

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Martin K. Senator Geste,
Represented Clayton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1 Nov 1870

2. Marriage (s) date place

Did not marry

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President Clayton County bar association; charter director
of the Interstate Federal Savings and Loan Association of Des Moines;
past director of The First National Bank.

B. Civic responsibilities Madison; Lewanna; Shrine

C. Profession Attorney

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 45th, 46th, 47th and 48th General Assembly
1933, 1935, 1937, 1939

6. Public Offices

A. Local County attorney; city councilman; mayor; school board director;
Bank director

B. State

C. National

7. Death 26 Oct 1951 Madison, Iowa; buried Pleasant Grove Cemetery

8. Children

9. Names of parents Fredrick T. and Sophie (Millwin) Geste

10. Education

10. Education Educated in the public schools of
 McGregor, Iowa graduating in 1887.

11. Degrees

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 of Minnesota and Drake University

12. Other applicable information

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- He taught country schools in Allamakee and Clayton counties
 and in 1893-1894 he taught high school in Windsor, MN
 and later superintendent of schools at Lake Crystal, MN
 - He entered the law office of D. D. Murphy in Elkader in 1898,
 first reading law and then as an associate.
 - He began to practice law in McGregor in 1902

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary -	The North Iowa Times		Mr. Gregor; Iowa, Thru.
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PAPER IN IOWA

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on Medal



3 months in Korea. The Air Force, almost all of which was spent in infantry divisions. 4 years in the U. S. on a destroyer and the Pacific theatre. He at various air stations served 3 and one in the Air Force; in all listed for 6 years.

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e young bicycle riders left their bicycles to the fire hall Sunday in response to the safety talk given by the Jaycees. Helmets were checked, and "Scotchlite" lights were checked. It was urged that they be repaired for night riding. They were given safety in-

es expect to repeat the program in the near future. To reach every young person with this program, the Iowa State Police will conduct a bicycle inspection program in the Yellow River forest with Milo Peterson as chairman.

Screen Reviews

STRAND THEATRE

"When I Grow Up," a picture which won the Parent's magazine special merit award and the "Picture of the Month" award from the Christian Herald, is coming to the Strand theatre for showings tonight, Friday and Saturday.

This picture starring Bobby Driscoll, Robert Preston, Martha Scott and Charley Grapewin reaches deep into the human heart to bring you all the warmth, humor and unforgettable excitement of the most wonderful days you ever lived.

"When I Grow Up" is a heart-warming story of family life as seen through the eyes of a growing American boy. It takes its path along the old swimming hole, the fights with the kid sister, the artful ways of dodging the discipline of parents—in short all the joys and sorrows of growing up.

"Force of Arms," the love story of a young lieutenant and a WAC set against the activities of the daring 36th Texas Infantry Division and its campaign through war torn Italy during World War II is the picture coming to the Strand theatre on Sunday and Monday. William Holden, Nancy Olson and Frank Lovejoy play the key roles.

Not without its comedy aspects, "Force of Arms" has Dick Wesson and Paul Picerni supplying the laughs and gripes of a couple of G. I.'s in the field.

Greer Garson, Marjorie Main and Michael Wilding are starred in "The Law and the Lady," showing at the Strand theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday. This is a comedy with many unusually funny situations.

Classes in Forestry To End Friday

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McGregor Loses One Of Most Influential Citizens by Death

M. X. Geske, Prominent Attorney, Dies At Age of 80 Last Friday

McGregor lost one of its most distinguished and influential sons last Friday, in the death of M. X. Geske.

The well-known and highly respected attorney passed away at the hospital a few days before his 81st birthday, after an illness of several months.

Funeral services, under the charge of the Masonic lodge, and the Rev. August Grossheim, were held from the Geske home Sunday afternoon and burial was in

'HONOR TO PROFESSION'



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Concert



right: George Ald-
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College Singers. She with them in Canada; s of S. Dakota, New ington, Oregon, and w frs. Foxx is a H one University, Minnesota, where she music. She is taking rk in music at North- iversity, Evanston,

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Today the group is visiting the Hart White pine tract, inspecting the planting and thinning areas. From there they will go to Lansing to view the cottonwood stand. After having lunch at Lansing they will inspect the Sand Cove area and then return to McGregor for another evening session of discussion at the forest headquarters, which is located near the McGregor school.

Only 4 Parents At PTA Meeting

The McGregor Parents and Teachers Association meeting was held at the school last Thursday evening. Only four parents were in attendance but the teachers were well represented and their presence was appreciated. A motion was made to hold a meeting on November 29, and if there is not a representative group of parents present, P. T. A. activities will be suspended for the year. Following the business meeting and discussion, refreshments were served.

BUYS FARM

Carl Moyle of Garnavillo has bought the H. E. Bickel farm near the golf course, formerly the Schriver farm, and will take possession in March.

ENLISTS

Rex Kersten enlisted in the Air Force October 22, and was sworn in at Des Moines. He went from there to Lackland Air Base, San Antonio, Texas.

CELEBRATES 92 BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Mary Coon celebrated her 92nd birthday anniversary on Sunday, October 14. Friends from Waukon and this vicinity called on her at her home during the day.



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Although "M. X." had not been in good health for several years, he continued in his law office until the latter part of August, when he underwent an operation. He recovered from the operation, but failed to improve in health.

From the time he started law practice in McGregor almost 50 years ago, until just a few months ago he was a force and influence in the community where he accepted civic responsibilities and duties and used his influence and abilities for the betterment of the town.

