

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____

Senator

Clearman,

George Merchant - Served from Iowa and Johnson counties

1. Birthday and place 5 Oct 1870 Offord, Iowa in
Johnson County

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Essie M. Summerhages 13 Dec. 1892 Offord, Iowa
② Grace Duty 25 Aug 1907 Offord, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Charter member of Johnson County Junior Board

B. Civic responsibilities Masons; OES

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Episcopal

5. Sessions served 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th General Assembly
1925, 1927, 1929, 1931

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 5 Nov 1955 in Iowa City. Buried Offord Cemetery, Offord, Iowa

8. Children Ray William; Harold Albert; Estella Louise (Mrs.
Levey Swanson)

9. Names of parents Albert and Sarah (nee) Clearman

Clearman, George Merchant

10. Education Educated in schools of Johnson County, Iowa

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He lived his entire life within a mile of his birthplace.
- First wife, Essie, died in 1902

every four years in any type of election.

MR. MILLSAP REPORTS today that 12 absentee ballots for the city election have been mailed out and returned by voters unable to be at the polls Tuesday because of illness or necessary travel. A total of 15 had last ballots in the city office.

Another 16 absentee ballots have been provided to voters but have not been returned.

The clerk asked that absentee ballots be returned by Monday so

Election Roundup

Information on the municipal election in Iowa City Tuesday is provided on Pages 3 and 8 of today's Press-Citizen. The background of each of the six city council candidates and their answers to questions by the League of Women Voters can be found on Page 3. A map showing the areas under consideration for annexation is on Page 8. In addition, a roundup on elections in other towns in the Iowa City area appears on Page 8.

hat they may be taken to the proper precinct polling place Tuesday.

A total of 11,300 ballots were ordered printed for the election. Officials concede that the number is probably more than will be needed for Tuesday's voting but predicted that amount to be on the safe side.

NAMES OF THE six candidates for the city council. Lee Blodgett, Lee Chopek, George Dvorsky, Louis Loria, Glenn Leeks, and Philip F. Morgan are listed alphabetically with each name appearing at the top—and in each other position—on one sixth of the ballots in each precinct.

The six are candidates for three positions to be filled on the council. Terms are four years in length and will begin January 1.

Polls in each of the city's nine precincts will be open Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In addition to voting on council candidates, Iowa Citizens will elect one person to a six-year term on the park commission and ballot on annexation of eight tracts to the city. Robert Lorenz is unopposed for reelection to the park board.

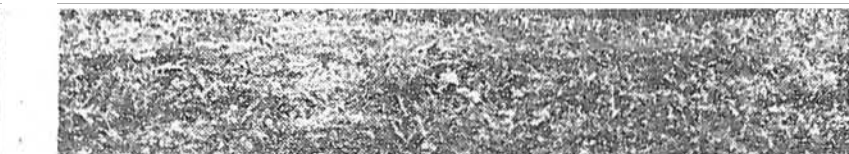
VOTE TOTALS IN recent elections in Iowa City have included:

April 17, 1950, special election to fill the council-manager position, 5,417.

March, 1951, city election when eight candidates sought five council posts, 3,971.

November, 1952, general election, 11,004, the local record.

November, 1953, municipal election, when two candidates for council were unopposed, 672.



Raccoon Becomes Family Favorite

A favorite at the Edward W. Thomas home, Route 4, is Jimmy, pet raccoon who has developed into quite a character. The three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, (left to right) Jean, Barbara and Kathleen. One of Jimmy's tricks is to climb the table. The coon, fed largely on table scraps, is one of a litter of three caught in a hollow tree last spring. (Photos.)

George M. Clearman, 85, Dies; Funeral Is Monday

George M. Clearman, 85, of Oxford, a former state senator, died today in Mercy hospital after a short illness.

Born at Oxford October 5, 1870, he was the son of Albert and Sarah Ives Clearman, and lived his entire life within a mile of his birthplace. He was married to Essie Summerhays December 13, 1892 at Oxford.

