

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Mullins, Gene Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Hancock, Number 4, Keosauh, Palo Alto and Brookston  
Counties

1. Birthday and place 18 June 1936 Denver, Colorado

2. Marriage (s) date place

James A. Mullins 1956

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business She was a member of the Dean's advisory Council of  
Iowa State University College of Agriculture

B. Civic responsibilities Air Scouts, Keosauh Co. Farm Bureau,  
Keosauh County 4-H; Keosauh County Planning Council

C. Profession Homemaker; free lance writer of farm publications;  
teacher

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 68<sup>th</sup>, 69<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup>, 71<sup>st</sup>, 72<sup>nd</sup> General Assemblies - 1979-1980,  
1981-1982, 1983-1984, 1985-1986, 1987-1988

6. Public Offices

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

B. State Member of the State Planning Committee, Iowa 2000 Plan Phase II;  
State Advisory Council

C. National Member of the National Conference of State Legislatures' Women's  
Network; member American Association of University Women

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

8. Children Michael, Dan; Jennifer

9. Names of parents Lawrence C. and Helen M. (Blunt) Mullins

Mullins, Sue

10. Education She graduated from the Evanston Township  
High School in Evanston, Illinois

11. Degrees B.S. from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, 1967

12. Other applicable information Republican

- She lived at Corwith, Iowa during her legislative terms.
- She taught Journalism at Corwith - Wesley High School
- She and her husband had three exchange students, Hans from Sweden;  
Judy from Switzerland, Bernard from France.



1880

## CORWITH, IOWA

“Then” and “Now”

*Where there is no vision  
the people perish;  
but he that keepeth  
the law, happy is he.*

*Proverbs 29:18*

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1980

# Farmers—In The News

## THE FARMER

He gambles every day on everything from the stocks to the weather. He has seen the bad times when the farm prices were low and he and his family had to scrape the odds and ends just to pay the bills. But along with the bad there was the good when everything was running smoothly. May it be good or bad he has gotten through them, somehow.

He wakes in the darkness of the sub zero winter morning or the brightness of the sun on a sweltering summer's dawn. He begins his day with a cup of coffee and a glance of the paper. The day ends for him long after the sun is down. This is his life and he wouldn't trade it in for anything else.

He has weathered through the worst of snowstorms when it never seems to be letting up. He has seen his entire livestock die from one blizzard. He has seen a gentle summer rain turn to a raging storm that has torn his crops into fields of shredded corn and beans. But he still tries again and again.

He is the keeper of the land he painstakingly works with many others around the world to make it produce the food for a growing, moving, and changing world.

He is the American Farmer.

—Linda Weber

## E. THURMAN GASKILL

E. Thurman Gaskill, 44, operates an 1,120 acre grain and livestock farm near Corwith, Iowa. He produces and finishes 1,300 head of hogs annually.

Thurman is chairman of the Iowa Corn Promotion Board, past president and currently a director-at-large for the Iowa Corn Growers Association. Gaskill is a member of the Agriculture Advisory Committee for Iowa State University, a commissioner and vice-chairman of the Iowa Development Commission and past vice-chairman of the Governor's Agriculture Promotion Board, as well as vice-chairman of the U.S. Feed Grains Council. In 1973, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Earl Butz, appointed Gaskill as an agricultural representative to the Federal Energy Advisory Committee. Other offices occupied by Gaskill have included the presidency of the National Corn Growers Association, the Iowa Farm Business Association, and vice-chairman of the Agricultural Council of America. In 1969, Gaskill served as the agricultural representative on a six-man Rotary Study Exchange team which conducted a two-month study of Australia. In 1972 he was a member of a four-man group participating in a seven-city tour of the United States to provide two-way communication between farmers and consumers in major metropolitan centers on the food price issue.

1974-75 were years of extensive activity by Gaskill on behalf of U.S. agriculture. In the fall of '74 he addressed food seminars in Lima, Peru and Tokyo, Japan, sponsored by the

International Minerals and Chemical Corporation. He subsequently was invited by Indian government officials to tour the starvation stricken areas of central India and Bangladesh and observed agricultural practices along the Nile River in Egypt before going to Rome, Italy to attend the World Food Conference.

In February of 1975, Gaskill delivered the keynote address at the World Hunger Conference on the campus of Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa; a speech which was to gain widespread publicity.

