

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Knutson, Clarence A. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Carroll Jordan County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 June 1885 Clear Lake, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place \_\_\_\_\_

Hayden J. Hood 2 June 1908

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business 1934-organized the First National Bank in Clear Lake, serving as president and CEO until 1941 when he became chairman of the board

B. Civic responsibilities Rotary; Mason; Elks; IOOF

C. Profession Hardware merchant

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 40<sup>th</sup>, 41<sup>st</sup>, 42<sup>nd</sup> General Assemblies 1923, 1925, 1927

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Clear Lake 1916-1920

B. State President of Iowa Hardware Mutual Insurance Company

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

7. Death 27 Sept 1960 Rochester, Minnesota; buried Elmwood Cemetery, Mason City, Iowa

8. Children Emily (Mrs. J. O. Lewis)

9. Names of parents Peter and Hannah (Olson) Knutson

10. Education Educated in the Clear Lake, Iowa schools

11. Degrees Memorial University, Mason City, Iowa - graduate

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He started with a partnership with his father in 1905 in the  
retail hardware business in Clear Lake until 1934.



# I CLAIMS CLARENCE A. KNUTSON



As 1960 Homecoming Queen during festivities this year finalists will be selected by student body today at a crowned at a pep rally at the Junior High school Friday afternoon. From left to right are Sandy Berge, Sandy Shoop, Toni Stanton and Barbara Collen. (Staff Photo)

## Set Homecoming Program Friday

Clear Lake high school Homecoming festivities will get underway Thursday evening with a full schedule of events planned for the annual celebration.

Highlights of the observance include pep rallies, selection of the Homecoming Queen, an afternoon parade, football game and Homecoming dance.

The bonfire and pep rally at Lions field will start at 8:15 p. m. Thursday with appearances by the players and coaches.

A great many colorful floats are being prepared for the Homecoming parade starting at 2:15 p. m. Friday. It will start from the Junior high school, proceed down Main ave. and back to the school grounds.

**Homecoming Dance**  
The annual Homecoming dance will be held in the high school student center after the game, with dancing from 10:30 to 12:30.

**Afternoon Parade**  
For the past several years the Homecoming parade has been held immediately preceding the football game, but was changed to an afternoon event this year.



CLARENCE A. KNUTSON

## Funeral Service Friday Afternoon

Clarence A. Knutson, 75, gubernatorial nomination in 1934 and in 1942 managed the senatorial campaign of the late George Wilson who was then governor.

He was president of the Clear Lake Rotary club in 1921-23, and governor of Rotary International district 597 in 1929-30. Just recently he played a prominent part in supporting a fellow member, E. B. Stillman, in the Clear Lake Rotary club's successful bid to nominate him as Rotary district governor.

**Heads Insurance Firm**  
Mr. Knutson was president of the Iowa Retail Hardware association in 1921-22. In 1923 he was elected to the board of directors of the Iowa Hardware Mutual Insurance co., and in 1931 was chosen president of that concern, a position he held until last spring when he was named chairman of the board. Under his leadership, the insurance company experienced substantial growth and is regarded as an outstanding institution of its kind.

## Klesel, Fuston Buy Oil Station

Purchase of Collins Standard Station at N. 4th and 1st Ave. by George Klesel and Dwain Fuston from Dan Collins was announced today. They plan to reopen the station Oct. 1.

Klesel, formerly of Minneapolis, is originally from Garner and he and his wife, the former Geraldine Hill, daughter of Mrs. Clarence Hill of Clear Lake, moved to this city in April.

Fuston presently is operating the North Shore Standard station. The two men plan to operate the business as K & F Standard.

Collins said his plans tentatively are to enter the insurance business.

## Funeral Services Friday

Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. Friday at the Ward Funeral Home. Burial will be in Elmwood cemetery at Mason City.

A native of Clear Lake, Mr. Knutson was born June 16, 1885, son of Peter and Hannah Olson Knutson, pioneer residents of the community. He was married June 2, 1908 to Hazel I. Wood and they have one daughter, Mrs. J. O. (Emily) Lewis of St. Charles, Mo.; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Knutson is survived by his wife, Hazel; one daughter, Mrs. J. O. (Emily) Lewis of St. Charles, Mo.; three grandchildren, Rick Mathew, Linda Kay and Kathleen Wood Lewis; and one sister, Mrs. Alvin Presthold of Chicago. He was preceded by his parents, two brothers and three sisters.

Mr. Knutson was a graduate of Clear Lake high school and the former Memorial University at Mason City.

## In Hardware Business

He started as a partner with his father in 1905 in Clear Lake in the retail hardware business and continued as such until 1934. The store was located in the building now occupied by the Miller hardware.

In 1934, he organized the First National Bank in Clear Lake, now known as the Clear Lake Bank and Trust co., and served as its president and chief executive officer until 1941 when he became chairman of the board.

Mr. Knutson was mayor of Clear Lake from 1916 to 1920; served in the state legislature from 1923 to 1929, and has been highly active in Republican party political circles for a great many years. He was a delegate to the Republican national convention in Chicago in 1944.

