

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative **ECKELS, W(illiam) E(dgar) PENN** Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Hancock County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 28 October 1882 (New) Kingston, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

Marion (Mysie) Weir McCutcheon, (10 June 1883, Ia - 28 February 1961), 28 February 1906  
at Goldfield, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business farmer; meat market

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession \_\_\_\_\_

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 52d to 55th GA, 1947-1954, Hancock County

6. Public Offices

A. Local township school director many years; county supervisor 1934-1946;  
county board of review

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

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

7. Death 17 May 1965, Britt, Iowa, Hancock Co Memorial Hospital. Bur. Goldfield Cem.

8. Children (1) Louise (Greiner), Garner (c. 1909 - ); (2) Forrest, Britt (c. 1911);  
(3) Inez (Bottaro), West Covina, Cal. (c. 1915); (4) <sup>Ervin</sup> ~~Minnie~~, died young; (5) Luella Belle  
(died young)

9. Names of parents Samuel and Ella (Corman) Eckels; lived in Pennsylvania

10. Education ~~Educated in New Kingston schools, graduated from Kent Normal in Mechanicsburg, Pa.~~

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11. Degrees ~~probably BA, Kent Normal~~

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12. Other applicable information ~~Came to Goldfield, Iowa, 1902. Worked as hired man, married 1906, farmed, operated meat market four years. Moved to Britt area and bought farm 1917. Sold it in 1920 but repurchased it in 1924, and lived on it for rest of life. He came from Pennsylvania Dutch family; had at least one Revolutionary War ancestor. His wife was of Scottish ancestry; had two year normal training course, and taught in rural school. Mason; Odd Fellows, Farm Bureau. Trustee of Methodist Church. Director Hancock Co. Mutual Insurance Assn. Republican.~~

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**18 LICENSES**  
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 Friday, May 21, at Mem-  
 all from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 our social security number  
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 June 4 and 18.

## day at Methodist Church



rest Rihsamen, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McEntaffer  
 greeting visiting church officials, Mrs. Kindred  
 and District Supt. Arthur Kindred, Mrs. and Bis-  
 hop James Thomas.



Left: Rev. W. S. Paige presided over the  
 floorstone laying ceremony. Sandra Townsend  
 puts one of 27 items of interest in the copper box  
 that went under the stone. After the ceremony  
 George Oakes sealed the box while Building Com-  
 mittee Chairman Gilbert Guenther observed.



Ushers for the day were two sets of four brothers, all members  
 of the church. L to r: Beanie, Jake, Elmer and Louis Sweers;  
 art, Gerald and Kenneth Smith. They also lowered the  
 stone into place. Over 300 persons visited the new church at  
 ten house Sunday night. There were 17 floral and plant tributes  
 and many cash memorials. Rev. Frank Robinson, pastor from  
 1934-46 returned for the service, as did widows of former ministers  
 Mrs. J. D. Wolcott and Mrs. Helen Bell. Last week, members of  
 the women's group of the church cleaned it inside and out. Men  
 hauled black dirt fill and leveled the surrounding area.

## Services Set on Thursday for Penn Eckels, 82

Was Longtime County  
Supervisor, Legislator

Funeral services for W. E. Penn Eckels, longtime Britt farmer, will be held Thursday at the Britt Methodist Church at 2 p.m.  
 The Rev. Warren S. Paige, church pastor will officiate and interment will be in the family lot in Glenwood Cemetery at Goldfield. The Grupe Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.  
 William Edgar Penn Eckels was born the son of Samuel and Ella Korman-Eckels on October 28, 1882 at New Kingston, Penn. He was educated in the New Kingston schools and completed his education at Kost Normal at Mechanicsburg, Penn.

He moved to Golydfield, in 1902. He was united in marriage to Myrtle McCutcheon on Feb. 28, 1906, at Goldfield.

Mr. Eckels owned and operated a meat market for several years and also farmed in the Goldfield area. The family moved to Hancock County in 1917 and settled on a farm northwest of Britt.

