

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Meyer, Alvin Perry Senator _____
Represented Madison County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 7 Oct 1897 Jefferson Township, Madison County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Marthy Ruth, Shambaugh 29 Dec 1923

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Vice-president of Life Investors Insurance Company of America;

founder and an operator of Theatland Productions which is an Iowa

motion picture production company
B. Civic responsibilities Rotary; Lions Club; Hesteret Chamber of
Commerce; Madison County Retard Children

C. Profession Farmer; Meyer Brothers Oil Company; Restaurant business;
Bowling lane business; food market business; welding shop; motel and mobile
home park

4. Church membership Brotherhood

5. Sessions served 59th, 60th General Assemblies 1961, 1963

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National Democratic candidate for the U. S. senate from Iowa in 1950;
twice entered the field for U. S. Congress from this district

7. Death 21 Oct 1967 at his farm in Jefferson Township; Buried Hesteret Cemetery

8. Children Marjorie (Mrs. Bucklew); Carroll; Frederick;
Beatrice (Mrs. Marasco); Karen (Mrs. Silliman)

9. Names of parents Frederick Perry and Alice Mae (Roderick) Meyer

10. Education He was educated in Wadena, Minn. and Wadena, Minn.

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He entered the oil business about 1932 in partnership with his brother, Earl Meyer, of Van Meter, Iowa
- They established the oil company with a bulk plant at Van Meter and service stations at Van Meter, Adel and Hinton
- They later expanded into a chain of retail outlets in the area of Iowa around Hinton.
- Around 1947 he moved into the restaurant business by building the Aldo Cafe in Hinton which was later followed by the Golden Buffet dining rooms in Hinton and Kansas City, MO
- He also invested in the Thin-Bowl Bowling lanes, the Bigg Mart food market, a welding shop, the Aldo-Maple Leaf motel and a mobile home park all in Hinton
- He also was a large land owner

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WINTerset, IOWA, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1967

It's hard to know where to start and stop in reflecting upon the life of Alvin Meyer. We doubt if any man who ever lived in this county had more varied interests, or affected the lives of more persons.

He was many things to many different people. He was a farmer, he was a gasoline truck driver during the depression, he was a sports enthusiast and for a number of years managed semi-pro and amateur baseball teams, he was an investor, grain market trader and businessman, he was an aggressive politician and public servant.

Only a few years ago, in his sixties, Alvin scrambled over the hot, dry mountainous plateau of eastern Colorado, prospecting for a new stake in uranium deposits. But, for all his energy spent on public and private enterprises, he always found time to express his love for family life. The moments he cherished the most were those spent with wife, children, grandchildren and relatives.

Alvin was a controversial person, to be sure. Heck, he didn't expect everyone to agree with him. Of those who did disagree, he respected most those who said so, point-blank to his face.

This writer has no qualm with conformists, or those who strive to maintain a status quo in society. However, it is the nature of some gifted individualists to continually strike out for change and improvement. These are the men who leave their mark in history. Such a man was Alvin Meyer.

One of many traits we admired in Alvin was his ability to laugh at himself. He liked nothing better than to tell a good joke, especially one on himself.

Many of his close friends chose to call him "Skinny." Alvin didn't take this as a form of disrespect, but actually got a kick out of it. The term referred to his earlier years when he was a six-year-old, weighing only 135 pounds.

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Just about one year ago



ALVIN P. MEYER

Alvin P. Meyer Died Unexpectedly Saturday

Alvin P. Meyer of Winterset, one of Iowa's leading business, farm and political figures, died Saturday afternoon, Oct. 21. His death occurred unexpectedly, of a heart attack, while he was at his farm in Jefferson township. He was 70 years of age.

Mr. Meyer was one of Madison county's most widely-known citizens, and a life-long resident of the county. He was born in Jefferson township Oct. 7, 1897, a son of Fred and Alice Roderick Meyer. His early life was spent farming in that community.

He was married in 1923 to Dorothy Shambaugh of Lee township, who survives him.

Mr. Meyer entered the oil business about 1932 in partnership with his brother, Earl Meyer of Van Meter. Together they established the Meyer Brothers Oil company, with a bulk plant at Van Meter and their first service stations at Van Meter, Adel and Winterset. They later expanded this into a chain of retail outlets in this part of Iowa. About 20 years ago he moved into the Winterset area.

