

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Van Eaton, Charles Simpson Senator Van Eaton,
Charles Simpson - Represented Hoodburg County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 10 Aug 1889 Tacoma, Washington

2. Marriage (s) date place
(1) Mr. Lane Elmer (Bennett) Martin 15 Sept 1929 Maryville, Missouri
(2) Marian (Boris) Fisher 8 Oct 1955

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He later developed a chain of 24 self serve
supermarkets in Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

B. Civic responsibilities Kiwanis; chairman of the Community
Club; received a citation in 1959 for his service to the Salvation
Army; Lions Club, Mason, Elmer

C. Profession Hardware; furniture and undertaking business;
as well as a general store in Pisgah, Iowa; opened an O. P.
Skaggs store in Fremont, Nebraska in 1928; self serve supermarket

4. Church membership Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints

5. Sessions served 51st and 52nd General Assembly 1945-1948 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th General Assembly 1949-1956 - Senate
59th, 60th General Assembly 1961-1964 - Senate
62nd General Assembly - 1967-1968 - Senate

A. Local He became known as "Mr. Toll Road" for suggesting to the Legislature for a toll road
across Iowa

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 13 Feb 1974 Sioux City, Iowa;

8. Children Step-sons - George William Martin; Russell Reed Martin;
by 1st wife - Robert, Jr., Mallon Charles

9. Names of parents Matthew Simpson and Rose Pearl (Serray) Van Eaton

10. Education His early education was received in pioneer communities and in Canada (where his father was engaged in pioneering activities)

11. Degrees Avon Business College, Council Bluffs, Iowa graduate in 1908; Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa graduate in 1911

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came with his family to Iowa at age 3.
- He later spent his boyhood in Iowa and western Canada.
- After he sold his Fremont, Nebraska store he moved to Sioux City in 1930 and opened a self-service supermarket
- Served on the board of Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa for 24 years and chairman of their Endowment Committee for many years
- Given an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree for his service to Morningside College.
- Served on boards of the YMCA, Methodist Hospital, Municipal Auditorium 18 years and 15 years as president
- In 1965 given citations from Sioux City and the Auditorium board and a Golden Key to the city
- Military service - World War I - U. S. Navy
- In his day, he was known as an outstanding amateur color travelogue photographer.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary -			<u>The Sioux City Journal, Sioux City, Iowa,</u> <u>Thurs. Feb. 14, 1974, p. 1, col. 4, 5, 6, 7 and</u> <u>p. 12, col. 3</u>
-			<u>Food Press Association of Iowa's Magazine 1940, p. 1297</u>
-			<u>The Story of Iowa 1952, p. 826-827</u>
-			<u>Iowa Official Register 1967-1968, p. 66</u>
-			<u>Senate Journal 1974, p.</u>

Senate

Passed and sent to the House bills to permit the operation of long trucks in border cities and to give statutory authority to the governor to operate an emergency fuel oil pool.

Received two bills including one to bar evidence of a complaining witness' past sexual conduct from admission in a trial for rape, sodomy or incest.

Received a bill to completely revise the Iowa Criminal Code.

Turns on Red 'Unsafe'

A bill passed by the Iowa Senate which would permit right turns on red lights unless otherwise posted would create safety problems, Sioux City District Highway Engineer Walter Morris said Wednesday.

It also would force Sioux City to buy \$4,000 worth of additional traffic signs, according to Douglas Dimick, assistant to the city traffic engineer.

Under present state law, cities can permit right turns on red by posting signs authorizing such turns. Sioux City has so designated two or more approaches to 23 of the city's 89 signalized intersections. The city has erected a total of 51 signs at those intersections, Dimick said.

If the proposed bill is passed by the House, drivers could turn on red automatically unless they are posted with signs forbidding such turns.

That would mean that the city would have to erect signs at all approaches to signalized intersections where there are no signs now to continue the same turning movements now permitted, or a total of 305 new signs, Dimick said.

The city has expressly ruled out any right turns on red at some intersections with heavy pedestrian traffic or where such turns would conflict with major cross traffic.

That's where the safety problem would come in, Morris said. Although you could post the latter types of intersections to prevent right turns on red, motorists would be more likely to make the turns despite the signs if they become accustomed to making the turns at other intersections, he said. Drivers often don't notice such signs, he said.

state to operate in the city and its surrounding commercial area on a local option basis.

