

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Meyer Dwight Hillman Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Des Moines County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 18 Oct 1901 near Odebolt, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Helen Louise Roche 26 Nov 1925 Boone, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business In 1943, he won the Iowa Corn Yield contest, Chairman of the Colonial Manor Road, secretary of the Odebolt Development Corporation and Community Housing Board

B. Civic responsibilities Rotary; Farm Bureau

C. Profession Farmer, raised purebred Shorthorn cattle and Hampshire hogs; Odebolt seed corn dealer; real estate and farm management

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 53<sup>rd</sup>, 54<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1949, 1951, 1953

6. Public Offices

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

B. State Rural Electrification Association state chairman in the 1940's named state ASCS chairman in 1953

C. National Appointed Deputy Director of the USDA Soil Bank Division in Washington, D.C. for 5 years

7. Death 2 Feb 1992 Haw Iowa, Iowa, buried Odebolt Cemetery, Odebolt, Iowa

8. Children Mary Jeanne (Mrs. Harris Thompson); Barbara (Mrs. Roy Johnson); Clyde; Lois (Mrs. Bob Moffett); Jim

9. Names of parents William and Hannah (Apparatus) Meyer

Meyers, Dwight Wm.

10. Education Educated in the Adair public schools  
graduating in 1919

11. Degrees Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa - B.S. degree in Animal  
Husbandry in 1925

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His wife, Helen, died 20 Feb 1985

- He farmed the land on which he was born







# Church

## Sun Obituaries

### Dwight W. Meyer

Dwight William Meyer was born on Oct. 18, 1901 at Odebolt, Iowa to William J. and Hannah Aupperle Meyer. There were four children born into this family. Wendell died in infancy and Fred died in World War I. His sister, Verena Northey, lives in Milford, Iowa.

Dwight graduated from Odebolt High School in 1919 and received his B.S. degree in Animal Husbandry from Iowa State College in 1925. He was a member of the Adelante Fraternity, and the Iowa State wrestling team. He was a charter member of the ISU Cyclone Wrestling Club. He held season tickets for the ISU football games for many years. In 1985, he received the ISU Distinguished Alumni Award.

On Nov. 26, 1925, he married Helen Louise Rocho, in Boone and moved to the Odebolt Century Farm in Richland Township. Their children and spouses are: Mary Jeanne and Harris Thompson, Odebolt; Barbara and Ron Johnson of Cedar Falls; Clyde and Ruth Meyer of Ames, Lois and Bob Moffitt of Minneapolis, Minn.; Jim and Madeline Meyer of Odebolt. Helen Meyer died on Feb. 20, 1985, after nearly 60 years of married life. Their 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren are: Dave and Sue Thompson, Nathan and Katlyn of Webster City; Chuck and Pam Thompson, Brent and Sarah of Bloomington, Ind.; Tim and Tami Thompson, Tara, Tayli, and Ty, of Odebolt; Todd and Teri Thompson, Josh and Tasha, of Nevada; Barry and Elva Johnson, Laura and Chad, Broken Arrow, Okla.; Scott and Gayle Johnson, Garrett and Amelia, Rochester, Minn.; Andrea (Johnson) and Cris Cain, Brittany, Longmont, Colo.; Amy (Johnson) and Doug Infelt of Coralville; Steve Meyer and fiancée, Stephanie Kohler, Westminster, Colo.; Linda (Meyer) and Gary Myers of Boone; Jeff and Daisy Meyer, Gail and Holly, Santa Clara, Calif.; Shari Meyer, Austin, Texas; Cindy (Moffitt) and Michael Gogerty, Ames; Sue Moffitt and fiancée Craig Kelso, Des Moines; Jim Moffitt, Breckenridge, Colo.; Kent Meyer and fiancée, Michelle Rogers, Cedar Rapids; Jay Meyer, Deerfield, Ill.; Two grandchildren preceded Dwight and Helen in death.

Dwight farmed the land on which he was born. In 1943 he won the Iowa Corn Yield contest. He raised purebred Shorthorn cattle and Hampshire hogs, and was one of the first Dekalb seed corn dealers in Sac County. He was involved in many local and community activities. In the 1940's he served as the REA state chairman. He was elected to serve as state representative from Sac County in the Iowa Legislature in 1948 and served three terms. He was named state ASCS chairman in 1953. In 1956, he was appointed Deputy Director of the USDA Soil Bank Division in Washington D.C. and served five years. In 1961, Helen and Dwight returned to Odebolt where Dwight opened the Meyer Real Estate and Farm Management Office. He retired in 1968.

Dwight served as chairman of the Colonial Manor Board until local investors sold to the C.M. Corp. He served as secretary of the Odebolt Development Corporation and the Community Housing Board. He was an active member of the Odebolt United Methodist Church, Rotary, Sac County Farm Bureau, and the O.A. Booster Club.