Meyer is survived by five children; Mrs. Marjorie Bucklew of Northridge, Calif., Carroll Meyer of North Kansas City Mo., Frederick Meyer of Winterset, Mrs. Barbara Marasco of San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. Karen Silliman of Winterset. He also leaves 18 grandchildren; a brother, Earl Meyer of Van Meter; and a sister, Mrs. Mae Gowin of Van Meter.

Funeral services were to be held this Wednesday at 2 p. m. from the Van Meter United Brethren church, in charge of the Rev. Clifford Carter, and of the pastor, the Rev. Donald Jones. Burial was to be made in the Winterset cemetery.

Honorary casket bearers were Marion Westphal, J. C. Moore, Ronald Jensen, Shirley Webster, Peter Hansen, George Crane, and Gilbert Johnson.

Active pallbearers were Herb Gowin, Howard Gowin, Ben Elder, L. V. Preston, Glen Cline, Phillip Duff, Lewis Jordan and Harry Watts.

TWO ARE INJURED

CHILDREN SET UNICEF CANVAS Des Moines Area

Trick or Treat for Unicef To Be Held This Sunday Evening

A number of Winterset children will join the world's greatest effort by children to help children when they engage in a Trick or Treat for UNICEF program this Sunday evening, Oct. 29. Local sponsors include several churches of the Winterset Ministerial association. The Rev. Everett K. Burham is serving as the general chairman for the occasion.

All 7th and 8th Graders who wish to be a part of the evening's activities are to meet at the First Methodist Church at 309 East Jefferson St. at 6 p. m. this Sunday. There the young folks and their adult companions for the evening will receive their instructions and be divided into calling groups. Homes of the community will be visited by these calling groups from 6:15 p. m. to 7:45 p. m. that evening.

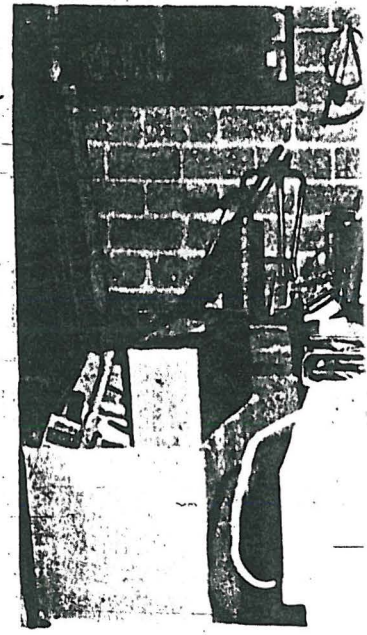
The coins and other monies contributed to these Trick or Treaters for UNICEF by the residents of the Winterset community will help to finance over 500 vital programs for needy children and mothers in more than 100 countries.

A penny can mean six glasses of milk for hungry youngsters. A nickel buys enough penicillin to cure two little victims of yaws, an ugly, crippling tropical disease. A dime provides the antibiotics to save a child suffering from trachoma from total blindness. Fifteen cents provides a hundred vitamin capsules. A quarter means enough BCG vaccine to protect 20 children against tuberculosis. Fifty cents makes available enough DDT to protect seven children from malaria for one year, and seventy-five cents enough sulfone to treat a case of leprosy.

Official UNICEF collection cartons will identify the Trick or Treaters. Shaped like a half pint milk container, they will show the emblem of a mother and child on an orange background. The youth who go out for UNICEF will be escorted and supervised by adults at all times.

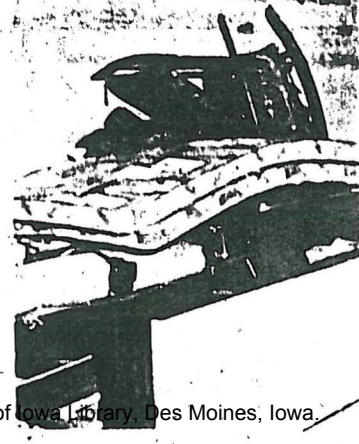
The Trick or Treaters and their adult supervisors will return to the Methodist church to make their report and to enjoy a fellowship and recreational period. It is anticipated that

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SHERIFF ACQUIRES RE

Sheriff Rex Rouse is pleased stolen merchandise located today at Winterset. He estimates \$10,000.



