

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ **Senator** Keir, Robert
Represented Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kosciusko and Palo Alto Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 6 June 1905 Sac County, Iowa
(made near Nevada)

2. Marriage(s) date place
 ① Lana Grace Pesser 6 Feb 1935 Spencer, Iowa

② Eileen Genevieve Chers 22 Jan 1962 Quindara, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Chairman of the Clay County Planning Committee starting 1936-1939

B. Civic responsibilities Jam. Dawson-Biverton Township president 1936. President of Clay County Farm Bureau 1937-1939; member of Clay County Jail Board; 4-H leader; Director of Co-ops in Spencer, Iowa.

C. Profession Farmer - specializing in cattle and sheep feeding

4. Church membership Methodist - Sunday School teacher

5. Sessions served 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd General Assemblies 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947

6. Public Offices

A. Local President of the Clay County Farm Bureau; vice-president of the Clay County Fair; Clay County Clerk of Court 1965-1973; Clay County Board of Supervisors starting in 1973

B. State Chairman of the research committee of Iowa Farm Bureau Federation; member of Iowa School Code Commission and Iowa Post-War Rehabilitation Commission; member of Iowa Highway Commission 1949-1955

C. National _____

7. Death _____

8. Children Richard Eder; Kendall; Heidi (Mrs. Ernest Gales - adopted from Austria in 1952)

9. Names of parents Roy E. and Zada (Cassant) Keir

10. Education He graduated from Des Moines High School, 1923

11. Degrees He graduated from Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa with a degree in Animal Husbandry, 1927

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He began farming in 1933 in Clay County, Iowa
- His wife, Lora, died 1960 at Spencer, Iowa
- His second wife, Edleer, died 8 Nov 1995 at Spencer, Iowa
- He was an extensive traveler around the United States
- He was the President of the Clay County Boy Scouts from 1942; vice-president of Prairie Add Area Council of Boy Scouts of America

**THE HISTORY
OF
CLAY COUNTY, IOWA**

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of Clay County
1984**

Sebastian passed away in Los Angeles on January 4, 1932.

Emil and Hulda Kautz Sebastian were parents of five children: Ida Julia (Mrs. Ed Warren, 1882-1969) of Paradise, California, Pauline Louise (LuLu, Mrs. Henry Kaus, 1884-1969) of Spencer, Iowa, Emil W. (1886-1932) of Spencer, Iowa, Emily (Mrs. Hector McCleary, 1889-1959) of Windom, Minnesota, and Arthur August (1896-1968) of Spencer, Iowa.

by Pauline Kaus

KAUS, KENNETH AND RUTH

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kaus, 1940.

Kenneth Sebastian Kaus was born northeast of Spencer, April 17, 1916 to Lulu Sebastian Kaus and Henry Kaus. He graduated from Spencer High School in 1934. He married Ruth Nitzsche Feb. 1, 1940. They started farming and purchased the Charles Reynolds' farm in 1948. This move was just ½ mile south of where he was born.

Kenneth joined the Langdon Methodist Church as a youth and held many offices. At present, he is Chairman of the church board. He was Meadow Township school director, served on the Meadow A.S.C.S. committee, and was president of the local Federal Land Bank. Having had "Open Heart" surgery, he was eligible to join the "Mended Hearts" club in Sioux City. Kenneth is a member of the Golden K. Kiwanis club and has been a ticket boy at the grandstand at the Clay County fair for 20 years. They joined Farm Bureau in 1940 when dues were \$5.00 a year.

His wife, Ruth, was born the youngest child, April 5, 1918, to Carrie Kessler Nitzsche, and Elmer Nitzsche northeast of Spencer.

She joined the Langdon Methodist Church



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kaus, 1980.

as a youth and was active in girls 4H and graduated from Lake Center High School in 1936. After graduation she worked for three years at the Fettes-Swallum Hospital in Spencer.

It was hard work farming with horses the first few years. Picking corn by hand meant early rising and a good breakfast to last till noon. Frost on the corn stalks meant wet gloves and cold hands. Ruth sometimes joined him in the afternoons. After milking the cows by hand the last job of the day was scooping off the load of corn by lantern light.

Later years often found Ruth driving the tractor in the fields on the disc, oats binder, baler, etc. The blizzard of November 1941 came unexpected as we didn't have radio station K.I.C.D. to warn us. Several cattle had to be hauled in from the pasture that night on a stone boat and team, and later died of pneumonia. The farm home was old and snow blew in the north windows. A blanket was hung over the head of the bed during this storm. No phone was available so no contact with relatives or friends till the storm was over. After the storm chickens were found in trees and other places trying to find shelter.

Every spring an unwelcome chore was to scrub the brooder house with lye water to get ready for baby chicks. For a number of years eggs were sold to a Spencer hatchery which meant a premium price.

The summer of 1953 found crops looking especially nice. Then one Sunday noon a wind and hail storm beat the crops into the ground in a few minutes. This is a terrible blow to a farmer when there is no insurance.

The first soy beans were planted in rows and cut with a grain binder and shocked for hay.

Ruth was Sunday School Supt. and teacher for many years. M.Y.F. sponsor and President of United Methodist Women for 3 different terms as well as other church offices. She is a member of the Progressive Club, and associate member of the "Mended Hearts" Club and Life Member of United Methodist Women. She served on the County

Extension Council and Farm Bureau Womens Township offices.

Spring and summer found her busy in her flower and vegetable gardens, freezing and canning vegetables. She has kept a daily diary for over 40 years and writing letters to the sick and "shut-ins" is another hobby. She learned to crochet, embroidery and quilt from her mother.

They built a new home in 1966 and electricity came by in 1944 and rural water in 1981.

One son, David Leroy, was born Aug. 5, 1945. He served as a medic on the helicopter "Dust Off" in Viet Nam and like other parents were concerned for his safety, especially because he was an only child. He married Debbra Hansen Rygh in July 1981. They have one daughter, Molly Catherine, born Oct. 19, 1982.

The Kaus' retired on their farm in 1983.

by Mrs. Kenneth Kaus

KEHOE, EUGENE T.

