

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Simonsen, Warren Earl, Senator

Represented Cherokee County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 29 Apr 1887 Davenport, Nebraska

2. Marriage (s) date place

Elma Dear 2 Aug 1916 Ames, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Simonsen Industries began when he and his 2 brothers
began a rendering plant north of Quincy in 1929

B. Civic responsibilities Rotary; Mason

C. Profession Veterinarian; farmer; engaged in operation of rendering
plant, soybean mill and feed business at Quincy, Iowa

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 51st General Assembly 1945

6. Public Offices

A. Local President of the Quincy, Iowa school Board

B. State

C. National

7. Death 3 Dec 1977 Tucson, Arizona

8. Children Doyle Warren; Dean Earl; Merle Hilbur; Mark Chester

9. Names of parents Soren and Antoinette (Hansen) Simonsen

10. Education He was educated in the Dabney, Nebraska school graduating
in 1902

11. Degrees Graduated from Kansas State University in 1912
Iowa State College, Ames Iowa - extension work for
4 years concerning vaccination of hogs for cholera

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He operated a veterinary medicine practice in Cherokee
from 1916 until he moved to a farm near Quorby
and established a practice in 1927 until 1945 when
he moved to Tucson, Arizona.

- In 1937, an expelled type setboard mill was built alongside
the rendering plant organized with another brother and
later joined by his sons

- At his death there is of the Simonsen operations - the
Simonsen Manufacturing, Simonsen Mill and Simonsen
Propane

- Military service World War I - served as a Captain in the Army Veterinary Corps

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GASOLINE.
Schmidt conceded that there remain unsettled these objections: production of alcohol may take more energy than it saves; it is morally questionable whether to use a food product for a fuel, and it may not be economically feasible.
But in answering the first objection he pointed out that coal could be used in the production of alcohol and "you can't shovel coal into my Ford."
The panelists generally agreed that

...otherwise known as
"distillers' slop," it makes for an excellent feed, said Miller.
Other panelists were E. Eugene Ecklund, chief of the alternate fuels branch of the U.S. Department of Energy; Earl Gavett, coordinator of energy-related research for the USDA, and Marvin Lind, former assistant director of the Iowa Development Council.



Dr. W. E. Simonsen Is Dead At 90

Dr. W.E. Simonsen, 90, founder of the Simonsen industries in Quimby, died today in Tucson, Ariz., after a brief illness.

He was born April 29, 1887, in Danbury, Neb. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1912 and spent the next four years in Extension work with Iowa State College, Ames, with his main project concerning vaccination of hogs and development of a serum for hog cholera. He spent 20 years in Extension service and was on call as assistant state veterinarian, working primarily on tuberculosis eradication.

Dr. Simonsen married Elma Dean in Ames, Iowa.

He operated a veterinary medicine practice in Cherokee from 1918 until he moved to a farm near Quimby and established a practice in 1927. He lived in Quimby until 1945, when he moved to Tucson.

Dr. Simonsen served one term in the Iowa House of Representatives from 1944 to 1946. He was a member of Rotary and belonged to the Catalina Methodist Church, Tucson.

The Simonsen industries had their beginning in the fall of 1929 when Dr. Simonsen and his brothers, Drs. Odell and Ralph Simonsen, opened a rendering plant two miles south of Quimby along the Little Sioux River.

In 1937, an expeller type soybean mill was built alongside the rendering plant and the firm reorganized with the addition of another brother, Alton. Dr. W.E. Simonsen was later joined in the business by his sons, Doyle and Dean, who also are veterinarians, and Merle.

Today, the Simonsen operation includes Simonsen Manufacturing, Simonsen Mill and Simonsen Propane. The fertilizer and propane operations are in several locations in northwest Iowa. Equipment from Simonsen Manufacturing Company is distributed nationwide and in several foreign countries.

In addition to his sons, Dr. Simonsen is survived by his wife, and brothers, Ralph, Cherokee, and Alton, Tucson.

Services and burial for Dr. Simonsen will be in Tucson.

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Syria Pressured To Boycott Egypt

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Syria faced continuing pressure today from hardline Arab states to agree to an economic boycott of Egypt in retaliation for President Anwar Sadat's Mideast peace offensive.

