

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Drake, Johnson Leroy Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Keokuk County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 2 Spt 1892 Dixon, Scott County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Frances Lee Chacey 28 May 1925

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the Pella National Bank and chairman of the board

B. Civic responsibilities Mason, Shriner, American Legion

C. Profession Banker

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 40<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1931

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 20 Jan 1965 Pella, Iowa; buried Highland Cemetery, Richland, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents Reverend Samuel R. Drake Margaret Jane  
(Raymond) Drake

Drake, Johnson Leroy

10. Education He was a graduate of Columbus Junction Iowa  
High School

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He moved with his parents to Louisa County Iowa where  
he grew to manhood.
- He entered the banking business in 1910 in Louisa County,  
Washington County and Keokuk County, all in Iowa.
- Military service - World War I and World II -
- While he was a student at Columbus Junction, Iowa he started his  
career in banking as a part time bank employee of the American  
Merchants State Bank.
- In 1946 he became affiliated with the Pella National Bank, Pella, Iowa as  
Executive Vice-President. Later he served as President  
and chairman of the Board.
- In later years he was a special bank examiner.



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**J. R. Drake dies Wed. morning**



J. R. Drake

Services are pending at the Van Dyk-Duven Funeral Home for J. R. Drake, 72, long time Pella banker, who died at his home at 807 East Third St., early Wednesday morning. Mr. Drake was president of the Pella National Bank and a chairman of the board for a number of years. At the time of his death he was a member of the board.

**Armour Boot on three committees**



Armour Boot

PELLA, IA.—Armour Boot,

would like to join the Fun and Figure class sponsored by the Recreation Commission which is held at Webster School on Monday evenings. The program, which is under the direction of Mrs. Jo Harmeling is held at 7:00 p.m. Typical activities include volleyball, basketball, exercises, and games. There is a registration fee of \$3.00.

**Knitting classes**

Women who are interested in attending the Knitting Classes sponsored by the Recreation Commission, may still register by contacting the Recreation Commission office at MA8-4571. The classes, under the direction of Mrs. Keith Van Zee are held on Tuesdays at the Public Safety Building. There are a few openings remaining in the afternoon class held at 1:30 p.m. and in the evening class which is held at 7:00 p.m. A registration fee of \$4.00 is charged for the 8-week course on beginning knitting.

**Nursery School**

The parents interested in registering their children in Nursery School may still do so. Openings are available in the Tuesday-Thursday and Tuesday-Friday sessions for the 12-week program. Activities include arts, crafts, games, stories, music and special events. Parents can contact the Recreation Commission at MA8-4571. A registration fee of \$7.50 is charged for this program. Boys and girls are eligible for Nursery School if they will attend kindergarten next September.

**Jr. basketball**

Boys and girls in the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades who wish to participate in the Boys Junior Basketball or Girls Physical Fitness programs may still do so. The Boys' Junior Basketball program is

# OBITUARY

**MR. J. R. DRAKE**  
1892-1965

Death came to a well-known Iowan, active in banking circles and a former state representative from Keokuk Co. in the 44th general Assembly, Wednesday morning, January 20th, 1965 at his residence in Pella. J. Roy Drake, son of Samuel R. and Margaret Jane Raymond Drake, was born September 2, 1892 at Dixon, Ia., and was 72 years, 4 months and 18 days of age at the time of his death. During his high school days at Columbus Junction, Ia., his career in banking began as a part time bank employee of the Farmers Merchants State Bank. He served continuously in the banking field, with the exception of his tours of duty with the armed forces during World Wars I and II.

In 1946 he became affiliated with the Pella National Bank of Pella as Executive Vice-President, later serving as President and Chairman of the Board and at the time of death, a member of the board. Besides serving in various capacities of the banking field such as a special bank examiner following the "Bank Holiday" in 1933 and a member of various committees of the Iowa Bankers Association while living at Des Moines and Cedar Rapids, Ia.; he also served as State Representative

He retired from active service at the Pella bank in 1959. Surviving are his wife, Frances Lee, the former Frances Lee Chacey of Richland, Ia.; 3, sisters, Etta, Mrs. Ernest Rock of Muscatine; May, Mrs. Ira Coon of Washington, Ia.; Ella, Mrs.

Margaret, nee G. Gourney, Ia., and a brother, W. A. Drake of Lockport, Ill. Preceding him in death were 5 brothers: Harold, Gary, Ike, Jack and George. He was a 32nd degree Mason, member of the Pella Lodge No. 55 A.F. and A.M. and the Kaaba Shrine of Daytonport. Also a member of Van Veen-Van Hemert Post No. 89 of the Pella Legion.

Funeral services for Mr. Drake were conducted on Saturday, January 23, 1965 from the Chapel of Van Dyk-Duven Funeral Home. Rev. Everett G. Ward officiated with interment in the Highland Cemetery at Richland, Iowa. Military rites were conducted by the Van Veen-Van Hemert Post No. 89.

**Early birthday party held for L. J. Gosselink**

**SANDRIDGE**—Mr. Leonard J. Gosselink was honored at a birthday gathering on Monday, January 25. Mr. Gosselink's

**THE PELLA CHRONICLE**

**FEBRUARY 4,**

birthday will be 10 and this celebration was necessitated Mr. and Mrs. Link could share leaving on an "World" trip.

An enjoyable spent in recalling incidents, which lived as old photos were ex

Len received day packages 1 With the assist John Hiemstra, served a tray following brothers: Mr. and Mrs. Hlink; Mr. and Gosselink; Mr. link; Mr. John and Mrs. Willi Mr. and Mrs. Al Mr. and Mrs. and the honore Mrs. John H. Go able to be pres illness.

## Weekly Feeder Pig Market



The prices of top quality p essentially unchanged, and this trend to remain strong several weeks. We believe will be well rewarded for

if they get pigs now during the unfavorable v still have 60 open Hamp gilts available. Conta

Ernie Blom, Otley  
Larry Engbers, Pella  
Henry Nieuwsma, Leighton  
Ralph Hoksbergen, Sully

D. H. Crawford, Owner  
Gradus Klein, Superintendent

**PELLA FEEDER PIG MAR**

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# Court House

### DISTRICT COURT CASES

State of Iowa vs. Bobby Joe Christian—OMVI.

State of Iowa vs. Verle Voss—Sale of beer to minors.

Cora Nelson, Maude Coster, John Coster & Marybelle Crosby vs. Leo J. Ver Duft, Lee J. er Duft, as co-administrator of Estate of Joe Ver Duft.

Andy Ver Duft, Goldie E. roehl, John D. Proehl, Edna hambers, Douglas R. Ball, Al e C. Ball, Kenneth M. Ball, elson, Harry Roy, and

nn M. Ball — Amended Decree.

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