Dwight passed away Feb. 2, 1992 in Ida Grove. Funeral services were held Feb. 5, 1992 at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Odebolt with Rev. Harold E. Schirm officiating. Music was provided by congregational singing accompanied by organist Mrs. Corinne Down. Flower committee was Mrs. Roland Oxendale and Mrs. Leonard Carstensen. Ushers were Donald Sykes and Carol Youngren. Honorary attendants were Almer Noyd, Dr. John Hubiak, Marvin Stock, Jack Simpson, Milton Paul, Walter Kessler, Bartley Ogden and Vern Boerner. Active attendants were Tim Thompson, Todd Thompson, Scott Johnson, Jeff Meyer, Jay Meyer and Jim Moffitt. Burial was in Odebolt Cemetery with Farber and Ogdeman Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

### Julian V. Paulson

Julian Vernon Paulson of Early, Iowa, died at the age of 75.

Julian was born on May 6, 1916, in Anson County, Iowa. He was the son of Louie and Paulson. He was baptized on May 28, 1916 in Amaqua Township.

On Dec. 17, 1938, Julian married Iona Swartz Church, Boxholm, Iowa. The couple lived in Early. Julian was employed in the grain business in retirement in 1978. They were charter members in Early.

Julian loved to fish and hunt. He was on it many years.

Julian's survivors include his wife Iona; son, Paso, Texas; daughter Jan McGuire of Malibu Hammarstedt and Leone Clark and one brother Ogden, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held Feb. 3, 1992 at Lutheran Church in Early with Rev. Lee R. McFarland officiating. Music was provided by congregational singing accompanied by organist Nancy Fertig. Flower committee was Mrs. Eugene Honeck. Attendants were Ray Dentlinger, Don Wattier, Don Vetter, Dwight Lehman and Carroll. Burial was in the Early Union Cemetery in Early with Farber and Ogdeman Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

### Nick Smidt

Nick Smidt from Sac City was born Dec. 20, 1901 to Henry H. and Reaka (Krenzien) Snodgrass. He lived in Sac City in his early years and retired in 1989.

On Feb. 2, 1992 Nick passed away at Blackhawk Lake View at the age of 91. He is survived by his wife, Wall Lake; brother Ted Smidt of Lake View and three nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister and brother.

Funeral services were held Feb. 5, 1992 at Otteman Funeral Home in Lake View with Rev. Harold E. Schirm officiating. Music was provided by soloist accompanied by organist Nancy Fertig. Flower committee was Mrs. Roland Oxendale and Mrs. Leonard Carstensen. Ushers were Donald Sykes and Carol Youngren. Honorary attendants were Almer Noyd, Dr. John Hubiak, Marvin Stock, Jack Simpson, Milton Paul, Walter Kessler, Bartley Ogden and Vern Boerner. Active attendants were Tim Thompson, Todd Thompson, Scott Johnson, Jeff Meyer, Jay Meyer and Jim Moffitt. Burial was in Odebolt Cemetery with Farber and Ogdeman Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

### Patricia A. Ohden

Patricia Ann Ohden from Lake View was born in Valparaiso, Ind., to George Austin and Edith Eleanor. She lived in the Lake View area. She worked in the area until the accident.

On Feb. 2, 1992 Pat passed away at rural Auburn. She is survived by her husband, James Ohden, Carnation, and wife, Lori, Lake View; daughter, Dianne, Carroll; daughter Kelli Dahl, Carroll; daughter and son-in-law Edith Straight, Carnation; sister Helen and brothers George Alvin Straight and wife Laura. Burial was in Odebolt Cemetery with Farber and Ogdeman Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

She was preceded in death by her father George.

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Ardys Zolnosky was a guest.

Prizes were awarded to Jeanne Lange, Bonnie Glass and Barb Pollock.

The next meeting will be Feb. 13 with Chelon Stanzel.

### Norwest Toastmasters Club

The Norwest Speakeasy Toastmasters Club met Feb. 4. Toastmaster for the meeting was Duane Miller. Michael Prach conducted the Table Topics. The speakers for the evening were Bruce Barr and Bruce Hinkeldey. Receiving the traveling trophy for Best Table Topic was Duane Miller. The Best Speaker Award went to Bruce Hinkeldey and Randy Russom was voted Best Evaluator.

The Norwest Speakeasy Toastmasters Club meet every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., in room 23 of the I.C.C.C. building in Storm Lake. Anyone wishing to improve their communication skills is cordially invited to attend or contact any of the above members for more information.



### Students Named

Approximately 2,670 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding achievement by being named to the fall semester Deans List.

