

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative TATE, William H. (Bill) Senator Tate, William H.

Represented Cerro Gordo and Hancock counties

1. Birthday and place 11 August 1900, Independence, Ia

2. Marriage (s) date place  
(1) ~~Vivian Bancroft~~ Betsy Belknap 10 June 1923 Manchester, Iowa  
(2) Tivian Bancroft

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Educator, Real Estate and Insurance

B. Civic responsibilities Kiwanis, American Legion, VFW, Mason, Elks,

Iowa State Teachers Association, National Education Association, Rotary  
Chamber of Commerce

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

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 54/56 GA, 1951-57, Cerro Gordo House  
57 GA 1957 - res.; Cerro Gordo/Hancock Sen

6. Public Offices

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

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

C. National US Army, WW I; Real Estate Officer, Ia/MO., U. S. Post Office  
Dept 1957-59

7. Death Sun 20 Sept 1959, Des Moines, Ia, hosp (8 mo illness)  
bur Memorial Park Cemetery, Mason City, Iowa

8. Children (1) William H Jr. ---s/sgt U S Air Corps; (2) Barbara (Mrs. Robert  
Wolf M.D.), Omaha, Neb.; (3) Dorothy (Mrs. Robert Kimball), Rome, NY; (4) Althea; (5) Thomas

9. Names of parents Samuel Roy Tate; Alice Margaret Ringgold. She was living  
in Franklin Park, Ill., 1959.

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3010. Education Upper Iowa University; University of Iowa

*She was educated at the public schools of  
Independence, Iowa graduating in 1922*

11. Degrees BA Upper Iowa; MA, University of Iowa

12. Other applicable information

Served in Army as Ambulance Driver, 4th Div. was gassed and wounded in action. Was superintendent of schools 15 years, at Elma, Manly and Atlantic. For 15 years owned Bill Tate Realty Co., in Mason City, and was general agent for American Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Resigned Senate Seat, in 1957, to become Real Estate Officer for Western Iowa and Northwest Missouri, for U. S. Post Office. Was planning to return to Mason City real estate, insurance business, at time of death.

Helped pass law giving property tax exemption to Korean vets.

Oldest of 9 ch; he was survived by mother, wife, his five children, 4 brothers, 2 sisters, and 7 grandchildren.

One history of Tate family, which does not connect to him, says Tates found in England in 9th Century; name is from Norwegian, meaning "younger" or "son of". A Tate came to Va 1635. Some Va family Tates were in Iowa by 1900.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability -

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Stork/Clingan, Legislators		x	Sessions served
Mason City Globe Gazette Mon 21 Sep 1959 1/2		x	obit
Ia Off Reg 1957/58		x	bio
House Journal 1961		x	memorial resolution
Hist Buchanan Co 1881	x		
" 1990	x		
Buchanan Co Burial Rec (WPA)	x		
1900 Iowa Census	x		SR not in Soundex
1920 " "	x		SR&WH not in Soundex
Buchanan Co Births #3 1897-1904		x	birth--had names of parents
Hall, One Family's Proud Heritage (1991)		?	Has material on Tatg line; not enough to show connection
Jones County Marriages 1891-1933	x		(no Tate, Bancroft)

*Portrait - The original is located in the State of Iowa Historical Library  
 Archives, 400 E. Locust, Des Moines, Iowa.*

*Iowa Press Association of Iowa, June 1900, p. 203*





Members of the faculty and wives or husbands, and wives of the Chamber members will be guests for the evening.

The guest speaker will be the well-known "Red" Blanchard, Massachusetts.

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## Former Senator

# William Tate Dies at 59

## One Man's Opinion

A Radio Commentary  
By W. EARL HALL  
Globe-Gazette Editor

### BROADCAST SCHEDULE

KGLO (1300) 12:45 p.m. Sunday  
WOL Ames (640) 12:45 p.m. Tuesday  
WTAD, Quincy (1030) 8:45 p.m. Thurs  
WSUL, Iowa City (910) 8:45 a.m. Sat.

