

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Mendenhall, John Cecil Senator _____

Served from Allamakee County

1. Birthday and place 20 Jan 1904 Ponca, Dixon County, Nebraska

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Mysa Sitschen 29 May 1929 Lansing, Iowa

② Margaret Leyke 29 June 1940 Fayette County, Iowa
Submer, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Director of Ace Telephone Assoc.; Director of New Albin Bank,

B. Civic responsibilities Mason Iowa Bureau; Northwest Iowa
Tourism Council; Allamakee County Board of Supervisors

C. Profession Owner and operator of Mendenhall Lumber Company
and construction business; manufacturer of concrete products

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 63rd, 64th and 65th General Assembly 1969-1970;
1971-1972; 1973-1974

6. Public Offices

A. Local New Albin town councilman; New Albin mayor; school
board member

B. State Chairman of Iowa Committee on Aging

C. National _____

7. Death 18 Oct 1976 at New Albin, Iowa; buried New Albin Cemetery, New
Albin, Iowa

8. Children Adopted children - Milo; Phyllis (Mrs. Francis Ward)
by 1st wife - a baby son born and died with his mother 21 Dec 1938

9. Names of parents Grand Joseph and Loris Pauline (Miller) Mendenhall

Mendenhall, John C.

10. Education Educated in schools of Ponce, Nebraska
graduating in 1922

11. Degrees Morningside College studying business and
commercial courses in Sioux City, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican

- 1908 - the family moved to Sherman County, NE where he
finished 8th grade and then back to a farm near Ponce, NE
- Worked in a lumberyard during high school and after
graduation.
- 17 June 1927 he purchased Birch Lumber Company in New
Albin
- First wife, Myra, died 21 Dec 1938 in childbirth
- He built many homes and silos throughout Menicota,
Thielsen and Iowa.
- He sold the lumberyard 18 Apr 1967

Light On In This Edition

This is a season of festivals including October's "fest," an offshoot of the "Oktoberfest." Annual celebration is well fresh and smoked pork combine most compatibly's abundant cornucopia and vegetables.

dition of the Allamakee features many advertisements from firms that are in tact with a vital industry county--pork products so included are articles to the swine industry, of meals with pork of area pork products.

ute the efforts of the producer, the ag-related man, and others who tributed to this vital area's economy.

a traditional meat for east days but everyday o. And it's better than lay's porkers are meat-ner than those of yesterday. Enjoy pork in October ar long.

**ULMAN ENDS
M. BIKE TRIP**

Mrs. Floyd Larson ke the same trip again," statement made by Jim l, of Waukon, when tel- experiences during his le bicycle ride across States during the Bike- l '76. "Well, I might e route a bit, but it was "

d planned the trip ever first heard about it and got started nearly two ter than the first start- ally had better weather).

e to Astoria, Oregon with who was going on a va- p and spent several days storic area before start- ng ride on July 15. Just hs and eight days later, d at Yorktown, Va. on r 23.

LANSING LIONS CLUB RECEIVES DONATIONS

The first regular meeting of the Lansing Lions Club was held at Clancy's Supper Club on Tuesday evening, October 12th, at 6:30 p.m. There were 25 members present. Dr. Robert Love joined the Lions Club as a new member.

After the minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report were presented, it was announced that a \$200.00 donation had been received to the Ambulance Fund from the American Legion, and a \$25.00 donation to the Ambulance Fund from Dorothy Hughes in memory of Martha Barthell.

A \$100.00 donation was also received from Sweeney's Tavern with the word that it could be used by the Lion's Club in whatever manner it was needed.

The Lions Club thanks these generous people for their donations.

Gary Gibbs announced that Cell's Cafe would be holding a Lions Coffee Day some Saturday in the near future, to be announced later, with all receipts from coffee sales that day to be donated to the Lions Club.

In order to provide further training for ambulance personnel and in the hopes of also training some new people to help on the ambulance squad, it was decided that after at least one of the regular meetings each month, a training class would be held. There would be separate sessions for the drivers and for those who work in the back of the ambulance. Dr. Love stated that he would be glad to assist in the training sessions.

Doug Mullen said that he would like to host a hay ride for the Lions members and their wives, probably the first weekend in November, if there was some interest in this. The Lions were to discuss this and give it some thought before the next October meeting.

Jim Ryan discussed the advantages of Allamakee County having a County Conservation Board, especially citing the available funds for recreation that the county is losing as a result of being one of the few counties in the State of Iowa without one.

At 8:15 the meeting was adjourned.

