

10. Education Buena Vista Co. schools; Iowa State College

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Began farming on home farm, 1915.

Developed herd of polled shorthorn cattle. Charter member BV Co Farm Bureau; pres. 1931; Farm Services Co. organized while he was president. Temp Chair Farm Bureau Rural Electric Comm. 1936. First Pres BV Co REC, 1937-1949, and co. rep on Central Electric Coop. Retired from farming 1940, and moved to Storm Lake.

Mayor, Storm Lake, 1948-1954. VP for Development at Buena Vista College. College Trustee several years.

Involved in organizing radio Station KAYL 1947. Corp. pres until it was sold in 1972. Pres. BV Co Mut Ins Assn for over 25 yrs.

Elder, Presbyterian church. Scottish Rights Mason.

Was on committee that wrote the Indiv Inc Tax/Corp Tax/Sales Tax bill in 1933. Also chaired subcommittee promoting polic radio station system, and instrumental in locating station Storm Lake.

First wife graduated from Waterloo High School and Iowa Normal in Cedar Falls, and taught school in Vinton and Charter Oak.

THEODORE MICHAEL GLEASON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Theodore Michael Gleason, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Theodore Michael Gleason was born April 4, 1904, to Michael J. and Alice Henning Gleason of Blairsburg, Hamilton County, Iowa.

He was a graduate of Blairsburg High School and attended State College of Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

He married Dorothy Neel Gleason in 1934 and to this union were born six children: Michael, David, Alan, George, Margaret and Gayle.

He taught in rural schools, was employed by a lumber yard, served on the Gilmore City town council, owned and operated a movie theater and was engaged in farming prior to his retirement in 1973.

Mr. Gleason, a Democrat, served as a State Representative in the Sixty-first General Assembly representing Humboldt and Pocahontas Counties.

He passed away January 3, 1975, and is survived by his wife, Dorothy; four sons, Michael of Pasadena, Texas; David of Arlington Heights, Illinois; Alan of Cincinnati, Ohio; and George of Chicago, Illinois; daughters, Mrs. Margaret Korde, Boston, Massachusetts; and Gayle of New York City; sisters, Mrs. Catherine Maubach of Blairsburg and Mrs. Sadie Carpenter of Des Moines; and eighteen grandchildren.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Theodore Michael Gleason, 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, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

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.

OPAL MILLER
DALE M. COCHRAN
ROBERT A. KRAUSE
Committee

OSCAR JOHANNES GRAU

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Oscar Johannes Grau, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Oscar J. Grau was born on a farm north of Newell on June 19, 1890, the third son in a family of three boys and five girls, to Hans J. and Anna E. Bodholdt Grau.

Mr. Grau's early education took place at the country school located one mile east of the home farm. This was followed by several winter courses at a private school, a commercial course at Grand View College, Des Moines,

Iowa, during 1909-1910 and then completion of the two-year agriculture course at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, in 1913.

He was married to Christena Bodholdt of Waterloo, September 15, 1915, and to this union were born three children: Donald B., Robert B. and Doris.

Mr. Grau, a native of Newell, had resided in Buena Vista County all of his lifetime. After completion of his education, he began farming for himself in the Newell area where he developed a herd of polled shorthorn cattle. He was a charter member of the Farm Bureau and served as county president in 1931. While president of the county Farm Bureau, the Farm Service Company was organized. In 1936 he was named temporary chairman of the Farm Bureau Rural Electric Committee. The Buena Vista County REC was incorporated January 18, 1937, and Mr. Grau was one of the original signers. At the board's first meeting he was elected president and served the organization in that position for 12 years. In May, 1937, the REC board voted to become a member of the Central Electric Federated Cooperative and he was named Buena Vista county representative on the board.

From 1948 to 1954 he served as the mayor of Storm Lake. He was past vice president for Development of Buena Vista College as well as serving as a college trustee for several years.

Upon his instigation in 1947, he joined four other men in the organization of a corporation to build a radio station in Storm Lake. Station KAYL went on the air in 1948 with FM being added in 1950. He served as corporation president until the Cornbelt Broadcasting Company was sold in 1972.

