

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Davidson, Homer E. Easterly Senator

Represented Page County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1 Mar 1891 Olin, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Shelma Cheese 2 July 1924 Sidney, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was a Clarinda attorney from 1916; member of Page County Bar Association

B. Civic responsibilities Clarinda Country Club; American Legion Mason; Shrine; Kiwanis

C. Profession Attorney

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 38<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1919

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Clarinda

B. State Judge of the District Court

C. National

7. Death 21 Jan 1971 Clarinda, Iowa; buried

8. Children Richard George; Martha Jean (Mrs. Bordner)

9. Names of parents Homer E. and Allie (Easterly) Davidson

10. Education He was educated in the schools of Ohio, Iowa, graduating from Ohio, Jones High School

11. Degrees Graduate of Drake University Law School and Des Moines, Iowa in 1916

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He retired from the bench in 1966 on his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday which is a mandatory retirement age for Iowa district court judges. His retirement was 50 years after coming to Clarinda and 23 years after becoming a district court judge.
- After retirement his interest in law continued and in the five years after retiring he served as counsel in the law firm of Duerksen and Humphill where he had been a partner before going to the district court judges bench in 1943.
- He came to Clarinda in 1916 after graduating from law school.
- Military service - World War I U. S. Army, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Infantry.
- He was planning on practicing law in Marshalltown, Iowa but a fellow student at Drake encouraged him to go to Clarinda, Iowa instead and established the firm of Davidson and Leaf - the partnership with Elwood Leaf who encouraged him to come to Clarinda.
- Later he was with the law firm Stipe and Davidson, later joined by his brother in the law firm of Stipe, Davidson, Davidson.
- His son Richard, later joined the firm as well as William C. Humphill.



## Longtime Clarinda jurist

# H E Davidson, 79, died; services to be Saturday

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Harold Easterly Davidson, judge of the district court for 23 years and a Clarinda attorney since 1916, died this Thursday morning, just a little more than a month away from his 80th birthday.

Services are to be this Saturday at 2 pm from the Westminster Church with the Rev D C Davis officiating. The family will receive friends at Lavelle Funeral Home from 7-8:30 pm Friday.

Judge Davidson retired from the bench

in 1966 on his 75th birthday, a mandatory retirement age for Iowa district court judges, 50 years after coming to Clarinda and 23 years after becoming a judge of the 15th Judicial District of SW Iowa.

He has continued his interest in law during the past five years, serving of counsel in the firm of Davidson and Hemphill where he had been a partner before going to the bench in 1943.

He came to Clarinda in 1916 after graduation from Drake University law school and had lived here since then, except for a short stint in the Army during World War I.

A native of Olin, near Cedar Rapids, Mr Davidson had made plans to establish his practice in Marshalltown after graduation from Drake University. But a fellow student, Elwood Leaf, who had been hired



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here with the chamber of commerce, encouraged him to come to Clarinda instead. He did immediately after graduation and established a law firm of Davidson and Leaf.

Subsequently he associated with W F Stipe in the partnership of Stipe and Davidson and three years later was joined by his brother, Forrest Davidson, in the firm of Stipe, Davidson and Davidson. His son, Richard, became associated with the firm in 1964, and William C Hemphill is currently a partner of Davidson and Hemphill.

Mr Davidson had been an outstanding athlete at Drake University, lettering in both football and basketball. He was also a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and the Beta Beta Beta honor society.

## ult ed courses Feb 1 at IWCC

Three new groups are being offered this semester. One is for stamp and coin enthusiasts or beginners; another to discover many facets of home maintenance; and the other for refrigeration and air conditioning repairmen. The latter is sponsored area adult education while the others are through the leisure time committee.

A popular course from past years is to be offered again this year, Dr C E Nichols to bring back his beginning bridge class.

Details as to night each of the classes is to be offered will be announced later, the chairman said. Registration for all of the classes will be a half hour preceding the first session during the week of Feb 1.

## Soybean production for adult farm class

Soybean production will be the topic of discussion Monday evening at the adult farming class at Clarinda High School.

Soybean fertilization and herbicides will be areas of concentration in the class which is conducted by the Va Ag Department under the direction of Mr. [Name].

The meeting will be held at the high school next Monday Feb. 1, 7-8:30 pm.



Medicine.

MR AND MRS RALPH HIBBS returned Tuesday from a two week visit with their son Neal and his family in Dallas, Tex.

## FARM SALE DATES

Saturday, Jan 23 - Ed and Marvin Fulk, Closing Out Sale; 4 1/4 miles south of Clarinda, Jesse A McIntyre and Jim Hutchinson, auctioneers; Marvin Woldcraft and Ernest Gory, clerks.

