

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Diets, Riley A. Senator _____
Represented Scott County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 17. May 1905 North Dakota

2. Marriage (s) date place

Velma Pahl 1924

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Moose Lodge; Elks Club; Grange
Walter League

C. Profession Contractor; farmer; roofing and insulating business;
real estate and insurance

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th General Assemblies 1955, 1957

6. Public Offices 1959, 1961, 1963

A. Local _____

B. State State president of the Justice of the Peace and Constables
Association of Iowa 1953-1964

C. National _____

7. Death 29 Aug 1970 Davenport Iowa; buried Walcott Cemetery, Walcott, Iowa

8. Children Edith (Mrs. Louis Harkson); Helen (Mrs. Raymond Muhs);
Donald; Emmet; Riley A. Jr.

9. Names of parents _____

Deitz, LeRoy A.

10. Education He was educated in the Des Moines, Iowa public schools, graduating in 1922

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He formed cental 1930.
- He then was associated with Economy Roofing and Insulating Company from 1930 - 1942 and electrical contracting 1942-1955
- Hereafter he owned the Powell Roofing Company of Cedar Rapids
- He came with his family from North Dakota to Scott County, Iowa at age one year to live on the farm established by his grandfather in 1847
- His grandfather, Philip Deitz, was also a legislator 1885-1889.

Society, Riley A.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Chitway	-	The Davenport Times Democrat,	Davenport, Iowa, Sun. Aug. 30, 1970, p. 1A, col 5, 6 and p. 3A, col 1, 2
- Funeral arrangements	-	The Davenport Times Democrat,	Davenport, Iowa, Mon. Aug 31, 1970, p. 14, col. 1, 2
- Iowa Official Register	-	1963-1964, p. 68	

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ur index would amount

to an over-all salary increase of about 11
per cent. The CTA demand for a \$7,800
base on a five-by-five index would pro-
duce a over-all pay hike of 21.3 per cent.

A CTA statement attached to its
counterproposal was interpreted by Wil-
liam Dalley Moline, as saying "In es-
sence, they are not going to be back to
work unless they have a firm contract."

Dailey was retained by the board as

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children, Jeannie, 15, Bill, 11, and Tim, 6,
to select a tree from Rohlf's nursery.

"THE CHILDREN were real excited
when I told them," she said. "Mr.
Rohlf's is certainly a gracious gentle-
man.

"The old tree was a real enjoyment
to the children and as a mother I went
along with their protest against having it
cut down," she said.

"I believe in progress but there is
just so much destruction today in the
name of progress," she said.



AP Wirephoto
Johnson leans from the
with admirers during
k. The park, located
Saturday.

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Former Scott Legislator Riley Dietz Dies At 65

Riley A. Dietz, 65, Walcott, promi-
nent Scott County businessman and for-
mer legislator, died Saturday at St.
Luke's Hospital where he had been ad-
mitted earlier in the day after suddenly
becoming ill.

Death was attributed to a massive
heart attack.

As his most recent undertaking, Mr.
Dietz helped organize the Iowa Property
Taxpayers Assn. and was serving as its
first president. The organization was
formed last spring during the "revolt"
against spiraling property taxes.

During his five terms in the Iowa
House of Representatives, from 1955 to
1965, he was a controversial figure but
highly respected by both Republicans
and Democrats.

He was one of the principal field
generals for the liquor-by-the-drink law
passed in 1963. He had long advocated
such a law but was unable to rally
enough support from his Republican co-
llectors to pass it until the issue became



RILEY A. DIETZ

one of the chief items on the program of
Gov. Harold E. Hughes, a Democrat who
took office in 1963.

Dietz also was a leader in getting a
law passed legalizing use of cigarette
vending machines. Despite the fact one
of the largest manufacturers of the de-
vices in the United States is located in
Iowa, the legislature shied away from le-

-RILEY DIETZ

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High and low readings as observed at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. High readings cover the preceding 12 hours; low readings the preceding 18 hours. Precipitation covers the preceding 24 hours.

CITY	High	Low	Precip.
QUAD-CITIES	91	70	—
Albany	76	56	—
Albuquerque	94	62	—
Atlanta	89	71	—
Bismarck	93	55	—

Jacksonville	92	76	—
Juneau	55	51	.20
Kansas City	96	74	—
Los Angeles	81	65	—
Louisville	89	65	—
Memphis	93	73	—
Miami	86	81	—
Milwaukee	73	63	.32
Mpls.-St. Paul	76	58	1.10
New Orleans	86	71	.05
New York	88	76	—

Washington	94	70	—
Winnipeg	74	55	1.03

RIVER DATA

	Flood Stage	Stage Today	24 hr. Chg.
LaCrosse	12	4.6	—
Dubuque	17	6.8	—
LeClaire	10	4.3	+3
Davenport	15	3.2	+1
Muscatine	16	4.8	—

shop of the League of Municipalities.

AFTER THE five h the committee will ho drafting sessions to make changes sugge municipal officials. T draft of the document submitted to the 1971 ture for action.

Riley Dietz Dies At Age 65

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galizing them in the state for many years.

He was a "lone wolf" among his Republican colleagues by his outspoken support for repeal of Iowa's right to work laws to legalize the union shop.

DIETZ, a craggy, stocky man with broad shoulders, always gave the impression of a man hard at work.