Mr. Grau had been a resident of Storm Lake since 1940 when he retired from active farming in Coon Township.

He was a member of Lakeside Presbyterian Church where he had served as an elder, a Scottish Rite Mason, member of the Shrine, longtime member of the Storm Lake Chamber of Commerce, Elks Lodge, Order of Eastern Star and Phi Kappa Delta Honorary Forensics fraternity. For more than twenty-five years he served as president of the Buena Vista County Mutual Insurance Association, beginning in 1944.

A Republican, Mr. Grau was a State Representative for Buena Vista county during the Forty-fifth, Forty-fifth Extra General Assemblies, serving on the committee that wrote the three-point tax law—income, sales and corporation income tax—which has since been the basis of state treasury income. He was chairman of the subcommittee promoting the police radio system and was instrumental in the location of the police broadcast station in Storm Lake.

His wife, Christena, preceded him in death in 1967. In 1969 he married Alma Bodholdt of Newell.

Mr. Grau died at the Buena Vista County Hospital July 28, 1974, after a lengthy illness.

Surviving are his wife, Alma; two sons, Donald B. of Dubuque, and Robert B. of Elkader; a daughter, Doris of San Francisco, California; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; a brother, Jurgen (J. C.) of Newell; four sisters, Mrs. Laura Bonebrake of Diagonal; Mrs. Emma Six of Oakland, California; Mrs. Sarah Hearst of Cedar Falls. The funeral services were held in Lakeside Presbyterian Church on July 31, 1974.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable

Oscar Johannes Grau, 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, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

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KEITH BAKER
LESTER D. MENKE
OPAL MILLER
Committee

FRED B. HANSON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Fred B. Hanson, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Fred B. Hanson was born at Inwood, Iowa, November 20, 1888, the son of pioneer parents. He was educated in Lyon County, Lenox College, and Iowa State University.

He farmed twelve years with his late brother, A. C. Hanson, at Inwood; was extension director of Harrison County eleven and one-half years, project manager at Granger Homesteads seven years and at Waukegan, Illinois, five years. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Rotary, Masons, Eastern Star, Farm Bureau, Historical Society and the Illinois Reserve Militia during World War II.

Mr. Hanson was active in school, community and cooperative enterprises at Inwood, Logan, Granger and Osage. He was school secretary fifteen years; general agent for Farm Bureau Insurance six years; and secretary-manager of the Mitchell County Fair fourteen years.

He married Anna Thorvaldsen in 1915, who passed away in 1951. They had three sons: Merle of Osage, Iowa; Virgil of Houston, Texas; and Delmar of Kansas City. He married Grace M. Layton, January 12, 1963.

Mr. Hanson, a Republican, was a member of the Fifty-ninth, Sixtieth, Sixtieth Extra and Sixty-second General Assemblies, representing Howard and Mitchell Counties.

Mr. Hanson passed away on May 10, 1974. He is survived by his wife, Grace, and his sons.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Fred B. Hanson, 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, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

Former Mayor, Farm Leader O.J. Grau Dies

Oscar J. Grau, 84, 627 Iowa, a prominent Storm Lake and civic leader, died at the Buena Vista County hospital Sunday evening, July 28, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Grau, a native of Newell, had resided in Buena Vista county all of his lifetime. After completion of his education, he began farming for himself in the Newell area where he developed a herd of Polled Shorthorn cattle. He was a charter member of the Farm Bureau and served as county president in 1921.

He was elected to the House of Representatives of the 45th General Assembly of Iowa, serving on the committee that wrote the three-point tax law — income, sales and corporation income tax — which has since been the basis of state treasury income. He was chairman of the sub-committee promoting the police radio system and was instrumental in the location of the police broadcast station in Storm Lake.

Farm Leader

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Organizations

He was a member of Lakeside Presbyterian church where he had served as an elder, a Scottish Rite Mason, member of the Shrine, longtime member of the Storm Lake Chamber of Commerce, Elks Lodge, Order of Eastern Star and Pi Kappa Delta Honorary Forensics fraternity. For more than 25 years he served as president of the Buena



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OSCAR J. GRAU

Vista County Mutual Insurance Association, beginning in 1944.