Officials of Syria, Libya, Iraq, South Yemen and Algeria met behind the closed doors of the Peoples' Hall in Tripoli for seven hours Friday to discuss possible economic sanctions in the first formal session of the hardline Arab

to a \$3 billion pan-Arab financial aid program to Egypt through 1980. Saudi Arabia is not represented at the Tripoli meeting.

Another Beirut paper, An Nahar, said there were plans for a jet fighter presumably based in Egypt to intercept and shoot down Sadat's plane enroute to Israel Nov. 19 but that the plans never materialized.

Libyan ruler Col. Moammar Khadafy, the 35-year-old general,

John, and a step brother, Vincent. Ed's mother came from Czechoslovakia and his father came from Latvia. After finishing high school in New York, Ed attended the Colorado School of Mines where he earned a degree in civil engineering.

On November 16, 1957, Ed and Pauline were married in Denver. Pauline worked as a medical technician until her third child was born. Ed worked as a real estate agent until he got his degree. For a time he worked as a civil engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation. Currently he is a civil engineer for the Mining Safety and Health Administration and inspects mine waste dumps.

Shawn graduated from Golden High School, Golden, Colorado, in 1976. In school she was a member of the honor society, the swim team, girls track and coached the boys swim team. She was also a lector at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church and worked as a page in a library. Shawn graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder, in May 1980, with a Bachelors of Science degree in marketing. She was a dormitory resident advisor her senior year and also served as president of Delta Sigma Pi, a business fraternity. In September 1981, she returned to the University of Colorado earning her Master of Business Administration degree in May, 1982.

Robert Alan Simonsen was born April 8, 1956, to Dean and Betty Simonsen in Cherokee, Iowa. He

is the fifth of six children. Bob went to school in Quimby and Washta, graduating from Willow Community High School in 1974. Major activities in school included chorus, band, speech and serving as manager of the basketball team. From September 1974 to November 1978 he attended Iowa State University in Ames, graduating with honors with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics. Until August 1981 Bob worked at Simonsen Mfg. as cost accountant. In September he entered the graduate program at the University of Colorado, Boulder, earning a Master of Business Administration degree in December, 1982.

Bob and Shawn met in graduate school. They were married on June 11, 1983, in Denver. They live 1½ miles west of Quimby on highway C60. Shawn works as the financial analyst for Simonsen Mill. She is active in women's groups in both St. John's Catholic Church and the United Methodist Church. Bob's major job responsibilities are as marketing manager for Simonsen Manufacturing. He is a trustee for the United Methodist Church in Quimby. He also served as chairman for the Quimby Centennial Committee.

Bob and Shawn's first child, Adam David, was born on March 24, 1985, in Cherokee. Their second son, Patrick Robert, was born on July 14, 1986, also in Cherokee.

THE WARREN AND ELMA SIMONSEN FAMILY



Warren and Elma Simonsen and their four sons moved to a farm west of Quimby in April 1927, from Cherokee where Dr. Simonsen had practised veterinary medicine since 1916.

Warren was born April 29, 1887, at Danbury, Nebraska, the son of Soren and Nettie (Hansen) Simonsen, was raised in a sod house and farmed near Healy, Kansas, while attending Kansas State College at Manhattan, Kansas. After graduating in 1912 he practiced veterinary medicine in Lane County, Kansas, before joining the agricultural extension service at Clemson College in South Carolina. After about a year he obtained a job with the extension service of Iowa out of Iowa State College, eventually becoming assistant state veterinarian. While there he met and married Elma Dean August 2, 1916 at Ames.

Elma was born July 17, 1891 at Emerald Grove, Wisconsin, the daughter of Chester and Hattie (Eastman) Dean, was raised in O'Brien County, Iowa, on a farm between Sanborn and Hartley, and graduated from Hartley High School in 1910. She attended nurses's training in Denver and Chicago and upon receiving her 'cap' worked in hospitals in Chicago and Hartley, as well as doing private nursing in homes. After her parents moved to Ames she decided to attend Iowa State College, there meeting and marrying Warren.