She died in 1902 and he was remarried August 25, 1907 to Grace Duty.

HE WAS A member of the Iowa senate representing Johnson and Iowa counties from 1925 to 1933.

He served on the church vestry at Trinity Episcopal church in Iowa City for over 30 years, and was a member of the board of the Mary O. Coldren home in Iowa City.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge at Oxford for 58 years, Kaaba Shrine, Davenport, Palestine Commandery and Consistory, Iowa City, and the Order of Eastern Star, Oxford.

SURVIVING ARE two sons, Ray W. Clearman, of Des Moines, and Harold A. Clearman of Oxford, and a daughter, Mrs. Stella Swanson, also of Oxford; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren; a brother, R. I. Clearman, of Porterville, Calif., and a sister, Mrs. Hattie Cameron, of Tokyo, Japan.

Services will be held Monday at 3 p.m. at Beckman's with the Rev. Harold F. McGee, pastor of Trinity Episcopal church, officiating.

Burial will be in Oxford cemetery.

Probe Arson In Blaze at Muscatine

MUSCATINE (AP)—Fire swept the Hill Lumber Co. yards here Friday night, causing damage unofficially estimated at between \$150,000 and \$160,000.

The blaze hurled flames high in the air and they were visible many miles away.

All off duty firemen were called in to help cope with the flames and the police night shift was called in early to help direct traffic around the scene.

The flames apparently broke out suddenly, authorities said. An official of the firm said he was in the office to get a paint brush at 7:30 p.m. and noticed nothing wrong then. The first alarm was turned in at 7:40 p.m.

The lumber firm is on the edge of the downtown business district and only a short distance from a warehouse where a fire Wednesday caused damage estimated at \$5,000 to merchandise stored there.

IN DES MOINES, State Fire Marshal Zack Cook said two members of his staff were immediately sent to Muscatine to investigate the possibility of arson.

Shenandoah Girl 'Serious' In U-Hospital With Burns

A 10-year-old Shenandoah girl lies in serious condition at University hospital today where she was admitted after suffering burns over 70 per cent of her body when

another youngster threw a can of gasoline into a bonfire at Shenandoah.

Stella McMahon was flown to University hospital by private airplane Friday after the mishap which occurred about 6 p.m.

Western Powers Have Edge in

BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER GENEVA (AP) — With Secretary of State Dulles playing the leading role, the Western powers appear to have won the Big Four conference battle with Russia up to this midway point.

That may be the real reason Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov is making the long flight to Moscow and back this week-end for consultations with his government.

News of his trip aroused specu-

lation among here that he has instructions from the speculation western circle would be to stand against unification at

WHATEVER pose of his Ministry, the record meeting so far western Big Four has been constantly on the

657 Million Dollars Raised by 2% Iowa Sales Tax in

DES MOINES (AP)—In the 22 years the two per cent state sales tax was in effect, it raised a total of \$657,035,005 in revenue to help finance the state government and various state aids.

Now the rate is 2½ per cent. It was increased to that figure by the 1955 legislature, effective last July 1. The new rate of collections is expected to yield

about 25 per cent the past.

State tax show that from 1934, when it became effective, it has raised \$300,000,000.

In the next total more than

Bert Wilson Dies at 44

Bert Wilson Puckett, 44, a native of Iowa City and official announcer for the Chicago Cubs baseball team for 13 years, died Friday night in a Mesa, Ariz., hospital.

Mrs. Herb Williams, of Sharon Center, Mr. Puckett's sister, was informed of her brother's death this morning by Mrs. Puckett, the former Mary Hlavack, of Cedar Rapids.

under the name "Bert Wilson" has been ill for some time. He had a winter home at Mesa.

IN ONLY years did the tax drop below previous year. were in 1938, when it was 2½ per cent.

For fiscal year 1955, the tax was increased by over the previous year. The increase in 1955 was 2½ per cent.

In addition, the rate to 2½ per cent legislature and cigars to the first time. to assure a 2½ per cent in the sales tax. The legislature changes in the rate of the increased go for state