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Just about one year ago now, on the eve of the 1946 general election, we wrote the following editorial in support of our personal decision to "cross-over" on the ballot and vote for Democrat Alvin:

"You may not always agree with Alvin, but you must respect his courage and unusual energy to work for what he believes in. Madison county has been represented well, and will be again, with Alvin in the Legislature. He will stand on his feet and speak out for his programs to improve the state and this district.

"He has had a long and active political career, and should be returned to office. We need more legislators with his drive and ability to get things done."

Nothing has happened since to change our opinion. It has only been strengthened. Alvin Meyer was a common man with uncommon ability. He will be missed.

John Gorman

Y-Teen to Sell Halloween Insurance

Members of the Winterset High school Y-Teens will canvass the business and residential districts of this community this Wednesday evening, to sell "Halloween Insurance".

The "insurance" covers sweeping of windows in homes and business houses. If this occurs, the Y-Teens will remove the soap.

The money goes to World Fellowship.

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In the financial field, he was a vice president of Life Investors Insurance company of America, and one of the founders and an executive of Heartland Productions, the Iowa motion picture production company.

He was an active member of the Winterset Chamber of Commerce, the Winterset Rotary club, and the Uptown Lions club of West Des Moines. His church membership was with the Evangelical United Brethren church at Van Meter. He was a Sunday school teacher, and superintendent for many years. He was an honorary 4-H and Future Farmer member.

Mr. Meyer was a leader of the Democratic party in Madison county over a long period of years. He served as state representative from this county in the 1961 and 1963 Iowa legislatures, was Democratic candidate for the U.S. senate from Iowa in 1950, and twice entered the field for U.S. congressman from this district.

A leading sports enthusiast, he owned and managed softball and baseball teams from 1930 to 1948. Two of his teams won state championships.

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from the Van Meter United Brethren church, in charge of the Rev. Clifford Carter, and of the pastor, the Rev. Donald Jones. Burial was to be made in the Winterset cemetery.

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TWO ARE INJURED AS CARS COLLIDE

Automobiles driven by Harley R. Curnes and Lee Trautman, both of near Winterset, collided Wednesday evening of last week. The Curnes car plunged into the grader ditch and upset.

The accident occurred 10 miles north of Winterset on Highway 169.

Curnes and his wife, who was riding with him, were taken to Memorial hospital in Winterset. He was treated for a broken collar bone, and she for back injuries. Both were released after treatment.

Investigating officers said that the fact that both Mr. and Mrs. Curnes were wearing their seat belts undoubtedly saved them from more serious injury.

Their car was heavily damaged. Trautman, who was alone in his car, escaped injury.

TWO COMMENDED FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Two Winterset High school students have received letters of commendation for their high performance on the 1967 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test. It is announced by Clifford Scholten, W.H.S. principal.

The two students are David Mitschele and Bob Rhoads. Of all the high school students in the nation who took these tests, they scored in the top 2 per cent.

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BASIC EDUCATION CLASS PLANNED

Course for Adults To Qualify Students for High School Level

A course in Adult Basic education will be offered in Winterset, starting Nov. 6, under the sponsorship of the Area XI Community college.

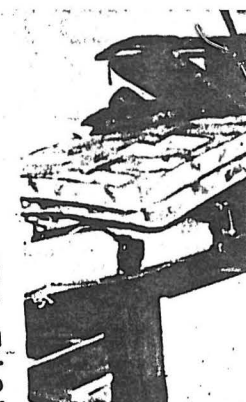
Purpose of this course is to help any person, over 18 years of age, who has less than a ninth grade scholastic achievement, to improve their skills in such basic subjects as reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic.

The class will meet Monday and Wednesday evenings of each week, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The first meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 6.

Students may enroll at any meeting of the class. The course will be offered without cost, with all books furnished by the area school district. Special materials will be used in all four areas for students needing specialized instruction.

The classes will be held at the Multi-Purpose center in Winterset. The course will continue as long as there are students interested in taking the courses.

Information on how to enroll may be obtained from Herb Flint, at the Multi-Purpose center, or from D. R. Lillard, Winterset school superintendent.



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A total of 58 students enrolled in the vocational high school equivalent courses being offered in Winterset this fall by the Community college and Winterset Community district.

