

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Ritchie,
William Robert - Represented Buena Vista, Humboldt and Pocahontas
Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 8 Jul 1867 Port Andrew, Richland County, Wisconsin

2. Marriage (s) date place
Anna Johnson 26 Feb 1896

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was an auctioneer over 50 years; director of the Buena Vista Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance Association in Alta, Iowa; president of the Harmon Lumber Company, Marathon, Iowa

B. Civic responsibilities Nelson

C. Profession Farmer; stockman; auctioneer; insurance business

4. Church membership Baptist, later Methodist

5. Sessions served 44th, 45th General Assemblies 1931, 1933

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National Delegate to the National Republican Convention in 1936

7. Death 8 Mar 1954 Form Lake, Iowa; buried Marathon Cemetery, Marathon Iowa

8. Children Wendell Roy; Robert Carroll; Donald Stuart; Florence Victoria

9. Names of parents William and Isabella (Adams) Ritchie

10. Education He had his early education in his neighborhood in the same

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He came to Iowa in spring 1884 working in and around Schaller Iowa until 1894. That is when he moved to his farm in Lincoln Township of Puma Vista County, Iowa
- In 1902 he and his family moved to a farm south of Marathon, Iowa where he lived until his death.
- He began to auctioneer in 1894
- His wife, Anna, died in 1947.

Operations Amounted To \$242,166 Total for Fiscal Period

Per pupil cost of Storm Lake public schools, with an average attendance of 1,049, rose from \$222.54 in 1952 to \$230.85 in 1953, according to figures released this week by the Iowa Taxpayers association. Total operating costs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1953, were \$242,166.

Spirit Lake had the low per pupil cost of Lakes conference schools, as shown below in a comparison of average daily attendance and per pupil costs for 1953:

Storm Lake	1,049	\$230.85
Cherokee	1,133	221.04
Spencer	1,403	227.90
Estherville	1,634	226.31
Sheldon	827	264.67
Emmetsburg	672	305.64
Sibley	695	228.60
Spirit Lake	798	215.98

Only 36 of the 118 cities which maintain high schools were able to show a reduction in per pupil costs in 1953 over the preceding year.

Based On Attendance

All calculations are based on official reports on file in the State Department of Public Instruction. Cost per pupil is based on total average daily attendance in elementary grades, high schools and junior colleges.

The total net expenditures for operating the 118 city school districts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, were \$53,275,940. This was \$4,644,233 more than the \$48,631,707 expended by the same districts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, on increase of 9.5 per cent.

Average \$249

The average cost per pupil in the 118 districts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, was \$249.30 as compared with \$234.75 for the preceding year, an increase of \$14.55. The total average daily attendance increased during the year from 207,167 to 213,703, a gain of 6,536.

These districts listed a total of 9,790 teaching positions for the 1952-1953 school year and 9,593 for the 1951-1952 school year, an increase of 197.

Francis K. Gibson Asks Re-Election As County Auditor

urged to attend.

Masonic Rites For Col. Ritchie

Last rites were in progress this afternoon, Thursday, for Col. W. R. Ritchie, pioneer auctioneer of Buena Vista county who passed away Monday in a Storm Lake hospital. Services were held at 2 o'clock from the Methodist church in Marathon, Rev. Robert Smith



WILLIAM ROBERT RITCHIE

officiating. Burial was in the Marathon cemetery.

"Old Rugged Cross" was sung by a quartet, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Lindgren, Mrs. Fred Okerberg and Robert Johnson, accompanied by Mrs. LaVern Ebersole. Mr. Johnson also sang a solo, "Abide With Me."

Bearers were A. J. Scott of Sioux Rapids, Art Rehnstrom of Linn Grove, D. V. Hartsell, Ralph Hartley, C. E. Luther and J. W. Hill, all of Marathon.

Graveside services were in charge of Universal Masonic Lodge No. 567 of which Col. Ritchie was a long-time member.

He is survived by four children, Wendell of Marathon, Robert C. of Storm Lake, Donald S. of Albert City and Florence of Chico, Calif.