In his long span of life he served as county attorney, councilman, mayor, school board director, president school board, bank director, building and loan director, Masonic head, Kiwanis and commercial club presidents, state senator and at the time of his death he was president of the Clayton County bar association.

He was a prominent and active democrat and because of his political and personal acquaintances in high places, he was constantly called on to look after McGregor's interests. He was influential in getting the Buell land into the Pike's Peak state park, in getting McGregor's soil conservation project and flood protection dams, in getting the local Indian mound area in a national monument, in the paving of roads in this area, in the Wild Life school which for many years made McGregor famed for nature study, in organizing the McGregor Building and Loan Association and in innumerable other projects and appointments which aided this community.

He repeatedly turned down political appointments to state jobs, using his influence in seeing that a friend receive the appointment instead.

As a younger man, he enjoyed hunting and traveled over most of northeast Iowa, making many friends in the area. He was also interested in wild life conservation and was active in Izaak Walton League work and in state and local conservation projects.

His hobby was his farm and he built up and dispersed several fine Jersey herds, winning many prizes with his livestock.

Mart had an unusually fine vocabulary and as a younger man

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olyn Mason, Rita Kay Woerm, and Marie Gohde.

At the meeting Jeanine and Jananne planned a demonstration for the Orioles of how to lay a trail with sticks and stones. Rosemary Haltmeyer and Carolyn Coon showed the Orioles how to start a fire and the kind of fuel and timber that should be used.

Rita Kay Woerm and Kay O'Brien are going to bring a sketch map at the next regular patrol meeting.

Carolyn Coon, Patrol Scribe.

MUSICAL PROGRAM

Pupils of Mrs. Melvin Beimfohr met at the Beimfohr home on Saturday afternoon, October 27th, to present a musical program and enjoy some Hallowe'en games.

Those taking part in the program were: Kay Rayment, Dorene Becker, June Adney, Doris Henning, Janice Schlein, Sharon Englehardt, Beverly Becker, Alfred Thlese, Gary Bruns, Sharon Adney, Judith Krambeer, Patty Hudspeth, Virginia Miller, Joyce Becker, Sandra Hedeman, Patricia Looby, Judy Burrack, Clyde Thompson, Brent Bruns, Lillian Levenhagen and Penny Hedeman.

Refreshments were served.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Judy Tharp and Rita Gerndt brought leaf booklets they made to pass another second class test. We studied leaves and tying helpful knots. Mrs. Schade gave the Redbirds a nice treat.

The Bluebirds met at Janet Whalen's home. They discussed recipes for their Saturday meal. Each girl will prepare a certain dish for it.

Arden Breitbach, Scribe.

BOX SOCIAL

There will be an old-fashioned box social at the Sni Magill school on Friday, Nov. 9, at 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

Mary Mead, Teacher

PACK MEETING

There will be a Pack meeting of the Cub Scouts at Legion hall on Monday evening, November 5th.

O. E. S.

There will be a regular meeting of Bluff City Chapter, No. 268, next Tuesday evening, Nov. 6th. Secretary.

Typewriter ribbons, on the average, 25 feet long.

M. X. Geske

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he was constantly in demand as a speaker. He was at his best in extemporaneous repartee, but his prepared speeches were also of the highest order.

At times, in his conversation he appeared gruff but, as he explained it, "if I am anything I am positive."

He had many who at holiday times will miss his charities. Often it was a basket of food, maybe a suit or coat, or maybe just a money handout. But he never forgot them at Christmas time, or when he knew they were in need.

In his practice of law his standards of conduct were among the highest in the profession and as one of his colleagues eulogized him recently, "he was an honor to the profession."

He was constantly behind movements to clean up and beautify the town and his own home grounds were always a show place.

Martin X. Geske, a son of Frederick F. and Sophie Wilkins Geske, was born in McGregor on November 1, 1870. He received his early education in the McGregor schools and was graduated from the McGregor high school in 1889.

He taught in rural schools in Allamakee and Clayton counties and in 1893-94 he taught in the high school at Windom, Minn. The following year he was superintendent of schools at Lake Crystal, Minn.

His college education was received at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, the University of Minnesota and Drake University. Illness this summer prevented him from attending the fiftieth anniversary of his class at Drake.

He entered the law office of D. D. Murphy in Elkader in 1898, first as a reader of law and later as an associate.

He began his practice of law in McGregor in 1902. From 1904 to 1908 he was Clayton County attorney.

He has served as mayor of McGregor, also as town clerk and a member of the town council. He was a member of the McGregor board of education for eleven years, serving as president of that board for four years.

Mr. Geske was one of the charter directors of the Interstate Federal Savings and Loan Association of McGregor and was a

director and legal adviser for that association at the time of his death. He was also a past director of the First National Bank.

He was state senator from 1932 until 1940, when he declined to accept the nomination for public office.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge A. F. and A. M. of which he was a past master, also R. A. M. and the Shrine. He was an active member of the Kiwanis Club and the McGregor Historical Society.

At the time of his death Mr. Geske was president of the Clayton County Bar Association and the McGregor Historical Society.

Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Kate Huebsch, Mrs. Edith Ertz and Mrs. Amy Heffron, all of McGregor, and Mrs. Sadie Mehlhop of Berkeley, Calif., and two brothers, August of Chaska, Minn., and Albert of Minneapolis, and nieces and nephews.

We Salute The Girl Scouts

Who this month are celebrating their birthday and this week, October 29 to November 4, are observing Girl Scout Week. Girl Scout Troops are doing much to build intelligent, well-adjusted citizens. We salute them and their leaders.

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