There are 18 students enrolled in the high school equivalency course, taught by Eleanor Walters. This meets two nights week a total of 48 weeks, and to qualification for a school diploma.

The bookkeeping course, taught by Steve West, has 15 students enrolled. The class meets one night week for 12 weeks.

Police Officers to Hold Annual

The Madison county Police Officers' association will hold its second annual ball at the Community building in Winterset Saturday, Nov. 21.

Plans are being made under the direction of Sheriff Rouse of Winterset, president of the association. M. Carmel Poush of the Winterset Police department is in charge of the ticket sales, which start about Nov. 1.

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GEORGE H. KEENEY

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

George H. Keeney was born March 15, 1880, in Carlisle, Iowa. He passed away March 23, 1969. He was the son of Benjamin Kessler and Martha Randleman Keeney.

He graduated from Carlisle High School in 1901; the liberal arts college of Drake University in 1906; and Drake University school of medicine, 1908. He interned at Iowa Methodist Hospital, Des Moines, and did postgraduate work at Harvard University. Also, he was a coach and instructor at Central College, Pella, Iowa, 1909-1910.

He married Alice Maude Webster in 1909. To this union two daughters were born: Mrs. Marguerite Johnson, Los Angeles, California, and Mrs. Ruth Marsh, Beltsville, Maryland.

Dr. Keeney practiced medicine in Mallard, Iowa, for 57 years. He also had farms in Palo Alto and Emmet counties. Dr. Keeney was president of the Mallard school board for 37 years, and was a member of the county board of education for 24 years. A former president of the Upper Des Moines Medical Society, he was chosen Iowa's outstanding physician by the Iowa Medical Society in 1960. He was a fifty-year member of the Masonic Lodge, and was a member of the Church of Christ. He retired in 1966 and moved to Los Angeles to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Marguerite Johnson.

Dr. Keeney, a Democrat, served as State Representative from Palo Alto County in the Forty-seventh, Forty-eighth, and Forty-ninth sessions of the General Assembly of Iowa.

Surviving Dr. Keeney are his two daughters, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable George H. Keeney the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and 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 directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

LEO I. SANDERS
JAMES I. MIDDLESWART
LESTER M. FREEMAN
Committee

ALVIN P. MEYER

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

Alvin P. Meyer was born in Madison County, October 7, 1897, the son of

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Meyer. He was educated in the Madison County schools.

On December 29, 1923, he was married to Dorothy Ruth Shambaugh, and to them were born two sons and three daughters.

Alvin P. Meyer was head of Meyer Enterprises, including farming, a supermarket, an oil business, a bowling alley, two restaurants, and a welding shop. He was one of the twenty-three organizers of Life Investors of Iowa and vice-president of Life Investors Insurance Company, as well as one of the organizers of Heartland Productions, an Iowa motion picture company. Mr. Meyer held membership in the Rotary Club, the Uptown Lions Club, Lake View Country Club, and had been president of the Winterset Chamber of Commerce and the Madison County branch of the Iowa Development Commission. He was a member of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, of Van Meter.

As a Democratic State Representative from Madison County, Mr. Meyer served in the Fifty-ninth, Sixtieth, and Sixtieth Extra sessions of the General Assembly.

He passed away October 21, 1967. Surviving him are his wife, Dorothy; three daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Bucklew, of North Ridge, California, Mrs. Barbara Morasco, of San Diego, California, and Mrs. Karen Silliman, of Winterset; and two sons, Carroll, of North Kansas City, Missouri, and Frederick, of Winterset, Iowa; a brother, Earl Meyer, of Van Meter; and a sister, Mrs. Mae Gowin, of Van Meter; and eighteen grandchildren.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Alvin P. Meyer, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and 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.

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ANDREW VARLEY
NORMAN RODGERS
JAMES I. MIDDLESWART
Committee

EARL A. MILLER

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

Earl A. Miller, son of Henry H. and Anna Behrens Miller, was born February 21, 1903, in Black Hawk County, Iowa. He was educated in the Cedar Falls Public Schools, received his B.A. degree in 1925 from what is now known as the University of Northern Iowa, and received his M.A. degree from State University of Iowa in 1931.

He married Vera Mae Hood of Independence, Iowa on August 7, 1929. To this union one daughter and one son were born.