His marriage to Christena Bodholdt of Waterloo was in the fall of 1915. She preceded him in death in 1967. In 1969 he was married to Alma Bodholdt of Newell.

Surviving are his wife, two sons, Donald B. of Dubuque and Robert B. of Elkader; a daughter, Doris Grau of San Francisco, Calif.; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Jurgen (J.C.) of Newell; four sisters, Mrs. Laura Boucbrake of Diagonal, Mrs. Emma Rix of Oakland, Calif., Mrs. Ester Madison of Newell and Mrs. Sarah Hearst of Cedar Falls.

Services

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. today (Wednesday) in Lakeside Presbyterian church with Dr. C. C. Richardson officiating. Organist was Joy Pitschick.

Honorary attendants were Dr. H. A. Pierce, Emil Danielson, C. C. Fritcher, Z. Z. White, Dr. R. E. Mailliard, Elmer Knebel, James Eaton and Joe Keyane. Active bearers were Holger Grau, Leo Grau, Ivan Grau, Ejner Grau, Ted Grau and Howard Petersen. Interment was in the Storm Lake cemetery under direction of the Hughes - Nelson funeral home.

Morning Services for George Wiese, 67, a Schaller, Resident

SCHALLER: Funeral services were held today, Wednesday morning, July 31, for George Wiese, 67, who died Sunday evening, July 28, at Buena Vista County Hospital in Storm Lake from a lingering illness of many months. The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran church with Rev. William Timm officiating. Singers were Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Bath, and Robert Blankers provided organ music. Interment was in Schaller cemetery, with Farber-Ottman funeral home in Schaller in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Wiese was preceded in death by one son. He is survived by his wife, Wilma; two sons, James A. of Grand Falls, Ohio, and Paul of Charleston, W. Va.; two daughters, Mrs. Ronald (Mary) Rydberg, Galva, and Susan at home; six grandchildren; a sister, Erma Reisd; two brothers, Henry and Earl; other relatives and friends.

(Martha C.) Sievers, 650 E. 26th St., were held Tuesday morning, July 30, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran church in Storm Lake, with Rev. Walter Mueller officiating. Interment was in Zion Lutheran church cemetery, with Siefert Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Sievers, who had been a long time Storm Lake resident, died at the Buena Vista County Hospital July 27. She was 73.

Survivors include her husband, Louis; a daughter, Mrs. Marcella Miller, Hillboro, Mo.; three sons, Perry Rutike, Long Beach, Calif., Myron Sievers, Albert City, Stanley Sievers, Newell; 15 grandchildren; and three sisters, Mrs. Emma Happel, Van Horne, Mrs. Merle Green, Atkins and Eleanor Boettcher, Santa Ana, Calif.

Mrs. David Bonham Mourns Death of Father, John Berg

Mrs. David Bonham of Storm Lake is mourning the death of her father, John Berg, of Early, 51, who died July 27 at the Veterans Hospital in Des Moines. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 30 at Sacred Heart Catholic church in Early. Burial was in the Sacred Heart cemetery under the direction of the Farber - Ottman Funeral Home of Sac City.

Mr. Berg had lived the past 16 years in Early where he had been associated with Anderson Construction Co. He was a veteran of World War II, and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Sac City.

Other survivors include the widow, Jeannie; three other daughters Jeannie, Veronica and Mary, all at home; a son, Emmett, at home; two grandchildren, and his mother, Mrs. Margaret Berg of Early.

Minnesota Rites for Former Alta Man, Henrik Madsen, 74

Funeral services for a former Alta resident, Henrik Madsen, 74, were held Tuesday, July 30 at the Slayton Funeral Home in Slayton, Minn. He died Friday, July 26 at the Worthington hospital in Minnesota.

Mr. Madsen was born in Sioux Rapids, and graduated from the Alta school system. He had resided in Avoca, Minn., the latter part of his life.

Survivors include his wife, Leona; a son, Robert, Avoca, Minn.; four grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. O. L. Hetrick, Sr., Alta; and two brothers, Russell of Alta and Gordon of Harmony, Minn.