Mr. Eckels was active in community and church affairs. He was Hancock County Supervisor from 1934 to 1946 and a State Representative from Hancock County from 1946 until 1954. He also served as a trustee of the Methodist church and as a director of the Hancock County Mutual Insurance Assn. He was at the present time serving as treasurer of the Masonic Darius Lodge No. 431 of Britt and until recently had been a member of the Hancock County Board of Review. Mr. Eckels was a member of The Methodist Church, Odd Fellows Lodge and a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge.

After being in failing health for the past few months, Mr. Eckels died at the Hancock County Memorial hospital on Monday morning.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. M. F. (Louise) Greiman of Garner; Mrs. Alfred (Inez) Bottaro of West Covina, Calif.; one son, Forrest of Britt; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Line, West Chester, Pa. and Mrs. Anna Melester of Lancaster, Pa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, who died on Jan. 29, 1961; one infant daughter; one infant son, one brother, Cleveland Eckels and one sister, Mrs. Tirza Newsbaum.

Masonic services were conducted at the Grupe Funeral Home on Wednesday at 8 p.m. by Masonic Darius Lodge No. 431 A.F. and A.M. of Britt.

## Bowling Award Dance Friday

The sixth annual bowling awards night and dance for the Britt Bowling Assn., will be sponsored by Sunset Lanes at Duncan Community Hall Friday, May 21.

The awards will be given at 8 p.m. with dancing to start at 9 p.m. All sponsors and prospective bowlers are invited to attend with their teams.

## 31 Graduates at Corwith-Wesley

Thirty-one seniors, including 17 girls and 14 boys, will graduate at Corwith-Wesley Tuesday, May 25, 8 p.m.

Baccalaureate is Sunday, May 22, with Father Thomas O'Toole giving the sermon in the Corwith gym, 8 p.m.  
 Commencement speaker is Jim Duncan, head of radio, television and speech at Drake University in Des Moines.

Special recognition will be awarded to seven senior students who have a "B" average or above. There will be the bar association award, a citizenship honor and dictionaries to the top senior boy and girl by the Federated Women's Club.

Members of the C-W senior class are:  
 Duane Aitchison, Stephanie Bartik, Jerry Brockman, Phyllis Claude, Kathleen Devine, Elaine Ellison, Nadine Engen, Richard Erickson,

Lester Foley, Alan Freiberg, Carol Heise, Robert Hoveland, Evelyn Krauss, Ileen Krauss, Janice Leek, Tim Long,  
 Andy Moore, Merlin Mortimer, Gary Oxley, Marilyn Reeling, Thomas Reeling, Bill Ricke, Joan Ricke, Julia Ricke, Diane Robinson,  
 Renaldo Schals, Trudy Shipman, Marjorie Wagner, Cynthia Weber, Tim Youngwirth.

## Hospital Notes

**ADMISSIONS**  
**Wednesday, May 12**  
 Elmer Foster, Garner; Benjamin Ross, Corwith.

**Thursday, May 13**  
 Richard Brown, Woden; Maude Hix, Burt.

**Friday, May 14**  
 Sara Mullin, Britt; Mrs. Wm. L. Koppen, Wesley.

**Saturday, May 15**  
 Ida McCulloch, Kanawha.

**Sunday, May 16**  
 Mrs. Roger Lyons, Klemme; Bessie Tegland, Kanawha; Penn Eckels, Britt; Jacqueline Seebeck, Wesley.

**Monday, May 17**  
 Mrs. Charles Magruder, Garner; Debra Green, Kanawha; Mrs. Raymond Bartek, Britt.

**Tuesday, May 18**  
 Mrs. Joseph Kern, Garner; Mrs. Aelita Burma, Woden.

**DISCHARGES**  
 Mrs. Ted Hinders, Richard Brown, Julie Freeseaman, Benjamin Ross, Maynard Johnson, Mrs. Eldon Schutjer, Mrs. Alan Jass and Mark, Mrs. Kenneth Forburger and Anita, Richard Brown, Elise Sluik (expired), Mark Matern, Maude Hix, Mrs. Richard Kissner and Kenneth, Mrs. Hoiger Madson and Connie, Mrs. Ralph Carlson and Valerie, Elmer Foster, Herman Carlson, Tena Riggie, Louis Roberts, Mrs. Earl Fitzgerald, Mrs. Wm. L. Koppen and Steven, Jacqueline Seebeck, Penn Eckels (expired).

