

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Norland, Lowell E. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Cerro, Woods and North Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14. Aug 1931 Mason City, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place \_\_\_\_\_

Joanna Kingland 1951

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Lions Club;

C. Profession Farmer; tax consultant

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 65<sup>th</sup> 66<sup>th</sup> 67<sup>th</sup> 68<sup>th</sup> 69<sup>th</sup> 70<sup>th</sup> 71<sup>st</sup> Iowa Assemblies 1973-1974;

6. Public Offices 1975-1976; 1977-1978; 1979-1980; 1981-1982; 1983-1984; 1985-1986

A. Local Treasurer of North County Democrats; charter member of North County Extension Council

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

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

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

8. Children 3 sons; 1 daughter

9. Names of parents Norman and Arletta Norland

Norland, Lowell E.

10. Education He graduated from the Kearsott Iowa High School  
in 1949

11. Degrees He attended the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls,  
Iowa 1949-1951

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He farmed from 1951
- He was a part-time tax consultant 1962-1972
- His father, Norman Norland, was also in the Iowa Legislature serving in the  
49<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 51<sup>st</sup>, 52<sup>nd</sup>, 53<sup>rd</sup>, 54<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947, 1949, 1951  
in the House of Representatives.



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# WORTH COUNTY HERITAGE 1853 - 1976



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LEON S. BARNES

Masonic organizations including Order of Eastern Star, Royal Arch Masons, and the Shrine.

Very interested in politics, he attended the 1940 national convention of the Republican party in Philadelphia. Leon was regularly a delegate to the county and state Republican conventions. The Iowa Good Roads Association valued his advise and counsel during the years as a member of its board, and two days before his death, he was nominated for another term. He also served on the state board of the American Cancer Society and many other similar groups and associations.

He was well informed in many fields and it is an understatement to say that his interests were many and varied. He was proud of his home town.

In 1922, Leon was married to Stella M. Minor. The couple had two children, Alice, Mrs. Lloyd Madson, who is co-editor with her husband of the Anchor, and Minor, an attorney in Cedar Rapids. At the time of his death there were three grandchildren.

One cannot close the story of Leon Barnes without mention of his personal attributes. He had intelligence, vision, ability, and his good judgment was extraordinary. He worked hard all his life at his avocation or whatever else he took a special interest in. But most of all we remember that he was friendly and warm hearted, also his rare and delightful sense of humor.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Lowell Norland was born in Mason City, Iowa, Aug. 14, 1931, the son of Norman and Aletta Norland. He attended Laurens and Kensett grade schools and graduated from Kensett High School in 1949. He attended the University of Northern Iowa in 1949 to 1951. Lowell has been farming since 1951. In addition to farming he has been a part-time tax consultant from 1962 until 1972. He was married to Donna Kingland and they are the parents of three sons and one daughter.

Mr. Norland is a member of Elk Creek Lutheran Church. He is a former chairman of Worth County Democrats.

Lowell's father, Norman, was a State Representative during the 1940's.

Lowell Norland was first elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in 1972 from the 12th District. The 12th District consists of all Worth County, three-and-a-half townships of Cerro Gordo County and a little more than half of Mason City.



Mr. Norland was re-elected in 1974 and was named chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee for the 66th session. The Ways and Means committee is the taxing committee of the legislature and is considered one of the main committees in the legislature together with the Appropriations Committee. It is also one of the largest with 35 of the 100 representatives as members.

Minnie Johnson reported in 1946 that "with regret, we learned that the returning soldiers we thought would run for county offices — took jobs elsewhere — no seekers at this time to go on the ticket."

A count of the names in the secretary's record book showed a total of 361 active Democrats since 1944. They were lead by the following office holders in the Worth County Democratic Central Committee:

Chairman — Walter A. Wagner 1944-46; W. E. Connors 1946-54; Olger Tenold 1954-62; Lowell Norland 1962-66; Richard Holstad 1966-70; Robert Smith 1970-71; Dennis May 1971.

Vice Chairman — Ruth Carey 1944-46; DeEtta Peterson 1946-54; Ola Randall 1954-60; Lois Reinsmoen 1960-66; Norma Smith 1966-71; Gaylis Tenold 1971-74; Donald Bork 1974-.