Those students in our area are: Teresa Stewart, Auburn; Aaron Christiansen, Early; Michelle Frisbie, Brian Gerdes, Brian Leitz, Steven Riedell and Michael Rumelhart, Lake View; Michael S. Lytton; Jonathan Buelow, Carroll; Kristin Stanzel, Sac City; Neil Morrow, Tom Stimson, David Weimer from Wall Lake.

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# ODEBOLT FOREVER



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## Meyer Century Farm

The Meyer farm, located northeast of Odebolt, was purchased by William Meyer November 5, 1875, from Iowa

Railroad Land Company for \$5.50 an acre.

William Meyer, born in Helsen, Waldec, Germany, in 1827, married Verena Widmer, born in 1829 in Kirchberg, Bern, Switzerland. They spent their early married life in Ohio and Illinois. William hired a Mr. Walters to come to Iowa to prepare this prairie land for a home. He also planted willow trees around the farm.

In 1880, Mr. and Mrs. William Meyer and their family of five children came to their farm in Sac County, Iowa, in a covered wagon. Their children were George, Emma (Mrs. Miller), Lydia (Mrs. Marsch), William Jr., and Annie (Mrs. McFarland).

In 1892, William J. Meyer and Hannah Aupperle were married and moved onto the farm. The Aupperles were neighbors. William and Hannah were parents of Frederick; Wendell, who died in infancy; Verena (Mrs. Gilbert Northey); and Dwight William, who married Helen Rocho, daughter of William and Mary (Sigler) Rocho.

Dwight and Helen moved to the farm in 1925 and lived there thirty years. Their children are Mary Jeanne (Mrs. Harris Thompson); Barbara (Mrs. Ronald Johnson); Clyde, married to Ruth Willey; Lois (Mrs. Robert Moffitt); and James, married to Madeline Willey.

In 1955, Helen and Dwight moved from the farm, and Clyde and Ruth lived there for eleven years. In 1966, James and Madeline Meyer took over the operation, signed a land purchase contract on September 14, 1972, and became the fourth generation current operators.

Meyer Farm, long known as Happy Hollow Farm, has had a close tie with Iowa State College/University in Ames, Iowa. Dwight Meyer and Helen Rocho met at Ames College, as did children Barbara and Ron Johnson, Clyde and Ruth Willey, and James and Madeline Willey. Children Mary Jeanne and Lois and Bob Moffitt are also graduates of Iowa State. Twelve grandchildren of Dwight and Helen attended ISU. Dwight's sister Verena met her husband Gilbert Northey at Ames.

Dwight Meyer was elected to the Iowa State House of Representatives in 1948 and served three terms. James Meyer was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 and also served three terms. Dwight went on to serve under United States Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson in the Dwight Eisenhower administration in Washington, D.C. Dwight won the Des Moines Register & Tribune Award in 1943 for The Largest Iowa Corn Yield Per Acre with a 151.16 bushel yield per acre.

In the last 127 years, Meyer Farm has produced oats, flax, milo, corn, soybeans, barley, rape, purebred Hampshire and Chester White hogs, and purebred Shorthorn cattle. In later years, production concentrated on corn, soybeans, feeder cattle, and farrow-finish pork production that reached an annual 6,000 head of market hogs level. Machinery used included John Deere, International Harvester, Allis Chalmers Gleaner, Versatile, Deutz, Massey Ferguson, Oliver and Belarus. Farm related organizations in which the Meyers have provided leadership include: Farm Bureau, Farm Business Association, Pork Producers, Rural Electric Coop, Corn Growers, 4-H, and Extension. Clyde Meyer sold Welco Feed; Dwight and James sold DeKalb Seed Corn.

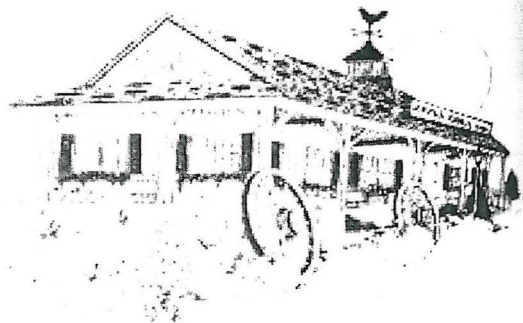
The Meyer Farm christian influence has come from the Methodist Church, and political activities have supported the Republican Party.



## Miller Century Farm

Dakota Miller and Alex Ernest, fifth generation of the Miller family, are pictured on the farm.

The farm is currently owned by Don Miller of Odebolt. The land has been in the Miller family for 125 years. Jacob Miller homesteaded the farm in 1874. He bought the land from the railroad for \$4 per acre.



## Century Farm Home to Fifth Generation

community. Their fifth generation to live on in 1908.

The farmstead, road in 1884 by Joe from England in 1884 married Charlotte A the "old house" farmstead building



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