

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Bekman,  
Elmer K. - Represented Wapello County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 18 Aug 1900 Atton, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Grace E. Redfield 18 June 1924 Mason City, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Member of Pioneer Lawmakers; admitted to the bar in 1923;  
member of Iowa and Wapello County Bar Associations

B. Civic responsibilities American Legion; Kiwanis

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 48<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 51<sup>st</sup>, 52<sup>nd</sup>, 53<sup>rd</sup>, 54<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies  
1939, 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947, 1949, 1951, 1953

6. Public Offices

A. Local Wapello County attorney 6 years; trustee of Parsons College, Jefferson, Iowa

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

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

7. Death 29 June 1976 Ottumwa, Iowa; buried Ottumwa Cemetery, Ottumwa, Iowa

8. Children Miss Louise (Mrs. Lawson)

9. Names of parents John K. and Cornelia (Lucas) Bekman

10. Education Enrolled in Ottumwa, Iowa public schools, graduating  
in 1917

11. Degrees Graduate of the University of Iowa Law School, Iowa  
City Iowa 1923 LL.B. degree; B.A. also from same University  
in 1921

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He lived in Ottumwa from 1923
- Military service - World War I - U.S. Army, 2nd Lieutenant
- He engaged in practicing law in Ottumwa



more system of property taxes is dated and outmoded.

"Some new, some more equitable means must be brought out" to finance cities and counties, he said.

He said Iowa is one of three states in the nation that relies solely on property taxes to finance local government.

Keokuk Mayor Charles Eppers said city officials live in their communities and are in constant contact with citizens and their needs.

"If this legislation becomes a reality, the city of Keokuk will become a financial disaster," he said.

Ken Gearhart, Davenport's chief administrative officer, said his city could not live within the proposed limits next

years, and the league is committed to continuing home rule for cities.

"We believe local officials are realistic and responsible to the voters," she said.

Iowa City Mayor Mary Neuhauser said the limit would negate the point of home rule.

"To pass this bill seems to say that local governments are guilty of financial responsibility, when, in fact, we have done nothing wrong," she said.

Maurice TePaske of the Sioux County Municipal League contended that the legislative proposal is "a bonanza for the substantial property owner and vested interests and deprives the homeowner and his family of far more than the proposal would retain for him."

## Ottumwa lawyer dies

Elmer K. Bekman, 75, of 232 E. Fifth, died today at 8:25 a.m. at Ottumwa Hospital where he had been a patient since October.

Born Aug. 18, 1900, in Alton, to John and Cornelia Lucas Bekman, he had lived in Ottumwa since 1923. He was admitted to the bar in 1923, graduating from the University of Iowa Law School. He was Wapello County attorney for six years, served in the Iowa Senate for 16 years and was a member of the Pioneer Lawmakers.

A second lieutenant in World War I, he was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church where he was an elder and Sunday school teacher for many years. He was also a member of the Iowa and Wapello County Bar Associations, a past president of the Wapello County Historical Society, member of Barracks 1510 of World War I Veterans, was a former trustee for Parsons College and a former board member of the Westminster Foundation in Iowa City.

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1924 in Mason City. She survives as do one daughter, Louise Larew of Iowa City; three grandchildren; one brother, Richard K. Bekman of Mount Hermon, Calif.; and one sister, Dora Corbin of Ottumwa.

Services will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the First United Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Louis Wollenberg officiating with burial in Ottumwa Cemetery. A memorial has been established payable to either the First United Presbyterian Church or the coronary care unit at Ottumwa Hospital. The Jay Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Three hurt, one killed in Farmington accident

FARMINGTON — A Revere, Mo., man was killed and three persons were injured Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. in a one-vehicle accident on Highway 2 at the west

the sheriff's office and local firemen. Volunteer firemen got the injured out of the car and nosed gasoline off the pavement.

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# Photographer gives program

FARMINGTON — An underwater photographer, Mary Rider, gave the program Jan. 22 at the Farmington Business Association meeting.

Ms. Rider has been an underwater photographer five years. She showed color picture slides taken in the Caribbean waters of the Cayman Islands, West Indies. She has been down to a depth of 300 feet.

"It's a fascinating world down there and it's easy to get hooked on it," she said at the conclusion of her program.

Members of the association elected Mr. and Mrs. Keith Muntz of Muntz Farm Supply as presidents. Also elected were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond DeRosear of DeRosear Electric and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith of Farmington Propane as vice presidents, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knowles of F & K Trading Post as secretary-treasurers.

# Leo Craver director again

CENTERVILLE — Leo Craver of Centerville has been re-elected to the Jefferson Savings and Loan Association board of directors.

Also re-elected as directors were Scott Jordan and Dr. L.B. Carter. Rick L. Brown, vice president and secretary, was elected to a new three-year term to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of R.C. Norman.

At year-end 1975, the association's assets reached \$27 million, 22.2 per cent more than the previous year. Interest paid to depositors was \$1.1 million, a 43.8 per cent increase.

Gordon Alstrope of Fairfield is president.

Burial will be in Batavia Cemetery, Batavia, and pallbearers will be past-grand officers, Carl Nelson, Norval Marks, Layden Wentworth, Joe Evans, Charles Gilbert, Robert Kilfoil, Harold Larson, Ray Cunningham, Robert Weakland and Walter Buffon. A memorial fund has been established payable to either the Davis Street Christian Church or Kilwinning Masonic Lodge No. 198, Batavia.

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Also surviving are one daughter, Louise Larew of Iowa City; three grandchildren; one brother, Richard K. Bekman of Mount Hermon, Calif.; and one sister, Dora Corbin of Ottumwa.

The time of the funeral was incorrectly reported in Thursday's Courier.

Consolidated School and graduated from St. Joseph Academy and Ottumwa Heights College. She received her B.A. from St. Ambrose College in Davenport and M.A. from St. Thomas College in St. Paul, Minn. She also studied at the University of Iowa in Iowa City and Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.

She taught at Ottumwa Heights for two years and was a member of the Dowling High School, Des Moines, faculty for 12 years. She also taught at St. Ambrose Academy in Davenport; Walsh High School, Ottumwa; Catholic Central High School, Great Falls, Mont.; St. Leo's High School, Lewistown, Mont.; and elementary schools in Ottumwa, Marshalltown, Stuart, Georgetown and Parnell. Since 1969 she has been teaching at St. Albert's High School in Council Bluffs.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Joe Scanlan of Nodaway; and several nieces and nephews. She was the cousin of Sister Miriam Clare Miller of Ottumwa.

Mass will be offered at St. Albert's High School today at 2 p.m. and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Corning. The Rev. Paul Donahue, Ottumwa Heights Center Chaplain, will celebrate a Requiem Mass Sunday at 3:45 p.m. in the Chapel of the Magnificat, Ottumwa Heights Center.

The Rosary will be recited Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Heights Chapel and burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery on the Ottumwa Heights Center grounds.

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# Meeting to b ISU line Tue

There will be a Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Wapello County Electric Service office, 211 E. for persons who would be affected by construction proposed Iowa Utilities transmission.

The line is to run site of the Ch generating station under construction Ottumwa. Property whose land would be by the line have been by registered mail.

Organizers say the Tuesday will be with ways to block construction of the line. persons may contact Black at 682-6953 Cobler at 684-4052 information.

