

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Peterson, Oscar ^(first name) _(last name) Senator _____

Represented Buena Vista County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 7 Aug 1874 Toulon, Stark County, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

Ada M Johnson 4 May 1897

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the National Farm Loan Association in Storm Lake.

B. Civic responsibilities Rotary

C. Profession Farmer; stock raising; implement business

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 50th and 51st General Assemblies 1943, 1945

6. Public Offices

A. Local Member of the Buena Vista Board of Education

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 27 Feb 1957 Storm Lake, Iowa; buried Scandinavian Cemetery, Alta, Iowa

8. Children Clarence; Harold; Roy; Arling; Howard; George; Glenn;
Vida (Mrs. Tony Carlson); Bessie (Mrs. Norby); Ethel (Mrs. August Sundell)

9. Names of parents Swan and Sophia (Erikson) Peterson

10. Education He was educated in the rural schools in Cherokee County
near where he lived.

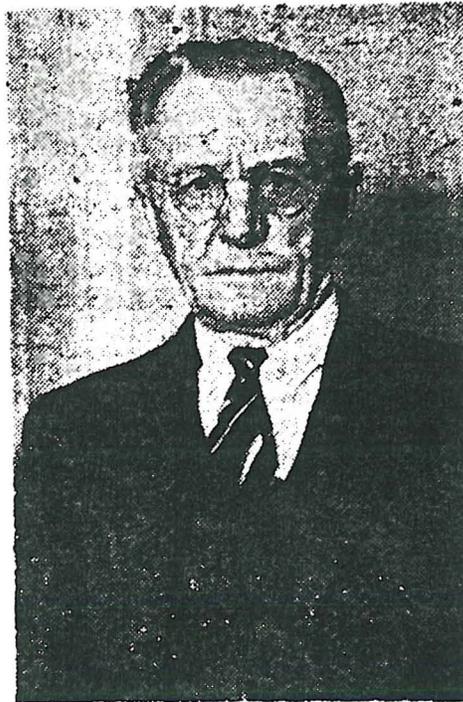
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father worked as a farm laborer. In 1876 they moved to Iowa and settled
in Bremer Twp and Cherokee Counties until they purchased land in Cherokee
County.
- They lived on a farm in Silver Township of Cherokee County until they purchased
the Peter M. Johnson estate (his parents farm) in 1911.
- Here he enjoyed raising livestock and had a herd of Polled Hereford cattle
- They returned in 1939 and moved to Alta, Iowa
- He was in the implement business at Schaller, Iowa for two years

Oscar Peterson Longtime Alta Resident Buried

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the First Methodist church in Alta for a former state representative, Oscar Peterson. He was a longtime resi-



OSCAR PETERSON

dent of this community having moved here with his parents from Illinois in 1876. He died last Wednesday at the age of 82.

Farming and stock raising had been his chief occupations. He also spent several years in the retail business. He was a member of the Methodist church where he worked on various church boards. He served on the county board of education and was president of the National Farm Loan association in Storm Lake. He was also a charter member of the county Farm Bureau.

A complete obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

Cut Courtesy Storm Lake Pilot Tribune

Left For Service

Verlyn Porter, son of Mr. and

Red Cross Drive Begins this Week

The possibility of free swimming lessons for adults and children alike, in the new swimming pool in Alta this summer, is our goal, approximately \$1,000.00 the current Red Cross drive.

Envelopes were placed in the mails early Monday morning asking for your contribution. The funds are mainly used in disaster areas for relief, however, there is this swimming program which is available to us locally this year. It is the hope of the local chapter officers that full cooperation will be given and given as rapidly as possible. The drive for funds must be completed by March 31, when you receive your envelope please make your contribution quickly as possible.

National 4-H Week Observed by Local Groups

Buena Vista County's 4-H clubs are joining in a national 4-H observance the week of March 2-4. Wendell A. Volkens of the county extension service staff, said today.

Currently there are 29 local clubs in Buena Vista county. These clubs have 65 adult leaders. In addition 11 persons serve on the county 4-H committees to give general guidance to the work. The 13 organized boys' clubs have 33 leaders and 16 girls' club leaders assist the 16 girls' clubs.

