

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Knecht, William P. Senator _____

Represented Winnebago County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 17 Oct 1885 Bluffton, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Violet Irene Palmer 12 June 1912

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Retail and real estate business

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 48th, 49th, 50th General Assemblies 1939, 1941, 1943

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 17 Aug 1944 Decatur, Iowa; Buried Phelps Cemetery, Decatur, Iowa

8. Children Robert E.; William P Jr.; Thomas E.; Marjorie (Mrs. Williams)

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education Attended public schools and graduated from
Des Moines High School, Des Moines, Iowa in 1905

11. Degrees Graduate of the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa
1911

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Before marriage, he was a teacher and superintendent of
Hellman, Iowa schools
- From 1912-1914 he was principal of Jefferson schools
- In 1915 he was employed in school work at Des Moines, Iowa
- He later represented a left bank company as salesman

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DEATH CLOSES PUBLIC LIFE OF REP. KNOWLTON

Death ended the public career of State Rep. W. P. Knowlton, 58, when he died of a heart attack at 11:15 p. m., Thursday, August 17, in the local hospital.

Funeral services were held on Monday at 2 p. m., at the Olson-Iverson Funeral Home and at 2:30 p. m., at the Decorah Methodist church, with the Rev. Floyd Weed in charge. The pallbearers were: Atty. Parnell Shea, C. C. Roderick, Leland McCord, A. J. Headington, E. J. Weigle and Charles Altillisch.

The floral bearers were Lucille Ellefson, Mrs. Arthur Solheim, Nadine Fischer and Mrs. Arlene Strum with Mrs. Robert Olson in charge. The beautiful florals, pieces of which there was a large number, were distributed among the patients at Decorah hospital, and the Aase Haugen home and the Costello Nursing Home.

Official Cortege.

A group of representatives appointed by Speaker of the House, Henry W. Burma, attended in a group. They were: Rep. Elmer Peiper, Waukon; Rep. George Scott, West Union; Rep. Arthur C. Blatti, New Hampton; and Rep. F. E. Sharp of Elkader. Lt. Gov. Robert Blue appointed Senator Ed Vrba of Howard county to represent the state senate.

Jesse Parker, state superintendent, and a group of educators from the state department of education were also present in a body, as well as Frank Josef of Chicago, representative of the Follette Book Co.

Burial was in the Phelps cemetery.

Rep. Knowlton served three terms in the Iowa legislature and was running on the Republican ticket unopposed for a fourth term.

Independent Thinker.

Always a fighter for what he believed was right, even though he often was the underdog, Rep. Knowlton was being considered in some quarters as a potential candidate for the speakership of the 1945 Iowa house of representatives.

He was one of eight representatives who fought the bill suspending 50 per cent of the state income tax, on the grounds it was an economically unwise policy for the state in the long run.

As chairman of the house schools committee in 1943, Rep. Knowlton sponsored the school code revision bill drawn up by a special commission. The bill, longest ever presented to an Iowa legislature, failed to pass, but inspired the appointment of a new commission which included many of the bill's provisions in a group of new bills now being prepared for presentation to the 1945 legislature.

In School Work.

In school work for five years in Iowa, Rep. Knowlton also was familiar with the dictatorial policies practiced a few years ago by George A. Brown, as executive secretary of the Iowa High School Athletic association, and he was

Soldwish Joins Public Opinion's Editorial Staff

At Soldwish, who for the last year and a half has been employed by the New Hampton Tribune, assumed his new duties last Friday as news and advertising man with The Public Opinion.

Soldwish is a graduate of the Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Indiana, and has had 15 years of newspaper experience on various newspapers in this state and elsewhere. He is married and the father of two children, Reginald, 5, and Sidney Lynn, 18 months.

Mrs. Soldwish and the two children will join Mr. Soldwish in Decorah as soon as a suitable house can be rented.

Heuser Buys Top 4-H Lamb at Fair

Gust Heuser of Decorah purchased the Grand Champion lamb, an unusually well fitted individual owned and exhibited by Durwin Dinger of Bluffton, at \$17.75 per hundred.

Fifteen other lambs, fitted and shown by 4-H Market Lamb members, were purchased by Roman Brothers of Decorah at prices ranging from \$13.50 to \$15.50 per hundred.

Hormel and Company, through their local buyer, Ben Rasmus, purchased the Grand Champion market pig, a 265 pound cross-bred barrow owned by Verl Borsheim of Decorah township, at \$15.00 per hundred. Other market pigs, including the blue ribbon trio exhibited by Kenneth Nesheim, were sold to Hormel and Company for \$14.50 per hundred.

DEPUTY TREASURER QUILTS POST—WILL TEACH

Reputy County Treasurer Paul Hoyem has resigned to accept a teaching position at Harpers Ferry. His resignation will become effective Sept. 1.

would change him to work with the aid of crutches. He also said that his unit was the first to go through this particular place in France and that they had captured a German officer and his medical staff with about 40 wounded soldiers.

