

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Nelson, Robert Admiral Senator _____

Represented Buchanan County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 17 Sept 1888 Rickardsville, Dubuque County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Alberta Cook 31 Jan 1910 Dubuque, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business A founder of Buchanan County Farm Museum in 1917; a founder of the Buchanan County Rural Electric Administration and served as its first chairman when organized in 1937.

B. Civic responsibilities Vice president of the Community Council in Independence; Buchanan County Jail Board

C. Profession Dairy farmer; breeder of Duroc cattle

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 51st, 52nd General Assemblies 1945, 1947

6. Public Offices

A. Local Member of Buchanan County extension council; member of the board of the Carrington-Clyde Experimental Association

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 5 Mar 1958 near Heintz, Iowa

8. Children Ray Norman; Glen Allot; Carl Clifford; Marilyn Viola (Mrs. Nelson); Leda (Mrs. Glenn Brown); Alberta (Mrs. Sondt); Donald (predeceased his father's death)

9. Names of parents John and Mary (Sanborn) Nelson

Nelson, R. A.

10. Education He attended Rural schools

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He worked as a farm hand until age 22,
- He moved to Buchanan County and farmed for 3 years as a renter and then
purchased Sunnybrook, Germany's farm. They came to Buchanan County in Spring 1871.
- He owned and milked "Molly Lou", one of the world's champion Guernsey
cows

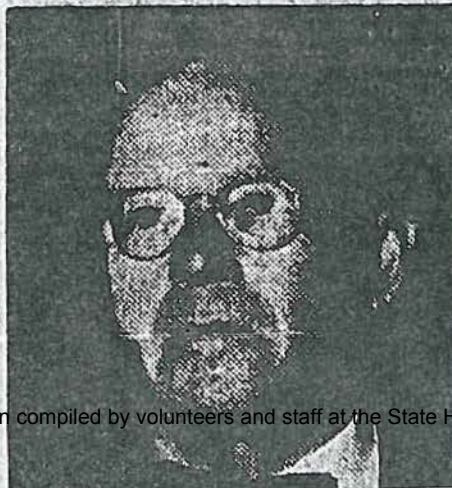
Nelson, Yeager, Tonn Killed in Highway Wreck

Three prominent Buchanan county residents, R. A. Nelson of Independence, former state representative, Rudy Tonn and Lynn Yeager, Jesup farmers, were killed in a car-truck head-on crash which occurred about 7:35 p. m. Wednesday on highway 150 about one mile north of Hiawatha. The men were driving to Cedar Rapids to attend a livestock committee meeting.

Mr. Nelson, driver of the car, and Mr. Tonn reportedly died in the wreckage of the car. Mr. Yeager was rushed by ambulance to St. Luke's hospital in Cedar Rapids and then was taken to University hospital in Iowa City Thursday morning. He died Thursday morning in Iowa City.

The accident occurred on a straight stretch of highway and ice is not believed to have been a factor in the accident as the car of Mr. Nelson and a gasoline transport truck crashed head-on. The pavement was wet, however, according to the Highway Patrol. The driver of the truck, Edward Bontrager of Kalona, Iowa, was taken to a Cedar Rapids hospital where he was reported in "fairly good" condi-

Driving hazardous in Independence and is reported. The picture above shows throughout the entire day.



0,954 miles while keeping law and order in Independence, and used a total of 4,208.5 gallons of gas.



Roger Sheldon of Dundee announces the engagement of his daughter, Betty, to Franklin Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fern Collins of Lamont. The couple is planning a summer wedding.

County Vote-

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Urbana

At Urbana both the director and the treasurer are unopposed or re-election. Roy Haines and Eileen Roll will both be seeking re-election.

Troy Mills

Nolan Oliphant and LeRoy Woods have announced their candidacy for the two offices expiring this year at Troy Mills. Virgil Chester and Charles McCright, incumbents, whose terms are expiring this year, are both seeking re-election. Other members of the board are Charles Webster, Robert Bell and Ralph Akers. Mrs. Paul Wilson, treasurer, is named each year by the board of directors.

Lamont

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who are seeking to fill this vacancy are Mrs. Marvin Luloff, Jay Tounshendeaux and Lyall Brown. Other board directors are Merle May, president; Gail Schutte and Phillip Stoddard and Lynn Yeager. Mr. Yeager died Thursday morning in an Iowa City hospital, the result of injuries received in an auto accident Wednesday evening. William Blasier is unopposed seeking re-election as treasurer.

Winthrop

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Mr. Nelson organized the Dairy Herd Improvement association in Buchanan county in 1916. He was in the retail milk and dairy business here until 1940.

Mr. Nelson was born in Rickardsville in Dubuque county Sept. 17, 1888 the son of John and Mary Nelson. He attended public schools there. On Jan. 31, 1910 he married the former Alberta Cook. The couple had eight children.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson came to Buchanan county in February of 1911 when he rented a farm at Gatesville. The Nelsons lived on that farm for three years and purchased the Sunnybrook farm near Independence in 1914.

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YEAGER

The Rev. Robert Lehman, pastor of the church, will officiate at the rites and the Parker Funeral home, Jesup, is in charge.