## Set College Courses At Britt School

The University College of Drake University will offer two college courses at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa, this summer.  
 "Problems in Child Development," Education 163, will meet Tues. 10 through July 18, with Mr.

## COMMENCEMENT

Monday, May 24, 1965 8:0  
 HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASI

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- "You'll Never Walk Alone" -----  
 Mixed Chorus  
 Accompanist -----
- Address ----- D
- "Are Opportunities Unlimit
- "Chorale" -----
- "Allegro Assai" -----
- Clarinet Choir
- Presentation of Honors -----
- Honor Students ----- Princip
- Bar Association Award -----
- Rotary Scholarship Award -----
- Presentation of Class ----- S
- Presentation of Diplomas -----  
 Chairman,

## W-CL School Vote On Monday, May 24, Has Good Support

Apparently the proposed construction of a music building addition to the Crystal Lake junior-senior high building has majority support of the residents of the district since only nine persons showed up at the information meetings held Monday and Tuesday nights.

Supt. Homer Baxter reported that four were at the meeting in Woden and five at Crystal Lake and informal discussions were held.

The Woden-Crystal Lake district will vote Monday, May 24, at the school house in Woden from noon until 7 p.m., on approving the expenditure of \$25,000 for the addition. The money will come from current funds.

## 40 Protests for Board of Review

The county board of assessment and review has received 40 protests in regard to property valuations and will give consideration to them after May 20, the deadline for protests.

Thirty-three of the complaints are on farm property. The board had expected more, Assessor Fred Missal commented. The board will visit each of the properties in question with a representative from the Clemminshaw Appraisal firm which did the revaluation this past year.

The boards work was reduced when the appraisal firm held its open house early this year and made some of the revisions in valuations from their original figures.  
 According to Missal there has been no wholesale changes by the board of review, since the board does not act on protests until after the May 20.

## Girl Scouts Set 'Fly-Up' Friday

A Joint Girl Scout "Fly-up" and Junior Girl Scouts; the sixth grade into Cadette Scouting, and the 9th grade Cadettes will be starting a new Senior Girl Scout troop in Britt



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Dr. Alfi Dean of the University of Chicago is the author of three articles, and sultant to ment of P's been pres ley Adult and recei distinguisher's Co Local Gov

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Forty-sixth and Forty-sixth Extra, and Forty-seventh sessions of the General Assembly. He also served in the special sessions of the thirties when the State of Iowa and the whole nation were in dire stress. These sessions and his service were of benefit to all as they supported agriculture and the small business of Iowa.

He was elected Crawford County Supervisor and took office in January of 1948 and except for one term served continuously at that capacity until his death, at which time he was chairman of the board. He passed away suddenly in Denison, Iowa, on October 20, 1964 at the age of seventy-four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Dreessen moved to Denison, Iowa, on May 20, 1948, and made their home there since that time. He had been a member of the Masonic order and a member of the Presbyterian Church and served in church offices. He also held office of Democratic Committeeman.

Mr. Dreessen is survived by his wife, Wilhelmina; three daughters, Mrs. Glen Hollander of West Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Ralph Alter of Coffeyville, Kansas; and Mrs. Lowell Miller of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; three sons, Alfred W. Dreessen of Wall Lake, Iowa; Marvin Dreessen of Vail, Iowa; and Leonard Dreessen of Vail, Iowa; ten grandchildren, six great grandchildren, four sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable William J. Dreessen the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and 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.