As Dr. Van Beisen writes: "I had a chance to see German supernumeraries act like tiny babies."

leader of war.

BRINGS \$130 an ACRE

The Ernie Hagen farm of 160 acres, near Calmar, was sold to Alvin Elshorn at \$130 per acre. The 40-acre Joseph Zohal farm, and several lots in Fort Atkinson, were sold to Stanley Sindelar for \$4,000.

Arland Casterton and Leonard Matter Missing



PVT. ARLAND CASTERTON

Mr. and Mrs. Oden W. Casterton of near Canton, Minn., received a telegram Thursday, from the war department that their son, Pvt. Arland O. Casterton, was reported missing in action in France July 17.

Pvt. Casterton volunteered last October and began training as a paratrooper at Fort Benning, Ga. In a trail jump from a tower he hurt his foot and was transferred to the infantry, for which he received training at Camp Roberts, Calif.

His parents received a letter from Arland, dated June 14 in New York City, which was sent from England so it is doubtful if he was in the location.

He has one brother, Vernon Lee, and two sisters, Faith Delaine, and Nelda Lou. He is a grandson of Mrs. Henry Casterton of Canton.



LT. LEONARD MATTER

The telegram stating that Lt. Leonard Matter has been missing in action over Germany since August 3 came to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Matter last Thursday afternoon.

He piloted a B-1 bomber in numerous raids over Germany before this one.

His wife, the former Carol Jean Simonson, lives in Calmar with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oden Simonson. He has six sisters, Mrs. John Lansing of Mason City, Mrs. Leonard Kerfe of Decorah, Mrs. Milo Harvey of Madison, Wis., Mrs. Galen Semon of Decorah, Margaret and Bernice at home, and three brothers, Walter, Roger and Elmer, all of Decorah.

WINNERS IN 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW



Leonard Chipera, with grand champion Black Angus baby beef; Richard Leenen, with champion Holstein heifer; Raymond Baumgartner, with champion Brown Swiss heifer; and John H. ...

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hillman and family are spending a few days in camp at McGregor with friends.
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bjornud and daughter Oleen of Dubuque spent the week-end here at the Nystrom and Bjornrud homes.
A. S. Peckert returned Friday from St. Mary's hospital in Rochester where he has been a patient for the past few weeks.
Mr. Jack Kueper and daughters of Dubuque are visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Nell Jensen.
Mr. and Mrs. Vern Beatty and family of Dubuque were week-end visitors at the N. A. Klien home.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tweedell of Spencer and Mrs. Anna Lechnir of Prairie du Chien are spending a few days visiting the Uher family.

The Misses Kathryn Kittlesby and Esther Flakerud spent a few of their last week visiting friends in Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gallagher and daughters attended the funeral of Mr. Gallagher's aunt, Mrs. Irene Cauty at Lawler Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Linus Klien and family of Des Moines are visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Klien.

Lois Elsbernd purchased the home of Mrs. Hagen at \$135 per acre. The farm has 120 acres.

Mrs. John Chetval and family of Cresco were Sunday visitors at the Albert Frana home. Miss Francis Galleghen left Saturday for a visit at the home of her relatives in Mankato.

Robert Mae of Janesville came Thursday to help his mother losing a deal for the sale of the home to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. H. of Mason City. His wife is Sunday and will remain a while also.

A. J. Hoiness arrived home Saturday night from a few days' visit to Minneapolis.

It is a sorry to hear that the condition of Fred Campbell a patient at Rochester Minn. is not so satisfactory.

The N.C.C.W. of this district held a meeting in the St. Aloysius church Sunday afternoon. Rev. J. C. Protivin was the special speaker of the meeting. During the close of the business meeting refreshments were served by the leader.

Mr. Joseph Vollmecke and his wife, Mrs. Anna Vollmecke of Des Moines, were greeted by friends in town Tuesday.

their respective rooms to be enrolled for the ensuing year on Monday morning, Sept. 4, at 9 o'clock.

The school bus will make its pick-ups on Monday. The bus will operate along the same routes as last year and will be operated by Harry Black.

The teaching staff for the ensuing year is:

Grades 1 and 2, Doris Jean Doerr.

Grades 3, 4 and 5, Mary Feeney. Grades 6, 7 and 8, Lillian Kovarik.

Commercial, Mary Gillian. Math and homemaking, Ethel Ebel.

History and band, Anita Odegaard.

Principle and English, Margaret Balik.

Superintendent, J. C. Iverson.

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Knowlton

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one of the legislators who pushed legislation which would have placed the association under the state superintendent of public instruction.

The legislation failed in the house after passing the senate, but it was kept alive until Brown's resignation from the association was forced.

Rep. Knowlton also was extremely interested in all taxation bills and took an active part in discussion revolving around them.

Rep. Knowlton was born Oct. 17, 1885, in Bluffton, attended public schools and was graduated from Decorah high school in 1905 and from the University of Iowa, where he played halfback on two football teams, in 1911.