A group of Storm Lake Masons left this afternoon to attend the obsequies. An obituary of Col. Ritchie, as prepared for publication by the family, will be found on page 2, first section of this Pilot.

Funeral Services for

District Contest Held In Chapel At Buena Vista

Marjorie Voytilla, Shu high school student, won place Wednesday night in Ninth district American Legion oratorical contest held at Buena Vista co

Attorney W. P. Perry Storm Lake, acting education chairman for the Ninth district presented medals to Miss Voytilla and to the second and third place winners.

Other placings: Art Friedman of Akron, second; Warren C. Menville, third, and Anna B. Ida Grove, fourth.

Prof. Gladys Kuehl of Buena Vista college was in charge of program and introduced the winners.

Judges

Judges were Prof. George H. Hols and Prof. T. P. Kuehl of Buena Vista college and Phoebe LaFoy of Storm Lake instructor in the Varina school.

Judging was on the basis of originality, accuracy and effectiveness, and vocal power and variety.

State Contest

As winner of the Ninth district contest, Miss Voytilla will be eligible to compete in the state American Legion oratorical contest at Ames next Monday, March 2.

Mrs. Ruth Cuthbert Brother Is Stricken

Mrs. Ruth Cuthbert learned word Wednesday that her husband Ord Bolen, died at his home in Chandler, Ariz., Tuesday after a long illness. Bolen was native of Sioux Rapids and remembered by many in Buena Vista county. Mrs. Cuthbert will leave for Arizona Wednesday to attend the funeral.

Thomasases Welcome Daughter, Age 14

A 14-year-old daughter, Joan, was welcomed into their home March 1 by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, 100 Grand. Joan entered the eighth grade of Buena Vista junior high school.

Arrangements are pending for two or three other young members of Joann's family to become members of Buena Vista county family.

Weather Record Temperatures

Truesdale Folks Attend Mission

(By Mrs. H. Steinhilber)

TRUESDALE — A number of Truesdale people attended the Spiritual Life Mission services in the Rembrandt Methodist church last Sunday. Services will continue through Friday, March 12, when a basket fellowship supper will precede the meeting. Rev. Joseph Mason of Massena is guest speaker. Members of the girls sextet joined the choir on Monday night for a service of song. Rev. Mason is being entertained in the homes of many of the lay people of both congregations.

Banquet at Storm Lake

Mrs. Wilbur Jensen, Mrs. William Julius, Mrs. Lloyd Lacy, Mrs. John Rohlk and Mrs. W. F. Couch attended the County Education association banquet Monday evening at the Steak House in Storm Lake. A talk by Dr. Sainz of Cherokee was greatly enjoyed as well as the special music and slides.

Prayer Day Observed

Ladies from the Truesdale Methodist church attending World Day of Prayer Friday at Rembrandt included Mesdames Jewell Edwards, Lyle Jameson, Marvin Schenatzki, Henry Berkler, Wm. T. Gutel, Paul McLarnan, Marion Gutel, Leonard Gustafson, Ralph Spooner and Hugh Hagan.

Other Truesdale News

M. Y. F. supper is scheduled for Monday, March 15, at the school dining room. Serving will begin at 5:30 p. m. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Schenatzki and Veriljean enjoyed the weekend in the Francis Kaufman home at Fort Dodge. Mrs. Schenatzki also called on Mrs. Belden Weikel at Friendship Haven.

Mrs. F. L. Schar entertained the W. M. C. of the Assembly of God church Wednesday afternoon. The ladies tied two comforters.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Davis and daughter Margaret and Mrs. Clarence Clever returned Saturday from a month's visit with relatives in the west. They visited the John C. er family and friends in Oregon also the Rev. E. G. Beckman family in Washington, and with Mrs. Clever's sister and other relatives and friends in California.

Mrs. F. E. Wicker and two small children of Wall Lake were guests

Monday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cave.

Members of the seventh and eighth grades and the seniors will have charge of the community night program in the gymnasium on March 19.

Mrs. Marion Gordon is teaching in the first and second grades, taking the place of Mrs. Clinton Horlacher, who was forced to resign because of ill health.

