

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Smith, Walter E. Senator _____

Represented Des Moines County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 3 Feb 1902 Webster, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Prudence Lolita Cline 16 Aug 1924 Jefferson County, Iowa

② Elizabeth Grace Jones 28 June 1934 Crawfordsville, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Life member of the Iowa State Teachers Association, American Association of School Administrators

B. Civic responsibilities Lions Club, Mason, Methodist Chautauques Association, Des Moines County School Directors Club

C. Profession Educator; newspaper publisher

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 52nd General Assembly 1947

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 28 Dec 1987 Manchester, Iowa; Curse, Kosciusko Cemetery, Des Moines County, Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife - Marilyn Joy (Mrs. Beehinger); by 2nd wife - Walter Elizabeth (Mrs. Gostepfer); Margaret (Mrs. Breauer)

9. Names of parents Andrew and Mary Ellen (Kyle) Smith

Smith, Walter T.

10. Education He attended school at New London, Iowa graduating in 1919

11. Degrees He earned a B.A. at Wood Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa in 1924; earned an M.A. in Education from State University of Iowa 1937

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Had first wife, Prudence Koltz, died 8 Dec 1931
- He taught school at West Branch, Iowa 1922-1923
- In 1924-1926 he was principal and coach at Crawfordville, Iowa
- 1926-1929 he was Superintendent of the Lutheran boarding consolidated school at Ackimoh, Iowa
- He was Superintendent of Schools at Crawfordville, Iowa 1929-1932
- He became co-publisher and co-editor of the Moravia Union newspaper at Moravia, Iowa 1932-1936
- Beginning in 1936 he returned to education as Superintendent of Schools at Mediapole, Iowa 1936-1943, at Huron, Iowa 1949-1952 and Sperry, Iowa 1967-1972.
- He became owner, publisher and editor of the Mediapole New Era newspaper at Mediapole, Iowa 1942-1957.
- He was acting Superintendent at Mediapole, Iowa in 1961-1962
- He retired 1 July 1971.

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Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Iowa Press Association of This House Iowa 1940, p. 384			
- House Journal 1987, p. 2762			
- Iowa Official Register 1947-1948, p. 87			
- Obituary - The Des Moines News Register, Iowa House. Jan 1, 1987, p. 1, col 1, 2 and p. 2, col 1, 2, 3			

Newspaperman, Educator Walden Smith Dies At 84

Walden T. Smith, school administrator at Mediapolis, Huron, and Sperry for a total of 28 years died Sunday morning in Manchester at the Delaware Memorial Care Center.

Smith served as owner-publisher of the Mediapolis New Era from 1942 until selling the newspaper to Richard and Virginia Goughnour in 1957.

He and his wife Elizabeth came to Mediapolis in March of 1936 when Smith began a job as superintendent of Mediapolis Consolidated School.

He purchased the Mediapolis New Era-News in 1942 from T.A. Merrill, changing the name to the Mediapolis New Era. At the school's request, he continued as superintendent through the 1942-43 school year; he also served as Huron school superintendent from 1948-1951 while running the newspaper.

Smith returned to school administration in January, 1958, after selling the paper, serving a half year at Troy Mills before returning as superintendent at Huron on July 1, 1958, at the same time Huron became part of the Mediapolis Community



Walden Smith

School system. He remained there as principal of K-8.

Other duties as administrator for Smith included a year as acting superintendent at Mediapolis for the 1961-62 school year while Wayne Burns was called for army duty; and the principalship at Sperry elementary was added July 1, 1967.

Smith retired July 1, 1971.
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Local News

Obituaries

WALDEN SMITH

Walden T. Smith, 84, formerly of Mediapolis, died at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 28 at the Delaware County Memorial Care Center, Manchester.

Born Feb. 3, 1902, in Webster, he was the son of Andrew and Mary Ellen Kyle Smith. He married Elizabeth Jones June 28, 1934, in Crawfordsville; she died Oct. 5, 1981.

A graduate of Iowa Wesleyan College in 1924, he received a Masters degree in education from SUI. He taught at West Branch before graduating from Iowa Wesleyan. Following graduation he was principal and coach at Crawfordsville for 1-1/2 years, and was superintendent at Lake Town-

ship Consolidated School near Dickens for 3-1/2 years.

He joined his brother H.K. Smith in ownership and publication of The Moravia Union.

Mr. Smith was a retired school superintendent who had served at Mediapolis from 1936-1943, at Huron from 1949-1952, and at Sperry from 1967-1972. He was owner, publisher and editor of the Mediapolis New Era from 1942-1957, having purchased the newspaper from T.A. Merrill in June 1942. He was an Iowa State Representative in 1947. He was a member of the Mediapolis United Methodist Church, A.F. & A.M. No. 226, and was a charter member of the Mediapolis Lions Club.

Surviving are three daughters, Marilyn Seelinger, Manchester, Walda Gustafson, Brooklyn, and Margaret Breuer, Wapello; 10 grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and two step-great-granddaughters.

Services for Mr. Smith were at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Mediapolis United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Gwin Muzorewa officiating. Burial was in Kossuth Cemetery.

Memorials have been established for the United Methodist Church, Mediapolis, and the Delaware County Memorial Care Center, Manchester.

RALPH HUFF

Ralph Dana Huff, 82, of rural Wapello died Thursday, Dec. 25 at his home.