Four Children.

He was married to Violet Irene Palmer of Wellman, June 12, 1912, and they became the parents of three sons, Robert E., Will P., jr., and Thomas E., and a daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Williams, all of whom survive.

Robert and Will, jr., are in service, the former with the marines in the South Pacific, the latter in the same area with the army. Other members of the family are at home.

Robert, a former all-state high school football player, and a grid potential at the University of Iowa when he entered service, has seen action in many rugged battles, including the landing at Tarawa.

Former Teacher.

Prior to his marriage, Rep. Knowlton was a teacher and superintendent of Wellman schools. From 1912-14 he was principal of Jefferson schools and in 1915 he was employed in school work at Des Moines.

He later represented a text book company as salesman before entering the retail and real estate business.

No Points To Make

church on Thursday at 2:30 p. m. Miss Lillian Greer and Miss Ella Treat will be hostesses.

Chas. F. Edwards, Minister.

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Glenwood Lutheran Church

There will be services in the English language next Sunday at 11 a. m.

Parochial school in the Lee school.

Alfred Bredesen, Pastor.

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Canoe Ridge Lutheran Church

Mrs. Nels Iverson serves aid Friday afternoon.

Junior confirmation class as usual.

Memorial services for Raymond Lien will be held Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

Alfred Bredesen, Pastor.

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Calmar Lutheran Church

Norwegian services next Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

The pastor spent Monday visiting some patients at the hospital at Independence.

H. A. Preus, Pastor.

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Burr Oak Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 27, divine services held at 10:45 a. m.

Young People's Luther League is held in the evening with a good program. The topical discussion will be led by the president, Miss Phyllis Erickson. After the program a social gathering in the parlors will be held and lunch served. The hostesses for the evening are Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Vine.

Jersing Thompson, Pastor.

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St. John's Lutheran (Locust)

Services at the St. John's Lutheran church at Locust Sunday, August 27, at 10:30 o'clock.

Luther League meets Sunday evening, August 27 at 8 o'clock in the church basement at Locust. Mrs. Clarence Knoke, Mrs. Emmons Kern and Mrs. George Griebel will entertain.

Choir rehearsal Friday evening, August 25, at 8 o'clock.

Rev. Losen, Pastor.

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Decorah Lutheran Church

Oliver G. Fjeldstad, Pastor. Thursday at 2:30, Ladies' Aid with the following hostesses: Mrs. Fridolph Peterson, Mrs. Fred Koch, Mrs. Charles Stoen, and Mrs. Anton Johnson.

Friday at 7:30, choir rehearsal under the direction of Miss Ethel Roberg. All members are asked to be present.

Sunday at 10:45, divine services with Rev. Torger Thompson as guest speaker.

Sunday at 7:30, Luther League. Tuesday at 8:30, ushers meeting at Wm. Wilkens.

Wednesday at 11:45, Sunshine Hour.

Wednesday at 2:30, Ladies' Auxiliary with the following hostesses: Mrs. Horace Smith, Mrs. Ed. Hegvedt, Mrs. Olavus Tollefson, Mrs. J. C. Stoen, and Mrs. Ed. Anderson. All the members are especially invited to attend the meeting at these times.

vice. "The Unforgettable" will be the subject of the sermon. There will be a Misses Marilyn Butler, thy Wanless as the soloist. Miss Joyce Smith, who for the church services a well-deserved vacation. L. G. Krumm, church a very acceptable way. I tend the service if not church elsewhere.

At 8 p. m., Christian Y lowship will meet for esting devotional program. Dean Smith is president. Bert Erickson will preside. Underbakke chairman program committee.

Ladies' Aid will meet for the bi-monthly meeting dinner at the noon hour. Bert Erickson will preside. business session, as presiding the meeting following the Mrs. Arthur Smith and Mrs. don Reed are hostesses.

Friday evening Dr. Hawkins will entertain members of our Christian Y lowship when a meeting weather permits, will be the church-parsonage in case of bad weather we the church and church home. It is hoped that a full attendance of the members will be Mrs. Dean Smith, presiding. appointed committees to the arrangements.

We continue to have number of visitors at our and they are very welcome attendance continues to

Through the efforts of G. Krumm and kindly cooperation of our church folk, the Holy has been revised and, in possible, contains the address well as the names of sold to-date.

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Big Canoe Lutheran Church

Tabitha Circle meets Friday afternoon at the Edward F home.

Choir rehearsal Friday evening at 8:30.

Confirmation class Saturday 9:30.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Highlandville Circle No.

Tuesday afternoon at the Johnson home.

Sattre Circle meets Wednesday afternoon at the Raymond home.

Ladies' Aid meets Thursday afternoon, August 31, at 2:30. Hostesses: Ida Nesheim and Clarence Stoen and Tom T son.

William T. Hexom, Pastor.

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Highland Lutheran Church

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Services at 11 with special offering for Church Extension. The Ladies' Aid meets

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