Truesdale school board has kindly consented for the congregation of the Methodist church to hold Sunday school and church services in the school building until the church has been remodelled following the fire of February 28.

Obituary

WILLIAM ROBERT RITCHIE

William Robert Ritchie, son of William and Isabel Adams Ritchie, was born on July 8, 1867, at Port Andrew, Richland county, Wisconsin, and passed away on March 8, 1954, at a Storm Lake hospital at the age of 86 years and 8 months.

Mr. Ritchie had his early education in Wisconsin and came to Iowa in the spring of 1884, working in and around Schaller until 1894. In that year he moved to his farm in Lincoln township and on February 26, 1896, was united in marriage to Anna Jackson of Grant City, Iowa.

Moves to Marathon

In 1902 the family moved to the farm south of Marathon where he lived as farmer, stockman and auctioneer until the time of his death. After moving to Marathon he became a member of the Baptist church, later affiliating with the Methodist church.

He began his auctioneering career in 1894, remaining active in the business for over 50 years. Mr. Ritchie took a great interest in politics, serving as Iowa state senator from 1930-1934, and as a delegate from Iowa to the national republican convention in 1936.

Active in Masonry

He was also active in lodge circles and was a member and past master of Universal Lodge No. 587, A. F. & A. M., of Marathon, and a member of the DeMolay consistory of Clinton. For over 50 years he served as director of the Buena Vista Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance association, Alta, and for several years acted as president

Always generous in giving of his time for benefit auctions, he helped to raise thousands of dollars for the various churches, the Red Cross and other welfare groups in the community.

Survivors

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann, in 1947; his brothers, Hugh Adam and Edward James, and his parents.

Survivors include three sons, Robert Carroll of Storm Lake; Wendell Roy of Marathon and Donald Stuart of Albert City; a daughter, Florence Victoria of Chico, Calif.; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

(Picture on page 1)

MRS. C. J. MADSEN

Mrs. C. J. Madsen passed away at a Storm Lake hospital Tuesday, March 9, after a long illness, at the age of 80 years, 6 months and 21 days.

Mrs. Madsen was born August 16, 1873, at Royal to Mr. and Mrs. John Swanson.

She was united in marriage to Carl John Madsen on June 23, 1896. To this union 11 children were born, six sons and five daughters. They are Harold and Cecil Madsen and Pearl (Mrs. V. S. Bernholtz), all of Des Moines, Orville Madsen and Mary (Mrs. M. L. Spear) of Ames, Otto Madsen and Evelyn (Mrs. P. C. Barron) of Missouri Valley, Elenora (Mrs. F. J. Hodge) of Hazleton, and Donald Madsen of Storm Lake.

Bernard, a twin of Harold, passed away in infancy and Carrie (Mrs. H. L. Ferguson) of Boone passed away in 1950. Her husband, C. J. Madsen, preceded her in death in 1952.

Also mourning her death are 31 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. F. R. Barglof and Mrs. R. C. Lundt of Spencer and Mrs. F. G. Lyster of Storm Lake, and an adopted brother, Edward Swanson.

Since her husband's death she has resided with her son, Donald, of Storm Lake.

Funeral services are being held today (Thursday) at 1:30, Rev. Carl Schattauer officiating. Carroll Sawin is singing. The sons are acting as pallbearers. Interment will be in Riverside cemetery at Spencer with the Hughes Funeral home in charge.

Truesdale PTA Will Hold Community Night On Friday, March 19

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Bailey Elected of Director In day's Election

The rumors that "the op" was planning to run a candidate, the annual election held Monday in proved to be a very affair when the final of votes was made.

al of 209 voters showed interest in our school by the effort to visit the d registering their vote. 209, three failed to vote ot legally and their votes st out, marked "spoiled."

remaining 206 votes.

re divided as follows:

For Director

(Ben) Bailey—196.

Waldstein—1.

Baker—1.

For Treasurer

Strader—193.

um Carter—1.

Bailey becomes a new

on board, taking the

Dr. J. Schloff, whose

expired and who was

candidate for re-election.