## One Tool We Refuse to Use

I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING more discouraging in my 30 years of contact with the organized safety movement in America than our refusal to face up to the fact that alcohol is killing thousands of people on our streets and highways.

I say "our refusal" because we are a practicing democracy. What has happened — or, more accurately, what hasn't happened — is a reflection of popular opinion. We aren't cracking down on drunken drivers for one over-all reason. The public just isn't for that course of action.

We have several forms of scientific tests for the determination of intoxication. They are almost as infallible as the fingerprint test which has been a recognized part of crime detection for a century or so. Each year sees a little extension of these tests but we move forward grudgingly. Why?

Is it because so very many of those who make up the American public are imbibers themselves and therefore afraid that strict enforcement of the law against driving after drinking would boomerang?

COULD IT BE that the government's sanction of the liquid which disqualifies one for sitting at the wheel of an automobile has something to do with our reluctance to deal sternly with the problem?

The state which engages in the liquor business for profit, or

William H. (Bill) Tate, 59, Mason City man who has been a real estate officer with the U. S. Post Office Department, died early Sunday at a Des Moines hospital. He had been ill for eight months.

Tate was state representative for Cerro Gordo County from 1950 to 1956 and state senator from this district from 1956 to 1957. He resigned as senator in 1957 to become real estate officer in western Iowa and northwest Missouri for the Post Office Department.

Tate and his wife had been living in Des Moines in connection with his federal work but were planning to return to Mason City. While here he had operated a real estate and insurance business for more than 15 years. Tate's Mason City home was at 202 Virginia S. E. before he went to Des Moines.

TATE WAS a lifelong resident of Iowa. Reared at Independence, he holds a bachelor's degree from Upper Iowa University and a master's degree from the University of Iowa. He was at one time superintendent of schools at Elma, Manly and Atlantic. He was from a family of athletes.

He was born at Independence Aug. 11, 1900. He served in the Army in World War I and was gassed and wounded in action.

In the Iowa House Tate had such important committee appointments as chairman of the Public Lands and Buildings Committee, Schools, Appropriations, Cities and Towns, Insurance, Public Health and Pharmacy, Mines and Mining and other committees. In his final



## Premier's Time Table for Iowa

DES MOINES (AP)—Probable schedule for Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev in Iowa:

### TUESDAY

1:45 p.m. — Arrives Des Moines Airport, Air National Guard hangar, motorcade to Hotel Fort Des Moines.

3:30 p.m. — Tour Des Moines Packing Co. plant.

4:50 p.m. — Tour John Deere Des Moines Works.

7:30 p.m. — Dinner given by Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, Hotel Fort Des Moines. Khrushchev will speak.

### WEDNESDAY

9 a.m. — Leaves hotel for 165-mile tour of Iowa.

9:20 a.m. — Tour Pioneer Hi-Bred Seed Corn Co. plant at nearby Johnston.

11:30 a.m. — Arrive at Coon Rapids for visits to farms and Garst & Thomas Seed Co. Buffet luncheon will be served by Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Garst.

3 p.m. — Leave Coon Rapids for Ames.

4:30 p.m. — Tour Iowa State University and experiment station at Ames.

7:15 p.m. — Leave Des Moines Airport for Pittsburgh.



Mason City: Partly cloudy, continued warm, chance of an occasional shower or thunderstorm through Tuesday. Low Monday night low 60s. High Tuesday low 80s.

Iowa: Partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms through Tuesday being most numerous west and central. Lows Monday night upper 50s northwest to near 70 southeast. Highs Tuesday upper 70s northwest to near 90 southeast.

Five-Day Iowa: Temperatures for the week will average 3 to 6 degrees above normal, highs from 72 to 75 in the northwest to 79-82 in the southeast. Lows will range from 48 to 51 in the northwest to 58-61 in the southeast. Precipitation will be an average one-half inch or less.

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**COULD IT BE** that the government's sanction of the liquid which disqualifies one for sitting at the wheel of an automobile has something to do with our reluctance to deal sternly with the problem?

The state which engages in the liquor business for profit, or the federal government which profits substantially from the tax levied on intoxicants, isn't in the best of positions to judge harshly about what is done after the product is consumed.

