

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Odden, John G. Senator _____

Represented Winnebago County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 Dec 1878 Winnebago County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Anna M. Johnson 19 Aug 1926 Lake Mills, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business _____
B. Civic responsibilities _____
C. Profession Merchant

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 47th, 48th, 49th General Assemblies 1937, 1939, 1941

6. Public Offices
A. Local County Treasurer 1926-1936; served as County Auditor in North Dakota
B. State Iowa State Sales Tax collector over 7 years
C. National _____

7. Death 12 Jan 1953 Mount Lea, Minnesota; buried Sunnyvale Cemetery, Lake Mills, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents Canon J. and Karen Odden

10. Education He was educated in schools of Lake Mills, Iowa, later
attended St. Gregory's Academy.

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Moved with his family at a young age to Lake Mills,
Iowa

- When young, he moved to North Dubuque for a year before returning to Lake Mills.
They moved later to Forest City, Iowa when he was County Treasurer

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary			- The Harriet City Summit, Harriet City, Iowa Thurs. Jan. 15, 1953, p. 1, col. 7
- Iowa Officers Register			1941-1942, p. 70
- Iowa Press Association of Miss. Mo. in 1940;			p. 1260
- Obituary			- The Albert Lead Evening Tribune, Albert Lea, Minnesota Jan. 13, 1953, p. 3, col. 7
- Obituary			- The Mason City Globe Gazette, Mason City, Iowa Thurs. Jan 15, 1953, p. 3, col. 7
- ancestry.com (account 8 Jan 2011)			
- House Journal			1953, p. 1596-1597

Men's Night Class to Visit Milwaukee

Preliminary plans for the annual field trip for the Adult Men's night class were announced yesterday by Dean Nerdig, vocational agriculture instructor at Forest City high school.

Two-day trip to Milwaukee is planned for February with visit to the industrial equipment manufacturing plant of the Allis-Chalmers company to be the highlight, Nerdig said. In addition to Allis-Chalmers factory, another half day will be given over to other industries in manufacturing center.

Any farmer in this area is invited to go on the tour whether he has been enrolled in the night school or not, Nerdig said. It is estimated that from 65 to 70 farmers will make the trip filling up two buses. Reservations for the trip can be made with Nerdig or Erling Brunsvold, chairman of the night school committee.

REA-RTA To Hold Annual Meet Here

Acceptance by the Winnebago Rural Electric Cooperative association and its sister telephone cooperative of an invitation to hold their annual meetings in Forest City March 18 was announced yesterday by Harry G. Silke, president of the Forest City Chamber of Commerce.

These annual meetings, held jointly, attract more than 2,000 persons to Forest City each year to hear the reports of their association and to elect directors to operate the two cooperatives.

A. Milbrant Died Wednesday

A sudden heart attack caused the death of August Milbrant, 70-year old retired Grant township farmer, at 9:30 Wednesday morning shortly after he had returned into the house from the farmyard on his son's farm.

Milbrant had farmed in the Grant township area for many years before retiring and had made his home with a son, Raymond, since his wife's death two years ago.

He is survived by a daughter, Edith, who teaches at Algona, and two sons, Raymond and Clarence, who farm in the Woden area.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Raymond Milbrant farm home and at 1:30 at the Methodist church in Woden with the Rev. E. Peterson officiating. Interment will be in the Woden cemetery.

Assessing Nears End

M. M. Brunsvold, Winnebago county assessor, estimates that 80 to 85 per cent of the county's assessors are reporting on schedules for the quadriennial real estate assessment and bringing the forms mailed from his office with them.

The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

- Center Twp.—Jan. 15 and 16
- Town Hall at Lake Mills
- Mt. Valley Twp.—(east half) Jan. 19—Schoolhouse, District 7
- Mt. Valley Twp.—(west half) Jan. 20—Courthouse, Forest City
- Forest Twp.—Jan. 22 and 23

School Bus, Sedan Collide in Fog Friday

A Forest City school bus returning from the Garner game and a Chevrolet sedan driven by Edward S. Esbeck, Kimballton, Iowa, collided on 4th street at 11 p.m. Friday.

Records in the office of Sheriff Maurice Monson show that the bus, driven by Mearle Fox, was undamaged.

Esbeck's car, going south, had a damaged fender, grille, and radiator.

Golf Club To Hold Meeting Jan. 29

Annual meeting of stockholders of the Forest City Golf club will be Jan. 29 at the Bungalow cafe, according to Mike McDermott, president of the club. The meeting will consist of a banquet followed by a business meeting.