Strader has been treasurer

district for many years

and succeed himself in that

position.

The newspaper wishes to com-

pare the voters of the district

with the spirit of unanimity ex-

hibited at the election and hopes

has come to the malicious

and unwarranted criticism of

officials which has been

expressed in recent years.

C. S. CIRCLES TO MEET

circle meetings of the

Women's Society of Christian

Service will meet March 18 at

the following homes:

1: Mrs. John Smith.

2: Mrs. J. O. McLaughlin.

3: Mrs. Jean Pittman.

4: Mrs. E. C. Welch.

Small boxes will need to be

sent to circle meetings for mission

boxes.

POT-LUCK SUPPER

group of friends and rela-

tives held a pot-luck supper

Sunday at the home of Mr.

and Mrs. Welch, honoring

Mr. Welch on his birthday, which

was Saturday.

Those attending were Mr. and

Mrs. A. Wells, Supt. and Mrs.

W. B. Traffen, Mr. and Mrs.

W. C. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. J. C.

McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. D. V.

Wells, Mr. and Mrs. John L.

Wells, and Mrs. Edna Beck-

THE DARYL OLSONS BACK FROM GUAM

Mr. and Mrs. Daryl D. Olson returned here Tuesday evening from Guam, where Daryl had spent the past 18 months in service in the Navy. Mrs. Olson had joined him there nearly a year ago.

They left Guam by ship on February 11, and had a four-hour layover in Hawaii, where they were taken on a sight-seeing tour. They arrived in the States on Feb. 27.

Following a 30-day leave, Daryl will return to San Diego, Cal., for several months' schooling in the communications branch of the service. He is rated as a teleman. Mrs. Olson will accompany him to San Diego.

On the trip here from the coast, they came by car with friends to Kansas City, Mo., and from there to Des Moines by train, where Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Olson and son, Dennis, met them, and they are now visiting relatives and friends in Marathon and Laurens.

SURPRISE PARTY ON 25th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Anderson were pleasantly surprised last Thursday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. Osmund Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Aron Johnson and daughters, Lolita and Karen, came to spend the evening with them in observance of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

The evening was spent in visiting and at a late hour lunch was served buffet style from a table centered with a three-tier wedding cake decorated in pink, white and silver, with a miniature bride and groom on top. Other refreshments were in order. Mrs. Johnson made the cake.

The honorees received a silver creamer and sugar set, a gift from their children, and other gifts.

A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Osmund Anderson were the attendants at the honored guests' wedding twenty-five years ago.

HONORED ON ANNIVERSARY

Last Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Sundblad of Sioux Rapids celebrated their forty-ninth wedding anniversary at their home in Sioux Rapids.

Their daughter, sang a fitting solo, and Rev. D. L. Foster led devotions prior to the delicious

W. R. Ritchie Passed Away Monday Morning at Hospital



William R. Ritchie

SHERIFF HARRY DREYER IS SEEKING RE-ELECTION

Sheriff Harry Dreyer is announcing this week that he is a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff of Buena Vista County. Mr. Dreyer has been serving in this capacity for the past two years and his record of efficiency merits the support of the voters.

Red Cross Drive Is Over Quickly And \$432.75 Is Raised

Due to the splendid co-operation of the citizens of this community, Marathon and Poland township reached the goal of \$380 for the Red Cross fund during the first week of the campaign.

The total amount received at this writing is \$432.75, with one solicitor not yet reporting. The township receipts were \$207.75 and the town \$225. The membership in the township is 187 and in town, 190, for a total of 377.

Solicitors in town were Mrs. Ralph Hartley, chairman, and Mrs. Swan Anderson, Mrs. Wallace Johnson, Mrs. E. C. Welch, Mrs. Harry Anderson, Mrs. Arlo Roberts, Mrs. LaVern Ebersole, Mrs. Ralph Kinney, Mrs. Alan Walker, Mrs. Kenneth Waldstein, Lydia Ekstam, Mamie Bergling and Mrs. Leo Meyer.

