

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Robb, George H. Senator _____

Represented Emmet County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 15 Feb 1881 Greene County, Missouri at
Moine, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place
Ellie M. Crinn 4 Dec 1902 Etherville, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of Emmet County Fair Association; president, Treasurer
and director of the Harmon Institute

B. Civic responsibilities Etherville Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau,
Rotary

C. Profession Livestock business; farmer; owned and operated
a livestock trading station and a sales barn

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd General Assemblies 1943, 1945, 1947, 1949

6. Public Offices

A. Local Etherville school board; Etherville Ed. committee; mayor of
Etherville; township assessor

B. State He was appointed by Governor Beardsley to the Iowa State Tax
Commission of which he was vice chairman at his death

C. National _____

7. Death 27 Oct 1951

8. Children Merrill Jr.; Olive Maurine (Mrs. Evan Higgins)

9. Names of parents Wesley and Ella (Clow) Robb

Robb, George H.

10. Education He was educated in schools in his Illinois
neighborhood and in Estherville, Iowa

11. Degrees Commercial college in Hannibal, Missouri

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Moved to Emmet County, Iowa in 1892 at age 13
- He farmed for 25 years as well as operated a saler team,
all learned from his father who was in the same business.

George H. Robb Prominent Resident Of County

Member of State
Tax Commission



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Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

People of Kansas county were shocked today at the sudden death of George H. Robb, the county's prominent and widely known resident.

Mr. Robb, member of the state tax commission, died at 4 o'clock this morning of a heart attack at his home in Lee, Mo., where he has lived since taking office as a member of the commission in July, 1949.

He was apparently in good health yesterday and had not been ill of recent weeks, although his duties on the tax commission were arduous and often left him tired. He remarked last week to friends on a visit to Katharville that by neglect he was excused from his work connected with the tax commission office.

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SUPPORTERS HERE made it clear they intend to preserve the grass roots favor of their campaign by making headquarters temporarily opened in Topeka the center of their national activity. Eisenhower a native of Topeka calls himself "Kans. Thom."

Eastern headquarters are expected to be opened here within a few days, followed by the setting up of regional offices in other areas.

THE EISENHOWER supporters hope thus to have campaigners working in every section of the country to counter the drive for a G. P. convention delegates now being made by Senator Robert S. Taft at Ohio.

Taft not being any political grass grower under his feet, has speeches scheduled next week in Knoxville, Tenn., Providence, R. I., and Chicago.

The following week he will speak in a five-state tour, with later scheduled in Dickinson, N. Dak., Miami, Fla., New Orleans, La., St. Louis, Mo., Kansas City, and Phil. Del. and Oklahoma City in Oklahoma.

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During his four terms on the state legislature, Mr. Robb was one of the most influential republican members of this house. He served on many key committees and was secretary of the governor's Little Missouri commission, an interim commission which studied needed reforms in the state government's administrative organization.

PREVIOUS TO his election as state representative from Keosauqua county, Mr. Robb served for 12 years on the Kethersville board of education, the same on the city council, was active in the affairs of the Chamber of Commerce, of the Keosauqua County Agricultural Fair and in other civic endeavors. Mr. Robb was a member of the Methodist church here and took an active part in the work of the church.

He was widely known through

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two children, Harry 11, and Doris Maxine, 9.

The trial, which began Oct. 15, went to the jury late yesterday afternoon.

The jury was given four alternatives as to the verdict—conviction of first degree murder, second degree murder, manslaughter or acquittal. If the jury decides on first degree murder, it must recommend either execution or life imprisonment.

Mrs. Scarlett, a divorcee, pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. The state's testimony contends she was sane on the night of the shooting, last April 16, and afterwards. The children were both shot and attacked with a hammer.

Good Hunting Over Weekend

Des Moines, Oct. 27 (AP)—The state conservation commission reports good duck shooting likely for Iowa hunters this weekend.

The commission last night said the heaviest flights of ducks in recent years are over the state.

Veteran duck hunters along the Mississippi from Clinton northward said the heaviest flights in 20 years are reported there.