HAROLD J. HOUSTON,  
LAMAR FOSTER, SR.,  
ARTHUR C. HANSON,  
*Committee.*

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W. E. (PENN) ECKLES

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable W. E. (Penn) Eckles, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

W. E. (Penn) Eckles was born near New Kingston, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1882, and passed away at Britt, Iowa, on May 17, 1965, at the age of 82 years.

Mr. Eckles was educated in the schools of New Kingston and Kost Normal, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. He came to Iowa in 1902 and settled near Goldfield; farmed for several years, owned and operated a meat market in Goldfield for four years.

He married Marian W. McCutcheon, Eagle Grove, Iowa, in 1906, and to them three children were born: one son, Forrest; two daughters, Mrs. M. F. Greiman of Garner, and Mrs. Alfred Bottora, El Monte, California.

Mr. Eckles came to Hancock County in 1917 and settled on a 320 acre farm, which he owned and operated in partnership with his son. He was County Supervisor for 12 years, and chairman of the board for nine years.

He was a member of the Methodist Church, Masonic and I.O.O.F. lodges. Mr. Eckles, a Republican, served in the Fifty-second, Fifty-second Extra, Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth, and Fifty-fifth sessions of the General Assembly as a state representative from Hancock County.

Survivors include his son, two daughters and two sisters.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable W. E. (Penn) Eckles the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service and tender its sympathy to the remaining 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 members of the family of the deceased.

VICTOR C. STUELAND,  
CASEY LOSS,  
FLOYD P. EDGINGTON,  
*Committee.*

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#### WILLIS CHARLES EDSON

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

Willis Charles Edson was born September 25, 1874, in Wilton, Illinois, son of Charles and Elizabeth Edson.

Willis Edson was educated in rural schools. He attended Buena Vista College, Iowa State College and the University of Iowa. He received his Doctor of Laws degree in 1901.

On November 11, 1911, he married Ethelyn Bailie of Storm Lake.

Mr. Edson began practicing law in Storm Lake in 1902 after teaching school in Calhoun and Sac counties. He was Buena Vista county attorney from 1908 to 1912. He was also city attorney and mayor of Storm Lake for several years. Mr. Edson served as State Representative in the Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, and Fortieth Extra sessions of the General Assembly. He was Speaker of the House in 1925. Willis Edson was Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor in 1936.

Surviving are his widow, Ethelyn; two sons, Robert C. of Storm Lake, and James of Omaha; and three daughters, Mrs. Margaret Ayers, Mrs. Max Dillon and Mrs. James Hamilton all of Storm Lake.

mote the Hancock apple.

Frederick and August Duesenberg, Henry's younger brothers, operated a bicycle shop on Garner's Main Street for a few years, around 1900. They went on to become highly successful inventors, and built the famous Duesenberg racing and passenger automobiles at Indianapolis. Garner now has an annual celebration called "Duesey Days". The name was chosen because of the inventors' association with Garner.

by Marie Duesenberg

## DUREGGER, MICHAEL

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Frank, Karen, Mike, Chad Duregger May 1989

Michael Steven Duregger was born in Mason City, IA 5/25/51 to Geraldine Chodor and Edward Duregger, Jr. Mike is one of 10 children. He attended Clear Lake schools and graduated in 1970 from Forest City High School. After graduation Mike worked at Paul's Mobile Home Sales in Mason City. While there, he met Karen Marie Moore from Des Moines and united in marriage 2/26/72 at Union Park Christian Church in Des Moines.

Karen was born 1/16/52 in Des Moines, Iowa, to Francis William Moore and Luella Marie Smith Moore. She has two sisters - Belinda Willett and Mary Goodrich. She graduated from North High in 1970 and worked as secretary for Harry Rodine Co. (swimming pool co.). She attended the American Institute of Business where she completed the Secretarial Course in 1971. After AIB she worked as secretary for the Iowa Association of Secondary School Principals.