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Eugene Thomas Kehoe was born Jan. 25, 1930 at Milford, Iowa. He spent his childhood on a farm east of Spencer with his parents Geo. T. and Hazel Louter Kehoe, grandma Louter and 3 uncles, Ernest, Robert and Jesse Louter. He attended a country school located a mile and half south of the farm, which they had to walk. When the Little Sioux River went out of its banks they stayed home.

About 1945 the Kehoes moved to Milford where Gene graduated in 1948. Shortly after the Kehoe's left the Louter farm, only Jesse was living there then, the house burned down.

June 16, 1951 Gene married Alice Ann Stinogel, daughter of J.G. and Leola Frost Stinogel of Spirit Lake, Iowa. She graduated in 1947 from the Arnolds Park school and attended Wayne State Teachers College at Wayne, Nebraska for two years. She taught grade school in schools in the area ending with the Landgon School.

In Oct. 1951 Gene entered the U.S. Army serving his time in Korea. Upon his return he continued to drive truck for his brother-in-law at Milford and worked in the Champlain gas station at Milford.

In 1956 Oliver Hosteng of Spencer asked Gene to go into farming with him. Gene had worked for Oliver during his high school years during the summer months.

They have 3 sons Timothy Lee Feb. 24, 1957; James Eugene May 6, 1961; John Thomas Sept. 24, 1962.

They purchased the Louter farm when it came up for auction in 1966 and later they purchased the Hosteng farm.

They have one grand daughter, Sarah Jane born 1982, the daughter of John and Anna.

by Alice Kehoe

KEIR FAMILY

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Roy Keir was born in Wellington, Kansas, in 1882, the son of Duncan Keir and Lydia Sasset. Lydia died a short time after Roy's birth. Duncan married Lanora Lee in about 1890 and moved from Kansas to Sac City, Iowa. In 1902 Roy and Zada Corsaut were

married at Sac City. Zada was born in Michigan in 1880, the daughter of David Corsaut, who was born in Canada in 1840, and Sarah Hunt born in England in 1847. Roy and Zada farmed in Sac County and became the parents of two children, Robert in 1905, and Hazelle in 1907.

In 1909 Roy and Zada quit the farm and moved to Spencer where Roy went into the automobile business in the Berget Bldg. at 2nd and Main. He sold Flander cars and also taught the buyers to drive. Robert and Hazelle started to school in the North School. Teachers were first grade, Miss Parrot, then Miss Jessie Chase and Miss Anna Elder. They were the best.

Later Roy worked for Wells Fargo Express Company for a time and then joined the firm of Claer and Dyer.

In 1917 Roy and Zada bought a farm in Sac County and left Spencer. Robert and Hazelle finished school in Sac City and both graduated from Iowa State University. In 1933 Robert moved to a farm southwest of Spencer and in 1935 married Lana Peeso, the daughter of Louis and Flora Peeso and the granddaughter of M.M. and Lana Peeso and Henry and Grace Webb.

Robert was President of Clay County Farm Bureau in 1936 to 1939. Elected to the State Senate in 1940 and again in 1944, served there a total of eight years, served as a member of the Highway Commission 1949 to 1955, and again in 1961 to 1963, appointed to Board of Supervisors until appointed Clerk of Court where he served nine years, and then a short time on the Board of Supervisors. He served many years on the Clay County Fair Board, nine years as President.

Lana was active in her church, Farm Bureau Women, Legislative Ladies league and many community organizations. She helped with the farm work even taking to the field when necessary. Lana taught school in Arnolds Park, Iowa for four years and was teaching there when she died in 1960.

Robert and Lana had four children. Richard in 1936, Wendell and Kendall, twins in 1942, and Heidi an Austrian adopted in 1952. The three Keir boys, plus Jason, a son of Wendell are the only living descendants of Melvin M. and Lana Peeso.

In 1962, Robert was married to Eileen Claer, daughter of P.J. and Mary Ellen Dailey Claer who moved from Ayrshire, Iowa to Spencer in 1909.

by R. Keir

KEISER, EDMUND ALBERT

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Mr. Keiser was born on a farm near Caledonia, Wisconsin, on February 2, 1864. His parents were Joseph and Adeline Smith Keiser. Both were born in Germany. When "Ed" was four years old the family moved to Tama County, Iowa, and later to a farm near Wall Lake, Iowa, that his father had bought from the railroad company. They bought another farm soon afterward near Lake View, which is still in the family after more than 100 years. Besides Ed, the Joseph Keisers had ten more children, all younger than Ed.

When Ed was about twenty-six years old



Wedding picture, March 28, 1894, of Edmund and Elizabeth Keiser, 923 3rd Ave. W, Spencer, Iowa.

he moved to an unimproved farm near Lytton in Calhoun County, which had been purchased for \$6.50 an acre. He built a house, which is still there, and he farmed alone for about four years. Ed married Elizabeth Margaret Michels of Beaver, Iowa, on March 28, 1894. Two children, Earl and Ruth, were born to the couple.

The family purchased a farm near Early, Iowa in Sac County about 1904, which they sold and then bought a farm south of Spencer in 1914. They lived there most of the time until Ed retired about 1931. Ed and Lizzie enjoyed a couple of winters in Oregon and California. At one time they had a very good herd of black Angus cattle. On the Early farm he cut down a row of cottonwood trees and had them sawed into lumber, with which he built a large barn.

Mrs. Keiser enjoyed raising Buff Rocks, and showing her chickens at various shows and fairs.

They bought their first automobile in 1913, a grey Buick model #31 touring car, complete with side curtains and of course a tool box on the running board, and a starting crank. The headlamps, side lamps, and rear lamp were lighted with gas.

Mr. and Mrs. Keiser celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1944. Mrs. Keiser passed away in 1946 and Mr. Keiser on August 1, 1960, at the age of 96½ years. Up until 1959 his interest was tending a large vegetable and flower garden.

Edmund Albert Keiser's son, Earl Alvin Keiser, was born on January 29, 1895, near Lytton, Iowa. His early education was received in country schools and the first two years of high school at Schaller. He graduated from the Spencer High School in 1915, and then attended Iowa State College for three years, until he was called into service during World War I. He spent about a year in the U.S. Navy as a radio electrician. He then farmed with his father for about three years.

