

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Halling, Eugene E. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Adams County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 20 May 1895 Orient, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Margaret E. Shaper 28 Dec 1920 Grimes, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities American Legion; church deacon

C. Profession Farmer; substitute preacher

4. Church membership Congregational-Christian

5. Sessions served 56<sup>th</sup> 57<sup>th</sup> 58<sup>th</sup> 59<sup>th</sup> 60<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1955, 1957

6. Public Offices 1959, 1961, 1963

A. Local School Board member for Hill of Zion (Closed its Schools; Republican precinct chairman for 25 years)

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

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

7. Death 12 Feb 1982 Creston, Iowa; buried Hill of Zion Cemetery, Orient, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents Mathias E. and Amanda (Lynn) Halling

10. Education He was educated in the Orient, several public  
schools

11. Degrees He graduated from Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He farmed the family farm for about 55 years.  
He then retired and moved into Creston, Iowa in 1975.
- Military service - World War I - U. S. Army



# Deaths

## Eugene Halling, Creston

Former State Rep. Eugene E. Halling, 86, of 1200 N. Maple in Creston died at Greater Community Hospital about 11 p.m. Thursday. He had been ill with cancer a few weeks.

His funeral will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at Hill of Zion Church with the Rev. Kathryn Wood officiating. Burial will be in Hill of Zion Cemetery with Coen-Beaty Funeral Home in charge.

Mr. Halling was born May 20, 1895, in Adair County near Zion to Mathias E. and Amanda (Lynn) Halling. He graduated from Orient Schools and Grinnell College.

On Dec. 28, 1920, he married Margaret E. Shafar in Grimes.

He farmed his family's farm for about 55 years, before retiring and moving into Creston in 1975. During WWI he served with the Army.

He served as the Adair County area representative in the Iowa House for about 10 years, ending in the 1960s. He also served several years on the Hill of Zion Consolidated School Board.

He was deacon emeritus of the Hill of Zion Church and a charter member of the Orient American Legion and Greenfield Barracks 1533 of WWI. He had been a substitute preacher at the Orient Methodist Church when he was younger.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret of Creston; and a sister, Fern Johnston of Huntington Beach, Calif.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Annabelle and Faye, and his parents.

A memorial has been established to the Hill of Zion Church.

Friends may call at Coen-Beaty Funeral Home after 3 p.m. Saturday.

## Joe M. Fluckey, Afton

AFTON — Joseph "Joe" Merrill Fluckey, 51, of rural Afton died Thursday afternoon in a car-train wreck just north of Arispe on U.S. Highway 169.

His funeral will be 10 a.m. Monday at St. Edward's Catholic Church with the Rev. Thomas Coenen officiating. Burial and military rites will be in St. Edwards's Cemetery near Afton with Stroud-Lindsay Funeral Home in charge.

Mr. Fluckey was born Jan. 30, 1931, at Thayer to Francis "Frank" M. and Martha (Osfalg) Fluckey.

Except for 1951-53 with the Marines in California, Mr. Fluckey spent all of his life in this area. He was a rural mail carrier and a farmer.

## Orville Hoepker

GREENFIELD — Orville I unexpectedly Thursday mor

His funeral will be 1:30 p Church of Christ with the Burial will be in Greenfield Funeral Home here in char

Mr. Hoepker was born O Edwin H. and Ella (Bramm attended school in that area

In March 1940 he moved Creston. From 1942 to 1945 he in the South Pacific during

After his discharge he ret and remained in the area the

On Aug. 1, 1952, he married He had been a member of th early age and of St. John's in

Survivors include his w daughters, Jane (Mrs. Craig Susan (Mrs. Mark) Betz of M home; four brothers, Elton a and Allison Hoepker of Cres Greenfield; and his father-in

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## Henry Moore,

MOUNT AYR — Henry M morning at the Ringgold Cou

His funeral will be at 10:30 a Funeral Home here with th Burial will be in the Kellerto

Visitation will be from 7:30 home and a memorial has been

Mr. Moore was born Feb. 2 Moore in Iowa. He was a ret

Survivors are his wife, Bern Afton; two daughters, Mrs. Lo Mrs. Wathena (Lyle) Newma

Harold Rice of Denver, Hyatt Albany, and Larry Rice of Be

Reynolds of Las Cruces, N.H Huxley; eight grandchildren

stepgrandchildren; and six st

fourteen membership has been maintained through the years.

The officers for 1975 are: president, Mrs. Claude Nelson; vice-president, Mrs. Clair Green; and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Orlo Wallace.

### CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

The ladies of Sud-district Number 8 and vicinity met January 30, 1913, at the home of Mrs. Jesse R. Courter and organized a society to be known as "Circle of Friends."

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Courter as temporary chairwoman, as there were no officers elected. Nominations were in order first for president, and next, vice-president. Mrs. Faust and Mrs. Tillman were nominated, the votes being cast by ballot. Mrs. Tillman was elected president and Mrs. Faust, vice-president, Mrs. Courter, treasurer. The women decided to meet every Wednesday in their homes. Members at this time were: Mrs. Retta Tillman, Mrs. A. Faust, Mrs. Lela Wilson, Mrs. Jessie Courter, Mary Boyd, Mrs. Jesse Brooks, Mrs. M. Choate, Mrs. L. Huffman, Mrs. Wimmer, and Mrs. Compton.

Later on, more ladies joined, but they tried to keep their number of members around twenty. They had yearly dues of twenty-five cents. Members were to answer roll call by Bible verses or favorite poems. They always closed their meetings by praying "The Lord's Prayer."

In later years they decided to hold meetings twice a month instead of each week.