Iowa law limits length of trucks on highways to 50 feet for single trailer units and 60 feet for twin trailer combinations.

Under the measure passed by the Senate, trucks could come into border cities from neighboring states up to the length allowed by the

Subject Gingerly

While the Senate Wednesday was debating and passing the long truck bill for border cities, the Sioux City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors was treating the subject gingerly. The board voted to delete an item from the agenda concerning over-length trucks on highways throughout the state. This bill may come up for debate today in the Senate. It was felt that strong support for the bill from Sioux City might jeopardize chances for the "border cities" bill, which the board feels is of vital interest to the community. For a story on the board's action, turn to Page 16.

delay enforcement of the truck length law in the border cities until the legislature had time to act.

Sioux City Stockyards contends it will lose several million dollars a year in livestock receipts because out-of-state truckers will take their livestock to markets where the longer trucks are allowed.

Minnehaha Sheriff Quits in Dispute with Newsmen

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Minnehaha County Sheriff Gene Gruhlke told newsmen Wednesday he can no longer function "under the conditions you have imposed upon me," and is submitting his resignation to the county board.

The surprise announcement came at a news conference called in Sioux Falls.

The news conference was thought to have been sparked by an editorial in the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader Tuesday that called attention to the news media's

difficulty in obtaining information from the sheriff.

"I don't feel that I can continue to do the job I was elected to do under the conditions you have imposed upon me," said Gruhlke, 50.

Newsmen objected to that implication. They said they had no argument with Gruhlke's record, but insisted that the sheriff should provide newsmen with at least the basic facts about stories.

There has been a continuing dispute between Sioux Falls newsmen and

Gruhlke concerning the release of information. Specifically, newsmen were upset when Gruhlke declined to comment about reported disturbances at the county jail Jan. 7 and Jan. 28.

Gruhlke did discuss the Jan. 28 inci-

dent at the news conference. He said 13 prisoners, including accused murderer James Fryer, refused to return to their cells. Gruhlke said he suffered minor injuries in that incident, as did two officers and Fryer.

Former State Senator Van Eaton Dies at 84

Former State Sen. Charles S. Van Eaton, 2414 E. Solway, who represented Woodbury County in the Iowa Legislature for 16 years, died early Wednesday morning in a Sioux City hospital at the age of 84.

Mr. Van Eaton was elected in 1943 and served two terms in the Iowa House of Representatives and then was elected to the Iowa Senate where he served three terms.

He was one of the founders of the Iowa Development Commission, serving on its

board of directors for eight years. He worked for and gained passage of Iowa's Revenue Bond Bill permitting cities and towns to issue revenue bonds to industries deciding to locate in the state.

Mr. Van Eaton came to be known throughout the state as "Mr. Toll Road" for his promotion in the legislature of a toll road across Iowa. The bill, which was passed three years later, was for \$300,000, the largest money bill ever passed by the legislature up to that time. Interstate 80

now is built on the survey which Mr. Van Eaton originally obtained for the toll road.

During World War II, he served on the Seventh Regional War Labor Board which met in Kansas City and St. Louis.

In 1965, he was made a member of the Pioneer Lawmakers Club of Iowa for his years of service in the state legislature.

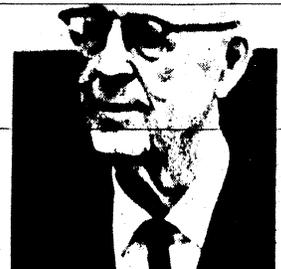
Mr. Van Eaton was born Aug. 10, 1889, in Tacoma, Wash., and moved to Iowa three years later. He spent his boyhood in Iowa and western Canada.

He was graduated from Iowa Business College in Council Bluffs in 1908 and from Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa in 1911.

Mr. Van Eaton owned a hardware, furniture and undertaking business and a general store in Pisgah, Iowa, and later opened an O. P. Skaggs store in Fremont, Neb., in 1928.

After selling his Fremont store, Mr. Van Eaton moved to Sioux City where in 1930 he opened the city's first self-serve supermarket. He developed a chain of 24 stores in Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Nebraska.

Mr. Van Eaton was active in community affairs throughout



Charles S. Van Eaton

the years he lived in Sioux City.

He was awarded the Kiwanis Gold Medal for his distinguished service to the community in 1940. He was chairman of the Community Chest in 1935 and served on the board of directors of Wall Street Mission. In 1959 he received a citation from the Salvation Army for his services to that organization.

