

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative KEHO, Ralph C. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Served from Wayne County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 January 1896, on farm west of Allerton, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Elma Williams, 1929

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business farmer, cattle and livestock feeder

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession \_\_\_\_\_

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 57 GA, 1957/58, Wayne Co.

6. Public Offices

A. Local rural school director, township trustee 1951-1957; AAA committeeman  
6 yrs

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

C. National mil. svc, WW I

7. Death 8 July 1958, Wayne Co H osp., Corydon; heart attack

8. Children (1) Jack; (2) Tom

9. Names of parents James Keho; Ella Hutchinson, m 21 Aug 1895 at her fvather's

Heho, Ralph C.

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Other applicable information \_\_\_\_\_

In cattle and livestock feeding with his father all his life, on Wayne Co. farm, except for two years in Phoenix, Az/

Member Ameiccan Legion post , Allerton. Director, Security State Bank, Allerton, 1948-58.

Survived by wife, two sons, daughter-in-law, one grandchild.

Mother listed as L. C. on 1920 census, Ella C. on tombstone, Cinthy on 1900 census.

She was b. 1869 d. 1946; James b. 1869, d. 1952; both Bur. Allerton cem.

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Keho, Ralph C.

### Sources Log For Legislation Entries

#### Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Stork/Clingan, Legislators		x	sessions served
Corydon The Times Republican, Thur 10 July 1958		x	death/obit
1959 House Journal		x	memorial
Wayne Co. marriages 2-47		x	parents marr.
Wayne Co. Cemeteries (1979)		x	bur parents & Ralph
Wayne Co. marr 14 -	x		not in index
Bio & Hist Record, Wayne & Appanoose Co. 1888			
1920 Census Wayne 185/11/85		x	parents & fam
1900 Census Wayne 150/8/16			
Probate Index, Wayne Co.		x	lists both James & Ralph

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He was intensely interested in governmental, legislative and political affairs and was first elected as a state representative in 1914, serving in the Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh and Forty-sixth sessions of the General Assembly, and as a State Senator from the Lucas-Wayne district in the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Fortieth Extra sessions.

Surviving Mr. Johnston is a brother, Charles M. Johnston of Zanesville, Ohio, and four sisters, Lida R. Shore, Florence V. Prior, Bernice Johnston, and Nora Johnston of Chariton; three nephews and five nieces. One sister, Mrs. Belle Brown, and a brother, Matthew Johnston, preceded him in death.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable James F. Johnston the people of Lucas county and the entire State of Iowa have sustained a great loss, and the House expresses its appreciation of his character and public service and tenders, by this resolution, its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family in their sorrow.

*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.

NEAL PIERCE,  
MRS. K. M. FALVEY,  
REED CASEY,

Committee.

#### RALPH C. KEHO

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

Ralph C. Keho, farmer, livestock feeder, and legislator, was born on a farm west of Allerton, Iowa, in Wayne county, on January 13, 1896, and passed away on July 8, 1958.

The son of James and Ella Keho, he grew up in the cattle and livestock feeding business with his father, and spent all his life on a Wayne county farm, with the exception of two years which were spent in Phoenix, Arizona.

He was united in marriage with Elma Williams in 1929, into which union two sons were born.

Mr. Keho was a member of the American Legion Post at Allerton, Iowa; had been a rural school director; served as an AAA committeeman for six years, and as a township trustee for many years. He had been a director of the Security State Bank at Allerton, Iowa since 1948.

A Democrat, he served in the Fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly as State Representative from Wayne county.

Mr. Keho had a coronary attack on June 8, 1958, and passed away one month later on July 8, 1958 at the age of sixty-two.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elma Keho; two sons, Jack and Tom; a daughter-in-law, Lois; and one grandson, James Patrick.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Ralph C. Keho, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House, by this resolution, would express its sympathy to his wife and sons, and 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.

REED CASEY,  
FRANKLIN S. MAIN,  
STANLEY WATTS,  
*Committee.*

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WILLIAM G. KERR

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

William F. Kerr was born in Grundy county, September 2, 1871, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kerr. He passed away at a convalescent home in Traer, Iowa, November 1, 1958, at the age of eighty-seven years.

Mr. Kerr graduated from the Grundy Center high school in 1891. After completing his course in the high school he attended Coe College at Cedar Rapids and Cornell College at Mount Vernon. He completed his college work at the State University of Iowa and completed his course in law at the University. He was admitted to the bar in 1896. He engaged in the practice of law for a short time with his father, and later devoted his time to his real estate investments. He also assisted his father in the management of his property.

Mr. Kerr was elected to represent Grundy county in the Iowa Legislature in 1898. He was one of the youngest of the Iowa House members at the time. He served in the legislature two terms. He introduced in the legislature a bill providing for a Corrupt Practice Act, as a safeguard against corruption in elections. It was one of the first corrupt practice act bills adopted in the United States.

Mr. Kerr was a life member of the State Historical Society. He was active as one of the County's 4 minute men. He was a member of the Grundy Center First Presbyterian Church and served a number of years as an active elder in that church.