In 1923 Earl rode to California with some friends in an old Overland #90. He soon got a position as an electrician in the Universal

Movie Studios, and also worked in several other studios.

On March 3, 1934, he married Ellen Mable Krause, daughter of Herman and Augusta Krause and sister of George Krause of Spencer, in Beverly Hills, Cal. They moved to Spencer and farmed the Keiser farm south of Spencer, and later the Krause farm west of town where the Eaton plant was later built. They left the farm in 1948 because of ill health, and Earl clerked in the C. Ben Bjornstad hardware store until his retirement in 1960. They they made their home in their cottage on West Okoboji Lake until they sold it in May, 1980. The spent some winters in Spencer and in Florida and Arizona. After selling the cottage they lived in Spencer.

Ellen passed away March 9, 1983. She was a 50 year member of the O.E.S. Earl was also a 50 year member of Evening Shade Lodge 312 of the Masonic Order in Spencer. He was a member of the Spencer Park Board for a number of years. He was a charter member of the Parker Historical Society of Clay County and served as president in 1973-4, and is still an active member in 1983.

Ruth Loretta Keiser was born on December 20, 1904, on the farm near Early, Iowa. She attended country school south of Spencer and graduated from Spencer High School in 1924. She studied two years at Buena Vista College in Storm Lake and the Iowa State Teachers College Extension summer school at Spencer in 1927, where she earned her teacher's certificate. She lived with her aging parents and nursed them through their final illnesses. After they died she managed the shoe store at Younkers, and later the sportswear at Feldman's department store, until her retirement.

Ruth was a 50 year member of Evening Shade chapter 116 of the Order of the Eastern Star. She still maintains a large flower garden and is very active in the Congregational Church. After a short illness, Earl died, June 20, 1984.

by Earl Keiser

KENOBIE, BERNERD FAMILY

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Bernard and Tressie Kenobbie

Bernerd was born in 1912 at Presho, South Dakota to Fred and Mable (Clark) Kenobbie. His early years were spent in South Dakota. In the fall of 1932, he and a friend came to Iowa on the box cars to pick corn. In those days, there were no machines to pick corn, it

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GILLETTE, LESTER S: Senator; b Iowa; s of —; ed rural schs; Milford HS; Iowa St Coll; U of Mo, MA; Alpha Zeta; Delta Sigma Rho; Phi Kappa Phi; Sigma Xi; m Cecelia E Murray 1917; s John, Charles, Riley; d Jean, Mary, Rita, Frances; 1914-19 mbr staff Iowa St Coll experiment station; nationally known as judge of dairy cattle; farmer; 1936- senator, 47th dist; past mbr Farm Debt Advisory Bd; Dickinson Co Farm Bur; Milford twp sch bd; C D Farm Service Co; Spencer Farm Loan Assn; Iowa St Farm Bur, exec com; FSA, mbr state advisory com; Dem.

GOLLY, CLAUDE E: Mayor; b Zeating, Iowa Aug 8, 1876; s of William H Golly-Jane Perry; ed Zeating HS 1895; Des Moines Dental Coll, DDS 1902; m Cecile Perry Aug 26, 1902 Zeating; s Dr Willard P, Cecil E; d Evelyn (Mrs J L Osgood), Bernice (Mrs Arthur Hewlett); 1897-98 fireman Southern Pacific RR, Tucson Ariz; 1902-34 dentist, Spencer; 1936- mayor, Spencer; 1914-18 mbr city coun; ext traveler in US; life mbr Iowa St Dental Soc; C of C; AF&AM, past master; RAM; KT, past comm; Shrine; Chris Ch; hobbies: hunting, fishing; off & res Spencer.

GRAHAM, MRS AGNES T: Society Editor, General News & Feature Writer; b Paullina, Iowa; d of Iver Tjossem-Anna Mathiason; ed Spencer HS; Morningside Coll, summer sch; special work in literature, Kansas City Mo; m Elva M Graham Oct 11, 1923 Jackson Minn; s John Alva; — sch tchr, Iowa; — in newspaper work, 1st mechanical dept, mgr small newspaper in Black Hills; 1923- homemaker; 1923- on farm with husband, Iowa; 1936 in Colo; 1937-38 Cal; — soc editor, gen news & feature writer Spencer Times; Iowa Press Club; Womans Club; hobbies: writing & collecting poetry; off The Spencer Times; res 1151 2nd Ave E, Spencer.

GREEN, HEINE OTTO: Physician & Surgeon; b Postville, Iowa June 10, 1870; s of Dr John S Green-Mary A Cameron; ed Postville HS 1887; Western Coll, BSc 1891; Coll of Phys & Surgs, St Louis Mo, MD 1895; m Judith B Bernheim Jan —, 1918 Helena Mont; s Joseph E; 1895- prac med, Spencer; Clay Co & Iowa St Med Soc; AMA; AF&AM; off & res Spencer.

GRIEVE, JOHN P: Grain Dealer; b Long Grove, Iowa Jan 8, 1875; s of James G Grieve-Janet A Hardie; ed Kingsley HS 1892; Buena Vista Coll 1892-93; m Jean E Turner June 2, 1915 Sioux City; d Jean Phyllis; 1912-27 livestock & real est dlr, Webb; 1927- mgr Fed North Iowa Grain Co Elevator, Webb; 1900- twp assessor; past secy sch bd 15 years; AF&AM; RAM; KT; hobby: horse races; off & res Webb.

HAGEDORN, LOUIS C: Insurance Agent; b Clay Co, Iowa Nov 9, 1890; s of Chris S Hagedorn-Maren Beck; ed Clay Co; Elkhorn Coll 1909; m Clara Grobee Mar 30, 1918 Spencer; s Arnold G (dec); 1909-22 lbr & hdw dlr; 1922- ins & real est agt, Rossie; 1938- city clk; during World War in US army 10 months, AEF, France, 359th inf 90th div; OES; AF&AM; Congl Ch; hobby: flowers; off & res Rossie.