California Services For Former Resident, Mrs. David Hughes

Mrs. David Hughes, formerly of Storm Lake, died July 25 at Alhambra, Calif. Funeral services for Mrs. Hughes were held in Alhambra on July 27.

She is survived by her husband, David, and a daughter, Junorette Vilas Bermeo, both of Alhambra.

Andy Gunsolus, 72, Dies in Fort Dodge Hospital July 27

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Admissions

July 26: Holly Alcock, Storm Lake; David Ohrtman, Fonda; Mrs. Fred Herson, Fonda; Robert Haburn, Newell; Shelly Kurtzhaus, Alta; Wayne Porter, Alta; Anders Lund, Storm Lake; Doyle Anderson, Marathon.

July 27: Mrs. Lynn Krogstad, Newell; Mitchell Zadow, Early; Jeffrey Ganzvoort, Storm Lake; Mrs. Donald Dailey, Storm Lake; Dale Welsh, Newell; Joyce Wolff, Storm Lake; William Walsh, Quimby.

July 28: Mrs. John Heruska, Storm Lake; Mrs. Everett Rice, Storm Lake; Barry Cressler, Newell; Travis Crum, Holstein; Mrs. James Larsen, Alta; Mrs. David Helmen, Schaller; Duane Shaw, Storm Lake; Mildred McIlwaine, Nemaha.

July 29: Pat McKinnis, Storm Lake; Elwood Lund, Storm Lake; Mrs. George Benjamin, Galva; Dewey Fast, Schaller; Cheryl Rasch, Newell.

July 30: Marilyn Sievers, Storm Lake; Lonnie Huisenga, Early; Dennis Harvey, Storm Lake; John Brown, Storm Lake; Phyllis Olsen, Albert City.

July 31: Martin Payne, Alta.

Dismissals

Martha Jurgensen, Storm Lake; Stella Keehl, Storm Lake; Mrs. Henry Koster, Storm Lake; Bertha Tucker, Storm Lake; Carol Huseman, Schaller; Mrs. Will Grotjohn, Schaller; Mrs. Roger Peters and Carrie Lynn, Storm Lake; Holly Alcock, Storm Lake; Paul Entwistle, Storm Lake; Anders Lund, Storm Lake; Mrs. Herbert Mumford, Storm Lake; Shelly Kurtzhaus, Alta; Dean Roggensen, Nemaha.

Births

July 26: Mr. and Mrs. Rick Meyer, Alta, girl, 9 lbs., 1/2 oz.

July 27: Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Krogstad, Newell, boy, 6 lbs., 8 oz.

July 28: Mr. and Mrs. John Heruska, Storm Lake, girl, 7 lbs., 12 oz.; Mr. and Mrs. David Helman, Schaller, girl, 7 lbs., 3 oz.

ALTA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Admissions

July 26: Clair Parrott, Aurelia. July 30: Mrs. Shirley Kaskey, Aurelia; Fred ... in, Alta.

Dismissals

Ruth Kane and James Patrick, Alta.

Births

July 30: Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kaskey, Aurelia, boy, 6 lbs., 11 oz.

Future Subscribers

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Moe, Davenport, are the parents of a daughter, Catherine Denise, by adoption. She weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz. Birth date, July 27. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moe.

Colette

Shows To

At Sac F

Colette Stille, and Mrs. Mary Storm Lake, champion fitter at the Sac fair.

The champion pound crossbred member of Hawkeyes 4-H showed the helper and champion steers.

Other area champion and helper at the Sac fair. Kevin Grier showed the helper.

Brian Kennel ribbon in the fitted steers, fitted steer of heavyweight. Brenda Kennel ribbon in fitted Colette Still blues in fitted heavyweight steers.

Kathy Grier in feeder class. Tom Brown feeder class exhibited the rate of gain day.

David Coe several award show including champion and

Buena

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almost without officials were night that they could not judge of an eyeing Jim Nuss, said they judges Friday the opening at 8 a.m. Saturday Douglas W. federal veterinarian judge the show.