Whatever the explanation, there is no fair question about the role intoxicants play in the killing and maiming on our highways. Let me dip into what I regard as the last word on this subject, the most recent "Fact Sheet on Drinking and Driving" put out by the National Safety Council.

It starts out by noting that a drinking driver was involved in at least 30 per cent of all traffic accidents in 1957 and that 23 per cent of all adult pedestrians killed that year had been drinking.

**BEFORE GOING FURTHER,** I'd like to pause for a footnote or two on these figures — 30 per cent of all fatal traffic accidents and 23 per cent of all pedestrian deaths involving liquor. I know, and so does every other newspaper editor, that these estimates are appreciably lower than they should be.

The story is simple. Unless the fact of intoxication, or imbibing, is unmistakable and demonstrable in a court of law, a newspaper wants no part of the responsibility in fixing the blame on liquor. To do so would be to invite court action and defending itself in court isn't the business of a newspaper. To a somewhat lesser extent, law enforcers have this same approach.

It's this which prompted the National Safety Council to include this observation in its report on drinking and driving:

"In many accident cases, the fact that a driver has been drinking is not recorded and is never entered on the driver's official record."

**"IN SPITE OF PAST** and present efforts to increase safety education and traffic enforcement, too many drinking drivers are still operating on our streets and highways.

In my files are letters from

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**WILLIAM H. TATE**

term in the House he was made a member of the Interstate Committee on Higher Education, a 14-state body.

**IN THE IOWA SENATE** he was chairman of the Committee on Insurance. Also among his Senate duties was membership on the Schools Committee.

During his time in the Legislature, Tate helped pass the law giving Korean War veterans the same tax exemption as World War II veterans.

He was active in efforts to push a good road program through to completion, and supported bills for legislative reapportionment.

Tate co-sponsored a bill for a county zoning law and a water resources bill aimed at conservation of water in Iowa.

He was a member of the Wesley Methodist Church, Kiwanis Club, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Masons and Elks.

**SURVIVING ARE** his wife, Vivian; his mother, Mrs. Alice Tate, Franklin Park, Ill.; three daughters, Althea, at home, Mrs. Robert Wolf, Omaha, and Mrs. Robert Kimball, Rome, N. Y.; two sons, Thomas, at home and Sgt. William Tate Jr., Enid, Okla., with the Air Force.

Four brothers, Edward and Verne of Waterloo; Paul, La Junta, Colo., and Fae Robert, Humboldt; two sisters, Mrs. Ella Ritchie, Independence, and Mrs. John Greiff, Franklin Park, Ill., and seven grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Wesley Methodist Church in Mason City. The Rev. Lloyd C. Kellams will officiate. Masonic and military services will be held at the graveside in Memorial Park Cemetery. The Patterson-James Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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**Minnesota:** Scattered showers, mild. Highs Tuesday in 70s.

Globe-Gazette weather data up to 9 a.m. Monday:  
 Maximum 81  
 Minimum 61  
 At 8 a.m. 64  
 Precipitation .03

Globe-Gazette weather data up to 8 a.m. Sunday:  
 Maximum 71  
 Minimum 63  
 Precipitation .34



**SAME DATE—1958—386**



**A GOOD VIEW** — Soviet Premier in all the beauty of California dow of his train taking him fr Francisco. Behind him is Russhikov. Standing at right is gei, while seated at front is U cow Llewellyn Thompson.



**SHOEMAN, John D., Atlantic**  
Republican  
**18th Senatorial District—Cass and  
Shelby Counties**

Born on a farm near Waukee, Iowa, September 12, 1902. Attended Waukee high school and graduated in veterinary medicine from Kansas State College in 1928. Married June 6, 1928, to Dan Oberwetter of Falfurrias, Texas. Has two daughters, Mrs. George E. Rice, Tokyo, Japan, and Judy Shoeman, student at the University of Iowa. Practiced veterinary medicine for nine years at Dallas Center, Iowa. Spent three years in the United States Bureau of Animal Industry. Since 1940 practiced at Atlantic, until joining the staff of Walnut Grove Products Company in September 1957 as veterinary research director. Member Atlantic city council four years. County Republican finance chairman six years. Member of the Masonic and Elks lodges, Za-Ga-Zig Temple Shrine, Des Moines. Serving second session of first Senate term.