Draft Call For February Up Twelve Men To Be Inducted

Trial Jurors Here May Decide Who Gets \$100,000 Estate

Trial jurors for the February term of the district court may have an opportunity to decide whom shall inherit a \$100,000 estate left by John Groen, retired bachelor farmer of the Buffalo Center area who died last year. Two wills, each purporting to be the last will of Mr. Groen have been filed for probate in the Winnebago county district court.

While no inventory of the estate has been filed with the court, it is reported that it will amount to nearly \$100,000 since at least 240 acres of Winnebago county farmland is involved.

Dec. 11 a will was filed with the office of Harmon G. Lundberg

which was made out and signed before witnesses March 10, 1942. This will divides the estate into thirds to be distributed among 18 nieces and nephews of Mr. Groen who were sons and daughters of his two brothers and a sister.

The following day, Dec. 12, a second will was filed for probate in Lundberg's office. This will was executed Nov. 25, 1949, in Rock Rapids while Mr. Groen was visiting relatives there. Under the terms of this will, Mr. Groen's entire estate would go to a sister-in-law, Alida Groen of Rock Rapids.

At the time the two wills were filed for probate, Lundberg set

Jan. 14 as the date for the proving of each will at which time the persons who originally witnessed Mr. Groen's making of the will would come in to testify to its authenticity. Previous to Tuesday, however, attorneys representing both sets of legatees filed notices of objections to the contesting wills.

In such an event, a trial jury must be empanelled to determine which shall govern the division of the estate. If a compromise settlement among the heirs is not reached, it is expected that the contest between the two wills will be tried during the February term of court.

January Draft Of Ten Men Leaves Tuesday

Reflecting the increased demand by the armed forces for 1953 to replace the Korean veterans two-year terms of service completed, the February draft from Winnebago county has increased to 12 men, according to an announcement yesterday by Harm W. Shortleau, chair of the Winnebago county draft

During the last few months draft calls have been for each month and at this time board indicated it did not have to have to call 19-year-old men many other draft boards state are faced. If the number of inductions is kept in line of succeeding months, the number of young Winnebago county turning 20 years of age each year may not be sufficient to keep with the draft calls.

The 12 men to leave in January will depart from Forest City Feb. 17. Induction notices mailed to the men approximately two weeks before this date, according to the usual draft procedure, it was pointed out.

January's draft of 10 men to leave from Forest City for induction into the army will include Duane Anderson and Haven of Thompson, Merle DeWayne Johnson and Lundberg of Forest City, Kvale of Lake Mills, Roland of Emmons, William Becker of Buffalo and Marvin Johnson of Forest City.

The next meeting of Winnebago county draft board at 8 p.m. Feb. 5 at the draft office in Forest City.

Hancock Names 36 Take Induction Physical

Thirty-six Hancock county young men will leave for induction into the army at 6:30 a.m. Thursday in Des Moines to take the physical examination group will return to Broadway Monday.

Those men going include Ford L. Boyer of Forest City, Eldon E. Smith and Maurice of Woden, Virgil L. Helms of Lake Mills, Edward E. Inaeta M. Escabedo, J. Zuehl, Burrell W. Burer J. Hadacek, Clarence A. Marvin Klipping, Donald cox, Raymond Bartek Korte Jr., all of Britt, Schisel, Robert L. John C. Habcock, Eugene C. Bobbie Barry Kramer, Meyer, James F. Kargas, L. Johnson and Ernest all of Garner.

Trial Jurors Drawn For Next Court Term

Jurors drawn for the February term of court, which begins Jan. 2, were announced yesterday by Harmon G. Lundberg, clerk of court.

The jurors are John Trail, Jesse Hill, Paul Nelson, Mildred Olson, Virgie McClain, Arthur Carl, Norman Brackey, Ronald Mcment, Henry C. Nelson, Ed Geran and Margaret Nessel, all of Forest City; Gina Hove and Jesse Benson, both of Briceville; Mrs. Laurence Dahl of Emmons, and George E. Smith of Titonka; John B. Brubins; Clara Olson, Dick Beenen, Dale Nerdig, Luella Burma, Jerry Schoon, Henry Gerpen, Earl Ostrander and Mrs. Dean Folkerts, all of Buffalo Center; Mrs. Walter Anderson, Emma Randall, Mrs. Orville Sillmer Howe and Hubert Bear, all of Thompson; Ray Steffens, Mrs. Victor Ausen, Irma Singledast and Russell Engelby, all of Lake Mills; Mrs. Myhren Evenson, Conrad Reines and Ralph Juhl, all of Leland.