Dennis Moe the grand of three hour show. The champion Pedersen pen had honors for division after the light w pens of hog matter of

Glen and Mary love to travel. South America, Japan, Mexico, Hawaii, Alaska, and China have been very interesting tours.

Jack Lee Graen

Jack Lee Graen was born in Sanborn to Robert and Rose Brinkart Graen. He graduated from Spencer High School in 1954. He was a member of the United States Army, and was stationed in the United States throughout the years he served. He is presently the owner and manager of Graen's Men's Wear of Storm Lake.

In 1946 he and his parents moved to Clay County, Spencer. It is here where his parents have remained throughout the years.

On October 27, 1957, he married Karole Joan Hansen. Karole was born January 20, 1937, in Webb, to Rexford and Erma Carpenter Hanson. Karole graduated from Ruthven High School in 1954, and then from Methodist Kahler in Rochester, Minnesota, as a registered nurse, in 1957.

Karole is now the Buena Vista Public Health Nurse. Over the years she has had jobs ranging from doctor's assistant to industrial nurse at Bil Mar. She belongs to P.E.O. and the Buena Vista County Nurses' Association.

Jack and Karole have two children. Jeff graduated from Storm Lake Public High School in 1979. He then attended two years of college at Wayne State in Wayne, Nebraska. He then transferred to Iowa Lake Community College in Estherville. Jeff is presently a ju-

nior and is studying criminal justice.

Amy is presently a junior at Storm Lake High School. She is a member of the Storm Lake Drill Team, band, Tri-Hi-Y, Future Teachers, and speech club.

By: Amy

Mrs. A. G. Gran

Bea Gran endeared herself to young women of our community for over 50 years, as she served in leadership roles for the Order of Rainbow for Girls. Bea started the Rainbow group in 1929 in Storm Lake and served tirelessly as Mother Advisor for more than 25 years. She was one of six original Deputies named to form the State Boards for Rainbow and served as chairperson of that board for 20 years.

Bernice Puckett was born in Lake City, December 13, 1895, one of twins born to Mary Elizabeth and John Thomas Puckett. Her father functioned as both farmer and banker there. Schooled at Iowa University and Northwestern University (1917), she taught English and directed plays in consolidated schools adjacent to the Storm Lake area. Bea's many activities included longtime membership in Daughters of the American Revolution, Tuesday Club, Red Cross and Eastern Star.

Albert G. Gran was born September 22, 1889, on a farm near Alta. Son of John and Lean Gran, he was one of eleven children. He graduated from Storm Lake High School, Iowa University and re-

ceived his Medical Degree from Northwestern University in 1917. Doc served in the United States Army during World War I then returned home to practice medicine. With Dr. Swallum, he established Swallum Hospital — which is now Methodist Manor.

The Grans were married September 7, 1918, and in late 1940 built their home at the south end of Lake Avenue. A. G. Gran died November 1959. Mrs. Gran has enjoyed worldwide travel and is now content with quiet retirement and cherished memories.

By: Jane Spooner

Hans Grau Family

The Hans Graus were a pioneer family in Buena Vista County. Hans Grau and his wife, Anna Bodholdt Grau, were both born in Denmark. They immigrated to the United States, coming to Newell in 1885. They bought land in Coon Township from the original homesteaders. The family lived on this farm for many years. They raised eight children: Alfred, George, Oscar, Marie, Emma, Sarah, Laura and Ester. They were active in the Nain Lutheran Church in Newell, and both Mr. and Mrs. Grau were charter members.

Hans helped each of his three sons acquire a farm in Buena Vista County. Alfred farmed in Providence Township, and George and Oscar in Coon Township. These three farms are still in the Grau family.

Alfred Grau married Ingeborg Thuesen. He was active in the community and church. He served on the school board, the election board, and in the Farm Bureau. He was a charter member of the Nain Lutheran Church. Richard, Ejner, Ivan and Arlan are their sons. Two of these sons still live in Buena Vista County. Ejner has farmed and owns the original Alfred Grau farm. Ivan farms near Newell and has been active in the building of the new Nain Lutheran Church. Ivan's son, Arnold, also farms near Newell.