After the wedding, they moved to Waterloo, Iowa, where Mike was parts manager for International Harvester. In June, 1973 they became assistant administrators at the Hancock County Care Facility, Garner (located near Duncan). In May, 1974, they were hired as administrators of the Care Facility where Mike continued to care for the farm and maintenance of the home and Karen took care of the office and resident care until 3/1/89 when they formed a corporation called Duncan Heights, Inc. to lease the facility. The Corporation has a 5-member board, who leased the facility, with Karen as administrator and Mike as assistant administrator.

Mike has served on: Board of Education for St. Paul's Lutheran Church; the Transportation Steering Committee for the State of Iowa;

the Board of Directors for County Care Facility Administrators as District President for 6 years, 2nd Vice-president for 2 years, and President for 2 years. He also served as president of Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) Branch 551, church trustee, Sunday School & Bible School teacher, LYC & Cubs leader, Little League coach, and Lamplighter for AAL. He is also chairman of the MH/MR/DD Advisory Board for the county. In 1986 Mike completed the course at NIACC to become an authorized coach and has coached as assistant Junior High girls' basketball since 1986, assistant Jr. High boys' basketball 1986-88, assistant varsity and JV football 1987-89, and head Jr. High boys' track coach 1986-89 for the Garner-Hayfield school system.

Karen has served as Lamplighter for AAL, LYC leader, Secretary of Music Boosters for 6 years, member of MH/MR/DD Advisory Board, CCF District President, training Planning Member, and Human Services Training Network Board Member, Member of WaT-anYe, & Community Education Advisory Board for 3 years beginning 1989. Karen completed the courses through DMACC in Ankeny in 1985 to become a Certified Residential Care Facility Administrator. Family retreat (church camp for families) has been an important time of year in the family. Both have served as recreational leaders, assistant leader, and leaders for the camp week.

Mike & Karen were blessed with three sons: Chadwick Michael, Joshua William, and Francis Steven.

Chad was born in Waterloo, Iowa, 10/4/72. He has become involved in the sports program in the Garner-Hayfield school. He participated in teeball, pitchball, and baseball, developing into a left-handed pitcher. Basketball is another one of his favorites and he attended George Raveling's Hawkeye Basketball Camp at Iowa City in 1984 & 85. He also participated in the Garner Basketball Camp where he was 21-champ 2 years, freethrow champ 3 years, & 1-1 champ 2 years. He has been point-guard and forward on the Garner team since 7th grade. In football he played starting quarterback for 7th & 8th grade and plans to continue through high school. Track has also been rewarding as he ran the 5-flight hurdles, high jump, and the 440 yard relay. In 1987 he participated in the state track meet in the high jump and placed 3rd, qualifying him for the regional meet. Besides sports, Chad participated in Cub Scouts for two years & earned the God & Family award, began 4-H in 1982, and was confirmed in 1987. Music is another interest - he plays drums in the school band and has accompanied the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Bible School for their program, accompanies swing choir, is a member of Jazz band, pep band, concert & marching band. School plays that he has been in were the *Emperor's New Clothes* and *Murder Takes the Stage*.

Joshua was born in Britt June 21, 1976, and died a few hours after birth on June 22, 1976.

Frank was born in Britt, 8/21/77. He took piano lessons and is now playing drums in the Garner-Hayfield Jr. High Band. He was a member of the Tiger Cubs, a Cub Scout for a year, and joined the Garfield Sluggers 4-H Club. In school he played the part of a mouse king in *The Nutcracker* and also was king in *The Proud Princess* put on by the Intro to Theater Arts. Sports has been an important part of Frank's life. He has been a teeball member and pitched on the pitchball team. Football began in 5th grade as quarterback

and linebacker on the flag football team. He participated in the PPKR and has placed 3rd in punt, 2nd & 3rd in pass, and 1st & 2nd in kick. He qualified for the state competition in '86 & '88. Track meets began in 3rd grade when he qualified for the state tournament in the shot put and went on to place 6th at Omaha, Nebraska in the regional meet. Being a basketball player is fun and he has participated in the Garner camp receiving hot shot award in '86 and 1-1 champ in '87 and plans to attend UNI camp. A new basketball contest - (SPAD) began in 1989 where he placed 2nd in 'agility'. Wrestling has been Frank's first interest since 3rd grade and he has done well in it. 1989 saw him as state champ in the 115# division for 11 and 12 year olds.