HART, JOHN L: Automobile Dealer; b Warsaw, Mo July 4, 1898; s of Gedney D Hart-Minnie Eoff; ed Warsaw Mo HS 1919; m Marie McKinstry Mar 4, 1925 Primghar; d Helen Marie, Bernice Anne; 1919 mbr Western League Baseball Assn, Joplin Mo; 1919-22 sch tchr, Cold Springs Mo; 1920 mbr Western Assn Baseball, Henrietta Okla; 1921-23 mbr Dakota Baseball League, City N D & Mitchell S D; 1923-24 Three I League, Danville & Terre Haute Ind; 1924 mbr Michigan-Ontario League, Muskegon Mich; 1924-25 ins salesman, Kansas City Mo; 1925-28 mgr & player Spencer Baseball Club; 1927 mgr

& player Cherokee Baseball Club; 1928-39 part owner & opr H & N Chevrolet Garage, Spencer, 1939- owner & opr; C of C; Spencer Golf & Country Club; FOE; AF&AM; hobby: sports; off & res Spencer.

HEYWOOD, MRS HORTENSE BUTLER: Farm Manager; b Cherokee, Iowa Mar 27, 1884; d of Dr M S Butler-Charlotte Kirchner; ed Cherokee HS; Hyde Park HS, Chicago Ill; Lake Forest Ill Coll, BA 1903; U of Chicago 1904-05; Berlin U, Germany 1906-07; Cornell U, N Y 1912-14; Sigma Xi; m Rolland E Heywood Aug 11, 1915 Peterson (dec); d Julia Charlotte; 1906-07 traveled in Europe; 1910-12 English & Latin instr, Peterson HS; 1915- homemaker; land owner & farm supvr; with Dr Needham published hand book Dragon Flies in N Amer; author of many articles published in scientific magazines; has traveled in US, Canada & Europe; IFWC, chmn internat relations com several years; Webster City Womans Club, past mbr, 1st pres; Tuesday Club, 1916-17 pres; Farm Bur; PEO, pres; OES, past matron; Congl Ch, SS tchr many years; hobbies: books & writing; res The Oaks, Peterson.

HOSSACK, JAMES IVAN: Attorney; b Ayrshire, Iowa Oct 9, 1911; s of Alex Hossack-Cora Daily; ed Spencer HS 1930; U of Minn, BA 1935, LLB 1938; 1938 adm to Iowa bar; Theta Chi; Gamma Eta Gamma; 1938- prac law, Spencer; Clay Co & Iowa St Bar Assns; Jr C of C, secy; Golf Club; FOE; Cath Ch; hobby: golf; off & res Spencer.

HOWE, CHARLES R: County Auditor; b Buena Vista Co, Iowa Jan 16, 1879; s of John R Howe-Mary E Shutt; ed Marathon HS 1897; Iowa St Coll, 1897-98; Capital City Comml Coll, Des Moines; m Emma M Anderson Sept 6, 1905 Spencer; s Harold H, John A; d Dorothy (Mrs W T Good), Helen (Mrs Helen Nielsen); 1900-07 bkkpr First Natl Bank, Spencer, 1907-19 asst cash, 1919-26 cash; 1927-28 ins agt; 1928-34 bank receivership work; 1935-36 statistician, IERA, Clay Co; 1937- Clay Co auditor; C of C; AF&AM; Congl Ch; hobby: hunting; res Spencer.

JAMES, GILBERT S: Attorney; b Clay Co, Iowa Feb 21, 1905; s of Edward E James-Margaret Bean; ed Linn Grove HS 1923; U of Iowa, LLB 1928; Gamma Eta Gamma; m Vera G Grange June 23, 1931 Sioux Rapids; d Mary Louise, Marcia Joanne; 1928- prac law, Spencer; 1931-39 Clay Co atty; C of C; Clay Co & Iowa State Bar Assns; Golf & Country Club; AF&AM; Bapt Ch; hobby: gardening; res Spencer.

JARNAGIN, MRS JUNE: Homemaker; b Atkinson, Neb July 6, 1890; d of James Elmer Allison-Cora Jane Burslen; ed Marathon HS; Brownell Hall, Omaha, 1904-06; ISTC, 1908-10; Delta Phi Delta; Alpha Lit Soc; m Roy Jarnagin June 6, 1911 Marathon; s Robert Allison; d Betty Jane, Margery June; 1908-09 primary & music tchr, Marathon; 1911- homemaker, Peterson; org Camp Fire Girls, guardian since 1928; Womans Club, dist committeewoman, finance dept since 1932; Peterson Civic Club; Tuesday Club; DAR; OES; Congl Ch, past organist 12 years, past SS tchr; hobbies: girls, music & art; off & res Peterson.

JARNAGIN, ROY A: Operating Advertising Co; b Montezuma, Iowa Oct 11, 1886; s of J W Jarnagin-Sarah C Aiken; ed Montezuma HS; Iowa St Normal Sch 1907; m June E Allison June 6, 1911 Marathon; s Robert A; d Betty Jane, Margery June; 1907 homesteaded in Stanley Co S D; 1908-18 sports & auto editor Des Moines Capitol; 1918-21 editor & mgr Storm Lake Register; 1921-24 editor & mgr Storm Lake Pilot Tribune; 1925-39 editor & publisher Peterson Patriot; 1939- opr special news editions & farm directories, Dickinson & Clay Cos; writer several songs, Okoboji Moon; OES; AF&AM; hobby: song writing; off & res Peterson.

JOHNSON, ARNOLD M: Owner & Operator Dairy; b Clay Co, Iowa Feb 15, 1913; s of Wilbur J Johnson-Minnie Brockle; ed Royal HS 1930; m Edith Shirkey June 11, 1933 Fairfield; 1930 emp as road conr, Peterson; 1931-32 helped father on farm; 1932-33 emp by Spencer Dairy; 1933-owner & opr Jersey Dairy, mfg ice cream, butter, cottage cheese, processing & distributing milk, Spencer; mbr Peterson Boys Band several years; played pro football, Spencer 2 years; Natl Assn of Ice Cream Makers; C of C; Golf & Country Club; IOOF, past noble grand; FOE; AF&AM; Presby Ch; off & res Spencer.