Mr. Van Eaton served on the board of Morningside College for 24 years and was chairman of their Endowment Committee for many years. In 1954 he was given an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree for his service to the college.

He served two terms as president of the Sioux City Chamber of Commerce in 1940 and 1941 and during his terms was instrumental in developing the organization called Ten Thousand Sioux Cityans.

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Jack Benny Hits 80 (Or Is It 39?)

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Jack Benny, the world's oldest 39-year-old, turns 80 today.

"Jack doesn't want a big thing made of it," an associate of the comedian said. "He has turned down offers of dinners by the March of Dimes, the Friars Club and other organizations. He just wants to let the birthday pass quietly."

So today, Benny will be working, filming a television commercial in Palm Springs. On Friday, however, a small celebration is planned with close friends, including Gov. Ronald Reagan, George Burns, Milton Berle, and their wives. Former Vice President Spiro Agnew is also reported planning to attend.

Benny's only comment on being 80 was a line from his night club act: "Age is strictly a case of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."

Obituaries

Nick Kyriazes

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church for Nick Kyriazes, 105, Ingleside



Nursing Home

The Rev. Anthony Moschona will officiate. Burial will be in Graceland Park Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Ted Pappas, Peter Vlahoulis, Bill Kyriazes, Bill Kyriazes Jr., Gus Poulos and George Karras. The Trisagion will be at 8 p.m. today at the Anderson-Perasso Funeral Home. Mr. Kyriazes, one of Saoux City's oldest residents, died Tuesday at a Sioux City hospital.

Mrs. James Tobin

Mrs. James Tobin, 76, a resident of Sioux City most of her life, died Wednesday at a Sioux City hospital after a brief illness.

The former Leah Sumner, she was born Dec. 7, 1897, in Sanborn, Iowa. She came to Sioux City as an infant with her parents and had lived here ever since. She was married to Mr. Tobin June 29, 1935, in Sioux City.

Mrs. Tobin was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the church Altar Society.

Survivors are the widower; a son, Clare Ralya of Keokuk, Iowa; a daughter, Mrs. Lyle (Josephine) Zortman of McCook Lake, S.D.; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Guyda Mohr of Sioux City, and a brother, Robert M. Sumner of Sioux City.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. The Rev. Gerald Zensen will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Joseph Spender, Joseph Thernka, Glen O'Day, Wally Marx, John Thibodeau and Thomas Burke.

The Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. today at the Larkin Morningside Funeral Home.

Robert Fuhrman

Robert G. Fuhrman, 52, Exira, Iowa, former resident of South Sioux City, died Monday

employed by the Oneida Daily Dispatch.

Survivors are the widower; three sons, Donald, David and Thomas, and a daughter, Janet, all at home; her mother, Mrs. Ray Talley of Sioux City and a brother, Robert Talley, of Houston, Tex.

Funeral services will be today at Oneida and at 2 p.m. Monday at Albert City, Iowa. Burial will be in the Albert City Cemetery.

Bernard Bahmer

Bernard F. Bahmer, 43, 121 17th St., an employe of Brower Construction Co., for the last few years, died Tuesday at a veteran's hospital in Omaha.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Moville, with the Rev. Henry Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Arlington Cemetery, Moville, with Wink-Sparks Post 303, American Legion conducting graveside rites.

The Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today at the McCulloch Funeral Home, Moville.

He was born June 13, 1930 in Moville and was graduated from Moville High School. He married the former Mary Ellen Benson July 31, 1956, in Iowa City, Iowa. He was employed several years by Brower Construction Co. here.

Mr. Bahmer belonged to the Fraternal Order of Eagle Aerie 77.

Survivors include the mother, Mrs. Oscar (Gladys) Bahmer of Sioux City; five daughters, Mrs. Robert (Melody) Hasler, the Misses Cherri and Cheryl Bahmer, Miss Dale Lynn and Miss Mary Beth, all of Sioux City; two sons, Bernard Jr. and David Allen, also of Sioux City; a grandchild; and a brother, Lester J., also of Sioux City.

Victor Sorum

Victor Sorum, 65, 1015 Jackson St., died Tuesday at his residence after a brief illness.

He was born April 11, 1908 at Barnsville, Minn. Mr. Sorum was a resident of Sioux City for 20 years and lived in Fargo, N.D. previous to that.