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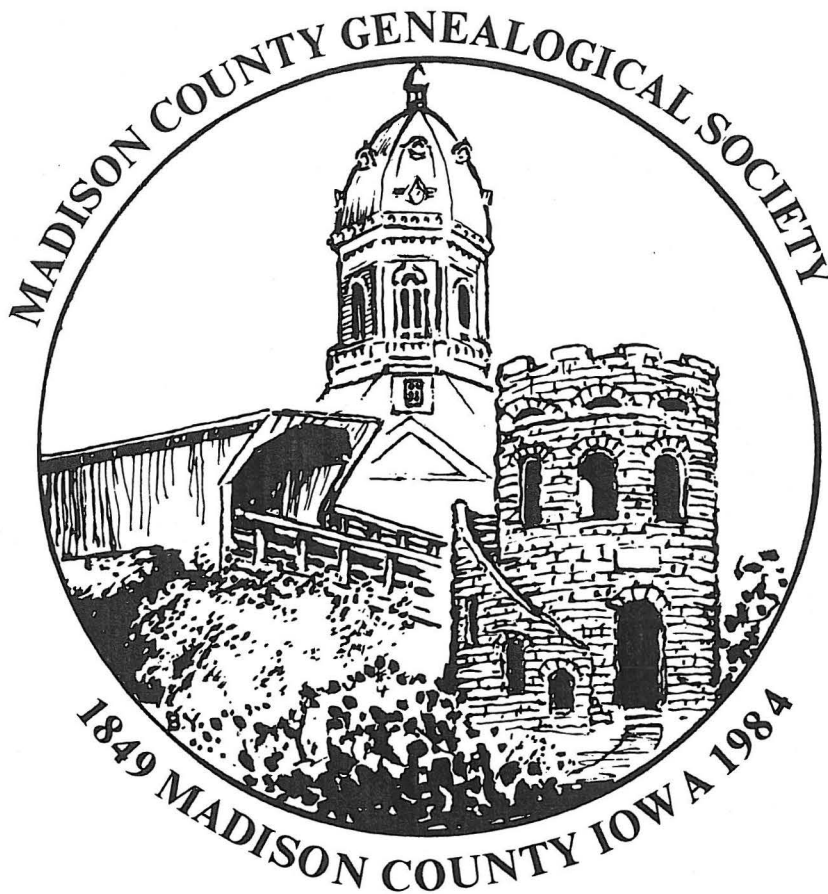
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MADISON COUNTY IOWA



BY BLAIR YOUNG

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wife Laura Ann Howe was born March 7, 1862, and they were married March 25, 1880. John Cyrus was born in Ogle County, Illinois, where his parents wintered enroute to Iowa to make their home.

John Cyrus and Laura Ann Mease were the parents of Millie Mae (died in infancy) Nettie Minerva, Wilbur Vincent, Grover Cyrus, John Martin (killed by lightning at age 17), and Alma Hazel. All above are farmers.

Wilbur Vincent married Lilly Dudley, Nettie Minerva married Arthur Purvis, Grover Cyrus married Nora Ethel Emerson, and Alma Hazel married Raymond Eugene Spera.

John Cyrus Mease as a baby came to Iowa from Ogle County, Illinois, in a covered wagon.

John Howe and his first wife Nancy (they are grandparents of Alma Mease Spera) had these children, Edmund, Jacob, Abraham, Samuel, William, Laura Ann, and George Curtis. His wife Nancy passed away when George Curtis was a baby.

John Howe's second wife was Rebecca Todhunter. They had a son Erastus.

Rebecca Todhunter had two sons by a former marriage, Alfred and Benjamin Todhunter.

All of the above were born in Ohio. Most of them are buried in the Ebenezer Cemetery southwest of Peru, Iowa. *Submitted by Alma Mease Spera*

MELROY-MONAGHAN

Francis Melroy (Feb. 13, 1872-Apr. 1, 1917), son of Thomas (1831-1893) and Margaret Gallagher Melroy (1839-1920) born in Madison County, married Ellen Teresa Monaghan (Feb. 20, 1882-August 26, 1951) October 2, 1901 in St. Joseph Church, Winterset. They lived on a farm northeast of Winterset. Seven of their nine children were born there.