MRS. SCHULZE HONORED BY SR. CITIZENS

The Lansing Senior Citizens Club met at noon on October 13. Thirty-two members enjoyed a pot luck dinner. Following a short business meeting, seven tables played euchre. Prizes for high score went to Liz Plagge and William Troendle while the consolator and State Legislators Col-lection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa. and Joe Troendle. The name of Catherine Kelleher was drawn for the door prize.

John Mendenhall Dies Suddenly At His Home

John C. Mendenhall, prominent New Albin resident, died of an apparent heart attack Monday afternoon, October 18, while working in the yard of his home.

He was born at Ponca, Nebraska on January 20, 1904 to Ivan and Lena Mülle Mendenhall. He was educated in the Ponca schools and also attended the Sioux City, Iowa Business College.

Mr. Mendenhall came to New Albin in 1926, when he became the owner and operator of the Mendenhall Lumber Co. He ran this business until 1966, when he sold his firm to Great Plains Supply Company.

Mendenhall had a long life of public service. He was a former member of the New Albin town council and also mayor of that town for many years. He served six years as a Republican member of the Iowa House of Representatives, retiring in 1974 after three two year terms.

Other offices he held before and at the time of his death include: director of Ace Telephone Assn. and the New Albin Savings Bank; member of the board of directors of Camp Winnebago; chairman of the Iowa Committee on Aging in a six-county area; member of the New Albin Library Board; all offices of the Grace United Meth. Church in New Albin; and a 50 year member of Evergreen Lodge No. 144, AM & FM.

He was preceded in death by his first wife and an infant son.

He was married to Margareta Leyh of Sumner, Iowa in June of 1940. She survives with a son, Milo Mendenhall of Indianola, Iowa and a daughter, Mrs. Francis (Phyllis) Ward of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Seven grandchildren survive.

Other survivors are three sisters, Mrs. Ethel Severance of Ponca, Neb., Mrs. Harold (Mina) Schulenberger of Sioux City, Iowa and Ferne Mendenhall of Ponca, Nebraska; two brothers, Lloyd Mendenhall of Ventura, Calif. and Elbert Mendenhall of Kern City, Calif.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, October 21, at 2 p.m. at the Grace United Methodist Church in New Albin. Officiating will be Rev. John Hall, Rev. Francis Jones and Rev. Kent Wever. Burial will be in the New Albin cemetery.

Friends may call at the New Albin chapel after 2 p.m. on Wednesday and at the church on Thursday from one o'clock until the time of the service.

Potter-Haugen Funeral Home of Caledonia was in charge of arrangements.

LAST RITES FOR MRS. A. KNUTSON

Herman Stehr wa fall through the hay barn near Eitzen. away who came to l pen the duck season Stirn of Plymouth Thompson of Cedar Otto J. Koch of Spirit Appel, a former V boy, came Monday f his first visit here Earl F. Spinner an Wilson of near Chic week for a visit at Spinner home and f for the opening of t son. Mr. and Mrs of Orchard Place, Emmett F. Ryan of weekend visitors relatives, guests at Guider home.

Mr. and Mrs. W observed their 25th versary Friday. Ward, daughter of Joe Ward, has accetion as a register Loretta Hospital in C liam Decker bag moose in the Kenor rea. Charlotte Bax Schwartzhoff were Saturday in Chicago sale of the Wauko property has been p December 5.

Bobby Russell, so Russells, had a part his 6th birthday last Present were Gary Gantenbein, Charles Reiser, Sue Wilson, Cleone Reiser, Al Vera Thompson, Dar Shirley Ernst, Allier, Belva Tipper Metzdorf. Mr. and Robey and daughter Waukon visited Sund Crowley home.

T. W. Melaven and hap have consolidated present, Art is assist in the Melaven Sto Troendle and Haro were married yester curgus.

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school for six years and graduated from Caledonia High School.

We farmed near Eitzen, MN until January 1967. At that time my parents retired and moved to Eitzen and we bought the family farm.

We are the parents of three children: Steven D. born on October 5, 1960. He is married to Vonderohe and is employed at De Implement in New Albin.

Keith Alan was born on October 26, 1962. He is married to Char Betz and is employed at APN in Caledonia, MN.

Kathy Lynn was born on August 4, 1969 and is employed at Leschensky Insurance Agency in Waukon.

All three children attended Dorchester Elementary and graduated from Waukon High School. Steve and Kathy also graduated from NITI in Calmar.

In addition to raising hogs and beef cattle, Joann and I are both working off the farm. I am employed at Deters Implement in Eitzen and Joann is working at Winnebago Software in Caledonia.

We are both active members of St. Luke's U.C.C. in Eitzen. We have both served as council members and I have been a member of the choir for 33 years. I also served for nine years on the Northeast Iowa Farm Service Board of Directors.