After he was defeated in the 1964 Democratic landslide when he ran for the Iowa Senate, Dietz turned lobbyist for several of his "pet" bills. He made another try for the Senate in 1966 but was defeated in the Republican primary by Roger Jepsen, Davenport, who two years later was elected lieutenant governor.

In the legislative chambers, Dietz was well known for his debating style — blunt, no-nonsense, monosyllabic. Although he came from one of the state's most populous counties, his small town residency at Walcott and the simplicity of his language won him respect among the predominantly rural members of the legislature.

His philosophy of government was expressed in a guest editorial he wrote for Davenport Newspapers in 1961.

"THE CONSTITUTION of Iowa sets us a system which requires us to 'make haste slowly.' All kinds of interests — sectional, political, trade groups, people on different economic levels — are all assured a hearing.

"It is very difficult to rush even an obviously good bill through the Iowa Legislature. That is deplored by all of us as a bad thing. But it is also very difficult to work a bad bill through the legislative mill. And that, I am sure we will

all agree, is a good thing," Dietz wrote.

Mr. Dietz was born in North Dakota, May 17, 1907, but the family returned to Scott County a year later to occupy the Walcott home that had been his grandfather's since 1847. The grandfather, Philip Dietz, also was an Iowa legislator, serving two terms from 1885 to 1889.

Mr. Dietz graduated from Davenport High School. He never enrolled in college but did take some night school work.

MR. DIETZ married Velma Pahl of Blue Grass in 1924. He farmed until 1930, then became associated with Economy Roofing and Insulating Co. He was in the electrical contracting business from 1942 to 1955, and became owner-operator of Powell Roofing Co., Cedar Rapids, in 1959. In recent years, he had been in the insurance and income tax business.

Mr. Dietz was state president of the Justices of the Peace and Constables Association of Iowa in 1953 and 1954. For years he was host at an annual fish fry at his summer camp on the Cedar River near Moscow sponsored by the eastern Iowa branch of the association.

The event was one of the highlights of political activity, attracting both Republicans and Democrats from all parts of the state.

Besides his wife, Mr. Dietz is survived by daughters, Mrs. Louis (Edith) Harksen, Walcott; and Mrs. Raymond (Helen) Muhs, Eldridge; sons, Donald, Walcott; Emmett, Canoga Park, Calif., and Riley Jr., North Las Vegas, Nev.; 19 grandchildren; a brother, Donald, Stewart, Fla., and his stepmother, Mrs. Christina Dietz, Walcott.

The body is at the Runge Funeral Home, Davenport.

As tentatively proposed municipal code commission much simplified that does not change tent of the present legal counsel for the tive Services Bureau worked closely with relative study committee drafting the code "we be easily understood officials, eliminating the present confusing conflicting and overlapping laws."

Working from a position that it is unfair to impose restrictions on cities population, the commission eliminated most of the present code references, permitting all to be treated equally less of size.

Another basic principle adopted by the commission was that the state's code should not grow except in a broad way, but should be a statement of the the home rule power.

The committee has worked closely with cities particular problems. Often the proposed new cities will not have immediate changes in their charters.

OPTIONAL forms of government are retained in the proposed code, in addition of a home rule city.

The new home rule

FINAL WIND-UP!
Biggest Mid-Summer Sale
at Conn's!

Riley Dietz Services Will Be Wednesday

Services for Riley A. Dietz, 65, Walcott, prominent Scott County businessmen and former legislator who died Saturday at St. Luke's Hospital, will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Runge Chapel. Burial will be in the Walcott Cemetery.

Visitation will be after 3 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Memorials may be made to the Heart Fund.

Pall bearers will be Jack Stull, John Shenpolk, John Dietz, Harold Bluedorn, Art

Fisher, and Clarence Wimmer.

Honorary pall bearers are: Jack Schroeder, Senator Harold Thordsen, Congressman Fred Schwengel, Senator Jack Miller, Charles "Casey" Jones, Walter Dietz, Don Petruccelli, Richard Jones, Ed Braack, Charles Whitenmeyer, V. O. Figge, Al Mensing, Hugh Hannah, Phillip Jacobsen, Lyle Mercer, David Nitikman, Scott Swisher, Ralph Henninger Sr., and C. A. Werner.

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MARTIN SERVICES

Services for Margaret L. Martin, 73, of 3856 Johnson Ave., Davenport, will be at 3



MISS MARTIN

p.m. Tuesday at the Hill & Fredericks Chapel, Davenport.

Burial will be in Fairmount Cemetery.

Today's Funerals

- Arthur W. Bargmann, 2:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Davenport.
- Edwin A. Carlson, 11:30 a.m., Runge.
- Mrs. William Clauson, 9 a.m., Hill & Fredericks, Davenport.
- Elmer Grueber, 1 p.m., Runge.
- Clarence E. "Kay" Monson, 1:30 p.m., Trimble.
- Mrs. Ralph Nickels, 9:20 a.m., DeRoo; 10 a.m., St. Anne's Church, East Moline.
- Mrs. Ennis Smith, 1:30 p.m., Esterdahl.
- Henry A. Strohhenn, 9:15 a.m., Runge; 10 a.m., St. Alphonsus Church, Davenport.

Nest was married to John Carroll in Chicago. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Carroll is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Scott E. Doup, and a son, Fred Nest, both of Davenport; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

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