Solicitors for the country were John Blomquist, chairman, and Osmund Anderson, Louis Ressler, Ross Garton, B. A. Wells, Carl Buse, Carl Wessman, Harry Schott, George Garton, Swan Nelson, Ted Forstrom, Harold

This community lost one of its most prominent and highly respected citizens Monday in the death of William R. Ritchie, 86, who died Monday morning at the Buena Vista County Hospital in Storm Lake, where he had been taken on Saturday for treatment for a heart ailment.

Mr. Ritchie had been in poor health for several years and for the past two years had been confined to his home most of the time. He had had several bad attacks of heart trouble but his strong will to live had always pulled him through. However, each of them left its effect on him, and his condition steadily became worse the past several weeks.

"Bill" Ritchie was one of Iowa's most widely known auctioneers, having officiated at more than 6,000 sales in Iowa and nearby states during his active career as an auctioneer, and is believed to have conducted more sales than any other auctioneer in Iowa. It has been many years since he conducted a sale, but until his health failed, he accompanied his son, Wendell, who succeeded him, and assisted his son with his experience and judgment.

Besides his auctioneering, which dates back to the early years of this community, Mr. Ritchie engaged in farming and was known as a good stockman. His farm is located just south of Marathon. He had always taken a great interest in politics and served from 1930-34 as State Senator from this district. In 1936 he was a delegate from Iowa to the national Republican convention. He was a member of Universal Lodge, No. 587, A. F. & A. M., of Marathon, and several other Masonic orders, in which he took a keen interest.

Mr. Ritchie is survived by four children: Wendell, of Marathon; Robert C., of Storm Lake; Donald S., of Albert City, and Florence, of Chico, California.

Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) afternoon at two o'clock in the Methodist Church in Marathon and burial will be made in the Marathon cemetery.

A complete obituary will be published in the next issue of this newspaper.

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W. R. RITCHIE

Funeral services for W. R. Ritchie, who died March 8, were held Thursday afternoon at the Methodist Church in Marathon, with the Rev. R. L. Smith, pastor of the church, officiating. Music was furnished by a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Lindgren, Mrs. Fred Okerberg and Robert Johnson, who sang "The Old Rugged Cross," and a solo, "Abide With Me," by Mr. Johnson. Pall bearers were A. J. Scott of Sioux Rapids, Art. Rehnstrom of Linn Grove, and D. V. Hartzell, Ralph Hartley, C. E. Luther and J. W. Hill of Marathon. Burial was in the Marathon cemetery, where Masonic rites were conducted by members of Universal Lodge, of which the deceased was a member.

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Out-of-town relatives and friends here for the funeral included Miss Florence Ritchie of Chico, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ritchie and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Faete, Storm Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Synder, Mrs. John Brandt, and Mrs. W. M. Cowan of Windom, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnston, Sioux City; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Byam, Sioux Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Byam, Algona; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Davis, Storm Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Leidahl, Sioux Rapids; Drs. A. A. and Marie Nitzke, Storm Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Bahl, Spirit Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ross, LeMars; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Johanson, Hum-

boldt; Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Olson, Alta; E. E. Thomas, Sioux Rapids; Joseph Helgevoid, Ayrshire.

KARL ANDERSON

Funeral services for Karl Anderson were held in Grace Lutheran Church Monday afternoon, in charge of the pastor, the Rev. B. T. Erholm. Two quartet numbers, "We Shall Sleep, But Not Forever," and "There Is A Gate That Stands Ajar," by Mrs. Austin Lindgren, Mrs. Fred Okerberg, Robert Johnson and Austin Lindgren, Mrs. J. A. Hitchcock and Mrs. Martin Johanson were in charge of flowers. Pall bearers were Elmer L. Anderson, Albert A. Anderson, Victor Gunnarson, Fred Johnson, Martin Johanson, and Carl A. Nelson.

Burial was made in the local cemetery.

Obituary

Karl Anderson was born in Asparish, Halland, Sweden, March 8, 1879. Death came to him March 9, in Woodburn, Oregon, at the age of 75 years and 1 day.