He married the former Katherine Frigen, March 3, 1954 at Moorhead, Minn. Mr. Sorum was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Laborer's Union 427. He was a veteran of World War 2, serving with the Army.

Survivors include the widow; four stepsons, Norman Beglau of Sioux City, Walter Beglau of Austin, Tex., Harry Benlau of Atlanta, Ga., and Gordon Beglau of Los Angeles; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Violet Hirsch of Los Angeles; two brothers, Christ of Minneapolis and Edwin of Fargo, and two sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The Rev. M. H.

Births

Pierce — In Sioux City, Iowa, Feb. 13, 1974, at St. Vincent Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pierce, 2422 Shields Ave., a son.

Phillips — In Sioux City, Iowa, Feb. 12, 1974, at St. Luke's Medical Center, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Phillips, 719 38th St., a daughter.

Peterson — In Sioux City, Iowa, Feb. 13, 1974, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. David Peterson, 409 E. 20th St., South Sioux City, Neb., a daughter.

Van Eaton

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He served on the boards of the YMCA and the Methodist Hospital and was on the Municipal Auditorium board for 18 years, 15 years of which he served as president.

In 1965, he was given citations from the City of Sioux City and the Auditorium board and a Golden Key to the City for his years of service including his piloting of the bill through the Iowa legislature which made it possible for the city to have an auditorium.

Mr. Van Eaton was past president of the Lions Club and a member of Tyrian Lodge, AF&AM, the Shrine and the Scottish Rite.

In 1965, he was made a Knight Commander Court of Honor by the Sioux City Consistory.

He also was a member of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Nelson-Berger North Side Funeral Home. Elder Glen Ford of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mason, director of development for St. Luke's Medical Center.

City Briefs

Bank clearings Wednesday, \$5,744,180.

The city-appointed Board of Trustees of the Sioux City Public Museum will meet at noon Monday at the Green Gables.

Leeds Commercial Club will hold a dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Martin Evergreen Truck Stop Cafe. Guest speaker will be Tom Corothers, city health director.

Glitne Lodge 167, Sons of Norway, will meet at 8 p.m. Friday at Scandinavian Hall, 314 Jones St. The meeting will be preceded by a language class

Bills in Iowa Legislature

DES MOINES (AP) — Bills in the Iowa Legislature Wednesday.

Passed by Senate

SF1079. To permit long trucks to operate in border cities. 41-8. To House.
SF1092. To give statutory authority for the governor to operate an emergency fuel pool. 45-4. To House.

Introduced in Senate

SF1148. To extend the definition of official newspaper for official publications. Doderer.
SF1149. To bar admission of evidence of a complaining witness' past sexual conduct in rape, sodomy or incest trials. Murray.
SF1150. To completely revise the Iowa Criminal Code. Judiciary.

Introduced in House

HF1191. To permit automobiles to be transferred between spouses, in dissolution of marriage settlements and settlement of estates without inspection. Hill and two others.
HF1192. To exempt electrical installations from the sales tax on services. Schroeder and Millen.
HF1193. To provide that rules of state departments are void unless approved by the appropriate committee of the

legislature within 30 days after the next session begins, or by the full legislature before it adjourns. Miller of Independence and two others.

HF1194. To exempt warehouse storage from the sales tax on services. Grassley and two others.

HF1195. To require a court appointed attorney to appeal a case if his client requests it. Hill.

HF1196. To increase from \$10,000 to \$20,000 the amount of road or bridge construction a county may contract for without bids, and raise from \$2,000 to \$5,000 per mile the value of road work contracts required to be approved by the Highway Commission. County Government Committee.

HF1197. To repeal the requirement that an "enter at your own risk" sign be posted at the entry to a road temporarily closed. County Government Committee.

HF1198. To permit a credit union board of directors to grant full membership privileges to members who leave the company or group through which they became members. Bittle and three others.

HF1199. To allow county recorders to transfer snowmobile titles in the same manner as boat titles. County Government Committee.

HF1200. To provide a uniform code of administrative procedure for all state administrative agencies. State Government Committee.

Mrs. Pirog Waives Arraignment

Mrs. Patricia Pirog, 47, 1123 S. Linn St., waived arraignment Wednesday in Woodbury County District Court in the Municipal Building on a charge of receiving stolen property.

A hearing was set for 10 a.m. Feb. 27 and Mrs. Pirog's bond of \$2,000 was continued.

