

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Roper, Wayne M. Senator _____
Represented Monona County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 23 Oct 1898 Osawa, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Carol Greger 23 Oct 1919 Osawa, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities American Legion; IOOF; Mason;
Moose Lodge

C. Profession Real estate, insurance agent, accountant

4. Church membership Christian

5. Sessions served 48th General Assembly 1939

6. Public Offices

A. Local Monona County recorder 1922-1923; Deputy County auditor 1920-
1925; Monona County auditor 1925-1933; chairman of the Monona County
Republican State Committee

B. State Recessed employed by the State Banking Association 1933-1936;
Secretary of State 1940-1944

C. National _____

7. Death 18 Feb 1948 Des Moines, Iowa; buried Osawa Cemetery, Osawa, Iowa

8. Children John Milton; Majaymes (Mrs Heber)

9. Names of parents Jesse L. and Clara May (Moorhead) Roper

10. Education Educated in the Osawa, Iowa public
schools graduating in 1916

11. Degrees National Business Training College, Iowa City, Iowa;
Hobenshuh-Carpenter College of Embalming, Des Moines,
Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - World War I - U.S. Navy Medical Corps
- After the war he began working with the Western Asphalt Company
as an accountant
- In 1920 he and other men from Osawa homesteaded in Wyoming
where he spent a year
- In 1937 he opened a real estate and loan office in Osawa.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source Non Applicable Applicable Information obtained

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Thurs. July 27, 1948, p.1, col. 4-5

Iowa Official Register 1939-1940, p. 69

House Journal 1949, p. 1699

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Serves Twice as a Pallbearer For "Buddy" Killed in Action

LeRoy Jacobson had a most unusual experience last week when he was asked to act as pallbearer for T/5 Harold Nelson at Sioux City.

T/5 Nelson lost his life in battle at New Guinea on January 18 1943 and his remains were returned to the states a few weeks ago.

It was in battle at New Guinea when Jacobson and Nelson met. They occupied the same fox hole during the battle Harold was killed, but LeRoy escaped uninjured. Jacobson took part in the burial at New Guinea and then last week was called to serve in the same capacity. The six pallbearers were men from the Sioux City territory who enlisted the same time as did T/5 Harold Nelson and all left at the same time.

LEON AND MERLE BEARDSLEY BUY BECK'S SHOPPE

NEW PROPRIETORS ARE EXPERIENCED IN MERCHANDISE BUSINESS. POSSESSION THIS WEEK

Miss Katherine Beck (Who had Been in Business Here Since 1911 to Retire and Move to California)

The forepart of this week, a business transaction was consummated whereby Miss Katherine Beck sold her ladies' wearing apparel business here to Leon Beardsley and his wife, Merle Beardsley.

In buying the Beck Style Shoppe, the Beardsleys have purchased one of Onawa's outstanding ready-to-wear shoppe. The shop which was established in 1911 by Miss Beck has continually grown in size and in favor with the public, and is today one of Onawa's most modern stores. The Beardsleys have been residents of Sioux City for the past thirty years, however Mrs. Beardsley has returned to the old home town, to once again make her home she being the daughter of C. C. Potts a former resident here and many of her relatives reside in this vicinity.

Mr. Beardsley is a cousin of City Attorney John Beardsley of Onawa.

Leon Beardsley has been active in the Merchandising business for thirty years, the past ten which he has been with the T. S. Martin Company at Sioux City. Mrs. Beardsley has also been employed at the Martin store for some time. They bring to their new business the experience and knowledge of their many years in their chosen occupation.

They are the parents of one daughter, Mrs. J. Dean Kovar of Hartington, Nebraska, her husband is practicing medicine in that town. They have three children.

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Prominent Former State and County Official Died At Des Moines Sunday



WAYNE M. (DUTCH) ROPES

Born October 23, 1898

Died July 18, 1948

Monona County citizens were grieved on last Sunday when the news came from Des Moines, of the sudden death of Wayne M. Ropes, a native of Onawa.

Mr. Ropes suffered a stroke and was taken to the hospital from his home at 5812 Grand Avenue, in Des Moines on Saturday afternoon and passed away on Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m., July 18, 1948.

Death was due to cerebral vascular accident, or failure of the heart muscles.

Wayne M. Ropes was born in Onawa, Iowa, October 23rd 1898, the son of J. L. Ropes and May Moorhead. He received his early education in the Onawa public schools and graduated from the High School in 1916. After finishing his high school education he attended the National Business Training College at Sioux City, and the Hohenschuh-Carpenter College of Embalming at Des Moines, Iowa.

On October 23, 1919 he was married to Cora Grapes a citizen Sherman township. Two children blessed the home, John Milton and Majayne.

After returning from World War I he accepted a position with the Western Asphalt Company as an accountant.

