Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator Elthon Leo

Represented Mitchell, Winnebago, North and Howard Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 9 June 1898 Nestile, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Synneva Hjelmeland 28 Feb 1922

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Active in the garage business; in 1951 he received the first Des Moines Press and Radio award for outstanding service in the Senate

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; garaging; teacher; lumber company manager

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 45th 46th 47th 48th 49th 50th 51st 52nd 53rd 54th General Assemblies 1933, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947, 1949, 1951

6. Public Offices 60th, 61st General Assemblies 1963, 1965

A. Local President of the Nestile school board; member of the North County Board of Education; mayor of Nestile

B. State Lieutenant Governor 1952; Governor for 52 days following death of Governor Hilbert S. Beardsley in 1954

C. National _____

7. Death 16 Apr 1967 Mason City, Iowa; buried Crest Point Cemetery, Kensett, Iowa

8. Children David; Allen; Dorothy (Mrs. Ed Davis); Irene (Mrs. Les Nelson); Amy Lou (Mrs. Wendell Mahoney); Sylvia (Mrs. James Lemon)

9. Names of parents _____

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10. Education Graduate of Fertile, Iowa High School 1917; attended Augsburg Seminary in Minneapolis, Minnesota

11. Degrees He attended Hamilton's University of Commerce, Mason City, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His wife died in 1963
- He taught school at Clear Lake, Iowa and later was principal at the Fertile High School. He taught manual training and athletics
- After serving as Governor for 52/53 days when Governor Beardsley died, he returned to Lieutenant Governor when Leo Hoegh was elected Governor.

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Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary - The Manly Signal, Manly, Iowa, Thurs. Apr. 20, 1967, p. 1, col. 7			
- Iowa Official Register 1965-1966, p. 41			
- Obituary - The Des Moines Tribune, Des Moines, Iowa Mon. Apr. 17, 1967, p. 1, col 6, 7, and p. 14 col. 1			

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Former Governor Leo Elthon Dies

LEO ELTHON

Represented Worth County As State Legislator For Many Years

Leo Elthon, 68, longtime legislator representing Worth County and Lt. Governor for one term, passed away Sunday evening at a Mason City hospital following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Fertile Lutheran church, burial was in the Brush Point Cemetery.

Mr. Elthon was elected Lt. Governor in 1952 and served as Governor for 52 days following the death of Governor William S. Beardsley in an auto accident late in 1954.

Mr. Elthon was first elected to the Iowa Senate in 1932. He served in the Senate until his election as Lt. Governor and was Republican floor leader for three sessions of the legislature.

In 1963 he was re-elected to the Senate after an absence of six years. He served then as Senator of the Howard-Mitchell and Worth district until suffering a heart attack in 1964.

A lifetime resident of Worth county, he was born June 9, 1898 at Fertile. After graduation from the Fertile High School he attended Augsburg Seminary, Iowa State Teachers College and Hamilton College. He went into the teaching profession at the Clear Lake school and later serving as principal at the Fertile High School.

He was active in community affairs throughout his life. He had served as president of the Fertile school board, a member of the Worth County Board of Education, mayor of Fertile, to which he had to resign when re-elected to the Senate in 1963. He was also active in the quarry business.

He was married in 1922 to the former Synneva Hjelmeland. She died in 1963.

Surviving are two sons, David and Allen, both of Fertile; four daughters, Mrs. Ed (Dorothy) Davis, Milwaukee, Wis.; Mrs. Les (Irene) Nelson, Mason City; Mrs. Wendell (Amy Lou) Mahoney, Mondamin; and Mrs. James (Sykvia) Lemon, Geneva, Ill. A brother, Thelan Elthon of Fertile; and three sisters, Miss Mabel Elthon and Mrs. Louis (Esther) Vasbeeg, both of Fertile, and Mrs. Arthur (Ruth) Nyhus, Fergus Falls, Minn. also survive.