The commission said an abundance of duck and geese are reported on the marshes and lakes of northern Iowa and heavy flights of ducks and geese are reported as far south as Council Bluffs on the Missouri river.

Two State Senators In One Family

Concord, N. H., Oct. 27 (AP)—There'll be two senators Tarlson later today.

State Senator Winifred Wild (R-Jackson) is to become the wife of State Senator George W. Tarlson (R-Laconia) at the state house today.

It is the first time two state senators ever married each other while in office and the first time a wedding ceremony ever will have been performed in the New Hampshire capitol.

Mrs. Wild, a 53-year-old widow, is to be given away by her son, Marcellus Wild, a cattleman from Peyton, Colo. Tarlson is 46.

450 Register for Moose Convention

Registration for the Iowa Moose association convention here has passed 450 and is expected to reach 600

Christmas package mailings off next week. The department said that in view of an extremely heavy volume of mail moving into the far east, it figured that Nov. 1 is the deadline for the mailings of Christmas parcels to American troops fighting in Korea, to assure delivery by Dec. 25.

Style Show Held For Blind Women

Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 27 (AP)—None of the audience could see the new creations, but the style show was a success.

Each garment and accessory was passed around to be felt and stroked. All the women were blind.

The show was conducted yesterday in the lighthouse, a handicraft center for the blind.

ROBB—

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out this area as a livestock buyer and operator of the Robb Livestock sales barn.

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MR. ROBB WAS born in Grundy county, Ill., and moved to Emmet county in 1892. After completing his preliminary education in Estherville schools, he attended a Kankakee, Ill., commercial college. He farmed for 25 years and during most of that time also operated his sales barn.

Surviving are his widow, one son, J. M. Robb of Estherville; one daughter, Mrs. Evan Higgins of Estherville; five grandchildren; two brothers, Walter of Billings, Mont., and Emmet of Oakland, Calif., and three sisters, Mrs. Ollie Miller, Oakland, Calif., Mrs. Carl (Pearl) Egbert, Iowa Falls, and Mrs. Hi Kendall of Lincoln, Neb. One sister, Mrs. Art (Ida) Brown, preceded him in death.

Funeral services are expected to be held Tuesday in the Methodist church here although at noon members of the family had not made definite arrangements.

DOCTOR—

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Covner is on the staff, said he notified them he would not be available for consultation for a few days.

Hospital officials said also the missing doctor had told them he arranged with another heart specialist to care for his patients for a while.

Nahant police said Dr. Covner was in a "highly nervous" state at his home. They said he had received many malicious telephone calls both at home and at his

In Spencer Area

Des Moines, Oct. 27 (AP)—Residents in the Spencer area shivered this morning in the lowest official temperature recorded in the state this fall, a 22.

Meanwhile, those living in the upper half of the state can look forward to rain mixed with snow tonight, the weather bureau said. Southern Iowa will get more rain.

These conditions will pass off tomorrow, and slightly clearing and warmer is indicated for Monday, the bureau added.

Readings in the mid-20s and low 30s can be expected tomorrow morning, the weather bureau said.

NICHOLAS—

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never."

What he actually said was: "I decided to run before somebody else gets in for two or three terms. After that I would be too old. (He's 59.) I don't want to get old in office.

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"I WANT TO be able to enjoy political life with my wife and family. That's it. That's the thing that did it."

From there he went on to say: "Another factor was the fact that it's almost as hard to run for lieutenant governor. You know, I conduct vigorous campaigns.

"I probably could have gone back to lieutenant governor without too much trouble. I had thought I might serve another term as lieutenant governor and then drop out of politics.

"But if I had done that I would have spent the rest of my life explaining to myself and others why I didn't try for governor when I was up there."

He declined at first to speculate upon who his opponents will be. Then he commented:

"I rather think that the governor will be a candidate for reelection. Outside of that I have no opinion.

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"IF—WHEN I'M elected, I'm going to work at it. I'm not just going to sit back and let things take their course. It takes a lot of vitality to do that.