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and a daughter Majayne Weber, of Miami Florida. Also one brother, Newell of Phoenix, Ariz., besides numerous friends and relatives

Funeral services were conducted at Des Moines Tuesday evening with Rev. C. S. Kleckner, officiating, and at Onawa Christian church with Rev. E. E. Epperson officiating, on this Thursday afternoon at 2 p. m.

Interment was made in the Onawa cemetery.

Hospital Bonds Voted in Crawford County

Crawford County last week approved 5 to 1 a 200-thousand dollar bond issue to help finance the proposed County Memorial Hospital. Balloting was heavy.

Total cost of the hospital will be 500 thousand dollars, with the Federal Government and private donations making up the remainder.

Onawa Municipal Band Concert on July 22nd



Change in Time at Employment Office

Due to curtailment of funds the following itinerant will be in force beginning July 26. Representatives of the Employer service will be at the office here and assist in employment claims taking at the time scheduled below:

- At the Monona County Courthouse on Tuesday of the following dates from 9 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.
- July 27.
- August 10 and 24
- September 14 and 28.
- October 12 and 26th
- November 9 and 23rd
- December 14th and 28th.

MORE MARRIAGES IN THE COUNTY IN JUNE, 1948

ONLY 9 BIRTHS THIS JUNE COMPARED WITH 23 A YEAR AGO THIS JUNE. JUNE WEDDINGS HIGH

There was Also Less Deaths in the County This June Than a Year Ago According to Statistics.

According to the vital statistics recorded on Clerk E. H. (Bus) Gulick's office. June this year was a real bride's month. 19 marriages were recorded during the month.

However births fell off considerably. Last June there were recorded 23 births. This June only 9 babies were born in the county.

There was also a lesser number of deaths in the county this June than a year ago.

The report for the year so far is as follows:

MONTH	DEATH	BIRTH	MARRIAGES	DIVORCES
January	8	19	10	
February	7	35	9	
March	4	14	9	
April	6	18	9	
May	5	11	6	
June	7	9	19	

Totals so far this year.
Deaths 3
Births 106
Marriages 68
Divorces 11

MARRIAGES

- Leon Hansel to Virginia Schleis June 8, at Mapleton
- Ronald G. Dirksen to Shirley J. Nixon, June 7, 1948, at Mapleton
- Benjamin W. Skidmore, Jr. to Orville Fredstrom, June 2, 1948, at Onawa
- Robert S. Jacobson to Ferne Engelke, June 6, 1948 Mapleton
- Clifford Earl York to Carrol Lee Cook, June 6, 1948 Mapleton
- R. C. Ward to Eldora Hall, June 8, 1948, Onawa
- Harlan McGrail to Louise Hawthorn, June 5, 1948, Mapleton
- B. G. Carriker to Elaine Amundson, June 13, 1948 Moorhead
- William J. Bollin to Beryl B. Barr June 16, 1948, Mapleton
- Gordon Howard Dahl to Barbara Jean Olson, June 20, 1948 Albaton.
- John H. Dose, Jr., to Elsie Thul June 20, 1948, Mapleton
- Joseph E. Jackson to Dorothy Jane Samson, June 20, 1948 at Onawa.

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Mr. and Mrs. Beardsley are affiliated with the Presbyterian church. Mr. Beardsley is a member of Landmark Lodge A. F. & A. M., the Sioux City Consistory and Abu-Bekr Shrine of Sioux City.

"Merle's" is the new name adopted by the Beardsleys for their new ready to wear shop for ladies and children, and their motto is "Be Smart-Be Thrifty"

A "Get Acquainted" sale will begin this Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The Shoppe will be closed all day Thursday to make ready for the opening. A large advertisement appears in this issue of the Democrat which offers many interesting items for this sale.

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He was a member of the following organizations: Past Commander of the local American Legion Past President of the Onawa Chamber of Commerce; F. O. E. Charter member; I. O. O. F.; A. F. & A. M.; Scottish Rite 5; 32nd Degree Mason; Consistory and Shrine at Sioux City. He was a member of the Onawa Christian Church.

The Editor of the Democrat counted Mr. Ropes as one of his best friends; a man whom we fully trusted and admired. Wayne Ropes had a keen mind, he was an excellent executive and one of the most likeable fellows we ever met. He was one of the most thorough men which it has been our pleasure to meet in public office. He was courteous and obliging, and won for himself as a public servant hundreds of steadfast and true friends, who grieve today at his untimely passing.

Wayne Ropes served well and faithfully in the short time he was allowed to live. He will be long remembered for the many kindly acts that he administered to the county, state, and nation.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Cora Grapes Ropes, and son John

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
W. Iowa Ave at 4th Street
Albert A. Howe, Minister
Onawa, Iowa
Telephone 116

"Give God a chance at your heart. Avoid taking a chance hereafter" Wayside Pulpit.

"Finding and Tapping Life's Resources" will be the theme for Sunday's worship service. There are happy shallows in every life and there are depths if we can find them.