JOHNSON, WINFRED F: Superintendent of Schools; b Lynn, Mass Nov 29, 1895; s of Dr Albert C Johnson-Myrtha Foote; ed Westfield Mass HS; U of Wis, MA; Aurora, BA; Harvard U; U of Iowa; Columbia U; Colo St Tchrs; W Ill St Tchrs Coll, Macomb Ill; m Mary Bixler June 5, 1921 Corning; s Donald Bixler; 1920-25 coach, Kewanee Ill; 1925-30 supt of schs, Murray, 1930-35 Mount Ayr, 1935-40 Harlan, 1940-supt of schs, Spencer; during World War ent US army June 25, 1918, Co A 311th engrs, O/S AEF France, U Beaune France Mar-July 1919, corp, disch July 15, 1919; Amer Legion; VFW; South Central Dist St Tchrs Assn, pres 1935; ISTA, mbr exec com 1937-40; ofcr State Music Assn 1938-39; Declamatory Assn 1937-40; ofcr State Athletic Assn 1936-38; mbr State Forum Cam 1940, state legislative com 1939-40; C of C; Spencer Country Club; OES, past worthy patron; AF&AM, past master; RAM; York Rite; Shrine; Meth Ch; hobbies: philately, fishing; off E 4th; res 840 4th Ave W, Spencer.

KABRICK, FRANK E: Owner & Operator Implement & Farm Supply Store; b Benton Co, Iowa July 4, 1882; s of William Kabrick-Lucinda Utley; ed rural schs; Spencer HS; m Vade Cummings Aug 26, 1939 Spencer; prior to 1904 helped father on farm; 1904-12 owner & opr threshing outfit & hay baler, Clay Co; 1905-07 engr Spencer Light Plant; 1907-08 clk in hdw store, Spencer; 1907-08 homesteaded, Perkins Co, Chance S D; 1908-09 mgr of gen store & asst P M, Chance S D; 1911-12 clk in groc store, Spencer; 1912-15 salesman for J I Case Threshing Machine Co, NW Iowa dist, during 1913 collector for co, Winnipeg Canada; 1916-19 salesman for Altman Taylor Machinery Co, Mansfield Ohio; 1920 salesman for The Emerson Brantingham Machinery Co, Rockford Ill; 1920-28 salesman for Minneapolis Steel & Machine Co, Minneapolis Minn; 1920-owner & opr farm impl & supply co, Spencer, serving NW Iowa & S Minn; Iowa Impl Dlrs Assn, dir 3 years, 1939- VP; C of C; UCT, past sr councilor; AF&AM; Congl Ch; hobby: baseball; off & res Spencer.

KARGES, THEODORE W: Superintendent of Schools; b Sac Co, Iowa Dec 10, 1903; s William Paul Karges-Emma Marten; ed Storm Lake HS 1921; Buena Vista Coll, BSc 1925; mbr debate team, varsity football team; Iowa St Coll 1930; U of Iowa, MA 1935; Phi Kappa Delta; m Ruth Burr Feb 20, 1926 Kansas City Mo; d Karillyn; 1925-27 HS science tchr & athletic coach, Marathon; 1927-30 HS prin & athletic coach, Orange City; 1930-34 supt of schs Hayes consolidated sch, Storm Lake, 1934-Everly consolidated sch, Everly; author of History of Pub Edn, Buena Vista Co; pres Clay Co Tubercular Assn; Clay Co Schoolmasters Club, pres; ISTA; NEA; ARC, chmn Everly branch, Clay Co; Comml Club, secy; OES, worthy patron; AF&AM; Meth Ch, 1935- SS Supt; hobby: work; off & res Everly.

KEIR, ROBERT M: Farmer; b Sac City, Iowa June 6, 1905; s of Roy E Keir-Zada Corsaut; ed Sac City HS 1923; Iowa St Coll, BSc 1927; m Lana Peeso Feb 6, 1935

Spencer; s Richard Erle; 1927-33 farmer with father, Sac Co, specialist in cattle & sheep feeding; 1933- owner & opr farm, Clay Co; 1936-39 chmn Clay Co Planning Com; mbr State Program Planning Com; Rep nominee for state sen 47th dist; extensive traveler in US; mbr Farm Bur, Riverton twp pres 1936, 1937-39 pres Clay Co; chmn research com of Iowa Farm Bur Fedn; mbr Clay Co Fair Bd; past 4-H Club leader, Sac Co; C of C, 2nd VP; Meth Ch, SS tchr; Rep; hobby: old furn; res Spencer.

KETELSEN, FRANK P: Implement Dealer; b Tama Co, Iowa Aug 13, 1887; s of Peter Ketelsen-Christina Thompson; ed Everly HS 1906; m Freda Hoper Jan 11, 1911 Hartley; s Darrell France; d Flora Mae; 1906-13 lbr & grain dir, Everly; 1913-21 grain & impl dir, Everly; 1921-impl dir, Everly; past mbr city coun; Iowa Impl Dirs Assn; Farm Bur mbr; Comml Club; AF&AM; Meth Ch; hobbies: feeding cattle & hogs; off & res Everly.

KIRBY, ERNEST ELWOOD: Farmer; b Wood, Ill Dec 19, 1889; s of Ira Newton Kirby-Belle Correll; ed rural schs, Ill, Neb & Iowa; business coll, Estherville; m Edna Cook June 19, 1918 Webb; d Kathryn Marguerite, Patricia Mae, Lucretia Anne; prior to 1911 helped father on farm, Clay Co, 1911- farmer with father specialist in cattle & lamb feeding; 1931- Gillett Grove twp trustee; past mbr Greenville consolidated sch bd; during World War in US marines 12 months, O/S AEF, France; Amer Legion, past comm; Farm Bur; AF&AM; RAM; Scot Rite; KT; hobby: livestock; res Greenville.