Because of Francis' health, they moved to Garnett, Kansas where James was born 1911. They stayed only a few months, then went on to Colorado. Walter was born 1913 here. Colorado climate did not improve Francis' health. They moved back to their Iowa farm, John (1915) and Charles (1917) were born here.

When Francis died, their son, Edward (Jan. 6, 1904-Feb. 22, 1983) left school, in the seventh grade, to work the farm. With his help Ellen was able to keep the children together. Edward and his mother later moved into Winterset. He cared for her until her death, from cancer, 1951. Edward later worked as a road maintainer in Scott County. When he retired, he returned to Winterset, he died of cancer.

Agnes (Sept. 9, 1902-May 24, 1958) attended high schools in Kansas and Des Moines, college in Cedar Falls. Later taught in Madison County Schools. Marrying August 8, 1929 in St. Joseph Church, Winterset, George Anderson (1901-1949). They had six children. They adopted Joseph. Agnes died of cancer.

Francis (Aug. 29, 1905-) worked in Dakota and Denver for many years, returning to Winterset in 1950. He cared for his Aunt Virgie and her farm after her husband James Monaghan's death.

Thomas (July 28, 1907-) married 1952 Dorothy Gillispie (March 24, 1909-). They have seven children. In Davenport Thomas was maintenance engineer at St. Vincent Home, Custodian at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Policeman for twenty two years, bailuff at the Scott County Courthouse. 1984 Thomas and Dorothy retired and live in Davenport.

Ellen (April 2, 1909-) entered the Sisters of Humility of Mary, July 2, 1925, taking the name Sister Frances Marie, retired and lives in Davenport, 1984.

James, (April 7, 1911-) served in WW II, married December 21, 1951, Louella Goodrich Huff (Oct. 10, 1916-), widow with one son. James worked in Denver for an oil company. 1984 retired there. They have a son.

Walter (April 13, 1913-) in the U.S. Navy for 20 years, married Viola Karls, a daughter, Shannon (1953-1973). He and wife, Roberta, are-retired, living in Martinez, Ca.

John, (June 8, 1915-) married June 14, 1939 Genevieve Bruns (Jan. 6, 1922-). They have four children. John farmed all his life. 1984 they lived in Winterset.

Charles (March 1, 1917-) served in WW II, December 28, 1946 married Mary Nevins Quinn, widow with a son. They have three daughters. Having worked in Des Moines while attending college, Charles continued to work there. 1984 is business manager for architectural firm of Brook, Berg and Skiles.

FLOYD AND LUCILLE MESSNER

Floyd Corwin Messner was born September 15th, 1900 at Reinbeck, Iowa. On February 3rd, 1937, Floyd married Lucille Matilda Lehmer at Maryville, Missouri.

Lucille was the daughter of John Aloysius and Margaret Mary (Burg) Lehmer. She was born on March 15th, 1916 on her parents farm near Jones Creek, Winterset, Iowa. Lucille got her schooling at the St. Charles school.

Floyd and Lucille lived near Maryville after their marriage where three of their four children were born. Marcella Maxine (Messner) Woolery was born April 3rd, 1937; Loraine Margaret (Messner) Stockman was born November 26th, 1938; and Joann Evone (Messner) Sloan was born December 1st, 1940.

Floyd and Lucille moved to Madison County in the early "40's" where they rented the Clarence Meader farm. Floyd worked for the railroad while living here in Madison County.

They later moved to Woodward where their fourth child was born, Floyd Raymond was born on December 7th, 1944.

Floyd farmed most of his life. Lucille worked at Hillcrest Hospital as well as Luthern and Broadlawn Hospitals.

Lucille passed away on August 27th, 1969 at Des Moines after falling from a horse. Floyd passed away February 11th, 1980 and they are both buried at the Catholic Cemetery near St. Marys, Iowa.

Two of their children have also passed away, Joann on November 20th, 1965 and Floyd on June 27th, 1975.

Marcella married Robert William Woolery on August 3rd, 1955 at St. Joseph, Missouri. They have four children, Cheryl Lynn (Woolery) Barton; Robert Michael Woolery; Timothy Alan Woolery; and Jeffery William Woolery. They have four grandchildren and are expecting another grandchild later this year.

Loraine married Jerold Dena Stockman on November 23rd, 1955 at Waukee, Iowa. They are the parents of three children, Jerold Franklin Stockman; Mary Kathleen Stockman (deceased); and Rosanne Lucille Stockman. They have two grandchildren.