The Okoboji Bible Conference starts tonight, July 25th at the Methodist Camp on Okoboji Lake west of Spirit Lake town. It lasts a week and their program is of the very best.

Our fall quarterly conference will be held August 15th. That we report our work for the year. Our annual conference is only about a month after at Cherokee.

Benefit Dance To Be Held at Sloan, Iowa

On Friday evening, July 23, a dance will be held in the Sloan park, for the benefit of buying new uniforms for the Sloan Band sponsored by the Sloan Band Association 12 valuable prizes will be given away. Music will be furnished by Bob Carter and his Moonlight Serenaders, a fifteen piece orchestra. Dance admission is free with the purchase of one \$1.00 ticket, now on sale at the business places. In case of rain the dance will be held in the Sloan school auditorium. Mrs. W. A. Kirkwood is the publicity chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lettely were evening guests in the Wayne Mann home.

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M. D. Hudleson, Director

- Aces of the Air March
- Favorite Strauss Waltzes
- Torch of Liberty March
- Perfect Day
- Presstissima Gallop
- Merry Widow Selection
- Till we Meet Again sacred melody
- Americana March
- Clarinet Polka
- Old Church Organ Serenade
- Operatic Mingle Medley
- Invercargill March
- Star Spangled Banner.

Next week will be the last concert of the summer series. In that concert several favorites and requests will be played. These include: Magic Garden overture and repeat playing of Silver Threads Among the Gold and the Circus Parade. As a fitting climax to the summer concerts the band will play a medley of Service Songs transcribed by the director and used by the Martin Military band at Omaha. This number will be especially dedicated to those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country in World War II. Included in this list are Odell Woods, Ed-Stauffer and Bill Dinwiddie all of whom played in band here under Mr. Hudleson.

Methodist Young People Return From Conference

The following young people from the Methodist Youth Fellowship returned last Saturday from a very pleasant camp experience at Camp Methoji at Spirit Lake. Wight and Eugene Persinger, Martlyn and Karle Berrier, Patty Carpenter, Katherine Johnson and George and Carlone Hackett. They were accompanied by their pastor.

June 16, 1948, Mr. Gordon Howard De Jean Olson, June ton.

John H. Dose, Jr. June 20, 1948, Ma Joseph E. Jackson Jane Samson, Ju Onawa.

James Howschultz Nielsen, June 17 Robert McElroy to June 20, 1948, O Walter C. Kaiser to ville, June 19, 19 John Swanson to June 26, 1948, On Gayle Otis Sisse Elaine Troth, Ju Onawa.

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DIVORCE

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BIRTH

Mitchel Clark June 24, 1948 at Kenneth Ward He June 20, 1948 at Steven LeeRoy Lau 5, 1948 at Onawa Robert Lynn Matt June 24, 1948, a Ronald Kenyon Ne 2, 1948 at Ute.

Raymond Leo Rich June 20, 1948, at Elaine Kay Samm 3, 1948 at Maple Ada Jo Stevens, bo at Onawa.

Kathy Dee Swain 1948 at Ute.

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DEATH

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Polio Scare C the Harvest At Bl

Due to the wide ic of polio in West coe has canceled annual harvest fe ed for August 9, 1 is sponsored by Kelley Post of the gion and is cance ation with the Cit Wayne Gets Stevens-Kelley Blencoe, Iowa.

the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the members of the family of the deceased.

JAMES W. FOSTER,
JOHN HANSEN,
GENE POSTON,

Committee.

Memorial to the Honorable Wayne M. Ropes of Monona County

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Wayne M. Ropes, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

The Honorable Wayne M. Ropes, the son of Jess L. and Mae Moorhead Ropes, was born at Onawa, Iowa, on October 23, 1898. He attended the Onawa public schools, the National Business College at Sioux City, and the Hohenshuh-Carpenter College of Embalming at Des Moines.

In 1922 Mr. Ropes was married to Cora Grapes of Blencoe, Iowa. To this union two children were born, Majayne and John Milton.

Mr. Ropes engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Onawa. He became actively interested in public affairs, and in 1925 was elected Monona county auditor, which office he held for eight years. In 1933 he became connected with the Iowa state banking department where he remained until 1936. Mr. Ropes served as Monona county Representative in the Forty-eighth General Assembly. In 1942 he was elected secretary of state and was re-elected in 1944.

During World War I Mr. Ropes was in the Medical Corps of the United States Navy, serving at naval bases in Ireland, Italy and France.

Mr. Ropes was a member of the First Christian Church. He was commander of the David McNeill Post, American Legion; president of the Onawa Commercial Club; Consistory, Forty and Eight, I.O.O.F., Moose and F.O.E.

Mr. Ropes died on July 18, 1948, and is survived by his wife and two children.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Wayne M. Ropes the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful public servant, and the House, by this resolution, would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

HARRY NIELSEN,
ALBERT WEISS,
FRANCIS E. TIERNEY,

Committee.