

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative De Groot, Kenneth Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Winn and Lyon Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 Oct 1929 rural Hull, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Clarratha Risseuw 1 June 1950 Hull, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He served on the board of many local, community, and government organizations

B. Civic responsibilities 4-H leader

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Reformed Church of America

5. Sessions served 68<sup>th</sup>, 69<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup>, 71<sup>st</sup>, 72<sup>nd</sup>, 73<sup>rd</sup>, 74<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

6. Public Offices 1979-1980, 1981-1982, 1983-1984, 1985-1986, 1987-1988, 1989-1990, 1991-1992

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

7. Death 22 Apr 1993 Doon, Iowa; buried Hillside Cemetery, Doon, Iowa

8. Children Perry; Wesley; Kendall; Nydal (Mrs. John T. Zeilstra)

9. Names of parents Peter J. and Agnes (Netting) De Groot

De Groot, Kenneth

10. Education He was educated in the Hull, Iowa public  
schools

11. Degrees He attended Iowa State University and Northwestern  
College

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He grew up on a farm northeast of Hull Iowa.
- After marriage he farmed at Boyden, Iowa, Melvin,  
Iowa, and Doon, Iowa.
- He moved into Doon, Iowa



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Rock Rapids,  
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**Schedule**

the city of Rock Rapids  
bird Thursday mornings,  
s reported last week.

**Adjustment**

of adjustment will meet  
y, April 29, at 7:30 a.m.  
ie to review variances  
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**Luncheon**

its volunteer luncheon  
p.m. Those planning to

**of Pride**

ar Club will meet Friday,  
ubbard Implement.

**d Hours**

ative May 3, at the Mid-  
treach office, 402 South  
id will be 9 a.m. to 12

**Picnic**

held at Rock River Golf  
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**Meeting**

will meet Monday, May 3,  
k House.

**Trade**

will meet Tuesday, May  
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Sioux City Social Securi-  
Rapids Tuesday, May 4,  
at the ambulance garage  
sit will be June 1.

**Meeting**

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**KEN DeGROOT**

Ken DeGroot, whose battle with cancer forced him to retire from the Iowa House last year, died Thursday.

The Doon farmer was diagnosed with a rare form of lung cancer in late 1991. He cited the condition as a reason not to seek an eighth term in the House. Earlier this year, DeGroot was diagnosed with brain cancer.

DeGroot, who represented all or part of Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola and Sioux counties, has been a ranking member of the transportation committee and also served on the agriculture and ways and means committees. During his final term, he was ranking Republican on the House Transportation Committee.

A conservative, he was a proponent of erasing the state's budget deficit and a staunch gambling opponent.

Ken's first political campaign was for board of supervisors. He recalled in an April, 1992, interview that he "soundly beat."

In 1978 when Representative Elmer Den Herder announced his retirement, DeGroot took the opportunity, won a four-way primary and the privilege of serving as Representative in the Iowa Legislature.

DeGroot went on to win six

more terms without a serious challenge.

For his efforts in agriculture, he has received the State FFA Award from Lyon and Osceola counties and recognition from the National Vo-Ag Teachers' Association, Pork Producers, Dairy Producers and an honorary degree from Northwest Iowa Technical College.

"My goal was always to serve the people," Ken said of his House seat.

A complete obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

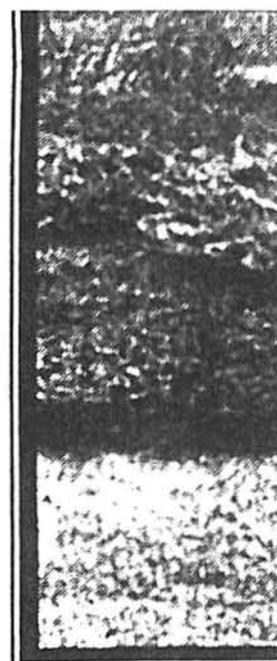
## Four towns, supervisors represented at Municipal League meeting

One-half of the county's eight cities and the board of supervisors were represented at the quarterly Municipal League meeting April 21. The gathering was held in Inwood's new community center. The city of Doon will be taking its turn at conducting the meetings this year.

The first order of business for the group involved its financial status. Those in attendance approved assessing 25 cents per capita as dues for the coming year. The funds raised will be used to reimburse those who attend meetings of the Northwest Iowa Area Solid Waste Agency and Northwest Iowa Planning and Development.