Gaskill has received numerous awards and recognition for his efforts on behalf of Iowa agriculture, including being selected to the Agricultural Hall of Fame at Iowa State University. He attended Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, and served two years in the United States Army prior to beginning his farming operation in 1958. He is active in the United Methodist Church and various community activities, including having served three terms as a member of the Hancock County Board of Education.

He and his wife, Geraldine, have three children including Beth—14, Mark—12, and David—11.



## JAMES AND SUE MULLINS

The sign over the farm lane about a mile north of Corwith reads: "Prairie Flat Farms—Jim and Sue Mullins." In spring, a green haze shrouds the quarter-mile long lane as 80-year-old landmark cottonwoods leaf out. Cows and newborn calves graze beneath the trees, while cattle fatten in nearby pens on grain from the Mullins' fields.

Jim, a Corwith native, brought city-raised Sue back to a farming partnership with his parents 20 years ago. Eight years later, Jim and Sue bought out the operation and continued to farm with the help of their three children, Michael, Dan and Jennifer.

While the children were small and the farm operation struggling, Jim and Sue devoted most of their volunteer hours to local and county activities. Both have been active lay members of the United Methodist Church. Sue taught

church school and directed the Junior Choir. Jim presently chairs the Board of Trustees. They are Community Club members.

Jim's activities are heavily farm oriented, specifically in the beef industry. He has served Kossuth County Cattlemen as director and president of the county association. At the state level, Jim acted as vice-president of the Beef Producers and helped develop the consolidation with Livestock Feeders into the Iowa Cattlemen's Association.

Before his election as chairman of the Beef Industry Council of the National Livestock and Meat Board, Jim was chairman of the Iowa Beef Industry Council. Kossuth County Cattlemen recognized him as that group's Outstanding Cattleman in 1977.

Jim presently serves on the National Beferendum Advisory Committee for NLMB, as a member of the Ag Promotion Board for the Iowa Development Commission and chairs the Iowa Lakes Production Credit Association, for which he has been a director since 1976. Having served as a member of the Kossuth County Fair Board, Jim is still a familiar sight in the cattle judging ring at fair time.

Sue stayed close to home while the children were young, helping organize Corwith Girl Scouts and writing for and about farm women. Her articles have appeared in *Wallace's Farmer*, *Farm Journal* and *Farm Wife News*. She also assumed leadership roles in Kossuth County 4-H activities and served on the county extension council. For two years,

she was an area representative for Youth for Understanding, an experience which brought students from around the world into the Mullins' home. She taught journalism at Corwith-Wesley High School.

Recently elected as vice-chair of the State Advisory Council on Continuing Education and Community Betterment, Sue was also appointed to the State Planning Committee for Iowa's citizen-based future study, Iowa 2000.

In 1978, Governor Robert Ray appointed Jim as one of six Iowa delegates to the White House Conference on Balanced National Growth and Economic Development. At the same time, Sue began her successful election campaign as Iowa Representative from the Seventh House District. She currently serves as vice-chair of the House Committee on Human Resources and chairs the special Families Committee. She is the first woman to serve on the House Agriculture Committee and also sits on the Energy Committee.

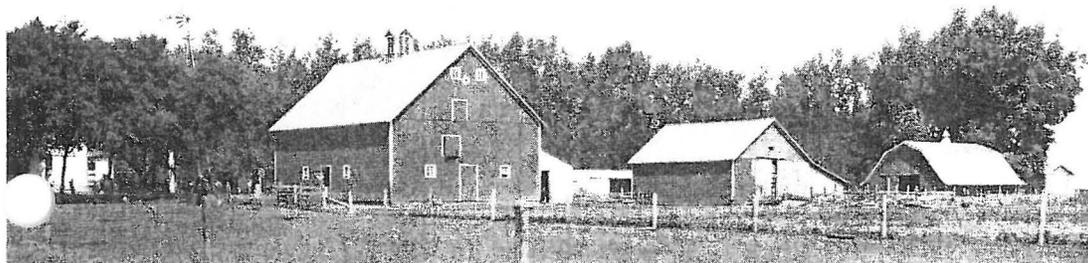
Michael was recently graduated from Iowa State University with a B.S. in Animal Science. Dan is studying political science, pre-law, at the University of Iowa. Jennifer is a senior at Corwith-Wesley.

In addition to their natural family, the Mullins have had three additional international sons. Hans, a Swede; Felix, a Swiss; who each lived with the family as exchange students. Frenchman Bernard Topin also shared a year in Corwith with the Mullins.



Hay Press

Threshing crew



R. C. Glawe Farm