Mrs. Pirog was arrested on the receiving stolen property count late Tuesday on a preliminary information. Police then said only that the property was believed stolen in a series of Sioux City area break-ins and that it included several television sets.

Earlier this month Mrs. Pirog reported to police that \$13,000 worth of jewelry, a mink coat and cash were stolen from her residence by two intruders, one of whom struck her. On Feb. 4 state workers found several articles of jewelry scattered near the Municipal Airport off Interstate 29. At that time officers said there was a possible link between the recovered jewelry and the Pirog robbery.

Police said Wednesday there may be more arrests in the case. They indicated that at least one and possibly two more persons may be involved.

Church Has New Pastor

Gary L. Jensen has assumed the duties of pastor of the Sioux City Seventh-Day Adventist Church 3636 Aspenwood. He also is serving as pastor of the Hawarden, Iowa, and Cherokee, Iowa, Seventh-Day Adventist churches.

Iowa 'Teacher Accountability' Bill Withdrawn

DES MOINES (AP) — Rep. Charles Grassley, R-New Hartford, who introduced a "teacher accountability" bill last year, said Wednesday he is withdrawing the measure from consideration.

Grassley told the House Education Committee he still feels teachers should be accountable for what and how they teach and there should be some means of checking on it.

But he said many educators feel the teacher accountability bill is a "back door approach" to setting up a merit pay plan by which teachers would be paid according to a rating of their performance.

Audubon Society Sets River Slide Program Monday

"Missouri River Preservation and Development", a color slide program with sound tape, will be presented at the Sioux City Audubon Society meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Morningside Branch Library.

The program was prepared by the Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO), and will be followed by a half-hour discussion period.

Sioux Cityan Now Member of SCORE

Arnold Jensen of Sioux City has been accepted as a member of SCORE.

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In De Witt, August 12, 1927, Carl James Smith married Lillian Ida Dralle, daughter of George and Anna Dralle. Mrs. Smith, like her husband, is active in the work of the Methodist Church, and serves that congregation as organist. She and Mr. Smith are the parents of two children: 1. Carman, born in June, 1928. 2. Carol Ann, born April 18, 1942.

RAYMOND A. BROWN—Secretary of the Iowa Mutual Insurance Company and assistant treasurer of the Iowa Mutual Casualty Company, Raymond A. Brown is one of De Witt's leading insurance executives. He acquired an excellent preparatory background in the study of law, and has advanced steadily since associating himself with the insurance business.

Born December 19, 1908 near Atkins, Benton County, Mr. Brown is the eldest of the three children of George and Cecelia Brown. Both parents are now living in Cedar Rapids, where George Brown is an employee of a co-operative dairy. Raymond A. Brown was educated in Palo and there graduated from high school, afterwards completing correspondence courses in both accounting and law. Licensed to practice law in 1938, Mr. Brown preferred to enter the insurance business. Previous to that, he had five years' experience as a teller in a bank in Cedar Rapids. His first position in the insurance field was with the Iowa Mutual Liability Company at Cedar Rapids, with which he remained for four and a half years. He terminated his connection with this insurance concern to serve as an examiner with the Iowa State Insurance Department. He came with the Iowa Mutual Insurance Company and its companion organization, the Iowa Mutual Casualty Company, in 1942, in the capacity of assistant treasurer, and was elected secretary of the Iowa Mutual Insurance Company in 1948.

Mr. Brown is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and belongs to the De Molay Consistory of Clinton. Having attained the Thirty-second degree in Masonry, he is a member of Kaaba Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Brown is of Methodist faith, and serves on the board of trustees of his congregation.

Raymond A. Brown has been twice married. He married, first, Marion Newton, of Grundy Center, and they became the parents of a daughter, Marcia Lee. Both Mrs. Brown, and her daughter, who was in her early childhood, lost their lives in an automobile accident in 1937. Mr. Brown married, second, in July, 1939, Lucille Winey, a graduate of Charlotte, Iowa, High School, and of St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids. They are the parents of two children: Robert, born September 9, 1940, and Judith Ann, born in November, 1944.

CHARLES SIMPSON VAN EATON, business executive of Sioux City, is owner and operator of the north central division of the O. P. Skaggs system of grocery stores in this region. This system now operates seventeen stores, which are variously located from Scott's Bluff, Nebraska, to Fairmont, Minnesota. Mr. Van Eaton takes an active part in public affairs and is now serving as an Iowa State Senator. He makes a hobby of color photography and is today one of the outstanding amateur color travelogue photographers in the country.