While with the extension service Warren developed lung problems. Diagnosed as probable tuberculosis he was advised to find an occupation where he could be outside. He decided to go into private veterinary practice and Cherokee was chosen as the location. In 1916 they moved to a house at 305 North Second Street where the Dairy Queen now stands. Warren opened an office in the basement of the opera house at what is now the location of Valley Bank and Trust.

Soon after arriving in Cherokee he purchased a horse and used cutter from a Mr. Smith living northeast of Cherokee for transportation during the winter months when his Model T Ford was unable to travel.

Dr. Simonsen was called into the military service in World War I and attained the rank of Captain in the Army Veterinary Corps. While stationed at Camp Oglethorpe, Georgia he developed a severe case of influenza, causing Elma to leave her baby son with the Floyd Warburtons west of Cherokee to work in the hospital where he was confined. Upon his recovery he was ordered overseas, traveled by train to New Jersey, and was on board a troop ship when the Armistice was

signed. Elma went to New Jersey with him, the only woman on the 22 car troop train. She then left for Cherokee by way of Wisconsin to visit a sister and was in Chicago when the Armistice was announced.

While in the army Warren wrote Elma to sell his Model T. Elma sold it to the Nelson Music Company of Cherokee who put a box on the back to haul pianos. The day Mr. Nelson picked it up he made fun of the strong iodine smell in the car. Several weeks later Warren wrote Elma to order a new Ford, which she did. Later he wrote telling her to cancel the order, which she did, but the dealer didn't, and later received the car and held it because he knew Warren would need it. Within two hours from the time Warren got home from the army in January 1919 he had the new Ford stocked with iodine and other necessities ready to do business, although he was still in uniform. The Ford cost \$400. Sometime later he loaned it to his brother Ralph who upset it while trying to open a side curtain while driving.

In 1919 they purchased the farm west of Quimby and later stated the corn stalks grew largest in the part of the county and the particular farm they chose was situated so the run off from the livestock yards ended up on the fields and not in a creek. George Groves, the previous owner, had built a barn and large silo, said to be the largest in Iowa at that time, and a neighbor, Mr. John Lint, laid the blocks of the silo. The barn was destroyed by a tornado in 1928 and later rebuilt. The silo is still being used.

In 1927 they moved to the farm, turning the veterinary practice in Cherokee over to Warren's younger brother, Odell. In 1928, after arranging with the county to relocate the road, they built a new house on the farm. A grandson, Richard Simonsen, now lives in this house.

In 1929 Warren and brothers, Odell and Ralph, a veterinarian at Marcus, started a rendering plant on Warren's farm. This was the beginning of what is now Simonsen Mill, Inc. In 1932 the business was shut down because of the depression and reopened ten months later. The mixing of animal feeds began in 1935 and in 1937 a soybean oil expeller mill was added. In 1947 a propane gas service was started, along with the fertilizer operation in 1948 and the manufacturing of equipment in 1953.

Warren and Elma were active in the Methodist Church in Quimby and both served as Sunday School teachers. Warren was a member of the

church board and treasurer for a number of years. Warren was a member of the board of directors of the Quimby Consolidated School. When he went on the board in about 1935 the district had not been able to pay off any of the bonds for the school built in 1922. During his tenure on the board they were able to start paying off the bonds and in 1950 the final payment was made. In 1944 he was elected to the Iowa Legislature representing Cherokee County. Elma was active in the Cherokee County Farm Bureau and helped found the Quimby library.

A heart attack in 1944 prompted Warren to retire from active participation in the business. Beginning in 1946 they spent winters in Arizona, returning to Iowa summers until in later years when they were unable to travel. Both lived into their nineties, Warren passing away December 3, 1977, and Elma January 29, 1982. Their youngest son, Marlo, preceded them in death November 26, 1971, at Tucson, Arizona. Their sons, Dean and Doyle, live near Quimby and Merle in Cherokee. They have eight grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren living in Cherokee County, and fourteen and eleven respectively living elsewhere.