"I have never had as much confidence that I can get the job done as I do now. You know, I have been on the school board, served as a county recorder, and been in the legislature."

Nicholas has retained A. E. Keiber of Davenport, rated there as the dean of public speaking teachers. Keiber, retired Davenport high school speech instructor, also will

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AND
DICKINSON COUNTY
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It was in 1891 that Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Miss Kirsten Jensen, a daughter of Peter and Marie (Andersen) Jensen, natives of Denmark, where they lived and died. To Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were born eight children: Anna, now Mrs. J. E. Hansen, of Crystal Lake, Iowa; Marie, the wife of O. E. Olsen, of Comfrey, Minnesota; Martin H., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Walter, who is living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Ella, Dora, Eugene and Edna, all at home.

Mr. Peterson supported the candidates and measures of the republican party at the polls but never had time to be an active participant in political affairs. He held membership in St. Paul's Danish Lutheran church and contributed to the support of its work. His was a life of unrelaxing effort and his death was not only the occasion of great sorrow to his family and friends but was also deeply regretted by the community at large as he was recognized as a man of sterling worth and as a public-spirited citizen.

GEORGE H. ROBB.

George H. Robb, one of the prominent and influential citizens of Emmet county, successfully engaged in farming and stock raising on section 13, Estherville township, was born on the 15th of February, 1881, in Morris, Illinois, of which state his parents, Wesley and Eudora (Clow) Robb, were also natives. In their family were seven children. Our subject was a lad of thirteen years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Emmet county, Iowa. The father purchased the east half of section 13, Estherville township, on which he engaged in farming and stock raising on an extensive scale for ten years, but is now practically living retired in Estherville.

George H. Robb began his education in the district schools of Illinois and later attended the high school of Estherville, Iowa, and a business college at Kankakee, Illinois. Under his father's able direction he early became familiar with agricultural pursuits and since the age of twenty years he has been in partnership with his father in their farming and stock raising operations. He now owns one hundred and thirty-five acres in the south half of the east half of section 13, Estherville township, and the west half of the southwest quarter of section 18 of Center township, and the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of the same section. His place is well improved with good and substantial buildings and the fields are in a high state of cultivation. His stock is of a good grade and commands the highest price on the market.

Mr. Robb was married in 1902 to Miss Nellie Crim, a daughter of A. A. and Eva Crim, who are farming people of Center township. Mr. and Mrs. Robb have two children, Maurine and Merrill. The republican party finds in Mr. Robb a staunch supporter of its principles and his fellow

citizens, recognizing his worth and ability have called upon him to fill many positions of honor and trust. He was a member of the republican central committee two years, was township assessor four years and has been township clerk for the past three years. He has also been president, treasurer and a director of the Farmers Institute and does all in his power to promote the interests of his community. In religious faith he is a Methodist.

HANS C. TOFT.

Many of the most highly esteemed residents of Ringsted are retired farmers and among this number is Hans C. Toft, who was born in Schleswig, Germany, of Danish descent, the sixth in order of birth in a family of seven children born to George and Ellen (Jessen) Toft. The father was a carpenter and mason.

Hans C. Toft was the only one of the family to come to the United States save his youngest brother, who was accidentally scalded to death on a steamboat running from San Francisco to Portland. Mr. Toft of this review attended school in his native country until he was sixteen years old and later spent eighteen months in the Danish army according to the requirements of the country. Upon returning to civil life he was employed as a farm hand for two years, but in 1881 came to the United States and made his way to Battle Creek, Iowa. There he took out his first naturalization papers as it was his intention from the beginning to thoroughly identify himself with his adopted country. He worked for farmers in that locality for a time, but as soon as possible bought land, becoming the owner of eighty acres in Ida county. After farming that place for four years he went to Clinton, Iowa, where he was employed in a sawmill until 1893, in which year he removed to Kossuth county. He rented a farm near the Emmet county line and for three years was engaged in its operation, but at the end of that period purchased the west half of the southeast quarter of section 13, Denmark township, Emmet county. There he engaged in farming and stock raising until he retired from active life in 1915 and removed to Ringsted, where he is now making his home. He was thoroughly familiar with the most approved methods of cultivating the fields and caring for the live stock and was energetic and industrious, allowing nothing to interfere with his farm work, and thus it was that he gained a competence.