**STUART, W. C., Chariton**  
Republican

**4th Senatorial District—Lucas and  
Wayne Counties**

Born Knoxville, Iowa, April 28, 1920, son of George C. and Edith A. Stuart. Graduated Chariton high school 1937; State University of Iowa, A.B., 1940, J.D., 1942. Pilot U. S. Naval Air Corps 1943-1945. Since 1946 engaged in practice of law in Chariton, Iowa, with father in partnership of Stuart and Stuart. Married Mary Elgin Cleaver, Macon, Missouri, in 1946. Father of four children, Corwin, Cullen, Melanie and Valerie. Member district, state and American Bar Associations; Presbyterian church; Phi Kappa Psi; Phi Delta Phi; A.F.I., Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Colf; A.F. & A.M., Shrine, B.P. O.E., American Legion, Lions club. City attorney 1947-1949. Served in Senate 55th, 56th and 57th General Assemblies.



**TATE, W. H. (Bill), Mason City**  
Republican  
**43rd Senatorial District—Hancock and  
Cerro Gordo Counties**

Born in Buchanan county, August 11, 1900, eldest of nine children of S. R. and Alice Ringold Tate. Educated in the public schools at Independence, Iowa; Upper Iowa University, B.A.; State University of Iowa, M.A. Served in World War I as ambulance driver, fourth division. Married Vivian Bancroft of Monticello, Iowa. Father of five children: Althea, at home; Thomas, at home; Bill, Jr., S/Sgt., United States Air Corps; Barbara (Mrs. Robert Wolf, M.D.), Omaha, Nebraska; Dorothy (Mrs. Robert Kimball), Rome, N. Y. Owner of Bill Tate Realty Co.; General Agent, American Mutual Life Insurance Company; member of Wesley Methodist church, Mason City; member of American Legion, V.F.W., Chamber of Commerce, Insurance Underwriters Association, Masonic bodies, B.P.O.E. Served 54th, 55th and 56th sessions in the House of Representatives. Serving first term in the Senate.





## WILLIAM H. TATE

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

William Tate was born in Buchanan County, August 11, 1900, eldest of nine children of S. R. and Alice Ringold Tate.

He passed away September 21, 1959, at the age of fifty-nine years at a hospital in Des Moines. He had been ill for eight months.

Mr. Tate was a lifelong resident of Iowa. Reared at Independence, he held a bachelor's degree from Upper Iowa University and a master's degree from the University of Iowa. He was at one time superintendent of schools at Elma, Manly and Atlantic. He was from a family of athletes. He served in the Army in World War I and was gassed and wounded in action.

He married Vivian Bancroft of Monticello, Iowa, who survives him. Also surviving are: his mother, Mrs. Alice Tate, Franklin Park, Illinois; three daughters, Althea, at home, Mrs. Robert Wolf, Omaha, Nebraska, and Mrs. Robert Kimball, Rome, New York; two sons, William Tate, Jr., with the Air Force, and Thomas, at home; four brothers, Edward and Vern, of Waterloo, Paul, La Junta, Colorado, and Fae Robert, Humboldt; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Ritchie, Independence, and Mrs. John Greiff, Franklin Park, Illinois, and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Tate was a State Representative for Cerro Gordo County from 1950 to 1956 and State Senator from this district from 1956 to 1957. He resigned as Senator in 1957 to become real estate officer in western Iowa and north-west Missouri for the Post Office Department.

He was a member of the Wesley Methodist Church, Kiwanis Club, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Masons and Elks.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-ninth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable William Tate 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.

MARION E. OLSON,  
LENABELLE BOCK,  
FLOYD P. EDGINGTON,  
*Committee.*

## STANLEY STULL WATTS

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

Stanley Stull Watts was born January 3, 1894, at Kilbourne, Van Buren