

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Meyer, James A. Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Resided at Adelbert, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 Aug. 1935 Adelbert, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Madeline Killey

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was a member of Pork Producers, Corn Growers,  
Doughman and Cattlemen's Associations

B. Civic responsibilities Farm Bureau

C. Profession Farmer; sold Dix-Kalb Seed Corn

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 75<sup>th</sup>, 76<sup>th</sup>, 77<sup>th</sup> Special Assemblies 1993-1994, 1995-1996,

6. Public Offices 1997-1998

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

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

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

7. Death \_\_\_\_\_

8. Children \_\_\_\_\_

9. Names of parents Dwight William and Helen (Rocha) Meyer

Meyer, James A.

10. Education He graduated from Adellott - Arthur High School,  
Adellott, Iowa

11. Degrees He earned B.S. degree in agriculture and MVE from  
Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican  
- He was the fourth generation operating the Meyer farm near Adellott  
Iowa 1872  
Meyer farm is also known as "Happy Yellow Horn"  
- His father, Dwight Meyer, also served in the Iowa Legislature in the  
53<sup>rd</sup>, 54<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1949, 1951, 1953

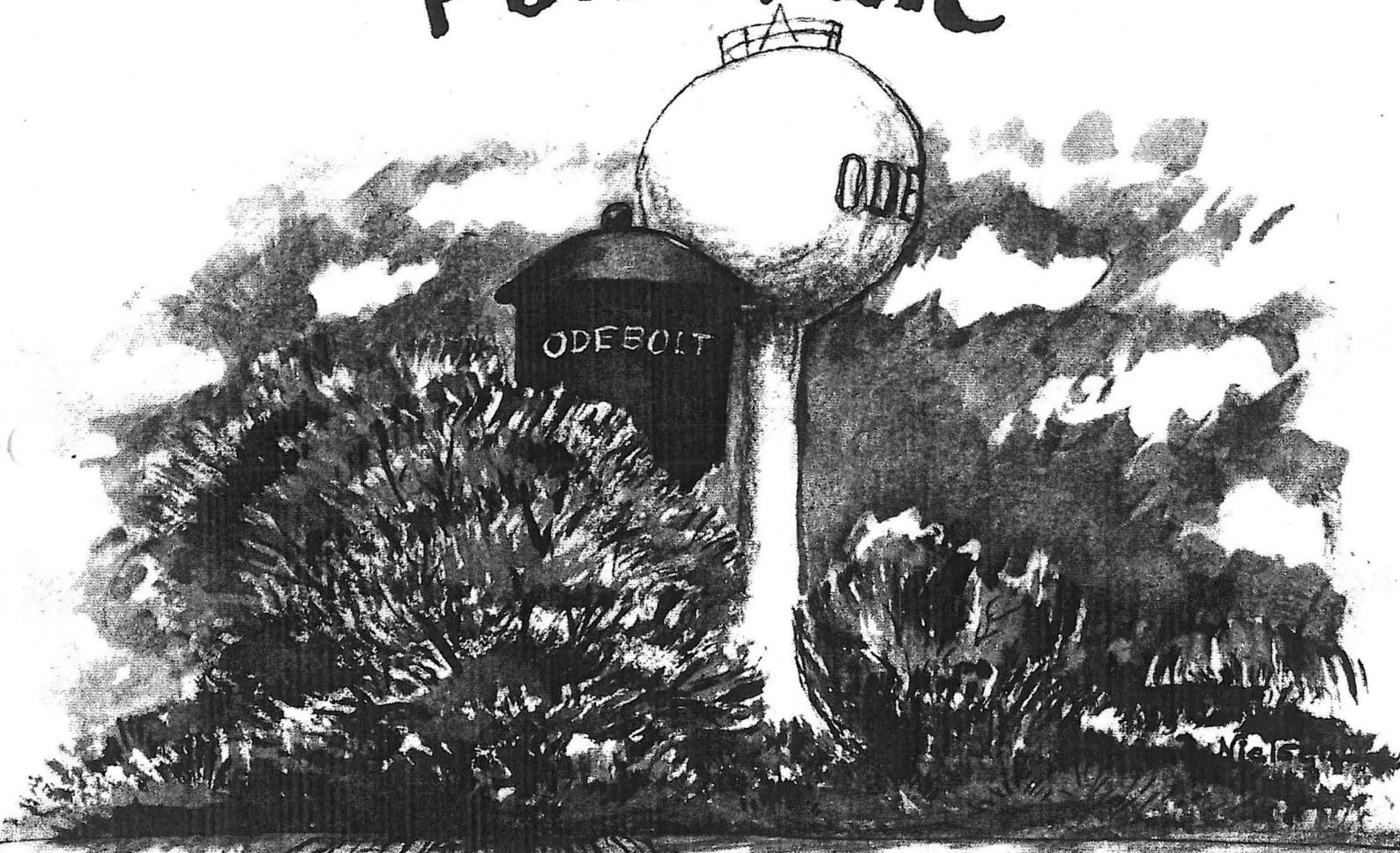
Meyer, James A.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
<u>Iowa Official Register</u>		1997-1998	p. 81
<u>Deborah Horner</u>		1877-2002	p. 70

# ODEBOLT FOREVER



SOARING TO THE FUTURE  
ROOTED IN THE PAST

## Meyer Century Farm

The Meyer farm, located northeast of Odebolt, was purchased by William Meyer November 5, 1875, from Iowa

Railroad Land Company for \$5.50 an acre.