In 1887 Mr. Toft was married to Miss Abilena Wilson, a daughter of Andrew and Katherine Wilson, natives of Schleswig, who, however, emigrated to the United States. They lived for some time in Clinton, Iowa, but subsequently made their home in Hancock county, Iowa, with their son Jesse, now a resident of Armstrong, Iowa. The mother died in Hancock county, but the father passed away in Emmet county while living with Mr. and Mrs. Toft. He is buried in St. John's cemetery.

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In the legal profession he is, in addition, a member of the Crawford County Bar Association, the Iowa State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He was a delegate from Iowa to Democratic National conventions first in 1924, also in 1932 when Franklin Delano Roosevelt was first nominated for president, and again in 1944, when Franklin Delano Roosevelt was nominated for his fourth term as president. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Order of Red Men, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Kiwanis Club of Denison, as well as the Iowa State Historical Society. He is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church of Saint Rose of Lima, Denison. Judge Powers' farm, consisting of four hundred and sixty acres, is located in Crawford County, and is devoted to grain and livestock.

On June 28, 1916, at Denison, Judge Powers married Marie Lally, the daughter of P. E. C. Lally, a Denison lawyer, and Katherine (Hughes) Lally. Four children were born to Judge and Mrs. Powers: 1. Mary Katherine, wife of Richard Kimball, who served in the United States Navy with the rank of lieutenant commander in World War II and is now a securities broker in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Kimball have three children: Elizabeth, Katherine, and Caroline Kimball. 2. Patricia, the wife of Joseph A. Keller, who is World War II was an ensign with the United States Navy's Construction Battalion and is now a business engineer at Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Keller are the parents of Bland and Joseph Keller. 3. James P. Powers, who was born on April 6, 1924, and is a graduate of Denison High School and of the University of Arizona, at Tucson, and who is a member of the class of 1951 at Harvard University School of Law. In World War II James P. Powers spent a year in Alaska for the government. 4. Walter L. Powers, who was born on September 4, 1920, was fatally injured in an automobile accident on June 17, 1947. A graduate of Denison High School, Walter Powers served with the United States Infantry as a technical sergeant in World War II and after the surrender of the Pacific enemy served with Headquarters Company in Japan. He was a student at the University of Chicago at the time of his death.

LEO V. McTAGUE—Among hotels of high standing in Iowa and the north central states is the Denison Hotel in Denison. This is owned and operated by Leo V. McTague, a hotel man of long experience who was once the owner and operator of hotels not only in various other parts of Iowa but also in Southern Minnesota. Aside from his reputation as greeter and host, Mr. McTague is known for his activities in civic work and Catholic circles.

Born in Morris, Illinois, on July 7, 1894, Mr. McTague is the son of John and Ellen (Crowley) McTague. His father, who was born in 1876, was a farmer and stock raiser in Grundy County, Illinois, until 1905. From 1905 to 1915 he was a farmer and stock raiser in Moody County, South Dakota. When he retired in 1915, John McTague made his home with his son, moving with him as he rose in the hotel world and dying in Denison in 1944.

Leo McTague was educated in the elementary and high schools of his native Illinois county. He went into the hotel business at an early age, starting as a bellboy. His progress was rapid in the business, and in time he was holding positions of great responsibility with hotels in Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa. In 1920, he purchased his first hotel, at Sigour-

ney, Iowa. Shortly afterward he also took over the Winnesheik at Decorah. These he operated until 1922, when he sold out. The Winnesheik is now a member of the Boss Hotel chain.