Young people who wish further information about 4-H work can obtain it from any leader or from the county extension office, Volkens stated. Boys and girls who were 10 years old on January 1 and who had not passed their twenty-first birthday on that date are eligible for membership. The requirements for membership are that the individual

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Junior choir rehearsal Saturday
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Sunday school conference at St.
Paul's Lutheran church, Aurelia,
this Sunday at 2:15 p.m.
Lenten service Wednesday at 8
p.m.
Visitors and guests welcome to
all worship services.

OBITUARY

FRANK OSCAR PETERSON

Frank Oscar Peterson, son of Swen and Sofia Peterson was born August 7, 1874, in Toulon, Illinois. He departed this life at the Buena Vista Hospital, Storm Lake at 2:15 p.m. on February 27, 1957 at the age of 82 years, 6 months and 20 days.

Mr. Peterson moved to Alta, Iowa with his parents in 1876. Here he grew to manhood, and in 1897 he was united in marriage with Ida M. Johnson. To this union 10 children were born.

Except for two years during which he was engaged in the implement business in Schaller, he spent his life in farming. In 1939 he retired and moved into Alta, where he resided at the time of his death.

Although he had only an eighth grade education, he was very prominent in civic, community and church affairs. He served as a member of the county Board of Education, and was elected to two terms in the State Legislature. For many years he was an active member of the Methodist Church, and was very much interested in its affairs even to the time of his death.

Though he had not been well since he suffered a stroke on May 4, 1950, his interest in life continued and his determination not to give up gave him the strength to go on.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Ida, seven sons, Clarence at home, Harold of Claremont, Minn., Roy of Storm Lake, Iowa, Arling and

and Mrs. Dale Carlson, Cherokee; Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Carlson, Sac City; Mrs. Dean Porath, Ames; Charles Sundell, Gardena, Calif.; Joyce, Dennis and Bruce Peterson, Storm Lake; and Susan and Sharon Peterson, Spencer.

African Violets To Be Displayed At Storm Lake Show

Mrs. Frank Hill, president of the African Violet Club has received an invitation for the members to show about fifty African violet plants at the Storm Lake Flower and Style show at Cobblestone on Wednesday, March 20.

The local club will hold its second annual flower show in Alta on April 27 in the Trinity Lutheran church parlors. We remember with pride of the beautiful show sponsored last year by the club members and are looking forward to their second show.

Farm Forum Elect Officers Wednesday

At the regular meeting of the Farm Forum in Nokomis Township held Wednesday evening at the elevator meeting room election of officers was held. Leslie Bruns was named chairman and Mrs. Oscar J. Peterson vice-chairman. Mrs. Leslie Bruns will serve as secretary - treasurer. Herbert Anderson was named discussion leader, Ron Frederick will be the citizen chairman and Mrs. W. E. Watts will have charge of recreation.

A report of the Farm Bureau legislative issues was made and a discussion was held concerning the stand to be taken by the Farm Bureau on the various issues and matters before it at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Anderson were host couple for the evening. Serving as the hosts for the March 21 meeting will be Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bruns.

Cub Scout Leaders Attend Round Table

Couple Honor Silver Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peterson were honored for their silver wedding anniversary on February 24. Open house was held in the afternoon and evening at their home.

The hosts for the party were members of the Grove Free Church. They were greeted at the couple's children, Lorraine Peterson.

Refreshments were served on a lace covered table with a double heart beautifully decorated with pink, green and white. Center were pink bells with a pink bow. The table was rounded with a white and pink roses. The table was baked and decorated with Francis Parris. Light and a floral centerpiece and white carnations. The attractiveness of the

Presiding at the show for the afternoon were E. Peterson and M. Pedersen.

In charge of the gathering the afternoon and evening were Mrs. Lester Anderson and Paul Grienke.

The honorees were Mrs. Peterson with a corsage of pink and a white boutonniere for her children.

A program was given out the afternoon with Mrs. Pedersen as master of ceremonies. Scripture and a short talk were given by Willis Johnson. Toasts were given by representing various organizations of the church. Sunday School was given by Francis Parris; W. Murray Pedersen; Family ship, Mrs. George Peterson. Musical selections were

Aid meeting at 2 p.m. Hostesses, Mrs. Geneva Hollenbeck and Elsie Nelson. Program leaders, Mrs. Gustie Peterson and Mrs. Ira Williamson.

