

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Wynn, Joseph "Joe" Senator _____
Represented Winneshiek County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 8 Aug 1902 Waucoma, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Ardaith Amundson 8 June 1942 Decorah, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Columnist - wrote the column named "Wynn's Weekly Yarn"
for the Decorah, Iowa Journal newspaper; publicity manager

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 46th, 47th General Assemblies 1935, 1937

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 25 May 1963 San Diego, California; buried

8. Children Patrick Joseph

9. Names of parents John and Bertha Wynn

Flynn, Joseph

10. Education He was educated in the Hancock, Iowa
public school

11. Degrees Received a degree from Iowa State Teachers College,
Edgewood, Iowa, 1902

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- After graduating from college, he taught in Hancock
County rural schools. While teaching at Plymouth Beck, Iowa
in 1932, he, along with Leo Schipper and Al Grameter,
discovered and developed Niagara Caves, south of Harmony, Iowa.
The Niagara Caves were opened to the public in June 1934.
- He then spent time promoting the caves. He began traveling
extensively through North America writing special feature
stories for newspapers and magazines.
- He had a deep interest in life's many facts of which he wrote.
- His career included publicity work, writing feature stories, for a
time he was an associate editor of The Decorah Journal.
- He moved with his family to San Diego, California in 1944. There
he engaged in real estate after being a traffic inspector at a Marine base.
He and his wife opened a candle shop which flourished. He
helped raise funds and saw the building that housed the candle shop
for renovations.

Columnist Joe Flynn Dies in California

BY E. DALE AHEEN, Editor

Funeral services for Joe Flynn, well-known Decorah Journal columnist and former resident, were held Tuesday, May 28, at San Diego, Calif. Mr. Flynn died in a San Diego hospital Saturday.

Flynn's death occurred about 2:15 p. m. Saturday, resulting from a heart condition.

He had been in failing health about a year. Burial was in San Diego.

Buddy Amundson, Burr Oak Township farmer and brother of Mrs. Flynn, flew to San Diego Monday morning.

Column Was Popular

Flynn was well known throughout the Decorah area through the column he wrote for The Decorah Journal, "Flynn-cerely Yours." This column was popular among Journal readers.



He was also known through Joe Flynn Iowa political circles, having served as state representatives two terms in the late 1930's.

The last "Flynn-cerely Yours" by Mr. Flynn appeared in last week's Decorah Journal, in the May 23 issue. In this column, which arrived about a week ago, characteristically, Mr. Flynn gave his impressions in light vein of subjects close to his heart, mentioning many of his Decorahland friends.

In his last column Mr. Flynn urged the founding of a Turkey Valley Historical Museum to commemorate the sacrifice and contributions of the area's pioneers.

In his column he mentioned Herman Balk of Turkey Valley, his sister, Mrs. Mildred Marron, Larry Putz, Mrs. Ruth Chizek, and Orson Gilliard, all of Waucoma; Katherine Jewell of Decorah, Lee Mumby of Hawkeye, Mrs. Mark Eischeid of New Hampton and the Roy Novaks of Spillville.

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Did Publicity Work

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He was married June 8, 1942, at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Decorah, to the former Miss Ardath Amundson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Amundson.

The Flynn's were the parents of one son, Patrick Joseph, six.

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ceremony will be Earl R. Jones, Oskaloosa attorney and former Industrial Commissioner of the State of Iowa. He will deliver a Memorial Day address, entitled, "Lest We Forget."

Jones served four years in the Army and was in the Pacific Theater of action in World War II. He is a member of both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Oskaloosa. He is a graduate of Drake University in Des Moines.

Jones served three years on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Industrial Commissioners. As an Iowa Industrial Commissioner he was especially active in the rehabilitation of injured workers. He is well known in Oskaloosa and has many friends in the Decorah area.

Honor Flag

Both the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars' officials reminded persons watching the parade that when the flag passes they should either remove their hats or salute.

Rides will be furnished as usual for Gold Star Mothers.

Norma Novak Singing in Dubuque Band

Miss Norma Jean Novak, Spillville's upcoming songstress, has been appearing with a rock and roll band known as "Denny and the Kukes" which originates from Dubuque.

The group entertains at the Schnasse Lounge in East Dubuque, Ill.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Novak, Sr., of Spillville, she has been active in singing with groups throughout her high school years.

Miss Novak also has won several honors in speech and vocal contests. Most recent awards include winning two state contests in three weeks.

She won the Iowa State Speech contest which was held at Upper Iowa University at Fayette, receiving a straight I rating from three judges.

The second contest she won was the Iowa State Vocal contest receiving a I rating for the selection, "My Hero."

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Casa de Lopez.
This candle business flourished after Mr. Flynn and his wife spearheaded a drive to restore and open as an historical monument the 128-year-old Casa de Lopez at the end of famous Twigg street in Old Town San Diego.

Helped Raise \$35,000

Mr. Flynn was in the real estate business there at the time and read about the city council's plans to condemn the building.

He helped raise \$35,000 to purchase the building and start the renovation.

The building was readied in 1954—except that there were no lights hooked up. The building was opened anyway, with candles illuminating the old building.

From its humble beginnings the flourishing candle business grew. Mr. Flynn had approved the plan as a means of helping Mrs. Flynn develop new interests after her return home from a brief stay in the hospital.

The first stock of the candle business was \$75 worth of beeswax candles. Today the varieties of candles number more than 10,000, and the

business is known the world over.
The building, too, is widely known historically since at one time it was the home of the secretary of the last Mexican governor of California.

Survivors, besides his wife and son, include one brother, Barron of Waterloo; and three sisters: Ruth, of St. Louis; Mrs. Charles Rathkamp, Seattle; and Mrs. Mildred Marron, of Waucoma.

Two brothers, William and Forrest, are dead.

Public Opinion Photo Reprinted In Smoke-Eater

A picture of the fire last month that destroyed the 50' x 80' barn on the Lester Teslow farm about 10 miles east of Decorah was reprinted in Iowa Smoke-Eater monthly newspaper.

The picture, taken by a Decorah Public Opinion photographer, showed stacks of hay burning, all that remained of the barn. A large silo nearby was only scorched.

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