When he sold the Sigourney and Decorah hotels, Mr. McTague purchased the Denison Hotel in Denison and has since been established in that community. When he first bought this hotel in 1922, Mr. McTague found that its fifty rooms were sufficient for the trade of the days, but as he expanded the service and increased the hotel's popularity, the need for more rooms became acute. In 1926, he built an addition to the building and also remodeled and modernized the entire structure. Now there are eighty rooms, as well as a dining room and a coffee shop that seats sixty-five and a private dining room that seats fifty. All of these he also operates. Under his direct supervision, too, are the Greyhound bus stop at the hotel and the main office of the Western Union, also housed there.

A prominent figure in the hotel world, Mr. McTague is a member of the American Hotel Owners Association, the Northwest Hotel Owners Association and the Iowa State Hotel Owners Association. He also is active in the Knights of Columbus and is a Democrat. He is fond of all outdoor sports.

On July 1, 1913, at Flandreau, South Dakota, Mr. McTague married Frances Schroedl, and they have become the parents of a son, Richard Leo McTague, who was born in Minnesota in 1917 and is now operator of the Iowa Theater at Denison, and is also prominent in the region.

GEORGE H. ROBB—Retired agriculturist and business man, George H. Robb has to his credit likewise a noteworthy career in the service of the public. He has never found progressive citizenship incompatible with commercial activities and has been a legislator, member of the Estherville City Council and other boards, and mayor of his city, a well justified recognition of his civic spirit and proven capabilities.

A native of Morris, Illinois, born on February 1, 1881, George H. Robb is the son of Wesley and Eudora (Clow) Robb, his father being a livestock buyer who died in 1924. Mayor Robb was educated in the grammar and high schools of Estherville, and the Estherville Business College. Over a period of forty years he has had extensive farming interests. In 1934 he started an independent stockyard in Estherville, and built a large modern sales barn in the community. In 1947, however, he practically retired from most business activities, turning over the livestock enterprise to his son, Jay M. Robb, and son-in-law, Evan Higgins, who manage the farms, the Estherville Auction Company, and the other interests retained by Mr. Robb.

Always civic-minded and a voter who never found constructive citizenship incompatible with business, George H. Robb has been for four regular and one special session, a member of the City Council of Estherville, one of its most vigorous proponents of progressive measures and modernized ordinances. In 1949 he was honored with election as Mayor of Estherville, a post for which he was amply fitted by abilities, experience and devotion to duty. He resigned as mayor on his appointment by Governor Beardsley, on May 1, 1950, as a member of the State Tax Commission to fill out the unexpired term of Warren Wells, chairman of the commission, who had resigned. Since then, Mr. and Mrs. Robb have been living in Des Moines. Mr.

Robb was a member of the Estherville Board of Education for thirteen years, a number of these being president of the organization. During his leadership the present fine Roosevelt High School was built. In religious affiliation Mr. Robb is a member of the Estherville Methodist Episcopal Church, and has served since 1941 as a member of its board of trustees. Mr. Robb was appointed by Governor Beardsley to serve on the "Little Hoover" Reorganization Committee. He is a member and past president of the Estherville Chamber of Commerce and of the Rotary Club.

On December 4, 1902, at Estherville, George H. Robb married Nellie M. Crim, daughter of Albert A. and Eva M. (Brown) Crim. Mr. and Mrs. Robb are the parents of two children: 1. Olive Maurine, who married Evan Higgins, farm manager and company manager of the Estherville Auction Company. Their children are: i. Georgia Mae. ii. Joen. iii. Robb Evan, who died of infantile paralysis at the age of fifteen. iv. Jack Robb. 2. Jay M., who attended the Iowa State University; for several years he owned and operated a fleet of twenty transport trucks, running from New York to San Francisco; in 1947 he retired from this business to become manager of his father's many interests. He married Elsbeth Terry, and they have two children: i. George M. ii. Jean Ann.

