

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Oberman, Claude Senator _____

Represented Des Moines County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 21 Mar 1889 Des Moines County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Oral H. Hestfall 9 Dec 1912 Yarnworth, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was an organizer of the Yarnworth Consolidated School district and closed for 18 years

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Elks; Grainer; Farm Bureau

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 54th, 55th, 56th General Assemblies 1951, 1953, 1955

6. Public Offices

A. Local County board of supervisors 1937-1949

B. State President of State Association of Boards of Supervisors

C. National _____

7. Death 5 Jan 1955 near Yarnworth; buried Shinas Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery, Des Moines County, Iowa

8. Children James; Jack; Ploam (passed two girls and died)

9. Names of parents George and Arminia (Smith) Oberman

10. Education He was educated in the schools of Des Moines County

11. Degrees He attended Central College, Pella, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He had a twin brother, Alade, who preceded his brother in death in 1940.
- He died before he could begin the 56th Iowa Legislature.

Attended Inauguration In Des Moines Thursday

Mr. and Mrs. Surrell Barton and Mr. and Mrs. Elta Archer were in Des Moines Thursday for the inauguration of Governor Leo Hoegh and the inaugural reception and ball.

Masons, Eastern Stars Installed Officers

Members of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges, members of their families and friends were present Thursday night, January 6 at the Masonic lodge hall for the impressive installation services for officers for 1955.

Raymond Swanson was installed Worship Master of Progress Lodge No. 226, A.F. & A.M. Walter Dehn of Burlington was installing officer. Waldo Dierks of Burlington was installing marshal.

Mrs. Merwin Kasiske was installed Worthy Matron and How-



MRS. MERWIN KASISKE

ard Caldwell, Worthy Patron of White Star chapter, O.E.S. The ceremony was under the direction of Mrs. Frank Hedges, retiring matron.

Installing officers for the Eastern Stars were: Mrs. Harley Walker, Matron; Mrs. June Hutchcroft, Marshal; Mrs. Raymond Gerth, Organist, and Mrs. Ralph Obermann, Chaplain.

Elected and appointive officers installed included:

- Masons**
 Worshipful Master, Raymond Swanson
 Senior Warden, Arthur Beckman
 Junior Warden, Robert Gerst
 Treasurer, E. A. Bergsten
 Secretary, H. E. Walker
 Senior Deacon, Forrest Fuhrer
 Junior Deacon, Aubrey Daedlow
 Tyler, H. L. Nelson
 Senior steward, Robert Bratton
 Junior Steward, William Barlow
 Chaplain, Ronald Bush
- Eastern Stars**
 Worthy Matron, Mrs. Merwin Kasiske
 Worthy Patron, Howard Caldwell
 Associate Matron, Mrs. Opal

Will Discuss "Economic Trends" at Farm Bureau Meeting January 19

Miss Julia Metler, county home economist, and James Hodges, county extension director, will conduct a discussion on the subject "Understanding and Interpreting Economic Trends" at a Farm Bureau meeting to be held in the lunch room at Mediapolis Consolidated School Wednesday evening, January 19.

The discussion will follow a potluck supper at 6:30.

Farm Bureau leaders have said that "everyone is welcome" at the supper and meeting.

WEDDINGS

Nelson-Cling

The chapel of Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, Tex., provided the setting at 4 p.m. Saturday, January 8 for the marriage of 2nd Lt. Donna Deane Nelson to 1st Lt. Deane E. Cling. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex E. Nelson of St. Paul, Minn., and Lt. Cling is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cling.

Rev. Charles Miller officiated in the chapel decorated with candelabra and baskets of white gladioli. Vocalist was the bride's sister, Mary Carol Nelson of Denver.

Bridesmaids were 2nd Lt. Dolores N. Seymour of Wichendon, Mass., and the brides sister, Mrs. William Brostrom of Homewood, Ill. Roger Cling, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man. Ushers were 1st Lt. John Addison and 1st Lt. Robert Patterson, both of Big Spring, Tex.