Charles Simpson Van Eaton was born in Tacoma, Washington, August 10, 1898, the son of Mathew Simpson and Rose Pearl (Derry) Van Eaton. His

grandfather, Rev. Thomas Van Eaton, was a Methodist minister and farmer who came west during frontier days. He was killed by the Sioux Indians in 1862. The Van Eaton family were early settlers of Pennsylvania, and later went west from that state. Rev. Thomas Van Eaton married Caroline Poyner. Their son, Mathew Simpson Van Eaton, father of the subject of this sketch, was born near Sauk Centre, at Grove Lake, Minnesota. He was a pioneer farmer, merchant, business man, and builder in the west and northwest. His wife, Rose Pearl (Derry) Van Eaton, was born in Glenwood.

Charles Simpson Van Eaton was an only child. His early education was received in pioneer communities in this country and Canada, where his father was engaged in pioneering activities. He is a graduate of Graceland College at Lamoni, and he also studied for a time at the University of Chicago. Meantime he had taken a business course at the Western Iowa Business College at Council Bluffs. While obtaining his education, Mr. Van Eaton worked in a hardware store during the summers and after school hours, and was employed for a time on wheat farms.

After leaving the University of Chicago, he purchased the hardware store at Pisgah which had formerly been owned by his father. He operated this hardware store, along with a general store, for about thirteen years. Then, after extensive training, he became a franchise representative for the Simmons Hardware Company, handling Winchester arms for about a year. Following this, he moved to Fremont, Nebraska, where he established an O. P. Skaggs system grocery store. He remained there until August, 1929, when he moved to Sioux City and started the O. P. Skaggs system of grocery stores, which now operates seventeen stores from Scott's Bluff, Nebraska, to Fairmont, Minnesota. Starting with four employees in the first store, the system now employs over three hundred persons.

In 1945, Mr. Van Eaton, who is a Republican in politics, was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives, and while in the house, was chairman of the cities and towns committee. He was re-elected in 1947, and in 1949, was elected to the State Senate. He is a former director of the First National Bank of Sioux City, served the Sioux City Chamber of Commerce as president for two terms and director for many years, and helped organize the Sioux City Foundation for the Blind. He is a director of the Wall Street Mission, a member of the board of trustees and the finance committee of Morningside College, a member of the Development Commission of the State of Iowa, and vice president of the Sioux City Community Chest. He is a member and past president of the Lions Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of the Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and Abu Bekr Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, holding the Thirty-second degree in the Masonic order. He is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with headquarters in Independence, Missouri. Mr. Van Eaton is an extensive traveler and makes a hobby of preserving records of his travels in color photography. He now has nearly eighty thousand feet of sixteen millimeter adventure travelogues taken in Alaska, Canada, the United States, Mexico, Central America, and South America, and has an enviable reputation as one of the most skillful amateur color photographers of the entire country.

On September 15, 1929, Charles Simpson Van Eaton



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was married to Mrs. Laura Elenor (Bennett) Martin. She is now advertising manager for the O. P. Skaggs system of grocery stores. She has two sons whom Mr. Van Eaton has brought up and educated: 1. George William Martin. He served during World War II, in the United States Navy, with the rank of lieutenant, senior grade. He married Mrs. Marian (Bowers) Luther, and they have three children: Robert, Janey, and William Charles. 2. Russell Reed Martin, who also served in the United States Navy during World War III, as a naval aviator with the rank of lieutenant, senior grade. He married Alberta Ewalt, and they are the parents of one child, Michael Reed. Both of Mr. Van Eaton's sons are associated with him in the operation of the O. P. Skaggs system.

HAROLD E. DAVIDSON—In a career that began with concurrent service to the nation as a soldier in World War I and to the state of Iowa as a member of the legislature, as well as to his neighbors as a lawyer, Harold E. Davidson of Clarinda has risen to the point where he is a judge of the Fifteenth Judicial District at Clarinda. He is former commerce counsel for the state of Iowa and has been on the bench since January 1, 1943. He is also a former mayor of Clarinda and is active in the Republican party, in veterans' affairs, and in the State and American bar associations.