Grand Jurors for February Term of Court Named

Selection of grand jurors for the February term of district court were announced yesterday by Harmon G. Lundberg, clerk of the court. The grand jurors will report Feb. 2.

Those whose names were drawn include Virginia Peterson, Lawrence Siekmeier and Wilfred Peterson, all of Forest City; A. O. Trackey and Tosten Groe, of Lake Mills; Henry Amus of Rake; W. L. Orthel, Mrs. Clifford Burke and M. J. Sunde of Scarville; Mrs. Anderson and Henry Krull, both of Buffalo Center.

CAR FIRE HERE MONDAY

The fire department was called at 11:40 a.m. Monday to extinguish a fire in a car parked east of the library. Frank Arnold Sr., fire chief, said that there was little damage.

First Returns Reported For 1953 March of Dimes Drive

Linden school district No. 2 was the first to turn in its March of Dimes scroll in Winnebago county, according to A. Kenneth Hanson, chairman of the 1953 March of Dimes in the county. A total of \$36 was turned in from the district.

First town solicitors to complete their canvasses were Gilmer Hanson and Robert Larson, both of Leland, who turned in \$125 and \$20 from their areas. Other early reports were from Linden No. 5, \$32, and Mrs. Brock Walden, fourth ward in Forest City, \$14.50.

Actually the first donation to be received by Joe T. Peterson, county treasurer for the March of Dimes collection this year, was a \$10 gift sent in by the ladies of the O. A. O. club in Mt. Valley township.

Sixty-five persons followed the example set by Mayor Roy Schramm in a photo in last week's Summit and dropped dimes into the parking meters. City Policeman Clarence Halvorson found 66 dimes in the parking meter receipts Monday morning. "Dimes do not register on the meters, but they do help fight polio," Clarence said. Signs have been placed on each meter asking patrons to put dimes into the meters for the 1953 campaign.

Mrs. Fred Sahr, chairman of the March of Dimes in Forest City, has named the following ward captains for the drive this month.

First ward, Mrs. Elliott Cooper; second ward, Mrs. Harold Bartleson; third ward, Mrs. Frank Arnold Jr.; fourth ward, Mrs. Morton Hanson.

Solicitors in the first ward are Mrs. Don Sargent, Mrs. Harold Frowick, Mrs. Gordon Gjelton, Mrs. William Peterson and Mrs. George Peterson.

Solicitors in the second ward are Mrs. Harold Hylen, Mrs. Roy Cleveland, Mrs. Fred Leach, Mrs. Anton Bartleson, Mrs. Merle Sor-

Lions, Rotary Clubs To Sell Tags Jan. 24

Members of the Forest City Lions club Monday evening challenged the Rotary club to a fund raising contest for the 1953 March of Dimes and offered the services of its members in selling March of Dimes Tags on Forest City's business streets Jan. 24 during the county-wide tag day.

At latest report the Rotary club had agreed to participate in fund raising events for the March of Dimes but not on a contest basis.

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Working in the third ward are Mrs. John Osmundson, Mrs. E. P. Dow, Mrs. Leonard Leach, Mrs. Norman Madison, Mrs. Sheldon Cantrall, Mrs. Forest Olson, Mrs. K. A. Landstad, Mrs. J. P. Jorgensen, Mrs. Delbert Sabers, Mrs. John Golbuff, Mrs. Kenneth Quick and Mrs. Harley Hanson.

Mrs. Brock Walden, Mabel Steffensen, Elaine Hagen, Mrs. David Anderson, Mrs. Clifford Riggie and Mrs. Byron Hauge form the fourth ward team.

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J. Odden Died Monday P.M.; Funeral Friday

John Odden, former Winnebago county treasurer and state representative, died Monday afternoon in a private nursing home in Albert Lea after a heart attack. He was 74 years old and had been ill for some little time.

Odden was born Dec. 11, 1878, in Wisconsin and moved to Lake Mills at an early age. He was Winnebago county treasurer from 1926 to 1936, then was elected state representative from this county. After serving in the legislature, he represented the sales tax division in this area until he retired three years ago.

During the period Mr. Odden was treasurer of the county, he and Mrs. Odden made their home in Forest City.

He is survived by his wife, his mother and three brothers, the Rev. Arthur Odden, Carl and Gilbert, both of Lake Mills.

Funeral services will be at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon in Salem Lutheran church at Lake Mills with the Rev. Thomas Boe officiating. Prof. Odvin Hagen of Waterloo college will sing during the service and six nephews will serve as pall bearers. Interment will be in the Lake Mills cemetery.