Mr. Anderson was baptized and confirmed in the Church of Sweden. He emigrated to America in 1899, settling in Odebolt. In 1903 he started farming in Diamond township in Cherokee county. In 1905 he was married to Anna Anderson. To this union three children were born: Ellen Larson, Clarence Anderson, and a daughter, Ruth, who passed away in 1930.

He also farmed at Alta, and from there moved with his family to Marathon, where the family affiliated with Grace Lutheran Church, and where he lived at the time his wife, Anna, passed away in 1928. In 1930 he went to Sioux City for several years, then moved to Davenport, where he married Catherine Freed. She died a year ago. He then made his home with his daughter, Ellen, at Inwood, for a short time, and last fall went to make his home with his son, Clarence, at Woodburn, Oregon, where he died after a time of failing health.

He leaves to mourn his passing one daughter, Mrs. Carl Larson of Inwood, Iowa, and one son, Clarence Anderson, of Woodburn,

Oregon; nine grandchildren; two brothers, John H. Anderson of Marathon and Anton Anderson of Alta; a sister, Augusta, of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, as well as other relatives and a host of friends.

Relatives and friends from out of town attending the funeral included Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Larson and Joan, Pauline, Patty, and Mary Lou, of Inwood; Mr. and Mrs. John Scholter of Rock Valley, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anderson of Woodburn, Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Anderson of Rembrandt; Mr. and Mrs. Anton Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Benson of Alta, and Mr. and Mrs. Ragnar Anderson of Sioux City.

YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE CHARGE OF SERVICES

A deputation team of young people of the Wesley Foundation from the Collegiate Methodist Church at Ames, had charge of the services at the Methodist Church Sunday morning.

Those taking part were Jean Listebarger, Mary Jo Lindahl, Roselee Points, Dale Shires, Bob Aegerter and Clark Trafton.

They were dinner guests in the home of Clark's parents, Supt. and Mrs. Rex B. Trafton, and in the afternoon they went to Rembrandt where they had charge of the MYF Sub-District Rally.

MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN IS COMPLETED

Mrs. E. C. Welch, county president of the American Legion Auxiliary of Buena Vista County, announces that their magazine campaign has been completed and wishes to thank all residents who took part in their campaign. The equipment has been ordered and will be free of charge to any resident in the county. This equipment has been in a number of homes in the county and we want you to feel free to come in and take the equipment to your home and use it any time you need it.

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ALAN VEST,
HENRY E. HEIDEMAN,
ALBERT WEISS,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

WILLIAM R. RITCHIE

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life and public service of the late Honorable W. R. Ritchie, submits the following report:

William R. Ritchie was born at Port Andrew, Richland County, Wisconsin, July 8, 1867, of Scotch-Irish parents, and died in Storm Lake, Iowa, on March 8, 1954. In 1884 he came to Alta, Iowa, and in the spring of 1894 bought his first farm and began farming for himself. On February 26, 1896, he was united in marriage to Anna Jackson of Sac County, Iowa. To this union were born four children, Florence V. Robert C., Wendell R., and Donald S. He was a widely known, successful auctioneer of northwest Iowa. He was past master of Universal Lodge, 587, A.F. and A.M.

Mr. Ritchie served the Fiftieth district, comprised of Humboldt, Pocahontas, and Buena Vista Counties in the Iowa Senate during the Forty-fourth, Forty-fifth and Forty-fifth Extra sessions.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly: That in the passing of the Honorable Ritchie, the state has lost one who has always been very active in public affairs and kept interested and well informed on political matters, and the Senate tenders by this resolution 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 on the Journal of the Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the members of the family of the deceased.

GUY G. BUTLER,
DUANE E. DEWEL,
ALAN VEST,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

RAY P. SCOTT

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life and public service of the late Honorable Ray P. Scott, submits the following report:

Ray P. Scott was born in North Eaton, Ohio, on June 8, 1884, and died at Evangelical Hospital, Marshalltown, Iowa, on March 9, 1955, after an

BUENA VISTA COUNTY HISTORY

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Wendell R. Ritchie family

William Robert Ritchie

William R. Ritchie, the oldest of three boys, was born to William and Isabella Ritchie July 8, 1866, at Port Andrews, Wisconsin.

