

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Clark, Govert Thomas "G.T." Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Marion County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 2 Mar 1905 Knopville, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place \_\_\_\_\_

E. Ruth Burgess 2 Mar 1927

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He organized a unit of the National Farmer Organization in Marion County

B. Civic responsibilities I.O.O.F., Mason, Shiner

C. Profession Farmer, auditor

4. Church membership Methodist

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local Knopville postmaster 1952-1953; Lincoln school district board of

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

C. National He was a delegate to the 1944 Democratic National Convention in Chicago and the 1948 Convention in Philadelphia

7. Death 8 March 1957 New Moon, Iowa; buried Graceland Cemetery, Knopville, Iowa

8. Children James R.

9. Names of parents Lawrence Otis and Jennie (Ves Plog) Clark

10. Education He was educated in Lincoln's Elementary School  
which was near his home in rural Marion County;  
later he graduated from Knoxville, Iowa High School  
in 1924.

11. Degrees He attended Des Moines University for 3 years

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He worked for 3 years after college as an auditor for a grocery  
store chain. He then returned to the farm and took over  
active operation from his father, Lawrence Otis Clark



## 580 FARMERS SIGN CORN AGREEMENTS

Marion County farmers have signed 580 agreements on corn, covering 8,842 acres, and providing for payment amounting to \$368,752.91, it was announced by Merrill L. Robuck, chairman of the county ASC committee, this week.

Deadline for signing both corn and wheat acreage reserve agreements was last Friday.

Three fall and one spring wheat agreements were signed on 45 acres with payments of \$879.25.

Robuck said that a number of signers indicated a desire to place more than their allowed maximum corn acreage in the reserve, if acres would call for additional funds are available. The additional payments totaling \$89,476.80.

## 10 TEEN-AGERS ARE PLACED ON PROBATION

### Paroled to District Probation Officer

Cases of the 10 teen-agers charged here with shop lifting and stealing from parked cars were continued in Marion County Juvenile Court Friday by Judge S. E. Prall.

The boys were placed on probation and paroled to Robert Haldeman, judicial district probation officer.

Judge Prall, upon the recommendation of Haldeman and County Attorney Bert Bandstra, pronounced a number of regulations which the 10 must observe to maintain their probationary status. They include:

Get home by 8 o'clock every evening except Friday when they may stay away from home until 10 p.m.

No riding in cars, either day or night, unless accompanied by an adult member of their respective families.

## CLARK DIES OF INJURIES FROM FARM ACCIDENT

### Spent Busy Life as Farmer, Leader in Community

G. T. Clark, 52, life-time farmer, and Democratic leader in Marion County, died Friday at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines of injuries he received in a hammermill accident at his farm, 5 miles west of Knoxville, on Feb. 14.

He had not regained consciousness since the accident.

He served in the 53rd and 54th General Assemblies as representative from Marion County, in 1949 and 1951, respectively. In the 54th he was appointed as the only Democrat on the new state office building interview committee.

Clark resigned as representative to accept the appointment as acting Knoxville postmaster and served from Aug. 1, 1952 to April 23, 1953, when he was replaced by Republican L. D. Tucker.



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... using in cars, either for night, unless accompanied by an adult member of their respective families.

No smoking or use of intoxicating liquor, including beer.

Attendance at school regularly, with proper attitude toward teachers.

Judge Prall also authorized Haldeman to enforce any other rules or regulations that he sees fit.

The 10 defendants, whose names were released by juvenile court authorities, are:

Mike Beard, Bill Carie, David Dainty, Harold De Vos, Donald East, Terry Hayes, Jerry Koonce, Mike Larson, Tom Rees, Larry Smith.

After the hearing Friday and prior to disposition of the cases, Judge Prall called a recess and asked each defendant to write a statement covering two points -- the punishment that should be meted out by the court and the reason or reasons why the boys had gotten into trouble.

The 10 statements as written by the boys are:

I think all of us should be in bed every night. We shouldn't hang around with other boys and I think that all of our school activities should improve.

We should be home at 9:30 every night. I think that Knoxville needs a good recreation center for teenagers. Everything we have in the town for recreation costs too much. Like Bowling costs 50 cents and shows cost 50 cents too. I would like to go to a place where we could play basketball, ping pong and play other things.

Restrict hours and change school attitude. Be home by 9:30 or 10:00 every night.

Knoxville needs more activities

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### SPRING ANGUS SALE HERE ON MONDAY

Members of the Marion County Angus Breeders Association will hold their 20th annual Spring Production Sale Monday at Hillcrest Auction Pavillion in Knoxville.

The offering will consist of 27 bulls and 48 females from 18

Clark served as chairman of the county Democratic central committee for more than 15 years. He was an alternate delegate to the 1944 Democratic National Convention in Chicago and a delegate to the 1948 National Convention in Philadelphia.

Two years ago he was one of those instrumental in organizing a unit of National Farmers Organization in Marion County and served for a time as a director from this district to the state organization.

Clark served for several years as township AAA committee chairman and was a member and president of the board of directors of Lincoln School District for more than 14 years.

He attended Lincoln School, graduated from Knoxville High School in 1924 and attended Des Moines University. After college he worked for 3 years as auditor for a grocery store chain. Then he returned to the farm and took over active operation from his father, Lawrence O. Clark.

Clark was generally considered by Marion County residents to be a faithful representative of his area in the Legislature, regardless of party.

Palbearers for the funeral services which were held from First Methodist Church in Knoxville on Monday afternoon were Bert Bandstra, Jack Carpenter, John Fisher, Loren Jarman, Merle Maddy and Clifford Park, all Democratic county officers.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Paul M. Hann of Ottumwa and Rev. M. D. Summerbell of Knoxville and interment was in Graceland Cemetery under auspices of Knoxville lodge of IOOF.

## 33 ON FOURTH HONOR ROLL

The names of only 33 students appear on Knoxville Senior High School honor roll for the first 6 weeks of the second semester -- 7 seniors, 9 juniors and 17 sophomores.

Those on the roll as announced by Principal Charles A. Irvin are: da Dennison, Betty Holdren, Bertha James, Elizabeth Miller, Carol