The many projects were as follows: In World War I they knitted, made quilts and comforters for the needy, gave money to the Y.M.C.A., Army and Red Cross, and lunched sales. They made and quilted quilts and sold them to make their money. Each Thanksgiving they sent money and food to the Orphan's Home in Council Bluffs. One year they sent a barrel of canned fruits, stuffed toys, clothing and books.

For entertainment, they held a picnic each year, an ice cream supper in summer, and an oyster supper in winter. They also had showers for the new babies and weddings of the children of the members.

Open house was held June 22, 1966, to celebrate the fifty years since the circle was organized with about fifty persons present.

In the last few years the circle has been less active, due to fewer members.

Present members are: president, Anna Kramer; vice-president, Winnie Lauer; secretary, Mild-

red Huddleson; treasurer, Dorothy Lauer; corresponding secretary, Mary McKinney; Opal Peck; Atholl Dwyer; Eva Jessup; Myrtle Williams; and Monica Huddleson.

The dues are still twenty-five cents a year and birthday dues are \$1.00. They meet just once a month in the homes, and have the annual Christmas party and gift exchange. Cards are sent to the sick, flowers to the families of the deceased, and money to charitable organizations.

### EUGENE HALLING



Eugene Halling was born on a farm in Union Township May 20, 1895. He was the owner and operator of a 240 acre farm until March 1, 1974. He was educated in Orient High School and Grinnell College, and served for the duration of World War I. He farmed continuously from 1919 until 1974. He married Margaret E. Shafer at Grimes, Iowa, on December 28, 1920.

He was a charter member of Orient American Legion No. 205, and served in all local and Adair County offices. He was a charter member of World War I Barracks 1533, Greenfield, served as County Offices Commander three years, and served in district offices.

He was active in farm organizations and public speaking, having won many medals in oratory and debates. He was school treasurer of Zion Consolidated School in Union Township several years, was a member of the County Board of Review under the county assessor law, participated in county politics, and served as Republican precinct chairman for 22 years.

He was a member of the Hill of Zion Church, which he served in numerous offices, retiring, in 1955, from a five year term as church treasurer. He served eight years as Deacon and is at present Deacon Emeritus.

Mr. Halling was elected State Representative of Adair County in November, 1954. He served continuously for five terms and one special session. He served on many committees, including: Agriculture, Insurance, Motor Vehicles, Commerce and Trade, Printing, Public Lands and Buildings, Safety and Law Enforcement, Ways and Means, and State Claims. He was very active in oratory in the legislature. He presented the Memorial before the House, Senate and guests in memory of President John F. Kennedy after his assassination.

He retired from the legislature in 1965, returning to the farm until September 27, 1975. He and Margaret now reside in Creston.

### CENTURY FARM—1873 TO 1976

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Thomas of Union Township are the proud owners of a century farm located in Section 9 of Union Township. It has been in the family for three generations.

A. S. Lynn, the first generation, son, Lloyd, wife, Ethel, the second generation, and granddaughter, Mary Susan and husband, Gene Thomas, the third generation.

The grandfather, Aaron Schrock Lynn, and wife, Mary Emma Young Lynn, acquired the eighty acre farm from L. R. McWhinney for one hundred dollars per acre in 1873. Mr. McWhinney had purchased the land from the government for \$1.50 per acre in 1867.

A. S. Lynn was the eldest of ten children. He was born near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, October 3, 1848. He was the son of William, Jr., and Caroline Schrock Lynn. He came from Pennsylvania with his family and settled in Iowa near Lucas in Clark County.

He was married to Mary Emma Young near Odburn, Iowa, March 16, 1871. They resided on the farm there until they came to Adair County in the spring of 1873. They became the parents of

three sons and four daughters. Their names were Harlen, Charles, Lloyd, Victoria, Ethel, Florence, and Corda. The family named their farm "Lynn-gerlong," as it was affectionately called for many years.

A. S. and Mary Emma were charter members of the Hill of Zion Church and worked for their faith and their church growth until their deaths. Mr. Lynn also was well known for his very great interest in the young people of the community. He encouraged and helped others to attain a higher education. He helped raise \$50,000 for Palmer College at LeGrande, Iowa. He was a teacher, a preacher, and good at whatever the task. He was a very prominent promoter of the railroad that was built from Zion to Macksburg, and served as its secretary.

Mary Emma passed away in 1929, and A. S. in 1947, at the age of 98½, after being cared for in the family home by their son and daughter-in-law, Lloyd and Ethel Lynn.

Lloyd L. and M. Ethel Burns Lynn took over the farm from his father, with whom they had farmed for many years.

Lloyd Leslie Lynn was born on this farm on September 12, 1890, and remained on this same farm until his death in 1973 at the age of 82½. On February 19, 1914, he was united in marriage with Mira Ethel Burns, who passed away January 30, 1976. To this union three sons and two daughters were born: Russell (who died in infancy); Leonard; Irwin; Mrs. Gene Thomas; and Mrs. Bernard (Helen) Maher.

Lloyd grew to manhood in the county of his birth, attending local country schools in Union Township, and Palmer College at LeGrande, Iowa. At an early age, both Lloyd and Ethel became members of the Hill of Zion Church.

M. Ethel Lynn was born to Susie and Ed Burns in Madison County and moved to the Zion community with her parents at the age of 11 months. She was the eldest of eight brothers and sisters. She attended local country school and high school in Orient.

Lloyd was as dedicated a farmer as Ethel was a wife and mother. They both are remembered for their ever present wit, sense of humor, and willingness to lend a hand to their neighbors.

Gene and Mary Susan Thomas purchased the farm in 1971 from her mother and father. Mary was the granddaughter of A. S. and Mary Emma Lynn.

Gene Handley Thomas was born in 1924 near Winterset, the son of Vern and Goldie Handley