KIRBY, IRA NEWTON: Stock Farmer & Farm Supervisor; b Portsmouth, Ohio June 30, 1862; s of John R Kirby-Kathryn Boston; ed rural schs in Ill & Ohio; m Belle R Correll Mar 2, 1887 Watska Ill; s Ernest Elwood; d Zola Mae (Mrs Arthur E Anderson); prior to 1872 helped father farm, Ohio; 1872-82 worked on farm, Ill; 1882-93 farmer, Ill; 1893-1900 owner & opr farm, Hamilton Co Neb; 1900- owner & opr farm, Clay Co, specializing in hog raising, cattle & sheep feeding; 1927- dir & 1st VP Clay Co Natl Bank; mbr Greenville consolidated sch bd 15 years, pres several years; Gillett Grove twp trustee many years; extensive traveler in US; during World War mbr Victory Loan League for Clay Co; pres Clay Co Fair, mbr exec bd since 1918, largest co fair in the world; Farm Bur; MWA, past venerable coun; Friends Ch; hobby: horses; res Greenville.

LAWRENCE, EDWARD J: Business Manager & Co-Publisher; b Marquette, Mich Mar 9, 1891; s of John Edward Lawrence-Anna Lorenz; ed Marquette Mich HS 1909; Northern State Normal, Marquette Mich 1909-10; m Ruth E Schoene Aug 12, 1930 Fort Madison; 1909-11 timekeeper construction co, Superior Lbr Co, Marquette Mich; 1913-24 mgr variety store, Mich, Minn, Iowa; 1924-31 business mgr Evening Democrat Publishers; 1931-39 newspaper publisher, Excelsior Springs Mo Daily Standard & Boonville Mo Daily News & Advertiser; 1940- co-publisher & business mgr Spencer Daily Reporter; during World War in US army, Camp Dodge; Amer Legion, past comm; BPOE; AF&AM; Presby Ch; hobby: stamp collecting; off & res Spencer.

LOGAN, DALE M: Salesman; b Spencer, Iowa June 19, 1912; s Benjamin F Logan-Jessie M Banks; ed Spencer HS 1939; Iowa St Coll, 1931-32; m Marian Shirley July 19, 1937 Estherville; d Linda Rae; 1929-31 emp by Spencer News Herald; 1932-33 reporter; 1934-36 salesman, clothing store, Spencer; 1936-37 dept mgr J C Penney Store, Fort Dodge; 1937- salesman, Spencer Clothing Store; Jr C of C, pres; Meth Ch; hobby: fishing; res Spencer.

LOUCKS, HIRAM W: Dentist; b Cham-paign, Ill Feb 18, 1890; s of Nelson

Loucks-Ida Wells; ed Paullina HS 1909; U of Iowa, DDS 1914; mbr varsity baseball team 1914; Delta Sigma Delta; 1914-dentist, Peterson; past dir 9th dist Iowa jr baseball; active in conserving natl resources of Sioux River Valley; during World War in US army, dentist at Camp Dodge; Iowa St Dental Soc; ADA; Comml Club; Peterson Conservation Club, pres; OES; AF&AM; hobby: jr baseball; off & res Peterson.

McKEE, JOHN R: Retired Publisher; b Washington Co, Iowa May 2, 1859; s of James McKee-Jane Reid; ed rural schs; ISTC, BD 1885; m Mary Randall June 3, 1891 Fairfield Neb; 1882-83 rural sch tchr, Pottawattamie Co; 1885-86 supt of schs, Crawfordville, 1887-88 Clay Center Neb, 1888-95 Fairfield Neb; 1895-1935 publisher Spencer Reporter, Spencer; 1935- ret, Spencer; C of C; AF&AM; Meth Ch; hobby: reading; res Spencer.

MADSEN, HARRY J: President County AAA; b Humboldt Co, Iowa Aug 7, 1891; s of Henry G Madsen-Emeline Estabrook; ed Ruthven HS 1907; Iowa St Coll 1909-11; m Tara Rouse Apr 2, 1913 Spencer; d Neva (Mrs Charles Swan), Lois M; 1912- farmer, Clay Co; mbr Farm Bur; Meth Ch; hobby: travel; res Dickens.

MANN, RUSSELL B: County Recorder; b O'Brien Co, Iowa July 27, 1898; s of Thomas E Mann-Sarah Williams; ed Mount Hope Kas HS 1918; Leland Stanford U, BA 1922; U of Iowa 1929-30; m Anna F Kruse Jan 2, 1924 Spencer; s Thomas R; d Nancy Ann; 1924-25 instr English & pub speaking, Mount Hope Kas HS, 1925-26 Rock Valley HS, 1926-29 Spencer HS; 1931-35 ins ogt, Spencer; 1935- Clay Co recorder, Spencer; Iowa County Recorders Assn, secy & treas; C of C; FOE, past worthy pres; AF&AM; Congl Ch, past pres Mens Fellowship Club; hobbies: reading, contests; off & res Spencer.

MARTIN, PAUL H: Editor & Co-Publisher; b Charleston, W Va June 26, 1903; s of Francis James Martin-Grace Hedges; ed McKinley HS, Chicago Ill 1920; Lake Forest Coll 1920-24; Gamma Alpha Upsilon; m Kathryn Rowley Nov 12, 1927 Chicago Ill; s Paul H Jr; 1924-25 emp by City News Bur, Chicago Ill; 1925-27 police reporter Chicago Evening Post; 1927-30 police reporter Chicago Daily Tribune; 1930-37 managing editor Spencer News Herald; 1937-38 managing editor Spencer Daily Reporter; 1938- editor & co-publisher Daily Reporter, Spencer; IPA; Natl Edit Assn; C of C; Golf & Country Club; Presby Ch; hobby: golf; off & res Spencer.

MAURER, JOE: Farmer; b Grant Co, Wis Mar 15, 1871; s of Joe Maurer-Rachael Gideman; ed Clay Co rural sch; m Ella Rote Jan 1, 1898 Spirit Lake; s Joseph H, Wilfred, Earland, Donald; d Lena (Mrs Owen Meredith), Janevieve (Mrs Earl Tangney); prior to 1892 helped father farm, Clay Co; 1892-96 farmer, Clay Co; 1897-1929 owner & opr farm, Clay Co, specialist in cattle feeding & Duroc Jersey hog raising; 1910- dir Farmers Elevator Co, Spencer; ext traveler in US & Canada; ch mbr Farm Bur; C of C; Cath Ch; hobbies: horse breaking, surf board riding; res Route 1, Spencer.