The bride wore a white ballerina gown of imported Chantilly lace, trimmed with seed pearls and iridescent beads. Her fingertip veil was accented with appliqued lace medallions and was held by a crown of lace petals, edged with seed pearls and iridescent beads.

Attendants to the bride were gowned in blue chrysalis ballerina frocks. Each carried a crescent bouquet of silver lemon leaves and wore matching floral headdresses.

Attendants at the reception in the officers club at the base were: Mrs. Guy R. Ludwick of Jacksonville, Fla.; 1st Lt. Rita J. Ball of Bellevue, O.; Mrs. Lionel Davis of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Angela Raynauld of Fort Worth, Tex.

The bride was graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn., and Bethesda hospital school of nursing, St. Paul, Minn. She is a flight nurse with the Air Force.

Lt. Cling, an Air Force instructor was graduated from Iowa State college.

The newlyweds are honeymooning in Mexico City and Acapulco.

Rev. Phelps Takes Church Pastorate

Rev. Estil Phelps, who resigned his pastorate of Mediapolis Baptist church in late November, has accepted a call to become pastor of Round Prairie Baptist church, south of Lockridge.

Rev. and Mrs. Phelps and sons have moved to Round Prairie.

Services Held at New London Saturday for Claude Oberman

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in New London for Claude Oberman, 65, who died January 5 at his farm home, southwest of Yarmouth.

Rev. Bruce Masseink of Burlington paid tribute to Oberman's public service and his integrity during the rites.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bush of the Pleasant Grove community sang.

Pallbearers were State Representative Frank Pedrick of Ottumwa; Mark Pauly, Des Moines county GOP chairman, who served for Arthur C. Hanson of Inwood, speaker-elect of the Iowa House of Representatives; S. L. Hagle and Robert Flack, representing Des Moines county, and Pearl Gabelle and Dwight Curran, friends of the late legislator.

Blythe Conn of Burlington, elected as Oberman's successor, was official representative of the House of Representatives.

Oberman had been in failing health since last fall and on December 10 had resigned his post as State Representative.

A life resident of the Yarmouth community, Oberman, a Republican, was a long-time public servant and a prominent Des Moines county farmer.

From 1937 to 1949 he was a member of the Des Moines county board of supervisors. He and continues through the week and for several years was president of the state association of boards of supervisors.

In the November general election Oberman had been elected to his third consecutive term as State Representative from Des Moines county.

One of the organizers of the Yarmouth Consolidated School district, he served for 18 years on that district's board of education.

He was a member of Federal lodge 545 of Yarmouth, Kaaba Shrine Temple of Davenport and Burlington Elks lodge.

Born March 21, 1889, he was the son of George and Minnie Smith Oberman. On December 9, 1912, he married Ora H. Westfall, at Yarmouth.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, James of Cedar Falls and Jack of Yarmouth, and eight grandchildren. A son, Plon Oberman; a grandson, Richard Oberman, and a twin brother, Clode, died previously.

County Basketball Tournament Opens Monday in Burlington

The Des Moines county high school basketball tournament, annually one of the sports highlights of the winter, will be held in Clark field house, Burlington beginning next Monday night and continues through the week on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights.

Defending champions, the Sperry Bomberettes in the girls division, and the Huron Indians, in the boys division, do not have records this season to warrant placing them in roles to repeat their victories this year although each team is capable of springing an upset.

A look at the Lemosa League standings of the Des Moines county teams will convince most fans that there is hardly reason to list any one or two, or even three, teams as favorites in either the boys or girls race.

The complete schedule of tournament games follows:

- GIRLS**
 Monday
 6:30 p.m. Mediapolis vs Huron
 Tuesday
 7:15 p.m. Sperry vs Danville
 Thursday
 7:15 p.m. Yarmouth vs winner Mediapolis-Huron game.
 Saturday
 7:15 p.m. Championship game
- BOYS**
 Monday
 7:45 p.m. Burlington Sophs vs Yarmouth
 9:00 p.m. Sperry vs Mediapolis
 Tuesday
 8:30 p.m. Danville vs Huron
 Thursday
 8:30 p.m. Winners of Monday night games
 Saturday
 8:30 p.m. Championship game

Admission prices for each evening of the tournament is 75 cents for adults and 35 cents for school pupils.