In 1895 William G. Kerr married Grace S. Sprague and they made their home in Grundy Center during all of their married life. The wife died in 1942.

The couple were the parents of three sons, and all of them are still living.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable William G. Kerr, the people of Grundy county and the entire State of Iowa have 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 sincere and heartfelt 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.

HAROLD O. FISCHER,  
PAUL M. WALTERS,  
CHARLES E. GRASSLEY,  
*Committee.*

### Fireworks Show No Pain-Maker, But Was Enjoyable

Financially the American Legion first Fourth of July fireworks here didn't fare too well with revenue in several years.

An estimated crowd of four hundred persons watched the nine-minute display from a soft pine in the amphitheater at Wayne county fairgrounds. Legionaires reported that a near equal amount attended the program from their cars parked along the road at the edge of the fairgrounds.

An enterprising member of the Legion post, however, took a turn on the north road and collected fifty and twenty-five cent donations from most all car occupants. The driver of one car dropped into the hat being used to collect the money three stones.

The antipathy brought about by many persons who had hopes of getting their coin was softened by gleeful shouts of the youngsters in the grandstand as they watch the rockets burst overhead, the dazzling pin wheels, the walls, the colorful American flag. The legion members Saturday were pleased with the report that the Fourth of July in Wayne county had been accident-free and hopeful that the fireworks might had a small part in it.

### Methodists to Attend Christian Church

Corydon Methodists will attend church services at the Christian church on three consecutive Sundays during July beginning Sunday, Rev. Mark Weston, Methodist pastor, will be in charge.

The occasion is the customary union exchange between the members of the two churches. Methodist members are reminded that church services there start at 8:30

on August 3, 10 and 17. Church members will hear their own pastor, Rev. Clyde Is, when he speaks from the Methodist pulpit.

### Promise City Lady Pinned Under Car

Mrs. Marie Lawson of Promise City was taken to the Wayne county hospital Tuesday for treatment of minor injuries received when her car overturned.

Her 1950 Chevrolet went out of control on a curve and she was pinned under the car.

### Ralph Keho Dies At Age of 62



State Representative Ralph Keho, 62, died about noon Tuesday at the Wayne County hospital, a victim of a heart attack.

Keho died shortly after he arrived at the hospital by ambulance from his farm home west of Allerton. Ralph had been at home since his release from St. Joseph hospital at Centerville about two weeks ago. He suffered his first heart attack on June 8 and was taken to Centerville at that time.

It was while he was a patient at St. Joseph's that Rep. Keho told the secretary of state that he would not be a democratic nominee for a second term of office because of his heart ailment.

Ralph Keho was one of Wayne county's outstanding citizens. A good farmer and livestock feeder, he was a loyal supporter of agriculture and its interests. He had served as a school director, an AA A committeeman and was a director of the Security State Bank at the time of his death.

He is survived by his widow; two sons, Jack and Tom and a grandson and a brother, Clifford of Coin.

Funeral services for the life long resident of Wayne county will be held today (Thursday) at 2:00 p. m. from the Randolph Funeral Home in Allerton. Rev. D. M. Crawford will officiate.

### Christian Church Rally Set For Sunday

Antioch Christian Church will be host July 13th to the annual

### Conservation Com. Lauds Local Built Fish Wagon

Wayne county anglers can look forward to some good fishin' and good eatin', for on Monday, June 30th the Iowa State Conservation Commission added 32,000 bull heads to the already heavily stocked reservoirs at Humeston, Allerton, Corydon and Harvard.

Many of the bull heads were eatin' size too. A good many of them were 14-inches in length and weighed a pound or more. "Monty" Johnston, local conservation officer, said that 8,000 fish were dumped in each of the four Wayne county reservoirs.

The fish came from Spirit Lake storage ponds, explained Johnston, where they had been kept since their removal from northern Iowa lakes. Some northern Iowa lakes are expected to virtually dry up before summer's end.

It was probably coincidental that the huge tank truck that carried the 32,000 bull heads from Spirit Lake to Wayne county in a matter of hours had an unusual connection with this county and particularly Corydon. The special-built tank with its four units, each with a subdivision, was manufactured in Corydon by Coates Mfg. Co. It is one of several live fish transports built by the Corydon firm.

Special features include a sliding gate in each of the four 8,000 capacity tanks so that the fish numbers can be broken into lots of 4,000. Fish are transferred from tank to pond quickly, easily by means of a huge tube which has a flexible section in it, which is attached to the tank's outlets. This new transfer method cuts death losses to a minimum, because the fish literally flow into the body of water. Using trucks not yet equipped with this new Corydon-built tank, it is necessary to dip the fish from the tank into baskets and then dump them into the pond from the basket. The extra handling is hard on the fish and a higher death loss is the result.

Staff members of the Iowa State Conservation Commission designed these new live fish tanks to more efficiently haul game fish from one Iowa lake to another. Frank Coates of Coates Manufacturing Company was given the job of building them. Mr. Johnston reports that the State Historical Society now is pleased with the product.

So a Corydon industry has a new