by Karen Duregger

## ECKELS, FORREST AND BERNICE

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Forrest Eckels, the son of Marian (McCutcheon) and William Penn Edgar Eckels, was born January 7, 1913 at Goldfield, Iowa. He had four brothers and sisters: Louise, Inez, Mervin and Luella Belle; however the two babies named died in infancy. Forrest attended country school in Orthel Township #5, graduated from Britt High School in 1930 and Britt Junior College in 1932.

Forrest was united in marriage to Bernice DeBoer of Wesley, Iowa on August 19, 1937 at the Woden Christian Reformed Church. Bernice is the daughter of Claus and Bendina (Peters) DeBoer. She has six brothers and sisters: Anne, Esther, Herman, Clarence, Maurice and Theodore, who died at age six weeks. Bernice received her education in Kossuth County in Wesley Township #1 and was graduated from Wesley High School in 1934.

So many changes have taken place in our lifetime. We were raised in homes without electricity, running water or central heating. We had very little money. Our first baby, Wayne, was born at home for a cost of \$25.00. We knew the throes of a depression, but we had plenty to eat. We had a large garden and canned many jars of fruit, vegetables and meat. We had a warm home, heated by wood, cobs and coal.

Forrest, at one time, walked behind a one-row cultivator pulled by horses; a far cry from the air-conditioned tractors and twelve-row cultivators that are available today. When we were first married, we had a beef herd, a dairy herd, a flock of chickens, and hogs. At the present time, our son, Wayne, has specialized in hogs.

The Eckels are active in their church and community. They are members of the Woden Christian Reformed Church. Forrest has held many offices in the church, including, superintendent of Sunday School, on the consistory board and the recent church building committee. They are active in the Gideon Society. Both have been involved in the Hancock County Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Women's Committees. Both are life members of the County Historical Society and Forrest is presently serving as the president. Through an early ancestor who fought in the Revolutionary War, Forrest became eligible for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution



Golden Wedding, 1987, Forrest and Bernice Eckels. Front Row L-R: Steve, Mark, Darin, Monte (holding) Amber, Craig. 2nd Row L-R: Elise, Barbara, Bernice, Forrest, Marilyn, Michelle. Back Row L-R: Wayne, Judy, Bonnie, Marvin, Bill.

(S.A.R.).

Many relatives and friends joined Forrest and Bernice in celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary in July, 1987, hosted by their children.

Our three children are a joy to us. Wayne, the oldest, lives on our farm with his wife, Judy (Marlowe) Eckels. They have two children: Monte and Michelle. Monte graduated from Britt High School and attended one year at NIACC in Mason City, Iowa. Monte was married to Suzanne Appelhons in May, 1988. Michelle also graduated from Britt High School and has had one year at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

Our daughter, Bonnie, is married to an economist, Marvin Kosters. They live in Arlington, Virginia, and are the parents of three children: Mark, Elise and Barbara. Mark graduated from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1987. His two sisters are attending Calvin College, also.

Our younger son, William "Bill" is manager of the Cobbler Shoppe in Britt. Bill married Marilyn Smith. They are proud of their three sons: Steve, who graduated from Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa in 1988; Craig, a student at Dordt College; and Darin an eighth grader at Kanawha Christian School in Kanawha, Iowa.

Our children are all active in church for which we are most thankful. God has blessed us so wonderfully. We live in the best town, in the best state, in the best country. What more could we ask?

by Bernice Eckels

## ECKELS, PENN

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The Eckels family, who were Pennsylvania Dutch, have been in the United States for a long time. An ancestor fought in the Revolutionary War.