Tuesday, March 19, Women's Missionary Society will meet in the church at 7:30 p.m. Everybody welcome.

Trinity Lutheran Church

John W. Oberg, Pastor

Thursday, March 7, 2:15, Ladies' Aid. 6:45 Junior choir rehearsal. 7:30 Lenten Service of the Glowing Cross. Theme, "If I Do Not Wash You." Special music. 8:30 Trinity choir rehearsal. All members are asked to be present.

Friday, March 8, 2:00, World Day of Prayer Service in our church, with the churches of the community cooperating.

Saturday, March 9, 9:00, senior confirmation class. 11:00, junior confirmation class.

Sunday, March 10 —

9:15 Sunday School and Bible Classes.

10:30 Morning Worship. First Sunday in Lent.

7:30 Luther League. Serving committee, Arnie Axelson, Marlene and Myrna Murphy.

7:30 Installation service for Pastor Walter Lack in Bethlehem Lutheran church, Cherokee.

Monday, March 11, 7:30, meeting of Sunday school teachers, assistants and officers.

Wednesday, March 13, 7:30, briefing meeting for all Advance for Christ workers.

Thursday, March 14, 6:45, Junior choir rehearsal. 7:30 Lenten service of the Glowing Cross. 8:30 Trinity choir rehearsal.

Center Grove Free Church

Willis H. Johnson, Pastor

Thursday, March 7, the choir will meet for rehearsal at the parsonage at 8 p.m. All members please be present.

Friday, March 8, the annual observance of World Day of Prayer will be in conjunction with the Albert City and Marathon Free churches. We will begin at 10 a.m. at Albert City. There will be a pot luck meal at noon. Please bring your own dishes. Everyone is invited.

Sunday —

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Evening Service 7:30 p.m.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Ida, seven sons, Clarence at home, Harold of Claremont, Minn., Roy of Storm Lake, Iowa, Arling and Howard of Aurelia, George of Alta, and Glen of Spenced; three daughters, Viola (Mrs. Tony Carlson) of Alta, Bessie Norby at home, Ethel (Mrs. August Sundell) of Gardena, Calif. Twenty-five grand children, five great grandchildren, one brother, E. F. Peterson of Long Beach, Calif., one sister, Mrs. J. M. Olson of Boone, Iowa, other relatives and a large circle of friends.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon from the First Methodist church in Alta with the Rev. E. R. Peterson officiating. The Rev. T. E. Hoon, formerly a pastor in Alta, assisted.

Mrs. G. A. Soderquist was organist and also accompanied the vocal quartet composed of Miss Marjorie Vermeer, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Schive and Allan Lee.

Attendants were all sons of Mr. Peterson, Clarence, Harold, Roy, Arling, George and Howard.

In charge of the flowers were Mr. and Mrs. Hjalmar Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bell. He was laid to rest in the Scandinavian Cemetery at Alta.

Out of town relatives attending the funeral services were Rev. J. M. Olson, Boone; Uno and Linea Larson and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gutel, Storm Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Olson, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Benson, Sioux City; Andrew A. Peterson and Clifford Wanberg, Galva; Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Wanberg, Schaller; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hultgren, Marathon; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schott, Marathon; Mrs. Terrance Gasner, Owatonna, Minn.; Myron and Galen Peterson, Claremont, Minn.; Doris Norby, Minneapolis, Minn.; Catherine Peterson, Iowa City; Mr.

Cub Scout Leaders Attend Round Table

Attending the Buena Vista and Sac county cub scout leaders and boy scout leaders round table, held February 14, at the North school in Storm Lake were Mr. and Mrs. Glen B. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pollard, Mrs. Richard McDanel, representing Pack 100 from Alta.

Topics discussed of interest to the leaders were Indian tribes, their dress, customs and crafts which were demonstrated by Pack 106 of Storm Lake.

The next meeting of the round table for the two counties will be held in Alta at the school house on March 14. Pack 100, of which Glen Peterson is the cub master, will be the hosts.

My Neighbors



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Oscar Peterson

Academy of Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1930. While attending school in Minneapolis she worked for room, board and three dollars a week for spending money and street car fare.

On March 11, 1937, Oscar and Linnea were married at her home in Montrose, South Dakota. They lived on the Ed Anderson farm for 11 years. In 1948 they bought the Betz farm of one hundred sixty acres and have added more land since then.

