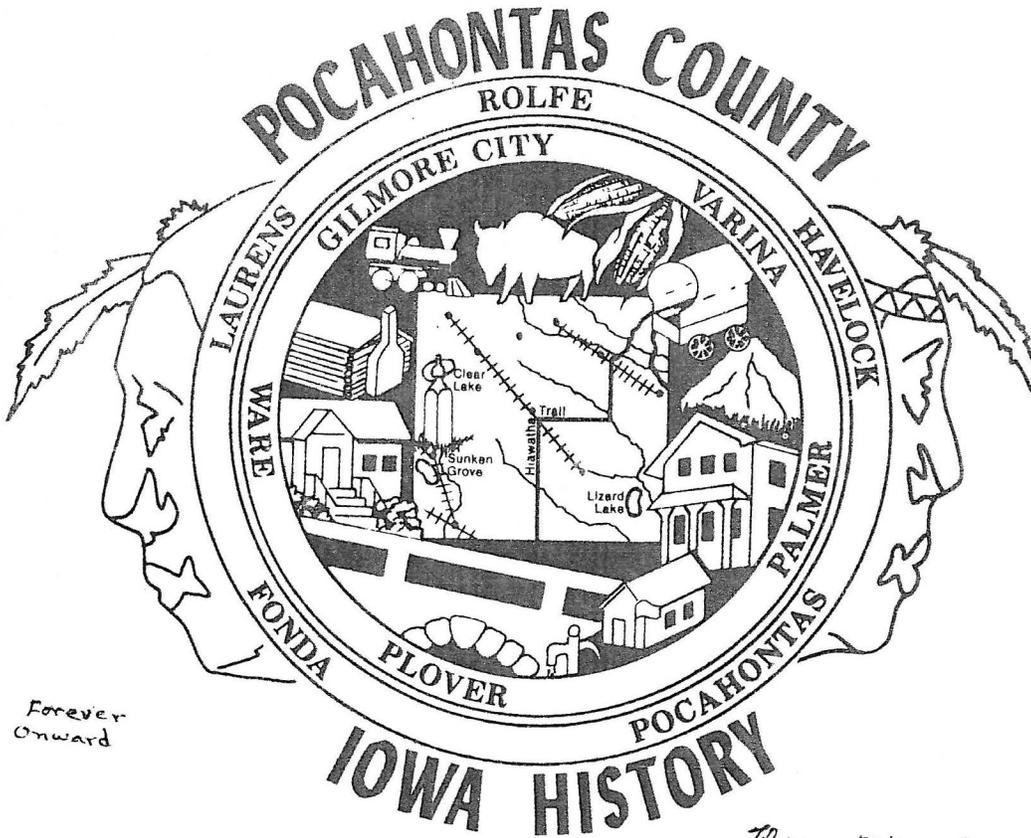
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Forever  
Onward

*Florence M. MacVay*

Dedicated to our forefathers who settled in Pocahontas County and courageously met the challenge of all elements — to those who held fast in their faith and hope for the future for all time. May this book reflect our heritage and help direct our future as a written and pictorial record for those who follow — By Those Who Care.

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## FIFTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Convened January 12, 1953

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LEO ELTHON, President of the Senate  
WILLIAM S. LYNES, Speaker of the House

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*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 directed to forward an enrolled copy to the members of the family of the deceased.

R. R. BATESON,  
W. ELDON WALTER,  
J. G. LUCAS,

*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

#### ALBERT JOSIAH SHAW

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Albert J. Shaw, Sr. of the city of Pocahontas, Pocahontas County, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

Albert Josiah Shaw, school teacher, attorney, legislator, and public servant, was born August 31, 1876, at Dayton, Wisconsin, the son of Prentis and Jennie A. Shaw, and departed this life Friday, October 10, 1952, the result of a cerebral hemorrhage, suffered on the preceding July 6.

In the year 1892, he came with his parents to Iowa and settled in Pocahontas County near the town of Havelock and three years later, in 1895, moved to a farm in Powhatan Township, which was the family home for many years. He received his elementary and high-school education in the towns of Rolfe and Plover and later attended Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa. Following a short period of school teaching, he matriculated at Drake University and received a degree of Doctor of Law in 1901. He practiced this profession at Corwith, Iowa, for only a short period of time before returning to Pocahontas. Here he formed a law partnership with the late W. C. Ralston, and continued actively in this profession for over half a century.