William Meyer, born in Helsen, Waldec, Germany, in 1827, married Verena Widmer, born in 1829 in Kirchberg, Bern, Switzerland. They spent their early married life in Ohio and Illinois. William hired a Mr. Walters to come to Iowa to prepare this prairie land for a home. He also planted willow trees around the farm.

In 1880, Mr. and Mrs. William Meyer and their family of five children came to their farm in Sac County, Iowa, in a covered wagon. Their children were George, Emma (Mrs. Miller), Lydia (Mrs. Marsch), William Jr., and Annie (Mrs. McFarland).

In 1892, William J. Meyer and Hannah Aupperle were married and moved onto the farm. The Aupperles were neighbors. William and Hannah were parents of Frederick; Wendell, who died in infancy; Verena (Mrs. Gilbert Northey); and Dwight William, who married Helen Rocho, daughter of William and Mary (Sigler) Rocho.

Dwight and Helen moved to the farm in 1925 and lived there thirty years. Their children are Mary Jeanne (Mrs. Harris Thompson); Barbara (Mrs. Ronald Johnson); Clyde, married to Ruth Willey; Lois (Mrs. Robert Moffitt); and James, married to Madeline Willey.

In 1955, Helen and Dwight moved from the farm, and Clyde and Ruth lived there for eleven years. In 1966, James and Madeline Meyer took over the operation, signed a land purchase contract on September 14, 1972, and became the fourth generation current operators.

Meyer Farm, long known as Happy Hollow Farm, has had a close tie with Iowa State College/University in Ames, Iowa. Dwight Meyer and Helen Rocho met at Ames College, as did children Barbara and Ron Johnson, Clyde and Ruth Willey, and James and Madeline Willey. Children Mary Jeanne and Lois and Bob Moffitt are also graduates of Iowa State. Twelve grandchildren of Dwight and Helen attended ISU. Dwight's sister Verena met her husband Gilbert Northey at Ames.

Dwight Meyer was elected to the Iowa State House of Representatives in 1948 and served three terms. James Meyer was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 and also served three terms. Dwight went on to serve under United States Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson in the Dwight Eisenhower administration in Washington, D.C. Dwight won the Des Moines Register & Tribune Award in 1943 for The Largest Iowa Corn Yield Per Acre with a 151.16 bushel yield per acre.

In the last 127 years, Meyer Farm has produced oats, flax, milo, corn, soybeans, barley, rape, purebred Hampshire and Chester White hogs, and purebred Shorthorn cattle. In later years, production concentrated on corn, soybeans, feeder cattle, and farrow-finish pork production that reached an annual 6,000 head of market hogs level. Machinery used included John Deere, International Harvester, Allis Chalmers Gleaner, Versatile, Deutz, Memo, Case, Massey Ferguson, Oliver and Belarus. Farm related organizations in which the Meyers have provided leadership include: Farm Bureau, Farm Business Association, Pork Producers, Rural Electric Coop, Corn Growers, 4-H, and Extension. Clyde Meyer sold Welco Feed; Dwight and James sold DeKalb Seed Corn.

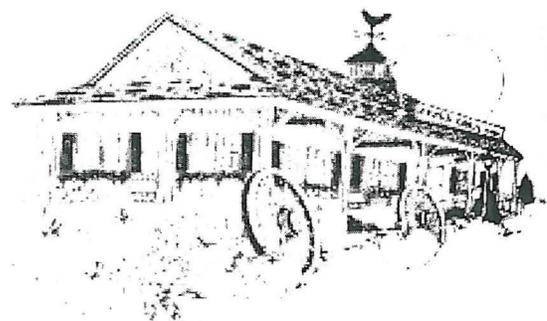
The Meyer Farm christian influence has come from the Methodist Church, and political activities have supported the Republican Party.



## Miller Century Farm

Dakota Miller and Alex Ernest, fifth generation of the Miller family, are pictured on the family farm

currently owned by Don Miller of Odebolt. The land has been in the Miller family for 125 years. Jacob Miller homesteaded the farm in 1874. He bought the land from the railroad for \$4 per acre.



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