They attend the Center Grove Evangelical Free church. For twenty-five years Oscar was on



Oscar and Linnea Peterson

the church board, helping with the remodeling and building of the parsonage. Linnea taught Sunday school, and has held other offices in the Women's Missionary Society. Oscar was on the Truesdale elevator board for 18 years and helped out when needed.



Oscar Peterson family

Oscar Peterson was born August 7, 1874, in Toulon, Starke County, Illinois, to Swan and Sophia Ericksen Peterson. His parents came to the United States from Sweden in 1869 and settled in Illinois where Swan worked as a farm laborer. In 1876 they moved to Iowa and worked in Buena Vista and Cherokee County until he purchased land in Diamond Township, Cherokee County. Two children, Charles and Jennie (Mrs. Joe Wanberg) were born in Sweden. Other members of the Swan Peterson family are: Oscar, Victor, Laura (Mrs. Oscar Cottong), Ernest, Ida, and Emma (Mrs. Jacob Olson). Swan and his wife died in 1911.

Oscar attended the rural school in Cherokee County and worked on the farm. He married Ida M. Johnson May 4, 1897. Ida was born to Peter M. Johnson and Nella Larson Johnson June 15, 1877, in Stillman Valley, Illinois. Peter and Nella were born in Sweden, came to this country in 1871, and came to Iowa in 1879 settling on a farm in Maple Valley Township. Ida attended the Maple Valley Township rural school and helped care for the family as her mother died when Ida was only twelve years old.

Oscar and Ida Peterson are the parents of ten children: Clarence, Viola Carlson, Bessie Norby, Harold, Roy, Arling, George, Howard, Ethel Sundell, and Glenn. They farmed most of their married life, except for a few years when they were in the implement business in Schaller. They lived on a farm in

Silver Township, Cherokee, until they purchased the P.M. Johnson Estate farm in 1911. This farm was purchased by Peter Johnson (Ida's father) in 1878 from the Iowa Falls and Sioux City Railroad. Oscar enjoyed raising livestock and had a herd of Registered Polled Hereford Cattle. They retired and moved to Alta in 1939. He served two terms in the Iowa State House of Representatives and was active in many community affairs, the county Board of Education, Charter member of the County Farm Bureau and Rotary Club. Oscar died in 1957 and Ida in 1966.

By: Arling Peterson

Richard Thomas Peterson

Richard Thomas Peterson was born February 4, 1950, in Storm Lake to Carl and Ann Peterson. Rick was the fifth of five children, with four brothers and one sister. Richard graduated from Storm Lake High School in 1968, attended Buena Vista College for two years and graduated from the University of Oklahoma in December 1972. It was in Norman, Oklahoma, that Rick met and married Carol Borg on December 26, 1972, in Lindsborg, Kansas.

Carol was born in Lindsborg, Kansas. She moved with her family to Las Vegas, Nevada, while in high school and graduated from Las Vegas High School in 1966. She then attended Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas, for two years and transferred to Wichita State University. There she graduated with a music education degree in 1970. After a summer in Silver Bay, New York, she moved to Norman, Oklahoma, where she was employed as an orchestra director.

Reared around his father's business it was inevitable that the business would beckon. After a short stint as a flight instructor with the University of Oklahoma while Carol finished her teaching year, Rick and Carol moved to Storm Lake in 1973 to work at Peterson Motors. Carol taught strings in the public schools and played in the Fort Dodge, Cherokee and Sioux City Symphonies. After Rick passed the CPA examination in 1975 they moved to Ba-

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J. D. CURRIE,
MELVIN WILSON,
JOHN A. BAUMHOVER,
Committee.

OSCAR PETERSON

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

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Surviving Mr. Peterson are his widow, Ida; seven sons, Clarence, George and Howard of Alta; Harold of Claremont, Minnesota; Roy of Storm Lake; Arling of Aurelia and Galen of Spencer; three daughters, Viola, Bessie and Ethel. Also surviving are one sister and one brother.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Oscar Peterson, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful public servant.

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

Floyd J. Pine was born on a farm near Columbus Junction, Iowa, July 1, 1893, and passed away at Phoenix, Arizona, on August 27, 1956.

He was the son of A. F. and Mary E. Skipton Pine.

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