Born Oct. 21, 1904 in Missouri, he was the son of Charles and Amanda

Wilson Huff. He married Susannah Hamilton 11, 1929 in Burlington. He was a lifelong farmer in southeastern Iowa living at Wapello since 1957.

He is survived by wife; one daughter Charlotte Bonnichsen Columbus Junction; sons, Charles and Robert Huff, both Crawfordsville; grandchildren; 12 grandchildren; and step-grandchildren. Surviving are a sister Naomi Allen Mediapolis; and a brother Charles Frank Huff Houston, AR.

Services were at 2 Sunday at Fairview Community Church, Wapello, with the Rev. Brown Garlock and Willard Court officiating. Burial was Fairview Cemetery memorial has been established.

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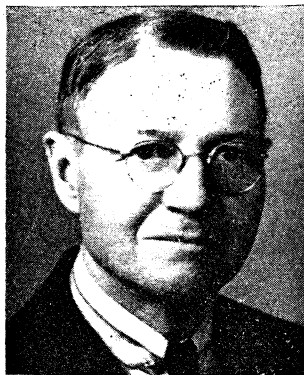
All area businesses are invited to submit personnel changes expansion announcements new retail or wholesale lines etc. Write or phone the Mediapolis News by 5 p.m. Mondays.

The Winfield Agri-Builder Company has been purchased by Millwright Contractors which is owned by Elton Spurgeon

joined that firm in 1970 as millwright foreman. Millwright contractors plan to continue w

SMITH, Ernest T., Volga Clayton County
Republican

Born on a farm east of Volga, Iowa, Clayton county, September 12, 1887. Educated in the Volga public schools. Graduated from Upper Iowa university in 1913. Married Roberta Baskerville of Earlville, Iowa, June 14, 1916. Have three children, Mrs. George Bright of Springville, Iowa; Thomas R. Smith, Iowa State college, Ames; and John E. Smith attending Elkaeder Junior college. A nephew, Reichard J. Elwood, now in government journalistic service at Berlin, Germany, was raised in the home. Another nephew, Edward H. Smith, age 14, is living in the home now. Superintendent of city schools in North Dakota for 12 years. Owned general merchandise store at Volga for eight years. Now operating a farm near Volga, owned since 1931. Member Methodist church and Masonic lodge. Serving second term.

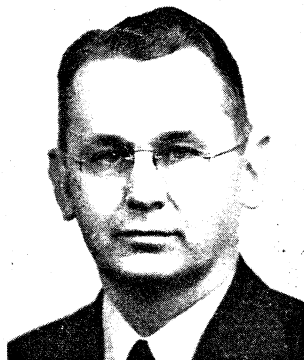


SMITH, Virgil E., Winterset
Madison County
Republican

Born in Polk county, Iowa, 1902; the oldest son of J. A. and Sara Smith; educated, Monticello, Minnesota, high school, University of Minnesota, and Mount Morris college, Mount Morris, Illinois; spent eight years as credit investigator on Pacific coast, presently engaged as oil jobber and merchant at Winterset; married Laurine Peterson of Ankeny, Iowa; member of Methodist church, Masonic lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, I.O.O.F. and Lions club. Serving first term.

SMITH, Walden T., Mediapolis
Des Moines County
Republican

Born February 3, 1902, Webster, Iowa, son of Rev. Andrew M. and Mary Ellen Kile Smith. Graduated New London high school, 1919; Bachelor of Arts, Iowa Wesleyan college, Mt. Pleasant, 1924; Master of Arts, University of Iowa, 1937. Married Elizabeth Grace Jones, 1934. Three daughters: Marilyn Joy, Walda Elizabeth, and Margaret Ellen. Served as superintendent of Lake township (Dickens), Crawfordsville, and Mediapolis schools. Owner and publisher of Mediapolis New Era since 1942. Active in civic affairs. Past president of Mediapolis Chautauqua association. Member Sigma Phi Epsilon and Pi Kappa Delta fraternities, Masonic lodge, and Methodist church. Serving first term in House of Representatives.



Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-second General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable Hillman Sersland, the State has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this Resolution would express its appreciation of his service.

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.

PAUL W. JOHNSON
ROGER A. HALVORSON
DONALD D. AVENSON

Committee

WALDEN T. SMITH

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Walden T. Smith begs leave to submit the following Memorial:

Walden T. Smith was born February 3, 1902 in Webster, Iowa, the son of Andrew and Mary Ellen Kile Smith. On June 28, 1934 he married Elizabeth Jones, to which union three daughters were born.

Mr. Smith was a school superintendent who had served at Mediapolis from 1936-1943, at Huron from 1949-1952, and at Sperry from 1967-1972. Owner, publisher and editor of the Mediapolis New Era from 1942-1957, Mr. Smith was a member of the United Methodist Church, Mediapolis; the Masonic Lodge; and was a charter member of the Mediapolis Lions Club.

A Republican, Mr. Smith represented Des Moines County during the Fifty-second and Fifty-second Extra General Assemblies.

Walden T. Smith died December 28, 1986. He is survived by his three daughters; Mrs. Marilyn (Mike) Seelinger, of Manchester, Mrs. Walda (Jack) Gustafson, of Brooklyn, and Mrs. Margaret (William) Breuer, of Wapello; ten grandchildren; one great-granddaughter and two step-great-granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth, on October 5, 1981.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-second General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable Walden T. Smith, the State has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this Resolution would express its appreciation of his service.

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.

DENNIS COHOON
CLAY SPEAR
CLYDE NORRGARD

Committee