Mr. Knutson was a candidate for the Republican

He was a member of the Masonic lodge, Knights Templar, Scottish Rite and Shrine, the Elks, IOOF, Euchre and Cycle club of Mason City, and the Embassy Club of Des Moines.

Mr. Knutson for many years played a key role in the growth and development of Clear Lake and has contributed much to its progress for over a half-century. His influence and counsel in virtually all major projects undertaken in this community during his lifetime were invaluable in their successful completion.

He had entered the Rochester hospital last week for a medical checkup, returned home over the weekend and returned Monday with T. L. Sears to complete the examinations. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

## Holdup Suspects G. Int Manhunt

Clear Lake state park the same neighborhood Grattidge farm.

It is also thought there is a connection between the two and two who purchased gasoline at a Clear Lake filling station Monday and drove away without paying.

It is believed that the Grattidge car was used by the robbers in the robbery of the store. Two men entered the store. One entered the store when Mrs. Norrickson, wife of the store owner, was alone in the store with a five-month-old baby. The man pulled out a pistol at her and the woman was holding while the other man gave her a note for \$120 from the cash register into a paper bag and drove away.

The search was launched shortly after noon Tuesday and included one airplane piloted by a deputy sheriff. Maps were distributed to all police officers early Tuesday evening in a conference at the Clear Lake police station and the search renewed.

Spillman served time in a California penitentiary on a bad check charge and was paroled. Authorities said he is now wanted for parole violation in addition to the armed robbery and carjacking charges.

## Set Dedication Of Post Office

Dedication of the new Clear Lake Post Office building has been set for Tuesday, Oct. 25, according to action taken by the Post Office committee at a meeting last week.

Final arrangements will be completed for the Dedication program at a meeting Oct. 11. Congressman H. R. Gross and a number of Postal officials are expected to attend the dedication.

## Business Group To Name Officers

Directors of the newly-chartered Clear Lake Business Development corporation will be elected at a meeting of shareholders Friday, Oct. 7, at Halford's cafe, it was announced today by G. Wendell Wilcox, president.

Persons who have pledged purchases of stock are requested to pick them up at the Clear Lake Bank and Trust co. All shareholders are urged to attend the meeting.

## Forest City Man Hurt in Accident

Eddie L. Haugen, 68, Forest City, was hospitalized last Sunday with injuries received in a two-car collision at highway 18 and 2nd Place n.

The accident, at 7:20 p. m. occurred as Haugen, driving east on the highway, started a left turn into the Barrel Drive-in and was struck by a west-bound car driven by Donald E. Hoversten, 29, Clear Lake.

Haugen was taken to Mercy hospital for treatment of a lacerated lip and chest injuries. Police issued a summons to Haugen charging failure to yield the right-of-way. Hoversten was not hurt.

The cars struck head-on and both received heavy damage.

## Halverson Shop Building Planned

A city permit for construction of a 33 by 72 foot concrete block building was issued this week to LeRoy Halverson to replace his present welding and machine shop building at 207 S. 4th st.

The present 24 by 62 foot wooden structure will be removed. The new building will be of concrete block construction. Estimated cost is \$6,000.

## Presidential Candidates Festival Lake Water Level

Annual Pet parade scheduled for Oct. 1, and the farmers Fall festival which will be held this month. Ted Elliott is chairman of the Pet Parade. Bill Walker heads the festival committee.

Lamson, Chamber of Commerce managing secretary was authorized to go to Des Moines for assistance in supervising and management practices. The trip will be open to all busi-

Rainfall on four days last week stabilized the water level of Clear Lake and stopped a downward trend that had prevailed through most of August. The level readings of the past week at the city beach gauge station have been as follows:

Date	Inches Low
Sept. 22	31.80
Sept. 23	32.04
Sept. 24	32.00
Sept. 25	32.00
Sept. 27	31.98

RAINFALL STATISTICS



## Blaze Damages Street Equipment

Curb and gutter construction equipment owned by the Anderson Construction co. was damaged by a fire that broke out at the Fire Chief Don Huey's shop. The fire apparently was started by vandals.



## Clarence Knutson Funeral Service Friday Afternoon

Funeral services for Clarence A. Knutson, 75, who died suddenly Tuesday from a heart attack at Rochester, Minn., were held Friday at the Ward Funeral home with Dr. E. W. Day former pastor, Dundee, Mich., the Rev. Arthur Krebs, pastor of the Congregational church and the Rev. A. D. Kurtz, pastor of the Evangelical Free church, officiating. Burial was in Elmwood cemetery. Mrs. Ronald Nesheim sang "Nearer, Still Nearer." Mrs. Henry Volstad was organist.

Flowers were arranged by Mrs. M. A. Arneson, Mrs. T. L. Sears, Mrs. Thomas L. Burns, Mrs. Loran Elting and Mrs. Hyle Lowman.