Judge Davidson was born on his father's farm in Jones County, near Olin, on March 1, 1891, the son of Homer E. and Allie (Easterly) Davidson. His father, who was born in Cedar County in 1868, died in Cedar Rapids on January 22, 1950. He was a farmer in Jones County for many years, and for a time was also associated with the Wilson Packing Company in Cedar Rapids. Allie (Easterly) Davidson was born in Jones County in 1867, and died on October 19, 1949, also in Cedar Rapids. Harold E. Davidson, brought up in Jones County, first attended that county's rural schools. In 1910, he was graduated from the Olin High School and then for two years he was a student at Drake University in Des Moines. After he left the university, he worked for a year and one-half in the engineering department of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, resigning his position to return to Drake to study for the legal profession, and in 1916, the university awarded him the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Admitted to the Iowa State Bar immediately afterward, Mr. Davidson established himself in the practice of law at Clarinda on September 8, 1916. At the outset he was a member of the law firm of Davidson and Leaf, a firm which dissolved in 1917. Soon after the United States entered World War I, Mr. Davidson went into the Army and was sent to Officers' Training School at Camp Pike, Arkansas. In 1918, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and was to have been attached to the Infantry. However, he was put on detached duty and assigned as instructor at the Officers' Training School at Camp Fremont, California. The Armistice of November, 1918, was signed before the camp could be officially constituted, and he was honorably discharged on December 6, 1918.

Such had been the reputation he made as lawyer and public citizen in the short period he had had time to practice and live in Clarinda, that he was elected to the Iowa State Legislature while he was still absent in the Army. He served out his term upon his return to civilian life, and became the law partner of

William Frederick Stipe, the firm, called Stipe and Davidson, continuing for twenty-one years, or until January 1, 1943.

In 1936, Judge Davidson was the Republican candidate for the office of attorney general of Iowa. He was nominated at his party's state convention in Des Moines, but was defeated in the election. However, he became commerce counsel for the state, an office he held until elected judge of the Fifteenth Judicial District, with court and chambers in Clarinda. He was elected in the fall of 1942 and was re-elected in the fall of 1947, and has continuously been on the bench since January 1, 1943. Back in 1925 he had become mayor of Clarinda, and this office he held until 1929. He is former counsel for the Parris-Dunn Corporation of Clarinda, and is now a director of the Page County State Bank at Clarinda and the Berry Seed Company of that city, as well as vice president and director of Loranz and Company, a firm dealing in real estate, insurance, title abstracts and investments.

For eight years Judge Davidson was chairman of the Page County Republican Central Committee. When he was in the legislature he was a member of the judiciary committee, which, a little known fact, considered a resolution calling for the impeachment of Governor William L. Harding. He is today one of the leading figures in various legal and judicial organizations, and serves on the committee for the improvement of the judiciary of the American Bar Association, the advisory committee of the Iowa State Bar Foundation, and on the committees on divorce and legislation of the Iowa State Judges Association. Besides the Iowa State and American bar associations he also belongs to the Page County, the Fifteenth Judicial District and the Southwest Iowa bar associations. He is a former president of the Southwest Iowa organization. He is the past commander of the Sergy Post No. 98, of the American Legion, in Clarinda, and active in the Masonic order's various bodies, including Za-Ga-Zig Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Des Moines. Other of the organizations in which he holds membership are Delta Theta Phi and Chi Delta fraternities, the Clarinda Country Club, the Clarinda Chamber of Commerce, and the Kiwanis Club of Clarinda. Golf and most other outdoor sports afford him recreation; the law is his hobby. His home is at 400 North Fifteenth Street, Clarinda.

Judge Harold E. Davidson married Thelma Cheese of Lenox, the daughter of G. F. and Sarah (Hall) Cheese, on July 2, 1924. Her father, who was born in Kewanee, Illinois, in 1867, was a merchant at Lenox for more than fifty years. He still resides in that city. Her mother, a native of Taylor County, died on November 11, 1943, at the age of seventy-four. Mrs. Davidson is active in the P. E. O. Sisterhood and various other women's organizations, and her hobby is her work with the Rainbow Girls in Clarinda.

Judge and Mrs. Davidson have two children: Martha Jean, now Mrs. Robert I. Bordner, who was born on September 2, 1926; and Richard George, who was born on March 16, 1929, and was, in 1949, studying law at Drake University. Mrs. Bordner holds the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the State University of Iowa. Her husband is in the home office of the Homesteaders Life Insurance Company in Des Moines. They have one daughter, Mary Kathryn Bordner, born on December 2, 1948.