Joann married Darrell Sloan on August 23rd, 1961 in New Jersey. They have four children, Cherri Lee Sloan; (twins) Gina Rae and Wendi Dee Sloan; and Earl Todd Sloan.

Floyd Raymond married Carol Ann DeVore on February 21st, 1970 at Waukee. They have one daughter, Margaret Ann Messner. *By Carol Lee Lehmer*

ALVIN PERRY MEYER

Alvin P. Meyer was born on October 7, 1887, to Frederick Henry Meyer and Alice Mae Roderick Meyer.

His early life was spent farming with his father and brothers, Earl and Clarence. He had a sister, Mae. The boys' hobbies were fishing, hunting and trapping.

Alvin's nickname "Skinny" was attached to him as a six-foot 135 lb. youth.

On December 29, 1923, he and Dorothy Shambaugh, daughter of William Shambaugh and Carrie Newlon Shambaugh, were married. They raised their children, Marjorie (Bucklew), Carroll, Frederick, Barbara (McWilliams) and Karen (Silliman). (See Dick Silliman) The family attended the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Van Meter, where Alvin taught and was Superintendent of the Sunday School for years.

Alvin was a great sports enthusiast. He managed a softball team for 3 years. They won the state championship in 1937. He also owned and managed a semi-pro baseball team in the 1940's.

In 1930 Alvin and his brother, Earl, started Meyer Bros. Oil Co. in Van Meter, with a station, a 12,000 gallon tank, and an AA Ford truck with a 500 gallon tank in back. They expanded to 16 stations and hauled gas to many more, plus hauling to farmers. This meant Alvin did his farming in the daytime and trucked gas at night.

The gasoline came into Van Meter in 8,000 gallon tank cars. The first year 11 carloads were shipped in, the second year 22 carloads, the third year 44 carloads, the fourth year 85 carloads and kept increasing as the years went by.

In 1944 Earl sold his share to Alvin. In 1947 a fire destroyed the Van Meter station, frightening the townspeople since the fire was so near the above-ground storage; but, true to Alvin's saying, "Keep your chin up and never give up", the station was rebuilt.

1947 brought the building of the Aldo Cafe next to the Winterset gas station. Then in a few years, as a courtesy for the truck drivers who patronized his station and restaurant, a house was converted into a bunk house for them.

In the following years, Alvin built a grocery store (Bizz Mart), a bowling alley (Win-Bol) and a restaurant (The Gold Buffet). The Gold Buffet branched to Kansas City in 1961 operated by Alvin's son, Carroll. The Gold Buffet Bowl and restaurant is now owned by Carroll Meyer and operated by Dick and Karen Silliman (Alvin's daughter), as is the Aldo Cafe, gas station and car wash.

During these years of building he also acquired a welding shop and the Maple Leaf Motel and Trailer Park. The latter is now owned by Dick and Karen Silliman.

In 1955 Alvin, Dorothy and Karen moved to Winterset.

As a politician he bought radio time and gave a speech for the election of Harry Truman in 1948. In 1950 Alvin was a candidate for U.S. Senator. He also ran for U.S. Congress twice, the last time in 1964, when he lost in a convention by one vote. Alvin served as State Representative for Madison County in the 1961 and 1963 Sessions.

Alvin worked closely with youth, was an Honorary 4-H member and an Honorary FFA Member. He spent many hours with Madison County Retarded Children.

Alvin wrote a column in his grocery store ad for several years called "Alvin Says". His daughter, Karen, put these in a book, also called "Alvin Says".

Alvin was known as a "character" who loved a good joke (especially on himself) and he had a million of them.

On October 21, 1967, Alvin P. Meyer died suddenly, while checking his farms.

DOROTHY SHAMBAUGH MEYER

Dorothy Ruth Shambaugh Meyer was born on February 18, 1901, to William Shambaugh and Carrie Newlon Shambaugh in Madison County, Lee Township.

She is the oldest of seven children, the others being Russell (deceased), Mary (Collins), Ralph, Phil, Robert and Hubert, the twins.

Dorothy went to country school and attended Earlham High School. She taught school at Lee Township for 3 years. She had to ride four miles on a horse to teach.