Mr. Shaw was Pocahontas County attorney for ten years from 1910 to 1920, and for 12 years he served the Fiftieth district, comprised of Humboldt, Pocahontas, and Buena Vista Counties in the state Senate. During this tenure he was the author of many important pieces of legislation, the most outstanding being the Homestead Credit Law.

At the time of his death he was serving his state as its industrial commissioner and was also a trustee of Buena Vista College of Storm Lake.

He was united in marriage to Genevieve B. Murphy on September 23, 1908. To this union there were born three sons, Frank and Albert Jr., attorneys of Pocahontas, and Robert, a teacher in the Jordan, High School, Pocahontas, Iowa; Mrs. George Shors, and Eleanor.

Mrs. Lawrence Flaherty, also of Pocahontas. These together with his wife, two sisters, and sixteen grandchildren survive him.

"Burt," as he was affectionately known, was an outstanding Christian gentleman, one who took an active interest and a full part in all affairs, not only of this community and county, but also of the state. To this end he devoted untiringly of his time and energy in promoting the finer things of life and will be affectionately remembered by all who knew him and most especially to the authors of this resolution.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-fifth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the death of the Honorable Albert Josiah Shaw, the state has lost a valued and honored servant and by this resolution tenders its sincere sympathy to the surviving 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 directed to forward an enrolled copy to the members of the family of the deceased.

R. J. OLTMAN,  
HARRY E. WATSON,  
DUANE E. DEWEL,

*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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#### AI GRAY MILLER

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to prepare a suitable memorial commemorating the life and public service of the late Honorable Ai Gray Miller, begs leave to submit the following report:

Born February 4, 1885, on a farm near Gray, Audubon County, Iowa, where he lived during his lifetime. He passed away at his home on February 26, 1950, at the age of 65 years.

He attended rural schools and married Stella Fancher in 1907. There were four children born to this union: Frank of Detroit, Michigan; Lieutenant Colonel Marion Ai with the U. S. Air Forces; Jessie Yvonne now Mrs. Dallas Himelright of Winchester, Va., and Dora Adelaide of Des Moines, Iowa.

He was a charter member of the Audubon County Farm Bureau; past director Audubon County Soil Conservation and Improvement association; past member of the Audubon County Planning Committee; member of the Audubon County Board of Supervisors seven years; president of the school board twelve years and member of Audubon County Board of Education; secretary of Farmers Mutual Telephone Company for twenty-three years and president for six years. He was a member of the Methodist Church.



You searched for **Albert J Shaw** in **Iowa**

### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	<b>Albert J Shaw</b>	
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1877</b>	
Birth Place:	<b>Wisconsin</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Census Date:	<b>1885</b>	
Residence State:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Residence County:	<b>Pocahontas</b>	
Locality:	<b>Powhatan</b>	
Roll:	<b>IA1885_246</b>	
Line:	<b>3</b>	
Family Number:	<b>61</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">Prentice J Shaw</a>	<b>34</b>
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	<a href="#">Estella L Shaw</a>	<b>2</b>

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Albert Josiah Shaw**  
**Born:** Aug 1876  
 Green, Wisconsin, USA  
**Died:** 10 Oct 1952  
 Pocahontas, Iowa, USA  
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[Genevieve B Murphy](#)  
**Born:** 1883  
**Died:**

**Marriage:** 1908 [View Info](#)

Children	Sex	Birth
<a href="#">Frank Josiah Shaw</a>	M	Pocahontas, Pocahontas, Iowa, USA
<a href="#">Living Shaw</a>	F	
<a href="#">Living Shaw</a>	F	
<a href="#">Frank W Shaw</a>	M	1909
<a href="#">Albert Josiah Shaw</a>	M	18 Oct 1914 in Pocahontas, Pocahontas, Iowa, USA
<a href="#">Robert Shaw</a>	M	1917 in Pocahontas, Pocahontas, Iowa, USA

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