At age seventeen he immigrated to Buena Vista County and worked on farms between Storm Lake and Schaller until 1894 when he bought a farm in Lincoln Township and also began his auctioneering career. In 1896 he married Anna Jackson of Sac City, who was born February 26, 1868, at Hopkinton. She had taught schools in Sac and Carroll counties and at Lead, South Dakota. She taught, after marriage, for a short time in Poland Township. Although deprived of much schooling Mr. Ritchie was a firm believer in education and encouraged all of his children to seek a college education.

Their children were Florence, born June 3, 1899. She was a graduate of the Marathon High School and Iowa State College. She taught at the University of Arkansas and California State College, Chico, California, until she retired and now lives in Palo Alto, California; Robert C., born January 10, 1901, graduated from the Marathon High School and the University of Iowa School of Law. He practiced in Storm Lake where he now lives in retirement. In 1902 the family moved to their farm on the south edge of Marathon where Wendell R. was born April 10, 1905. He also graduated from the Marathon High School and Iowa State College and came home to farm and take up the auction business. Donald S. was born December 25, 1908. He graduated from the Marathon High School

and Buena Vista College. He took up farming for several years and later worked in the welfare office in Kossuth county. He is now retired and lives in Albert City.

W. R. Ritchie was widely known in the auction business having conducted sales in many Iowa counties and six near-by states. During his auction career he had many memorable experiences. On the coldest day in the history of Iowa, January 12, 1912, he rode ten miles in a sled to cry a sale. It was forty below zero when they left Sioux Rapids. The thermometer dropped to forty-seven below zero at Washta that day. At another time he was in two train wrecks on his way to the Black Hills of South Dakota to cry a sale.

During the first World War Mr. Ritchie conducted several sales for the benefit of the Red Cross and raised several thousand dollars at each one. At the Marathon sale a local poultry buyer had

built a nice wire cage and put a beautiful White Rock hen in it to be sold. Before they got around to sell the hen a twelve year old boy ran down to the store, got an egg and slipped it into the cage. The egg was sold over and over bringing in many dollars for the Red Cross. That boy still lives in the community.

Mr. Ritchie served in the Iowa Senate from 1930 to 1934.

Charles A. Robbins

Farmer, grain dealer, developer and policeman describe the life of Charles A. Robbins who was born September 11, 1876, in Champaign County, Illinois, and died in Storm Lake June 24, 1951.

Charles' father-in-law ran a hotel in Tampico, Illinois, where Charles later was associated with the grain business, before coming to the Storm Lake area in 1906. His father Henry farmed near Alta after moving from Illinois to Iowa.

Before buying land he rented three farms. The first was the Kestel land between Storm Lake and Schaller along what is now Highway 110. After about three years he moved to a farm along Highway 7 toward Newell. Then he rented a farm east of Storm Lake, known as the Connell Farm.

He developed the Robbins Addition east of Lake Avenue and auctioned off lots at about one hundred dollars each. The land



W. R. Ritchie family



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Name:	William Ritchie [William R Ritchie]										
Home in 1900:	Lincoln, Buena Vista, Iowa										
Age:	32										
Birth Date:	Jul 1867										
Birthplace:	Wisconsin										
Race:	White										
Gender:	Male										
Relationship to Head of House:	Head										
Father's Birthplace:	Scotland										
Mother's Birthplace:	Ireland										
Spouse's name:	Anna Ritchie										
Marriage Year:	1896										
Marital Status:	Married										
Years Married:	4										
Occupation:	View on Image										
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1930 United States Federal Census

Name:	William R Ritchie	
Home in 1930:	Poland, Buena Vista, Iowa	
	View Map	
Age:	62	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1868	
Birthplace:	Wisconsin	
Relation to Head of House:	Head	
Spouse's name:	Anna Ritchie	
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
	William R Ritchie	62
	Anna Ritchie	60
	Wendell R Ritchie	25
	Donald S Ritchie	21

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