FRANCIS EVERETT VAN ALSTINE, lawyer, of Pocahontas, was born at Gilmore City, Iowa, August 29, 1901, son of Mary Bertha (Beers) and Howard S. Van Alstine. He attended the public schools at Gilmore City, Iowa, and was graduated at St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, Wisconsin, with the class of 1919. He attended the State University of Iowa from 1920 to 1924 and then transferred to the George Washington University at Washington, D. C., attending night classes while employed at the House Office Building Post Office. Graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1928, he was admitted to the Iowa Bar the same year, and opened a law office at Gilmore City, Iowa. Having suffered an accidental injury to his eyes resulting in the detachment of both retinas, his vision failed in 1932, and he spent the following two years under surgical treatment, resulting in the restoration of vision in one eye. In 1934, he opened a law office in Pocahontas, Iowa, where he has continued in the active practice of law. In 1941, he was elected County Attorney of Pocahontas County, and was continued in that office for four terms, after which he declined to run for the fifth term that he might devote his entire time to his growing practice.

Throughout his business career, Francis Everett Van Alstine has been active in community and state-wide improvements, and has been prominent in Republican political circles, serving as Republican County Chairman from 1938 to 1944. He is a charter member and past president of the Pocahontas Rotary Club, secretary of the Pocahontas Planning and Development Committee, and as legislative chairman of the County Attorney's Association and a member of the legislative committee of the American Bar Association, he has been prominent in the development and improvement of the Iowa penal system and the general administration of justice. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, including the Consistory; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Scabbard and Blade; Phi Alpha Delta; and numerous clubs. He is a member of the board of directors of the Iowa Taxpayer's Association, and a member

of the Iowa State and American bar associations, and the American Judicature Society.

In 1945, he married Eleanor Thomas, daughter of Seth and Ella (Brown) Thomas of Fort Dodge, Iowa.

CHARLES E. CURTIS—Mayor of Spencer, Iowa Charles E. Curtis has a background of varied commercial pursuits. He has been successful in the distribution of automobiles and of petroleum products, has sound experience in manufacturing, and in times of war has served his country in both military and civilian capacities. He was re-elected to the office of mayor in 1950, without opposition.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, June 10, 1894, Mayor Curtis is a son of Edward S. and Gertrude (Johnston) Curtis. His father was an attorney in the Illinois metropolis. However, Charles E. Curtis lived in Iowa from his early years, attending the elementary and high schools of Mount Pleasant and graduating from the Mount Pleasant High School in 1914. He thereafter spent a year and a half in the employ of a hospital at Warm Springs, Montana. Also during this period, he played semi-professional baseball as a shortstop.

The United States had by this time entered World War I, and Mr. Curtis enlisted and was assigned to the Army Ordnance Division. He remained in military service until 1919, and first established residence in Spencer in 1920, traveling out of that city for an oil company until 1926. In the latter year he entered the wholesale automotive parts business with his father-in-law, O. C. Reiste; and on disposing of their business in 1928, Mr. Curtis sold Dodge and Plymouth automobiles at wholesale for the Rush Smith Auto Company. Remaining with this firm until 1931, he then moved to Emmetsburg, to manage a Chevrolet garage there, and eventually purchased it. This business too he later disposed of, and returned to traveling, representing two different oil companies.

In 1941 Mr. Curtis went with the A. Guthrie Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, on a project at Burlington, Iowa. He was later associated with this company at Grand Island, Nebraska, where he was placed in charge of the master mechanics' office. After completion of this plant, he worked for the firm in Kearney, Nebraska, and on completion of its contract there returned to Grand Island, where he was assigned to the position of general foreman in the pouring of bombs and 105 mm. shells for artillery pieces.

Making his home in Spencer throughout most of the period since World War II, Mr. Curtis was associated with Mr. Frank Kabrick, an implement dealer, for about a year. He was elected mayor of the city in 1948, which position he still holds, having been returned to office without opposition in 1950.

Mr. Curtis is a member of the Spencer Chamber of Commerce. He is fraternally identified with both the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A member of the Blue Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, he has attained the higher degrees in the Masonic order, and is a member of Clay Commandery of the Knights Templar, and Abu Bekr Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a communicant of the Baptist Church. He has retained his interest in baseball, which is his major outdoor recreation.