Merle Simonsen
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OSCAR VEBERT AND MATILDA SMITH



Oscar Smith, school janitor

Oscar Vebert Smith, the fourth son of Vincent Peter and Katherine Warner Smith, was born on

August 21, 1892, in Charles Mix County, South Dakota. Oscar and his baby brother became very ill. A near epidemic existed in the area. Victor died before he was quite a year old, and at nearly four years of age, Oscar was unable to walk. His parents hoped if they came back to Iowa they could save their son, Oscar, so they loaded a few possessions and their eight children into a covered wagon and started the long journey back to friends and relatives in Silver and Rock Townships of Cherokee County, Iowa. In spite of his handicap, back and leg problems, Oscar was a happy child. He learned to sing at a tender age.

In 1909, Oscar's father decided to move to Vega, Texas. The older brothers and sisters were married, leaving Vincent, Oscar, Irene, Violet, and Vivian to go along. The hot winds and dust storms made this home undesirable, so they moved on to Sayre, Oklahoma, hoping things would be better.

Oscar and Vincent made friends easily and enjoyed Sunday horse races on the prairie. One Sunday Oscar's horse, Dandy, stepped into a prairie dog's hole and broke a front leg. Upon arriving home Oscar's father told him there was nothing to do but shoot the horse. Oscar wouldn't hear of it. He and Vincie fixed a sling to hold the horse up off his broken leg. They boys cared for him for weeks, and when they finally let him down on the leg, it was healed and fine. Dandy was a good horse for many years as a result of the loving and caring.

Oscar and his family returned to the Quimby area and farmed until 1914, when they moved to Jackson County, Minnesota, where they also farmed. Oscar went back to Quimby to help brother Vere farm. He met Matilda Meyer, daughter of Jake Meyer.

When war was declared, he answered the call of his country in May, 1918. He spend three months training at Camp Dodge, Iowa, with Company A, 350th Infantry, 88th Division. In August his company went by train east across the Mississippi River through Chicago at night and on to Cleveland, Ohio. The heat was intense. They stopped the train and marched the men to Lake Erie where they were permitted to swim. As they marched back to board their train, they were greeted by the Red Cross and given pie and cold drinks. The train continued east passing the waterfront of New York City. They saw the Statue of Liberty. After eating dinner, they marched onto a boat which went under the Brooklyn Bridge and on to a "Godforsaken Island" - Camp Upton, New York. On August 6, 1918, the



You searched for **Warren E. Simonsen** in Iowa

1920 United States Federal Census

Name:	Warren E Simonsen	
Home in 1920:	Cherokee Ward 3, Cherokee, Iowa	
Age:	32	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1888	
Birthplace:	Nebraska	
Relation to Head of House:	Self (Head) [Head]	
Spouse's name:	Elma D	
Father's Birth Place:	Denmark	
Mother's Birth Place:	Denmark	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Sex:	Male	
Home owned:	Own	
Able to read:	Yes	
Able to Write:	Yes	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Warren E Simonsen	32
	Elma D Simonsen	28
	Earl Dean Simonsen	1
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	Doyle W Simonsen	0
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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	Warren E Simonsen
Birth Year:	abt 1888
Birth Place:	Nebraska
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Marital Status:	Married
Census Date:	1 Jan 1925
Residence State:	Iowa
Residence County:	Cherokee
Locality:	Cherokee Ward 3
Relation to Head:	Head
Mother:	Nettie Hanson
Mother's Birth Year:	abt 1865
Mother's Birthplace:	Denmark
Father:	Soren Simonsen
Father's Birth Year:	abt 1855
Father's Birthplace:	Denmark
Marriage Place:	United States
Spouse Name:	Elma J Simonsen
Roll:	IA1925_1651
Line:	16
Neighbors:	View others on page
Household Members:	
Name	Age
Warren E Simonsen	37
Elma J Simonsen	34
Earl D Simonsen	7
Doyle W Simonsen	5
Merle M Simonsen	2

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Birth Date: 29 Apr 1887
Death Date: Dec 1977
Social Security Number: 527-34-7739
State or Territory Where Number Was Issued: Arizona

Death Residence Localities

ZIP Code: 85719
Localities: Sun, Pima, Arizona
Tucson, Pima, Arizona

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