I am presently township clerk of Union City Township and secretary of the Eitzen Fire Department. We both enjoy league bowling and traveling. *Submitted by Dale Meiners*

JOHN K. AND VIRGEL (HANSON) MELCHER

John K. Melcher was born January 28, 1916 in Linton Twp., the sixth of twelve children to John Sr. born 1875 and Effie (Leas) Melcher, born 1886. John's father Nicholas was born in 1854 in Germany, as was his mother (Amelea Stiert) born in Germany. Effie was the daughter of George A. and Sarah (Thias) Leas. George's father Jeremiah was born in Ohio in 1830 and came to Iowa in 1856 with his wife Susanna Henderson, who was born in Pennsylvania 1832. Sarah (Thias) Leas was the daughter of William F. and Barbara (Gast) Thias born 1847, both of German descent.



John and Virgel Melcher

John K. Melcher married Virgel Mina Hanson October 3, 1940 at the Old East Paint Creek Church with the Rev. A.P. Lea pastor. Virgel was the only child of Alert M. and Mabel C. (Gullickson) Hanson born May 21, 1918 in Taylor Twp.

Virgel was born in Taylor Twp. in 1889 to Andrew and Maren O. (Hunstad) Hanson. Andrew was born in Norway 1849. Maren was born in 1857 in Allamakee County to Norwegian emigrants Ole and Hellena (Norwalde) Hunstad. Mabel was the daughter of Gullick and Martha (Nelson) Gullickson February 9, 1898. Gullick was born in Numendahl, Norway 1871 and came to Farmersburg, Iowa 1871 and came to Farmersburg, Iowa 1871 and came to Farmersburg, Iowa 1871.

burgh when he was 16. He married Martha Nelson who was born in Gubrandedahl, Norway, in 1871.

John graduated from Waterville High School and attended junior college in Waukon, Iowa. Virgel graduated from Waterville High School and worked at the ASCS office in Waukon before marriage. They began farming with her parents and then rented a farm near Rossville. In 1949 they purchased the "Hanson Homestead" where they raised their family: Roger John born 1942, married to Karen McCormick and parents of Marty, Jeffrey, Thomas, Jacqui, and Brian; Sheryl Norene born 1944, married to Elmo Hagen and parents of Marci, Erik and Jon; Scott Douglas born 1956, married to Barbara Roldson and parents of Amanda. This farm was sold to Roger in 1967. John and Virgel and Scott moved to her parents' farm, which they purchased after the death of her father in 1965.

Besides farming John has held jobs as clerk at Hills sale barn, branch manager at Northeast Farm Service and as farm appraiser for 9 years in the Allamakee County Assessor's Office retiring from there in 1978.

John and Virgel have been active members in the Old East Paint Creek Lutheran Church and the Allamakee County Farm Bureau, both serving in various offices. *Submitted by John and Virgel Melcher*

JOHN C. AND MARGARETA (LEYH) MENDENHALL

John C. Mendenhall was born Jan. 20, 1904 in Dixon County, Ponca, Nebraska to Ivan Mendenhall and Lena Mulle Mendenhall.



John C. Mendenhall

In 1908 the family moved to Sherman County, Nebraska, where he finished grade eight, then back to the farm close to Ponca, Nebraska where he graduated from high school and also worked in the Ponca Lumber yard. This continued for four years. He took a Business and Commercial course at Morningside College. On June 17, 1927, he bought the Birch Lumber Co. in New Albin. He enjoyed his work, the people, and the surrounding area.

He was married to Myra Fitschen who passed away on Dec. 21, 1938 with his baby son.

He became active in the community and church. Always interested in progress in the town of New Albin, he served as a council member and then mayor. He built many homes and buildings in the area. He also made and built silos. As you travel through Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, you will observe they are still being used today.

He was a member of the Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, Farm Bureau, and served on many other committees. In the Methodist Church he was Treasurer for many years, Sunday School Superintendent, Lay Leader and held other offices.

On June 29, 1940, he married Margareta Leyh at the Union Church, Farmersburg, Iowa.

had previously taught grades three and four in New Albin.

June 1, 1950, we adopted Phyllis and Milo, sister and brother, who brought responsibility but added much satisfaction and happiness to our lives.

John continued at the lumber yard till retirement and sold the yard on April 18, 1967, planning to relax and travel. This didn't happen as he was approached to consider running for State Representative of Allamakee County. After much thought he decided to run. He served for 6 years. It was challenging. He enjoyed it although it required most of his time. Every job he accepted he put forth his best efforts.