In 1921 she met Alvin P. Meyer at a box social. He bought her box supper at her school. He later wrote her a postcard asking for a date; and, this made her angry, so she refused. They finally got together and were married on December 29, 1923.

They raised five children on their Jefferson Township farm. (See Alvin P. Meyer)

Dorothy was active in service clubs, The Evangelical United Brethren Church and politics.

She ran for State Representative in 1954.

Dorothy was always active and involved in their businesses. (See Alvin P. Meyer)

Dorothy still lives in Winterset. She spends part of her winters in her home in Lake Havasu City, Arizona.



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Children (3)
 Living Meyer B:
 Living Meyer B:
 Carroll L Meyer B: 1927

Alvin P Meyer

B: 7 Oct 1897 in , , Iowa, USA
D: 12 Oct 1967 in Jefferson, Madison, Iowa, USA

Parents
Frederick H Meyer
 1863-

Alice M Armagost
 1872-1950

Dorothy R Shambaugh B:18 Feb 1901 in , , Iowa, USA

1930 United States Federal Census

Name: **Alvin Meyer**
 Home in 1930: **Jefferson, Madison, Iowa**
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 Age: **32**
 Estimated Birth Year: **abt 1898**
 Birthplace: **Iowa**
 Relation to Head of House: **Head**
 Spouse's Name: **Dorothy Meyer**
 Race: **White**
 Occupation:
 Education:
 Military Service: [View image](#)
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 Age at first marriage:
 Parents' birthplace:
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Household Members:	Name	Age
	Alvin Meyer	32
	Dorothy Meyer	29
	Margorie Meyer	5
	Caroll Meyer	3
		3/12
	Frederick Meyer	1
		1/12
	Emerald Walts	24

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Alvin P Meyer

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7 Oct

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16 Jun
Age: 2

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- 1910**
20 Apr
Age: 12

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16 Jan
Age: 22

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- 1930**
7 Apr
Age: 32

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12 Oct
Age: 70

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- Frederick H Meyer**
1863 -
 - Alice M Armagost**
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- Dorothy R Shambaugh**
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- Living Meyer**
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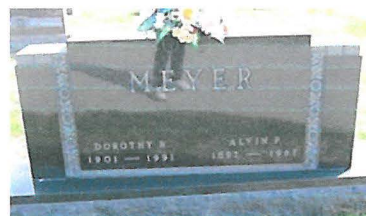
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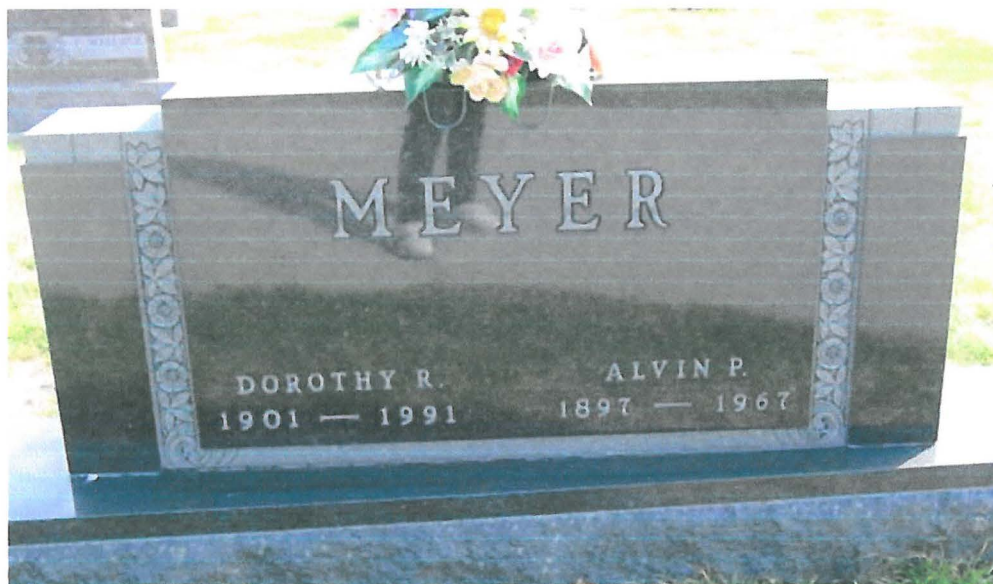


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