Petition For Guardian Filed

Emerald Bergland petitioned the district court Jan. 14 to appoint Elmer Holland permanent guardian for Charlotte Nelson.

"Our savings picture for the year 1952 is very much in line with the

John G. Odden Of Lake Mills Dies Here Monday

John G. Odden, 74, of Lake Mills, Iowa, died at the Connors - Cornick Nursing Home in Albert Lea, Monday at 1:30 p.m. after a lingering illness of almost two years.

Mr. Odden was county treasurer of Winnebago county, Iowa for 10 years, Iowa representative for six years, and state sales tax collector for over seven years.

He is survived by his wife, his mother, and two brothers, Carl and Gilbert, all of Lake Mills, and one brother, Rev. Arthur Odden of Twin Valley.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 16, 2 p.m. at Salem Lutheran church in Lake Mills, Iowa, with the Reverend Thomas Boe, officiating. Interment will be at the Sunnyside cemetery in Lake Mills.

Foiled Yegg Leaves Note to Cafe Owners

Carnival

Ex-Treasurer of Winnebago County Dies

LAKE MILLS—Funeral services for **John G. Odden**, 74, former treasurer of Winnebago County, for six years representative to the Iowa legislature and for seven years state tax collector, will be held Friday at the Salem Lutheran Church, the Rev. Thomas Boe officiating. Burial in Sunnyside Cemetery at Lake Mills.

Mr. Odden died at a nursing home in Albert Lea, Minn., Monday after an illness of almost two years. He served as Winnebago county treasurer for 10 years.

Survivors include his wife, Anna, his mother, and three brothers, Carl and Gilbert of Lake Mills and the Rev. Arthur Odden of Twin Valley, Wis.

LOCKIE RITES HELD

RICEVILLE — Funeral services for Mrs. Loretta Lockie, 92, widow of James Lockie, were held at the Methodist Church Wednesday. She

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WILLIAM S. LYNES, Speaker of the House

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On January 23, 1918, Mr. Norland was united in marriage to Miss Aletta Brunsvold of Kensett, Iowa. To this union were born five children: Robert of Broadstairs, England; Donald of Rabat, French Morocco; Phillip of Des Moines; Ruth of Northwood, Iowa; and Lowell of Kensett, Iowa.

In 1922, Mr. Norland purchased a farm near Kensett, and had operated it since 1926.

He ran for Representative from Worth County in 1940, and was eliminated in an election contest. He was elected to the House of Representatives from Worth County in 1942, and served in the Fiftieth, Fiftieth Extra, Fifty-first, Fifty-second, Fifty-second Extra, Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth sessions of the General Assembly. In politics, he was a Democrat. He was always interested in problems concerning education, agriculture and the state's general welfare.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable Norman Norland, the state has lost a valued and honored citizen, and the House would tender its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow.

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.

W. R. CHRISTIANSEN,
W. H. TATE,
J. HENRY LUCKEN,
Committee.

JOHN G. ODDEN


MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable John G. Odden, begs to submit the following memorial:

John G. Odden was born on a farm in Winnebago County, December 11, 1878, and died January 12, 1953, at the age of 74 years. He was the son of Karen and Aanon J. Odden. He attended school in Lake Mills, Iowa, and later attended St. Ansgar seminary. Subsequently he moved to North Dakota, where he served for six years as a County Auditor before he returned to Lake Mills.

On August 19, 1926, he was married to Anna Johnson at Salem Lutheran Church in Lake Mills. The couple moved to Forest City that year, following Mr. Odden's election to the office of County Treasurer, and remained there for the next 10 years, as long as he held that post.



You searched for **John G. Odden** in **Iowa**

1930 United States Federal Census		
Name:	John G Odden	
Home in 1930:	Forest City, Winnebago, Iowa	
	View Map	
Age:	51	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1879	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of House:	Head	
Spouse's name:	Anna M Odden	
Race:	White	
Occupation:		
Education:		
Military Service:	View image	
Rent/home value:		
Age at first marriage:		
Parents' birthplace:		
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	John G Odden	51
	Anna M Odden	48
Source Citation: Year: 1930; Census Place: Forest City, Winnebago, Iowa; Roll: 688; Page: 16B; Enumeration District: 6; Image: 402.0.		
Source Information:		
	Ancestry.com. 1930 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2002.	
Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. <i>Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930</i> . Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1930. T626, 2,667 rolls.		
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