Honorary pallbearers were R. R. Rogers, M. A. Arneson, T. L. Sears, L. W. Sherman, Charles Strickland, G. W. Urbach, Dr. A. C. Rovvig, J. G. Linton and Harold Cook.

Pallbearers were Earl W. Nelson, Paul A. Spalding, James R. Gibruth, Dr. Tom W. Joslyn, Syd Thompson, Arnold D. Moeller, Dr. Rae L. Bieber and S. S. Clark.

Among those from out of town who attended the services were the daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Lewis, St. Charles, Mo.; his brother-in-law and sister, the Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Prestholt and their son, Benjamin Prestholt, Chicago; Ray Kaster, Decorah, governor of Rotary International; A. E. Strudwick, Minneapolis, friend and representative of Lloyd's of London; Phillip Jacobson, Des Moines, secretary

of the Iowa Retail Hardware Dealers Association; Albert Bojen, Atlantic and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Nelwotner, Waverly. The last two men are members of the board of the Iowa Mutual Hardware Insurance co., and Mr. and Mrs. Olin E. Lewis, St. Charles, Mo., parents of J. O. Lewis. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Tilford Stall, Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Don Cox, Princeton, Minn.; Milton Stenby, Minneapolis and Mrs. Emma Otverson, Fertile.

## Episcopal Ladies Hold 3-Day Rummage Sale

Women of St. Andrew's Episcopal church met Sept. 27 in the church for their regular meeting with Miss Joye Deardorff and Miss Donna Andrews as co-hostesses. Mrs. Crosby Ingersoll led devotions. Plans were made for their rummage sale Sept. 29 and 30, with Mrs. Charles George as chairman. Mrs. John Hodger was chairman assisted by Mrs. F. C. Lovell, jr., Mrs. Glenn Wright, Mrs. H. T. Gillespie, Mrs. Robert Williams and Mrs. Ingersoll for a committee for drawing up a new constitution, which was presented and accepted.

Other new committees were announced. Mrs. Bob Wright is chairman for the hospital committee and Mrs. Jack Roseland, program committee. Members were urged to attend the district meeting in Charles City Oct. 3 for a 6:30 dinner. The next meeting will be Oct. 11 at the church.

## List Committees Of Oweso Club

Mrs. Gordon Toresdahl was hostess for Lake Township Oweso club with 17 members and two guests present. Mrs. William Dewey, vice-president, read committees which were named by Mrs. Arnold Pearson, president. They included: Mrs. Donald Gabrielson and Mrs. DuWayne Hollenbeck, flowers; Mrs. Melvin Evans, Mrs. Iver Toft and Mrs. G. H. Blakewell, menu; Mrs. Richard Nickerson, Mrs. Walter Schlichting and Mrs. Earl Bergerfer, buying committee; Mrs. Shirley Dodgeon, Mrs. Gene Nagle and Mrs. Keith Costes, decoration; Mrs. Walter Zoehlike, Mrs. Kenneth Van Duzer and Mrs. Gordon Toresdahl, program, and Mrs. Chair Blakewell, reporter.

The hostess had charge of games in which Mrs. Bergerfer and Mrs. Elmer Thrans and Mrs. Schlichting won prizes. Mrs. Hollenbeck received the door prize. Mrs. Toft will be the hostess Oct. 19.

## Neotera Club Begins Meeting

Mrs. Paul Kutzner was hostess for Neotera club for their September meeting following a vacation since May. Mystery friends were revealed. New officers began their duties: Mrs. Charles Whitney president; Mrs. Alvin Graue, vice-president; Mrs. Roy B. Martin jr., secretary and Mrs. Bert Kruse, historian. The time and place of the next meeting will be announced later.

## Former Members At Club Meeting

Mrs. Leo Swanson was hostess for Do Your Bit club on Sept. 28 with Mrs. Mel Jacobson assisting the hostess in serving the dessert lunch. Guests were Mrs. H. G. Bruchner and Mrs. George Jamison, Sheffield, both former members of the club. A social afternoon was enjoyed. Mrs. C. N. Mitchell will be the hostess Oct. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

## Jolly Janes Plan Minnesota Tour

Mrs. Herbert Fuller was hostess for Jolly Janes club Sept. 28 with all members present but one and three guests, Mrs. Albert Woiwood, Garner; Mrs. Jake Zufall and Mrs. Coe, Mason City. Their chartered bus trip to Minneapolis Oct. 7 was discussed and a social session enjoyed. Mrs. John Marsh will be the hostess Oct. 26 when a sales table of donated articles will be featured.

## Rebekahs Honor Birthdays of 7

Tina Rebekah lodge met on the evening of Sept. 27 at IOOF hall for their regular meeting. Seven who had birthdays in July, August or September were seated at a special birthday table. A birthday cake made by Mrs. E. A. Showalter, noble grand was used on the table and cake and coffee served by her to all present. The next meeting will be Oct. 11 at IOOF hall.

# FRIDAY! THE GE

# SIXTY-ONEDERF



Here's the car that reads you loud and clear—the new one, you see, the Chevrolet. We started out by trimming the