At Mount Pleasant on February 14, 1916, Charles E. Curtis married Alma M. Reiste, daughter of O. C. and Etta (Rockey) Reiste. They are the parents of one daughter, Virginia, who was born on September 6,

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FIFTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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WILLIAM S. BEARDSLEY, Governor

LEO ELTHON, President of the Senate

WILLIAM S. LYNES, Speaker of the House

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I.O.O.F., Knights of Pythias, Sons of Veterans, B.P.O.E., and Masonic Lodges, having been a member of the Consistory and the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Rayburn was elected Representative of Poweshiek County and served in the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh sessions of the General Assembly.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of the late Honorable Edward D. Rayburn, the State has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful public servant, and the House, by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the widow and son of the deceased.

GEORGE L. PAUL,
MAHLON N. BROWN,
CARROLL L. BROWN,

Committee.

GEORGE H. ROBB

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

George H. Robb was born February 15, 1881, in Morris, Illinois. He came with his parents to Estherville, Iowa in 1893. He received his education in the Morris, Illinois and the Estherville, Iowa public schools. He also attended the Kankakee Commercial College at Kankakee, Illinois.

In 1902 Mr. Robb was married to Nellie R. Crim of Estherville. They had two children, J. Merrill and Maurine.

Mr. Robb farmed twenty-five years near Estherville, and for twenty years operated a livestock buying station and sales barn.

George Robb was known for his community service. He served thirteen years on the Estherville board of education, two years on the city council, and was mayor of Estherville. He was a charter member of the Emmet County Farm Bureau, and served as president of the Estherville Chamber of Commerce. He was active in the Methodist Church.

Mr. Robb was a prominent member of the Republican party. He served in the Fiftieth, Fiftieth Extra, Fifty-first, Fifty-second and Fifty-second Extra, and the Fifty-third sessions of the Iowa Legislature. He resigned as mayor of Estherville to accept appointment by Governor

William S. Beardsley to the State Tax Commission in April, 1950. He was vice-chairman of the State Tax Commission at the time of his death.

Mr. Robb is survived by his wife and two children J. Merrill and Mrs. Evan Higgins, and five grandchildren all of Estherville.

George Robb died on October 27, 1951 at the age of 70.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable George H. Robb the State has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful public servant and the House by this resolution, would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

MAX M. SOETH,
DWIGHT W. MEYER,
CLIFFORD M. STRAWMAN,
Committee.

HEIKE A. RUST

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

Heike A. Rust was born in Franklin County, Iowa, on December 12, 1883. He graduated from Sheffield high school; attended Des Moines University for two years and later attended Iowa State College, at Ames. He was actively engaged in farming after leaving Ames.

He was president of the Sheffield Community Creamery; director of the Franklin County Mutual Insurance Association; was township clerk for eight years; was secretary of the County Farm Bureau for five years, and was active in Farm Bureau and other community activities.

He served as Representative from Franklin County in the Iowa House of Representatives during the Fortieth, Fortieth Extra, Forty-first and Forty-second sessions of the General Assembly. He was a Republican.

He was married to Miss Gladys Stubblefield, of Ipava, Illinois on October 8, 1921. He died at Passavant Hospital, Jacksonville, Illinois on August 22, 1951. Funeral services were held August 24, 1951, with interment in Diamond Grove Cemetery, Jacksonville, Illinois.

He is survived by his wife, one son Paul, who served in World War II; a daughter Elizabeth Ann Doolin, who is teaching school, while her



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1930 United States Federal Census

Name: **George H Robb**

Home in 1930: **Estherville, Emmet, Iowa**
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Age: **49**

Estimated birth year: **abt 1881**

Birthplace: **Illinois**

Relation to Head of House: **Head**

Spouse's name: **Nellie Robb**

Race: **White**

Occupation:
 Education:
 Military service: [View image](#)

Rent/home value:
 Age at first marriage:
 Parents' birthplace:
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	George H Robb	49
	Nellie Robb	47
	Maurine Robb	16
	Merrill Robb	14

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