Secretary — Minnie Johnson 1944-46; Ruth Carey 1946-58; Lois Reinsmoen 1958-60; Nan Garnas 1960-61; Daryl McCready 1962-66; Constance Ford 1966-68; Marcie Mueller 1968-; Rosemary Heneman 1974; Randy Wirtzes 1974-74; Julie Brunsvold 1974.

Treasurer — Wm. J. Mitchell 1944-44; John Tietz 1944-58; Lowell Norland 1958-62; Richard Holstad 1962-66; Richard Slattum 1966-74; Richard Tuttle 1974.

Since 1932, Worth County Democrats have successfully gained state and county offices. There have been seven county supervisors serving in all three supervisor districts, Art Doebel, Clarence Slattum, Harvy Bartz, Ralph Harris, Archie Bilyeu, Arnold Buechele, and Robert Smith. Harvey Gaarder has served consecutively as county recorder since 1934. Democrats who have served as county treasurer are Howard Erdmann, Harold Mueller and James Hanson. The office of sheriff has been held by Ansel Connors and Mike Leraaen. County Attorney positions have been filled by L. E. Plummer and Phil Norland.

The only state office held by Worth County Democrats was that of State Representative. Until the last term of Harold Mueller each county had its own representative. In 1964 Worth and Winnebago shared the same representative. This changed in 1972 when Worth was grouped with part of Cerro Gordo.

State Representatives — Paul I. D. Ostby 1933-34; Lewis Blattspieler 1935-36; Norman Norland 1942-50; Harold Mueller 1959-66; Lowell Norland 1973-.

There were two attempts at the state ticket when L. E. Plummer, now a district judge, ran for Attorney General in 1954 and in 1956 ran in the Democratic primary against Hershel Loveless for the office of Governor.

Ruth Carey tells of the meeting in 1956 when W. W. (Woody) Hudson spoke briefly on a Plummer for Governor campaign. Some of the local democrats were enlisted to help "Larry in driving some of the long distances while on his speaking campaign. This was one of the finest Democratic meetings attended by close to 100 people ever held in the county."

In contrast was the successful campaign in 1974 of incumbent, Dale Schultz, for Union Township Trustee. In a time when local government was being minimized, Mr. Schultz appeared in parades, distributed campaign materials, and twice was mentioned in Flansberg's column

in the "Des Moines Register."

While the methods of campaigning have changed, the problems of running a political party have remained pretty much the same. Harvey Gaarder, County Recorder (1934), did most of his campaigning early in the morning at the local creameries. He shook hands and placed his cards on the cream can lids. Modern campaigns make more use of newspapers and television. Also computerized voter identification has produced a more effective mailing campaign and a system of poll watching for better party voting participation.

In 1974 voters in Worth county were required to register prior to voting in the next election. At the present time more county Democrats are registered than Republicans. It is a credit to the Worth County Democrats that the gains of the protest movement of the 30's have been sustained into the nation's bicentennial year. And it can be added that Worth County now has a healthy two-party system.

#### KENSETT CITIZENS IN GOVERNMENT

Kensett has had a small share in the formulation of the laws of our state, and in National foreign policy.



In 1932 Paul I. D. Ostby was elected State Representative from Worth county in the Democratic landslide of that year. He had been a resident of the state of Iowa but one year and seven months on the day of election. Mr. Ostby served in the 45th General and the 45th extra sessions of the House of Representatives.

Norman Norland was elected State Representative from Worth county on the Democratic ticket in 1940. He served one-half session, being unseated by a contest. He was re-elected and served in 1942, 1944, 1946, 1948, and 1950.

In 1973 Lowell Norland, son of Norman Norland, was elected State Representative from the 12th Congressional District, the district made up of Worth, and part of Cerro Gordo, and Winnebago counties. At this time he is continuing to serve in the Legislature.

Another member of the Norland family chose to serve his country in the field of International politics. In 1952, Donald Richard Norland joined the State Department, serving as a member of the Foreign Diplomatic Corps. He has served in the United States Embassy in The Hague, Netherlands; Rabat, Morocco; and Canakry, Guinea. He is presently with the State Department in Washington, D. C.