Lynn Willard Yeager was born June 18, 1918 in Brule county, South Dakota. He was the son of Charles and Dorothy Yeager. On Feb. 4, 1940 he married the former Dorothy Krueger in Independence.

Mr. Yeager is survived by his wife and six children: Kent, Lynda, Barbara, Mark, Brian and Grant. His father and step-mother and two sisters, Mrs. Beryl Smith, Winthrop, and Mrs. Robert Breitbach, Charles City, also survive.

Both Mr. Tonn and Mr. Yeager were active in the Lutheran church and were neighbors for a number of years.

Mr. Tonn was born Nov. 7, 1918 on a farm in Westburg township, the son of Paul and Emma Tonn. He married Orpha DeGreif at the Immanuel Lutheran church in Independence on April 21, 1940. They farmed in Buchanan county all of their married life.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Rudene, Leanne and Rebecca at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tonn, Sr., Jesup; three brothers, LeRoy, Independence; Paul, Jr., Jesup and Charles, Jesup; two sisters, Mrs. Robert Tegeler, Indianola and Gladys Tonn, Waterloo.

be elected at Hazleton. The term of Miles Gardner has expired and he is seeking re-election for a three year term and is unopposed. Albin Holmstrom is treasurer and was elected last year for a two-year term.

Fairbank

Henry Lau and Edward Hartman, incumbents are seeking re-election to three-year terms at Fairbank. Kenneth Betts is a candidate for re-election as treasurer and is unopposed.

Jesup

There is one vacancy at Jesup, that of the expired term of Helma McMARTIN, who is not seeking re-election. Candidates who are seeking to fill this vacancy are Mrs. Marvin Luloff, Jay Tounshendeaux and Lyall Brown. Other board directors are Merle May, president; Gail Schutte and Phillip Stoddard and Lynn Yeager. Mr. Yeager died Thursday morning in an Iowa City hospital, the result of injuries received in an auto accident Wednesday evening. William Blasier is unopposed seeking re-election as treasurer.

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Services for Mr. Nelson were pending Thursday at the Swanson Funeral home in Independence.

He is survived by his wife; four sons, Roy, Des Moines; Glenn, Perth Amboy, N. J.; Carl, Waco, Texas; Merlin, Oelwein; three daughters, Viola Nelson and Mrs. Glenn Cavin, Cedar Rapids; Mrs. Alvina Smoldt, Garwin.

Also surviving are 15 grandchildren; one brother, John Nelson, Bozeman, Mont.; two sisters, Mrs. Laura Meader, Independence and Mrs. Almeida Timmons, Dubuque.

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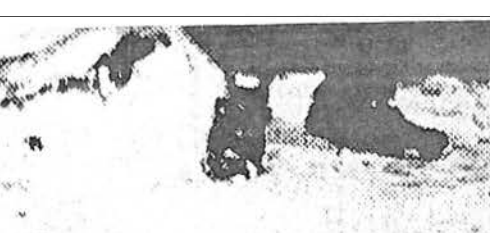
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He was also a member of the Buchanan county extension council and was vice president of the Community Council in Independence. At a meeting in Independence Wednesday, Mr. Nelson was elected to serve as a member of the executive board of the Carington-Clyde Experimental association.

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Walker

There will be two directors elected for three-year terms at Walker. Incumbent Ned White is seeking re-election to the board and the other candidates are Harold Miller and Cecil Milbach. Unopposed treasurer Frank Lindahl is seeking re-election.

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R. A. NELSON

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

R. A. Nelson was born at Reckordsville, Iowa, in Dubuque county, on September 17, 1888, and passed away March 5, 1958. He was the son of John and Mary Nelson.

Mr. Nelson attended the rural schools and worked as a farm hand until twenty-two years of age.

On January 31, 1910, he married Miss Alberta Cook. To this union were born eight children: Viola, Donald, Roy, Glen, Alberta, Carl, Merlin, and Leola.

Mr. Nelson moved to Buchanan county and farmed three years as a renter, then purchased Sunnybrook Guernsey farm. He was a breeder of Guernsey cattle and owned and milked "Molly Lou", one of the world's champion Guernsey cows.

He helped organize the first Dairy Herd Improvement Association, and was a member for thirty-nine years. He also helped organize the Farm Bureau in Buchanan county and was a charter member of the organization. Mr. Nelson helped organize the R.E.A. in Buchanan county, and served as a director for four years in this organization. He was a member of the Congregational church and was also a member of the Buchanan County Fair Board.

Surviving Mr. Nelson are his widow and seven children. One son, Donald, preceded him in death.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable R. A. Nelson, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful 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.

R. P. HARRINGTON,
DONALD L. KIMBALL,
JAMES E. PATTON,
Committee.

FRANK AUSTIN NICHOL

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

Frank Austin Nichol, the son of William A. and Margaret Austin Nichol, was born in Albia July 3, 1883. He passed away July 7, 1958, at the age of 75.

Following graduation from Albia high school he attended the University of Iowa and Drake University and was admitted to the Iowa bar in 1912.