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Inter-State Nurseries products over a number of midwest radio stations. His name, "Uncle Billy the Nurseryman," became a household word over a wide area.

Carl's interest turned to Republican politics shortly before World War II, when he sought and was elected to eight years in the Iowa Senate, serving from 1938 until after the war. Many still called him "Senator Sjulín."

Mr. Sjulín was a city councilman in Hamburg for many years, and was active in Methodist Church affairs until recent years, serving on the board of trustees.

Other memberships included Jerusalem Lodge 253 AF & AM, the Hamburg American Legion Post 156, the American Nurserymen's Association, and the National Mail Order Nursery Association.

Survivors include his wife, Una; three sons, Sterling and Carl of Hamburg, Paul of Shenandoah; and three grandchildren.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Carl O. Sjulín, the State of Iowa has lost a valued, loyal and honored citizen, and by this resolution tenders its sincere sympathy to the members of his family.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate and the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to forward an enrolled copy to each member of his family.

CALVIN O. HULTMAN, Chairman

JAMES E. BRILES

JAMES F. SCHABEN

Committee

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

CHARLES S. VAN EATON

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

Charles S. Van Eaton was born August 16, 1889, in Tacoma, Washington, and moved to Iowa three years later. He spent his boyhood in Iowa and western Canada.

He was graduated from Iowa Business College in Council Bluffs in 1908 and from Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa in 1913.

Mr. Van Eaton was elected to the Iowa General Assembly in 1946 and served two terms in the House of Representatives and three terms in the Senate.

He was one of the founders of the Iowa Development Commission, serving on its board of directors for eight years. He worked for and gained passage of Iowa's Revenue Bond Bill permitting cities and towns to issue revenue bonds to industries deciding to locate in the state.

Mr. Van Eaton came to be known throughout the state as "Mr. Toll Road" for his promotion in the legislature of a toll road across Iowa.

The bill, which was passed three years later, was for \$300,000,000, the largest money bill ever passed by the legislature up to that time. Interstate 80 now is built on the survey which Mr. Van Eaton originally obtained for the toll road.

During World War II, he served on the Seventh Regional War Labor Board which met in Kansas City and St. Louis.

In 1965, he was made a member of the Pioneer Lawmakers Club of Iowa for years of service in the state legislature.

Mr. Van Eaton owned a hardware, furniture and undertaking business and a general store in Pisgah, Iowa, and later opened an O. P. Skaggs store in Fremont, Nebraska, in 1928.

After selling his Fremont store, Mr. Van Eaton moved to Sioux City where in 1930 he opened the city's first self-serve supermarket. He developed a chain of twenty-four stores in Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

Mr. Van Eaton was active in community affairs throughout the years he lived in Sioux City.

He was awarded the Kiwanis Gold Medal for his distinguished service to the community in 1940. He was chairman of the Community Chest in 1935 and served on the board of directors of Wall Street Mission.

In 1959 he received a citation from the Salvation Army for his services to that organization.

Mr. Van Eaton served on the board of Morningside College for twenty-four years and was chairman of their Endowment Committee for many years. In 1954 he was given an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree for his service to the college.

He served two terms as president of the Sioux City Chamber of Commerce in 1940 and 1941 and during his terms was instrumental in developing the organization called Ten Thousand Sioux Cityans.

He served on the boards of the YMCA and the Methodist Hospital and was on the Municipal Auditorium board for eighteen years, fifteen years of which he served as president.

In 1965, he was given citations from the City of Sioux City and the Auditorium board and a Golden Key to the city for his years of service including his piloting of the bill through the Iowa Legislature which made it possible for the city to have an auditorium.

Mr. Van Eaton was past president of the Lions Club and a member of Tyrian Lodge, AF & AM, the Ehrine and the Scottish Rite. In 1965, he was made a Knight Commander Court of Honor by the Sioux City Consistory. He was also a member of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints.

Mr. Van Eaton died February 13, 1974. Survivors include his widow, Gail, whom he married October 8, 1955. He is also survived by two stepsons, Russell R. Martin of Denver, Colorado and George W. Martin of Grand Island, Nebraska.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Charles S. Van Eaton, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the Senate by this resolution would express its appreciation of his services to his community, state and nation and tender its sympathy and kindest regards to the members of his family.