Services Held For Conrad M. Seaver

Funeral services for Conrad M. Seaver, 61, St. Ansgar, were held Tuesday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Lutheran church there. He died early Saturday at Mitchell County Memorial hospital in Osage after a short illness.

Conrad was born on a farm near St. Ansgar on July 25, 1905, and was a graduate of St. Ansgar high school and the University of Iowa.

In 1936 he was married to the former Vera Monahan of Manly and have resided in St. Ansgar since that time.

He was associated with the SoCo and later with H. L. McKinley and Sons at St. Ansgar until his death.

He was a veteran of World War II.

Honor Society Holds Induction

On the morning of April 11, the North Central Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted seven new members.

The ceremony was conducted by the present members of the society. Barton Sutter acted as master of ceremonies and explained the purposes and goals of the society. Larry Lyford, Joan Blattspieler, Deanna Stromley, and Gaye Ostlund each explained the meanings of one of the key words of the national honor

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Temperatures were held down by the wind, with the early afternoon reading at 52 degrees after an overnight low of 43.

The Weather Bureau warned of possible frost or freeze here, "Anyone who has put house plants outside, however, better bring them in," he warned.

If the temperature drops below 32 degrees, owners of fruit trees will be "in trouble," he said, "but there's not much that can be done about it."

Tulips are pretty hardy and shouldn't suffer damage, he added.

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Elthon Dies; Once Governor

By a Staff Writer

MASON CITY, IA. — Leo Elthon of Fertile, former governor of Iowa, died Sunday night in a Mason City hospital at the age of 68.

LEO ELTHON

A Republican leader in state government, Mr. Elthon had been ill since suffering a heart attack three years ago. He underwent surgery last December at Rochester, Minn.

Mr. Elthon was serving at Iowa's lieutenant governor when Gov. William S. Beardsley was killed Nov. 21, 1954, in an auto accident.

Mr. Elthon served as governor for 53 days — the second shortest gubernatorial term in the state's history.

He remained in office until Jan. 13, 1955, when Leo Hoegh, who had been elected before Gov. Beardsley's death, was in-

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An Award On Service In Senate

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stalled as Iowa's chief executive.

Mr. Elthon then returned to the lieutenant governor's post to which he had been re-elected for a second 2-year term. His return as its presiding officer was marked by the entire Iowa Senate standing and applauding, a unique honor in senate history.

"First Love"

Mr. Elthon described the Senate on that occasion as "my first love and interest in governmental service."

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39 Trucks Collect Rest Of Rubbish

City crews, unable to complete a special trash pick-up on the city's west side last Saturday, were attempting to get the job finished Monday.

Saturday was to have been the final day of "clean-up, paint up, fix-up week," during which city crews collected rubbish all over the city.

Leo Johnson, city director of public works, said the crews were unable to complete the pick-up in the last area on the west side, which is bounded on the east by Thirtieth street north of and Thirty-first street south of University, on the west and north by the city limits, and on the south by the Raccoon River.

Quit at 3 p.m.

Johnson said that about half the rubbish placed at curbside in the final area was collected Saturday. He said city workers were working on an overtime pay basis Saturday and because it appeared the work would take until midnight to complete the crews were sent home at 3 p.m.

Johnson said 36 city trucks aided by three garbage trucks were sent out to make the collections Monday. Garbage trucks were not used before, he said, because regular garbage collections were being made.

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Officials were unable to plain the heavy load of trash the west side. Collections other areas of the city w made on time, some by morning on collection day.

Youths Beat Railroad Agen

Police were investigating M day the beating of a railr security agent early Sunday a group of youths.

Police said that James C 26, of 4005 Grand ave., suffe severe bruises and abras when he was beaten by "e or nine" youths on railr property south of Foster d in southwest Des Moines.

Cox is an agent for the R Island Railroad. A comp spokesman said the railroad "been having a considera amount of vandalism" and stationed several agents in area.

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