George Grau married Anna Haahr. He was an active charter member in Farm Bureau, was on the County Arbitration Board of the 1930's, a charter member of the Buena Vista County Hospital



Jack Graen family

Board, and a charter member of the Nain Lutheran Church. Harold, Holger, Solon, Leo and Ted are their sons, and Ruth, Dorothy and Ardyth, their daughters. Four of the sons still live in the county. Harold owns a car dealership in Newell, Holger farms near Newell, Leo lives in Newell and farms in the Newell area, and Ted is in business in Sioux Rapids.

Also living in Buena Vista County are four grandsons and two granddaughters. Harlan Grau farms near Newell with his father, Holger. Tony Weiland, the son of Ardyth, farms near Alta. Gregory Grau of Sioux Rapids is the son of Ted. Tom Grau farms near Newell with his father, Leo, and owns the original George Grau farm. Kristi Grau, the daughter of Holger, is a Buena Vista College student and lives in Newell. Teresa Frederiksen of Sioux Rapids is the daughter of Ted.

Oscar Grau married Tena Bodholdt. He served in the State Legislature, was Mayor of Storm Lake and was a participant in the organization of Radio Station KAYL. They were members of Nain Lutheran Church, and after moving to Storm Lake, the Presbyterian Church. Donald, Robert and Doris, their children do not live in Buena Vista County but Donald still owns the original Hans Grau farm in Coon Township.

Marie married H. C. (Chris) Petersen. They farmed for many years in Providence Township. Their sons are Thorvald and Howard. Howard lives in Newell and has farmed and worked at the Newell Co-op Elevator.

Emma married Chris Rix. They farmed in Minnesota and later moved to California. They had nine children.

Sarah married Dr. George Hearst of Cedar Falls. They had two children. Sarah still lives in Cedar Falls.

Laura married Art Bonebrake. They lived in Newell and operated the Mercantile store for many years before moving to Diagonal. They had six children.

Ester, who married Louis Madison of Newell, still makes her home in Newell. A nephew, Holger Grau, farms the Madison farm.

By: Ejner Grau

Oscar Johannes Grau

Oscar Johannes Grau was born June 19, 1890, at the Grau farm in Coon Township, Buena Vista County. He was the fifth of the eight children of Hans Jorgen and Anna Bodholdt Grau. He attended Buena Vista County schools and Iowa State College. In 1915 he began farming on the home farm where he developed a herd of Polled Shorthorn cattle.

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Christena Grau died on July 4, 1967. In October 1969 O. J. Grau married Alma Jensen Bodholdt of Newell. He died on July 28, 1974. Oscar and Tena Grau had three children.

Donald Bodholdt Grau was born June 12, 1916. He graduated from Newell High School and Iowa State College with a degree in engineering. In March 1942 he was married to Muriel Hofstad. He served in the Air Force in World War II. After working as an engineer, farmer and Chamber of Commerce Secretary in Storm Lake, Des Moines and Dubuque, he was ordained by the Dubuque Theological Seminary and until May 1983 served as pastor of the Bethlehem UCC Church of Lancaster, Wisconsin. He is now living at Park Rapids, Minnesota. Don and Muriel have two children. Ronald was born June 16, 1943. He attended the University of Iowa. Cheryl was born February 5, 1945. She attended Drake University and is married to Stephen Sypal. They have three daughters, Brenda, Karen and Kristen, and live in Des Moines.

Robert Bodholdt Grau was born January 27, 1918. He graduated from Newell High School and Iowa State College with a degree in forestry. He was the pilot of a B-25 in North Africa during World War II. In 1948 he began his own sawmill and logging operation in Elkader. In January 1955 he married Ruth Button of Waterloo. They have four children. Scott was born November 24, 1955. He received a BA from the University of Iowa and a MA from Drake University. He served in the Peace Corps in Tunisia and is presently employed by the newspaper in Indianola. Denise was born April 16, 1957. She received a BA from Luther College and an MA from Illinois State University. She is presently teaching deaf students at Hersey High School in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Christopher was born October 20, 1958. After graduating from Luther College, he returned to Elkader to work with his father in the lumber business. Eric was born September 13, 1961, and is currently a student at Iowa State University majoring in statistics.