Council persons and mayors discussed the effectiveness of contracting with the county sheriff's department for police protection. Lester, which for a time did not have a contract with the county, eventually had trouble with teens loitering on Main Street. Since renewing its contract, things have been quiet, according to Lester's mayor, Robert Ageson.

Inwood, who has not had a contract with the county for over six years, has



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Little Rock for one year. She was employed as deputy county recorder in Lyon County for seven years.

On February 28, 1943, she married James Wolf in Little Rock.

The couple farmed near Primghar until February, 1967, when they moved into town. She was employed by O'Brien County Treasurer's office from 1963 until 1968 and was deputy county recorder for O'Brien County from 1968 until her retirement in 1982.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Edward of Midland, Texas, Bob of Baltimore, Maryland, and Gordon of Sioux Center; one daughter, Mrs. Dave (Jan) Winter of Gypsum, Kansas; eight grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Les (Zelda) Lewis of Lompoc, California.

## Florence Boumann

Funeral services for Florence Boumann, 80, of Ellsworth, Minnesota, were held Friday at Bethel Reformed Church, rural Ellsworth, with interment in Evergreen Lawn Cemetery, George.

She died Wednesday, April 21, 1993, at Merrill Pioneer Community Hospital, Rock Rapids.

Florence DeVries was born October 21, 1912, in rural George. She graduated from George High School.

On February 15, 1935, she married Herbert Feldman. He died in 1936.

In 1941, she married Christian Boumann. He died in 1980.

Survivors include two sons, Herbert Feldman of George and Arnold Boumann of Marshall, Minnesota; one daughter, Mrs. John (Nellie) Hedeman of Rochester, Minnesota; one stepson, James Boumann of Omaha, Nebraska; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Wallace (Grace)

brothers, Henry, Bill and Richard, all of Sioux Center, and one sister, Mrs. Ben (Wynn) Vonk of Sioux Center.

## Kenneth DeGroot

Funeral services for Kenneth Roy DeGroot, 63, of Doon were held Monday at First Reformed Church, Hull, with interment in Hillside Cemetery, Doon.

He died Thursday, April 22, 1993, at his home following a lengthy illness.

Mr. DeGroot was born October 16, 1929, near Perkins Corner, rural Hull. He grew up on a farm northeast of Hull.

On June 1, 1950, he married Clarretta Risseeuw at Hull.

They farmed at Boyden, Melvin and Doon and moved into Doon in 1978.

From 1978-1992, Ken served seven terms as a state legislator in the Iowa House of Representatives. His ill health forced him to retire.

He served on the boards of many local and state church, community and government organizations.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, the Rev. Perry of Spencer and Wesley and Kendall, both of Doon; one daughter, Mrs. John T. (Nyla) Zeilstra of Mendon, Missouri; 17 grandchildren; his mother, Agnes DeGroot of Rock Valley; two brothers, Donald of Hull and Paul of Omaha, Nebraska, and two sisters, Mrs. Henry (Sylvia) Gaalswyk and Mrs. Marvin (Judie) Foreman, both of Lakewood, California.

Phone 472-2525 for want ads!

Crown Jewelers  
Rock Rapids

The winning team, Spoman's, was presented a plaque by Ashley Ballou, Larchwood. Ashley and her brother, Nat, both have Cystic Fibrosis.

**"K-Products"**  
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time of the open house in July 17, 1981. Mike Cleveringa named manager of the plant in February of 1981.

In September, 1982, employees were on the payroll and the plant now sews visors and winter caps with flaps in addition to the base caps. Promotional items such as key chains and mugs can be ordered through K-Products and the company can do screenprint on t-shirts and caps.

Ten and one-half years later Cleveringa continues as manager and the plant employs 15 people. One department in the plant has a board with a production goal of 30,000 units displayed in neon lettering.

Technology doesn't "sit" at K-Products either. A program is currently being tested at the local plant to relieve workers' possible problems and complaints such as carpal tunnel syndrome.

The Rock Rapids K-Products plant remained open during downward trends in economy and farming slowdowns. The local plant even welcomes employees when two plants closed in Sioux County.

As one of only a handful of manufacturing plants in Rock Rapids, K-Products remains the first of its kind in the community.

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