MEDLAR, WINTON B: Photographer; b Spencer, Iowa Oct 11, 1900; s of Frank W Medlar-Kate Brooks; ed Spencer HS 1918; Chicago Art Inst, 1919-20; Photographers Sch, Winona Lake Ind 1923-25; m Virginia Norman June 12, 1926 Richmond Va; 1922- photographer, Spencer; Photographers Assn of Iowa, VP; Photographers Assn of Amer; Camera Craftsman of Amer; C of C; Golf & Country Club; AF&AM; Congl Ch; hobby: duck hunting; res Spencer.

MESSENGER, THOMAS W: Superintendent of Schools; b Wellman, Iowa Nov 11, 1898; s of Norton H Messenger-Clara Belle Allen;

ed Wellman HS 1916; Iowa Wes, BA 1923; mbr varsity football team 1919-22, 1921 capt, mbr basketball team 1920, 1920-22 track team, 1920 capt, baseball team 1921-22, 1922 capt, 1921-22 mbr glee club, 1921-22 mbr debate team; Iowa St Coll; U of Iowa, MA 1938; Theta Nu; Pi Kappa Delta; m Miriam Smith June 12, 1923 Unionville; s Donald Warren; 1923 HS athletic coach, history & physics tchr, Yarmouth Conn; 1923-32 supt of schs Rossie consolidated HS, Rossie; 1932- supt of schs Lake twp consolidated HS, Dickens; during World War enl US army 23 months, O/S AEF France 11th machine gun batt; Amer Legion; ISTA; NEA; Clay Co Schoolmasters Club, past pres; AF&AM; Meth Ch, past SS tchr; hobbies: golf, woodwork; off & res Dickens.

MORRISON, HERBERT G: Bank Cashier; b Grundy Center, Iowa Feb 9, 1885; s of J W Morrison-Ida Sheiner; ed Grundy Center HS 1902; Cedar Rapids Business Coll 1902-03; m Ila Wilson May 28, 1912 Center Point; s Jack Wilson, Herbert G Jr; d Alice Katherine, Madeline; 1909- cash & VP First Natl Bank, Peterson; past mbr city coun; mbr sch bd, Peterson several years, secy 6 years; 1909- secy Farmers Elevator Co; Comml Club; OES, past worthy patron; AF&AM, past master; Meth Ch; hobby: flowers; off & res Peterson.

MOULTON, MERRILL M: City Clerk; b Mazomanie, Wis Dec 14, 1886; s of Lewis H Moulton-Annie Murrish; ed Spencer HS; Minneapolis Minn Sch of Business; m Sarah Ruth Anderson June 10, 1925 Spencer; s Lewis Neal; prior to 1913 assoc with father in gen merc business; 1913-15 auditor for Minneapolis Minn Threshing Machine Co; 1915-22 in gen merc business, Spencer; 1923-30 owner & opr gen merc business, Spencer; 1930-37 Clay Co auditor; 1937- owner gen ins agcy, Spencer; 1940- city clk; during World War in US army 17 months, AEF, O/S France, army sanitary sch, Langres France; 2nd lt res corps 5 years; Amer Legion; VFW; SAR; C of C; Congl Ch, treas; hobby: reading; off & res Spencer.

MUNGER, ELBERT ERVIN: Physician & Surgeon; b Lima, Ohio June 23, 1867; s of Samuel Cyrus Munger-Mary Margaret Ervin; ed Nebraska City Neb HS; U of Neb; U of Iowa, MD 1894; m Edith Johnston Apr 10, 1895 Waterloo; s Elbert Ervin Jr, Samuel Johnston; d Gertrude Margaret (Mrs M M Garrett), Margaret Edith; 1894-95 prac med, Waterloo, 1895- Spencer; author Iowa Co Pub Hosp Law, enacted by 33rd gen assembly 1909, chmn com of 9, house joint resolution 7, 45th gen assembly 1933; during World War 1917-18 med mbr Clay Co draft bd; Clay Co & Iowa St Med Socs; AMA; AF&AM; off 503 Grand Ave; res 110 E 3rd, Spencer.

NELSON, ANDERS PETER: Owner & Operator Manufacturing Co; b Jutland, Denmark July 16, 1883; s of Rasmus Nelson-Kirsten Knudsdatter; ed Denmark pub schs; m Dagner Larson Oct 16, 1907 Spencer; s Harry P; d Eleanor, Clara M; 1898 carp, Denmark; 1899 came to US; 1899 carp, Spencer; 1900 emp in brick mason work, Spencer; 1901-14 contr & builder, Spencer; 1914- owner & opr Spencer Cement Block Works, mfg block, brick, tile, etc; pres Nehi Corp, Spencer; owner Nelson Mfg Plant, mfg Nelson Super Charger, own invention; part owner Spencer Cold Storage Locker Plant; Natl Concrete Masonry Assn; C of C; FOE; Danish Brotherhood; Luth Ch; hobby: fishing; off & res Spencer.

NOEL, HARRY M: Contractor & Farm Supervisor; b West Lodi, Ohio Apr 15, 1889; s of Samuel Noel-Esabelle Hippler; ed Ohio rural sch; m Minnie B Johnson Sept 18, 1916 Sioux City; s Harry Jr, Carl Edward; d Bonnie Jean; 1904-09 emp in glass factory, Tiffin Ohio; 1910-12 con-

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Bob Keir, who turns 100 today, displays a campaign poster from the 1940s, when won two terms in the Iowa Senate. (Photo by Russ Oechslin)

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Spencer's first solon, Keir, turns 100

By Russ Oechslein
Journal correspondent

SPENCER, Iowa – For the last week anyone telling Bob Keir that he looks “pretty good” for being 100 years old has gotten a quick retort: “But I’m not 100 ’til Monday.”

As in today.

Keir was Spencer’s first state senator, elected in 1941. He was tricked into running for office.