Oscar Grau family

Doris Winona Grau was born June 26, 1924. She graduated from Storm Lake High School and University of Iowa. She worked several years in Chicago before moving to San Francisco in 1959 where she is a real estate trust officer in the Wells-Fargo Bank.

By: Ruth Grau

L. H. (Hal) Green

L. H. (Hal) Green was born October 7, 1879. His parents, Hal and Mayme (Meta) Pingel, were the first couple to be married in the town of Rembrandt. There was no church in town at that time so on July 26, 1904, they were married in the home of her parents. Everyone in town was invited. Mr. Green was the first depot agent who later went to farming until retiring and moving to town.

They were parents of four sons: Clifford of Cambridge, Nolan of Rembrandt, Merle of Atkins, Loren of Des Moines. They were members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and were always active in civic affairs.

Will Burk Green

Will Green was born November 14, 1906, on a ranch at Stratford, Texas, to Burk and Emma Barton Green. He was graduated from Dalhart, Texas, High School. After graduation he worked for Western Union and

the First National Bank of Dalhart, Texas, then moved to Amarillo, Texas, to work in the First National Bank and to play clarinet in the Amarillo Symphony. He was so fascinated with music that he gave up his bank job to follow a former band and newspaper man to Weeping Water, Nebraska, so he would be near the University of Nebraska where he would continue his musical studies toward a Bachelor of Arts Degree. During that time he led several town bands and played in the Lincoln Municipal Band to help defray costs of his education. That was his position when he met Karl L. King of Fort Dodge. Dr. King hired him to come to Fort Dodge in 1936 to play the city concerts and a very heavy schedule of Fair dates over the State of Iowa. At that time, he needed fifteen hours of education to complete his undergraduate degree. Dr. Henry Olson of Buena Vista college, to do this work. He returned to Storm Lake in 1942 to become Director of Instrumental Music in the Storm Lake Public Schools until December of 1943 when he left for service in the United States Army. In November of 1945 he was discharged from service and returned to this position and served until 1950 when he transferred to the Buena Vista College position which he held until his retirement in 1975. At that time Buena Vista conferred a degree of Doctor of Music on him. He was chairman of the Fine Arts

Department and Professor of Music when he retired.

His graduate work was done at the University of South Dakota (M.A.); Summer schools at the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N.Y.; Summer Seminars in San Miguel, Mexico and the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Private study included clarinet with Harry E. Warfel; clarinet with Charles E. Ewing (formerly solo clarinet with Arthur Pryor's Band); Clarence Warmelin, Chicago, Illinois; and Violin with Carl Frederick Steckleberg. Professional playing experience included the Amarillo, Texas Symphony, The Lincoln, Nebraska Municipal Band under Arthur Babich and Wm. T. Quick; Solo Clarinet—the 105th A.G.F. Band—World War II; B-Flat & E Flat clarinet with Karl L. King's Fort Dodge Municipal, and Fair Band for thirty-six years and several concerts with Monohan Post Band at Sioux City. Conducting experience included Conductor and Assistant Conductor of Lincoln, Nebraska Municipal Band; Conductor of Will Green's Concert Band, Lincoln, Nebraska (a professional organization that played radio engagements and the Nebraska State Fair); town and school bands in Iowa and Nebraska. In addition to directing the instrumental music in the Storm Lake Public Schools and Buena Vista College, he directed the Storm Lake Municipal Band for twenty years and was Director of the Karl King Municipal Band of Fort Dodge from 1971 until his death in June of 1977.

He was an Honorary Life Member Local 504 American Federation of Musicians. Buena Vista College Alumni Distinguished Service Award-1972; Northwest Iowa Bandmaster's Association Distinguished Service Award 1972; Phi Mu Alpha Orpheus Award-1973; Outstanding Educators of America Award-1972-73-74; Gardena, California, Kiwanis Club Distinguished Award for service to Youth-1972. Memberships held in Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia; Honorary member of College Band Director's Association; MENC, and Iowa Music Educators Association, First Baptist Church of Storm Lake, and the Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Masons, Past Master and High Priest. At one time was member of Abu-