In order to speed up entrance of fans into the field house, fans are being given an opportunity to buy tickets in advance at the schools.

Tickets may be secured at the school office here in Mediapolis on any school day and at the Wilson drug store on Saturday, January 22.

Tickets also may be purchased at the field house as in the past.

The field house doors will be opened each evening one hour before starting time of first game.

Sunday School Class Honored Teacher

Members of the B Square class of the Presbyterian Sunday School held a potluck dinner Tuesday at the home of Miss Della Smith, honoring the teacher of the class, Miss Agnes

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 Yarmouth
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FIFTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Convened January 10, 1955
Adjourned April 29, 1955

LEO A. HOEGH, Governor
LEO ELTHON, President of the Senate
A. C. HANSON, Speaker of the House

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tion of his character and public service and tenders, by this resolution, its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his beloved family in their great sorrow and loss.

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.

EDWARD OPPEDAHL,
WENDELL PENDLETON,
MELVIN WILSON,
Committee.

CLAUDE OBERMAN

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

Claude Oberman was born in Des Moines County, March 21, 1889, one of twin sons of George and Minnie Smith Oberman. The twin brother passed away in 1940. Claude Oberman passed away January 5, 1955.

He was educated in the schools of Des Moines County, and Central University of Pella, Iowa.

He was married to Ora Westfall of Yarmouth, Iowa, in 1912, and to this union three sons were born: Jack of Yarmouth, James of Newton, and the oldest son, Plon, who is deceased.

Mr. Oberman's principal occupation was farming, but he engaged in numerous community activities. He was one of the organizers of the Yarmouth Consolidated School District and served as a board member of said district from its origin for eighteen years. He served on the Des Moines County Board of Supervisors for twelve years and during this period was honored by serving as president of the Fifth District of the County Officials for four years and as president of the State Association of Boards of Supervisors.

He was a member of the Farm Bureau, A. F. & A. M., Kaaba Shrine and Elks. He served Des Moines County as State Representative in the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth sessions of the General Assembly. He was elected to the Fifty-sixth General Assembly, but resigned due to ill health.

Mr. Oberman was always a man who was devoted to the public interest, sought to inform himself of the nature of public problems and to assert himself with conviction in the solution of these problems.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Claude Oberman, the state has 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 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 the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

BLYTHE C. CONN,
RAYMOND CORNICK,
HARRY W. RAMSEYER,
Committee.

FRANK A. O'CONNOR

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

Frank A. O'Connor was born at Independence, Iowa, August 2, 1875. He attended public and parochial schools at Lawler, Iowa, the Iowa City Academy and the State University of Iowa, graduating in the law school in 1898. He was admitted to the Bar the following year, and with William Avery Smith, now a member of the Iowa Supreme Court, opened a law office and practiced law at New Hampton, Iowa. This partnership continued for 44 years, and in 1918 they moved to Dubuque, Iowa.

Mr. O'Connor was elected county attorney for Chickasaw County in 1902 and re-elected in 1904. He was elected State Representative from Chickasaw County and served in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth General Assemblies, becoming minority party leader of the Democrats in the session of 1911. In May, 1922, he became United States Attorney for the district of northern Iowa. He was delegate-at-large from Iowa to the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore in 1932. He was chairman of the Iowa Delegation of the Democratic National Convention at Chicago in 1940, and placed the name of Henry Wallace of Iowa in nomination for vice president.

Mr. O'Connor served on the Iowa Governor's Council of Defense in World War I during 1917 and 1918. In 1934 he entered federal service, becoming general counsel for the Farm Credit Administration at Omaha and later became its general agent, being responsible during this time for the operation of the FCA, including the four credit banks set up by the congressional act. He served in this capacity until June 1, 1937.