William Edgar Penn Eckels and Marian Weir McCutcheon, married February 28, 1906.

William Edgar Penn Eckels, son of Samuel and Ella (Corman) Eckels, was born October 28, 1882 in Kingston, Pennsylvania. Penn was one of five children, namely: Mabel, Penn, Tirza, Cleveland and Anna. Penn took a Normal Training course in Pennsylvania, but never taught school. He came to Goldfield, Iowa in 1902 and worked as a hired man on a farm. He was married to Marian McCutcheon of Goldfield on February 28, 1906.

Marian, the daughter of William and Martha (Stevenson) McCutcheon, was born June 10, 1883 at Goldfield, Iowa. She had nine brothers and sisters: John, Jennie, Mary, Hugh, William, Nellie, Bessie, Luella and Martha.

The Eckels moved from Goldfield to the Britt area in 1917. Penn purchased a farm in Orthel Township. In 1920 the farm was sold, but he got the farm back a couple years later. Penn, Marian and the family moved back onto this farm in 1924, where they continued to live until Marian and Penn passed away.

Penn and Marian were blessed with five children: Louise, Forrest, Inez, and two babies who died in infancy, Mervin and Luella Belle.

Penn Eckels held the elective offices of Hancock County Supervisor for twelve years and State Representative for eight years.

Marian was of predominantly Scottish ances-

try. Her father lived up to his Scottish blood. He had two pipes. The smaller one he used at home and the larger one he took along when he went up town and "mooched" tobacco from his friends. Marian's mother, Martha, only weighed two pounds when she was born. At one time she was lost in the blankets on the bed. The older children sat on the bed, but Martha survived and grew to be a large lady, bringing ten children into the world.

Marian had a 2-yr. Normal Training course in Goldfield, which enabled her to teach school, having to walk in bitter cold weather to a cold-one-room school house and teaching all eight grades.

The Eckels were members of the Britt Methodist Church. Penn was the School Director in Orthel Township for many years. He belonged to the Odd Fellows, Masons and the Hancock County Farm Bureau. Marian belonged to the Eastern Star.

Marian Eckels passed away February 28, 1961. Penn died four years later on May 17, 1965. They are buried in the Goldfield Cemetery.

by Bernice Eckels

## EDEN, CLAUS AND FOLINA (PETERS)

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Claus Eden was born on June 27, 1863, at Freeport, Illinois. In 1868 at the age of 5 years he moved with his parents to Iowa, settling in the area of Ackley, Iowa. Claus Eden married Folina Peters on August 7, 1890, in Ackley, Iowa. Folina (Peters) Eden was born March 14, 1870, at Ackley, Iowa. They moved to the Eden farm 5 miles southwest of Woden, there they lived until the fall of 1928, when they moved to Woden. A grandson, Arnold Eden, now lives on the Eden farm. In 1903, Claus and Folina joined the Christian Reformed Church near their home. This is where both were buried.

Claus and Folina were blest with 9 children. They are: Herman, who was killed in a cyclone on September 21, 1894; Harvey who died in 1899; and Ada (Mrs. Kay Jensen), who was born October 22, 1895 and died on March 16, 1921. These three children preceded their mother and father in death. Also there was George (married to Jennie Bruns) born May 18, 1891 and died July 11, 1954; Anna (Mrs. John Greefield) born October 4, 1892, and died January 12, 1968; Harm (married Letty Meyer) born August 26, 1904 and died March 8, 1964; and Martha (Mrs. Charles Kruse) born April 18, 1915, and died August 25, 1973. Still living are: Hulda (Mrs. John Boyken) born January 4, 1902 and Carrie (Mrs. Jack Strong) born April 21, 1910. Hulda is living in the Titonka Care Center, Titonka, Iowa, and Carrie lives at 512 Beach, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Claus died on June 9, 1935, at his home in Woden, at the age of 71. Folina died in Woden on February 21, 1937, at the age of 66.

by Janet (Buffington) Remus