“I didn’t want to run in the first place. I wish I could remember the name of the eager beaver who told me I could win ... ‘Dad’ Avery was in the House at the time. He was school superintendent. And he smoked big black cigars.

“Clay County had never had anyone in the Senate. We went to a meeting in one of the other four counties in the district. I was thinking we’d be supporting another candidate. But they all agreed I should run,” he says.

At first, Keir says he thought he had lost the election. “Then one day the governor called – I think it was Gov. Wilson. I had to come in from fixing fences to talk to him. He told me I had actually won – that the vote canvas showed one precinct in Dickinson County was left out of the original count.

“I was actually kind of happy that I hadn’t made it. I didn’t really have an axe to grind. But I did have some ideas of my own. And we got plenty done,” he adds.

Other service after Senate

After two terms in the state Senate, Keir was appointed to the Highway Commission. “The history of roads is interesting. A good legislator was sure to have built good roads to his town. You’d wonder why there was a road to one little town and then you’d find out who the legislator was in that area and you’d know.

“Roads were always a problem because there was always just so much money. History messed things up pretty bad. In the early days, the counties built roads to suit local people more than a pattern of traffic. To improve them we had to go by some places and we got people angry at us,” he remembers.

Keir’s political service included being the county Clerk of Court (1965-1973) and a term on the Board of Supervisors, beginning in 1973. He was one of the founders of the Clay County Fair Association and served as its president for a time as well.

Recalls childhood tornado

The former senator maintains a sense of humor. “I suppose I was born in Sac City ‘cause my folks were there at the time,” he says.

But his earliest recollection involves a tornado that took the roof off his father’s barn when he was about three. “Dad came back in with a bucket of what looked like dead chicks. They had no feathers on ’em. He put them on a piece of newspaper in the kitchen and fed them. When they got older they were pretty good,” he says.

After Keir and his wife, Lana, had three sons, they decided to adopt a daughter. It was only with the help of

Bourke Hickenlooper, a former governor who was serving in Congress at the time, that they were able to find Heidi, a displaced 9-year-old, in Vienna, Austria.

“Hickenlooper was in Austria to make sure the orphans were getting the food supplies Iowans were sending,” Heidi (Keir) Galer says from her Iowa City home. Hickenlooper brought a picture of two sisters back to the Keirs and aided in the adoption process, which took five years to complete.

“We packed the kids and the dog in the car and drove to New York to meet Heidi at the airport,” Keir explains. While Galer spoke no English and her adopted parents spoke no German, Keir and Galer agree, they bonded immediately.

Galer says she never saw her adopted dad “as a politician. He’s always been so kind. From the minute they picked me up at the airport in New York and bought me a pair of shoes that fit – just a few days after I had gotten shoes that didn’t fit from the bin at the orphanage, in what was then the Russian-controlled zone in Vienna.”

All the Keir children gathered in Spencer this weekend – including Galer and her three brothers, Wendell, who lives in Des Moines and his twin, Kendall, who lives in Spencer, and Keir’s oldest son, Richard, who resides in Mankato, Minn.

Until Friday the centenarian didn’t know that his adopted daughter’s sister was traveling to the festivities from Austria.

And, unless he reads today’s Journal very early, Keir doesn’t know that he will be chauffeur driven to breakfast by Bill Peterson, in Peterson’s Model A.

“It’s the first car Dad had,” Galer notes.



VOTE for

BOB KEIR

Republican Candidate for

State Senator

47th District

Clay, Emmet, Palo Alto, Dickinson
and Kossuth Counties

Campaign card for his 1st term



RE-ELECT

Robert Keir

Republican Candidate for

State Senator

Second Term

47th District

O'Brien, Dickinson, Clay Counties

Campaign card for his 2nd term

ROBERT KEIR

Born Sac County 1905.
Graduate of Iowa State
College at Ames, 1927.
Married—Three Sons.
Own and operate farm of
320 acres Clay Co.
President of Clay County
Farm Bureau 1937-1939.
Member of Iowa Senate
since 1941.
Member Iowa School Code
Commission and Iowa
Post-War Rehabilitation
Commission.
President of Clay County
Boy Scouts since 1942.
Vice-President Prairie
Gold Area Council B.S.A.
Member and officer of
Methodist Church and
Teaches Sunday School
Class.

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LEO, Richard V., Dysart

Republican

45th Senatorial District—Benton and Tama Counties

Born on a farm near Dysart, October 29, 1889. A graduate of the Dysart high school, and holds a B.A. degree from the University of Iowa. Married to Corinne Deardorf of Churubusco, Indiana. One son, Robert, who received B.A. degree from University of Iowa this year, now assisting his father in the livestock, grain and farming business, and one daughter, Jeanne, who is a junior at the Iowa State Teachers College. Served as senator in the extra session of the 45th general assembly. Re-elected in 1938.



LONG, Irving D., Manchester

Republican

33rd Senatorial District—Buchanan and Delaware Counties

Son of Alvah D. and Carrie Carpenter Long, born in Delaware county, Iowa, April 15, 1894. Graduated from Manchester high school and Law Department of University of South Dakota in 1917, admitted to practice law in Iowa in 1919. Has been employed in practice of law at Manchester since 1921. Delaware county attorney, 1923-1929. Married Ella Cates in 1916. Member of Christian church, Masonic lodge, Knights of Pythias, Secretary-Treasurer of Delaware County Bar Association. Serving first term in senate.



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JOHNSON, Oscar E., Kanawha *Democrat*

43rd Senatorial District—Cerro Gordo, Franklin and Hancock Counties

Born March 22, 1894, at Dayton, Webster county, Iowa. After graduating from high school he attended Highland Park College, Des Moines, where he studied pharmacy. Became a registered pharmacist in 1915, locating at Kanawha shortly thereafter and has subsequently been in the drug business. Married to Nora Nelson of Belmont, Iowa, in 1927; has two sons, James Owen and William Roger. Served twelve years as mayor of Kanawha; five years chairman of the Hancock county welfare board. Served as a member of House of Representatives in the 46th, 46th extra, 47th and 48th general assemblies; and served as a member of the Senate in the 49th and 50th general assemblies.

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40th Senatorial District—Allamakee, Fayette
Counties

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