It has been a joy to be a part of the New Albin area and we thank you for the privilege to serve. His long and useful life ended Oct. 18, 1976. *Submitted by Margareta Mendenhall*

CARL LUDWIG MEYER (MEIER) AND CHARLOTTE LOUISE WILHELMINE WERNHARDT MEYER (MEIER)

Carl Ludwig Meyer was born at Sundern, Westphalia, Germany, on April 28, 1835. He was the son of Ludwig and Henriette (Marten) Meyer. He was christened at the church in Levern, and on Sept. 30, 1860, he was married at the same church to Charlotte Wernhardt. Charlotte Wernhardt was born on Mar. 1, 1836 at Twiehausen to Johan Heinrich Wernhardt and his wife (Anna Maria) Wernhardt. (Anna Marie Charlotte Louise Gläsher)

Carl Ludwig and Charlotte Wernhardt Meyer (Meier) were the parents of 9 children:

1. Henriette Wilhelmine Louise
Born: 29 June 1861 at Destel, Westphalia, Germany
Married: 24 Oct. 1887 to Friederick Kamp
2. Heinrich Friederick Ludwig
Born: 7 Dec. 1863 at Twiehausen, Germany
Married: 8 Oct. 1888 to Emma Harnack
3. Anne Marie Wilhelmine Louise
Born: 14 Aug. 1866 at Hollwede, Germany
Died: 16 May 1869
4. Anne Marie Charlotte Wilhelmine
Born: 4 Mar. 1869 at Hollwede, Germany
Died: 28 Sept. 1869
5. Christian Friederick Wilhelm
Born: 14 Sept. 1870 at Hollwede, Germany
Married: 10 Oct. 1893 to Ida Elizabeth M.S. Gericke
6. Heinrich Wilhelm (Henry William)
Born: 12 June 1873 at Garnavillo
Married: 8 Dec. 1896 to Mildred Laughlin
7. Carl Friederick
Born: 17 Jan. 1876 at Farmersburg
Married: 21 Dec. 1898 to Emma Maria Eggert
8. Wilamine Charlotte Louise
Born: 5 Nov. 1879 at Garnavillo
Married: 1 Dec. 1903 to Wilhelm Friederick Heinrich Hein
9. Emma Rosine Louise
Born: 23 Dec. 1881, Post Twp. Allamakee Co.
Married: 26 Sept. 1911 to George Wilhelm Hein. *Submitted by Gwenn R. Koenig*

FRIEDERICH LUDWIG J. MEYER (MEIER) AND CHARLOTTE SCHROEDER MEYER

Fredrick J. Meyer was born 29 Sept. 1853 at Sundern, Province of Westphalia, Germany as the son of Ludwig and Henriette (Marten) Meyer. He was married first to Ernestine Kurth. He had one son, Charles who lived in Canistota, S.D. This marriage is recorded in Iowa. *Submitted by Fredrick J. Meyer*

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John Cecil Mendenhall Compact Disc #8 Pin #906785
Sex: M

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Event(s)

Birth: 20 Jan 1904
Ponca, Nebraska

Death: 18 Oct 1976
New Albin, Iowa Buried New Albin, Iowa

Parents

Father: [Ivan Joseph Mendenhall](#) Disc #8 Pin #906772

Mother: [Lena Pauline Mille](#) Disc #8 Pin #906773

Marriage(s)

Spouse: [Myra Ruth Fitschen](#) Disc #8 Pin #906786

Marriage: 29 May 1929
Lansing, Iowa

Spouse:

Marriage:

Spouse:

Marriage: 29 Jun 1940
Sumner, Iowa

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Born: 20 Jan 1904
 Ponca, Dixon, Nebraska, USA
Died: 18 Oct 1976
 New Albin, Iowa, USA
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Spouse 1

[Margareta Leyh](#)
Born: 2 May 1903 in Sumner, Iowa, USA
Died: 16 Dec 1993 in Sumner, Iowa, USA

Marriage: 29 Jun 1940 in Sumner, Iowa, USA [View Info](#)

Children	Sex	Birth
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Spouse 2

[Myra Ruth Fitschen](#)
Born: 18 Jul 1905 in New Albin, Iowa, USA
Died: 20 Dec 1938 in Lacrosse, Wisconsin, USA

Marriage: 29 May 1928 in Lansing, Iowa, USA [View Info](#)

Children	Sex	Birth
David John Mendenhall	M	21 Jan 1936 in Lacrosse, Wisconsin, USA

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Birth Date: 20 Jan 1904
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Death Residence Localities

ZIP Code: 52160
Localities: New Albin, Allamakee, Iowa

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