He was president of the Dubuque Chamber of Commerce, member of the Board of Governors of School of Religion at the University of Iowa, and trustee and member of the Board of Regents of Loras College.

He was united in marriage on November 24, 1904, to Mary Agnes McNevin of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who, with a son Gerald, was killed April 6, 1934 in an auto-train collision.

Mr. O'Connor died at his home in Dubuque, Iowa, June 20, 1954. Surviving are his wife, the former Mrs. Mabel Conover, whom he married in March, 1939; his two sons, Charles E. and Francis J. O'Connor of Dubuque; five grandchildren; three brothers and four sisters.

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Claude Oberman[Pedigree](#)Male

Event(s):**Birth:** 21 MAR 1889 , , Iowa**Christening:****Death:** 1955**Burial:**

Parents:**Father:** [George Oberman](#)[Family](#)**Mother:** [Arminia OR Minnie Smith](#)

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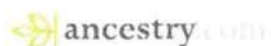
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Name: **Claude Oberman**
 Birth Year: **abt 1890**
 Birth Place: **Iowa**
 Gender: **Male**
 Race: **White**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Census Date: **1 Jan 1925**
 Residence State: **Iowa**
 Residence County: **Des Moines**
 Locality: **Washington**
 Relation to Head: **Head**
 Mother: **Minnie Smith**
 Mother's Birth Year: **abt 1865**
 Mother's Birthplace: **Iowa**
 Father: **Geo Oberman**
 Father's Birth Year: **abt 1862**
 Father's Birthplace: **Iowa**
 Marriage Place: **Iowa**
 Spouse Name: **Ora Oberman**
 Roll: **IA1925_1696**
 Line: **21**
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| Household Name | Age |
|---|-----|
| Members: Claude Oberman | 35 |
| Ora Oberman | 29 |
| Plon I Oberman | 10 |
| Jack A Oberman | 5 |
| James M Oberman | 1 |

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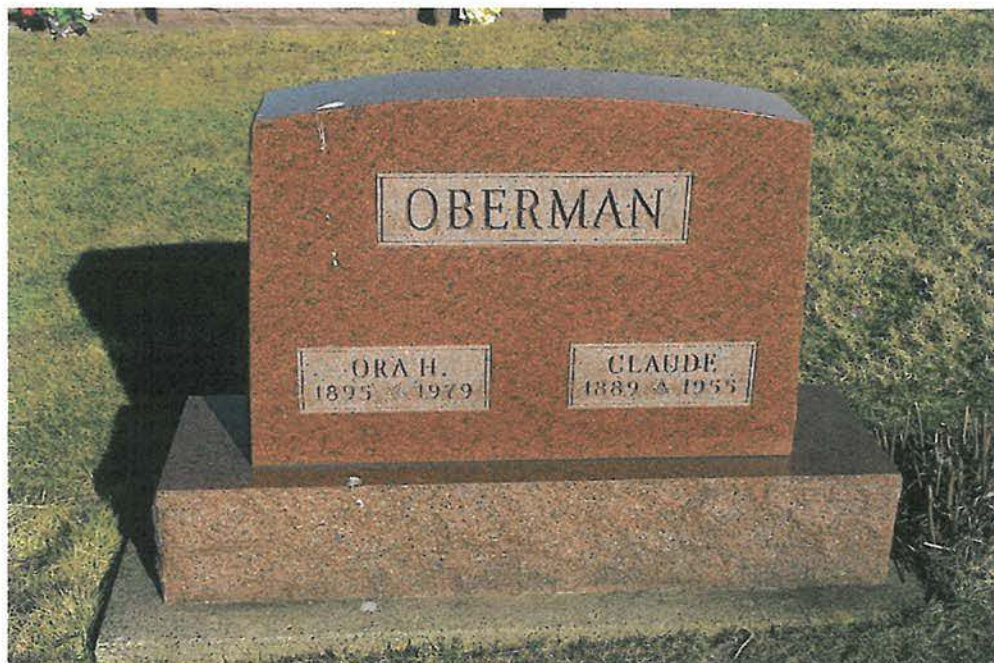


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