Monday, Jan 25 - Jim Olson, Farm Auction; 12:30 pm; 4 miles north of Corning, Ia. on Highway 148 to Carbon Corner, 6 miles west and 1/4 mile south; Kenneth Gordley and Rex Bradley, Auctioneers.

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many years and one of the Drake Relay officials each year until recently, missing only one year when he was in the service.

While at Drake he was a member of the lettermen's club, a member of Chi Delta fraternity and president of Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity. In 1969 he received the Double D award from Drake University for distinguished service.

He was always interested in working with youth, especially through his service as district judge as he helped juvenile offenders.

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Before going onto the bench in 1943, Mr Davidson had served in numerous political posts including state representative, county party chairman, and Clarinda mayor. In 1936 he ran for state assembly general but was defeated by the Democrat candidate during what he termed "a year that wasn't a particularly good year for Republicans."

He served as state representative in the 39th General Assembly in 1919-1920 and was chairman of the Page County Republican Central Committee from 1924-1936. In 1935 he was elected mayor and re-elected two years later and again in 1939.

In 1939 he was appointed counsel for the Iowa Commerce Commission and held that position until his election as judge.

He was nominated as a candidate for district judge at the convention in Council Bluffs during the summer of 1942 and elected that fall. He then began

Bossier City, La. on Jan 9. She weighed eight pounds and eleven and one half ounces. Four brothers, Eddie Jr., Bobby, Steve and Danny welcome her. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Joe Cunningham of New Orleans, La. and Mr and Mrs Bob Malcolm of New Market.

AIRMAN AND MRS JACK Stickler of Forbes Air Force Base in Topeka, Kan. are parents of a daughter born Jan 17. She weighed six pounds and eleven ounces and has been named Terresa Diane. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Weldon Jones, New Market, and Mr and Mrs Gerald Stickler, Clarinda. Great grandparents are Mr and Mrs Austin McFall of Centerville and Ray Hotz of Macedonia.

Jan 1, 1943, and he was senior member of the judiciary in the 15th District when he retired in 1966.

He was also chairman of the nominating commission which selected two candidates for replacements, the governor making the final appointment of Judge Harold Martin of Sidney that year. He was a past president of the Iowa District Judges Assn and the Iowa Pioneer Lawmakers Assn besides membership in the county, district, state and American bar associations.

Judge Davidson was instrumental in organizing the Clarinda Country Club and was the first commander of the American Legion Post here. He had served in the Army for two years in 1917-1918.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge 140 and the Scottish Rite Consistory and ZaGaZig Shrine. He was a member of the Westminster United Presbyterian Church since coming to Clarinda.

He and his wife, the former Thelma Cheese, were married in 1924. Surviving besides his wife are two children, Richard G Davidson and Mrs Martha Jean Borders, both of Clarinda, and five grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Homer E and Allie Easterly Davidson, his brother Forrest, and his son-in-law.

Memorials are being established with the Drake University law school scholarship fund or with Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

Clarinda hospital where he had been a patient since Jan 8.

A life-long resident of the Northboro - Coin community. Edgar C Chapman was born Nov 3, 1891 in Page County. He served with the US Navy during World War I.

His wife, Ora Lea, and nine children are among his survivors. His sons are Glen D Chapman of Wheatridge, Colo; James R Chapman of Arvada, Colo; Donald W Chapman of Roseville, Calif, and daughters, Mrs Dale (Evelyn) Morelock of Coin; Mrs Robert (Elaine) Ohnmacht of Essex; Mrs William (Jeannie) Foxworthy of Millard, Neb; Mrs Rex (Pat) Farwell of Council Bluffs, and Mrs Dean (Diana) Hall and Mrs Dick (Donna) Yost of Westboro, Mo.

Two brothers are Frank Chapman of Northboro and Roy Chapman of Coin, and two sisters Miss Eva Chapman and Miss Pearl Chapman of Coin.

The services will be in charge of Rev E E Baye of Glenwood and Rev Edward Tan, the music by Willard Saye and Mrs Margaret Woods. Assisting with the flowers are Mrs Ned Cutler, Mrs Leslie Hannah and Mrs Leslie Peterson, and memory

## Toastmaster Lt Gov to visit local club

The annual election and installation of officers for the Clarinda Toastmasters will be Monday night at 6:30 pm.

Special guest for the program will be Toastmaster Lt governor for Iowa from Ottumwa, Andy Norton, ATM.

The meeting, also scheduled as a guest night, will include speeches by Lynn Miers, Vern Lewis, and Paul Jones with president Marvin Negley the toastmaster of the evening.

## Warm temperatures!

Harold Davis reports the following temperatures and moisture in recent days:

	H	Lo	Prc
Jan 18	25	5	
Jan 19	15	-8	
Jan 20	29	4	
Jan 21		29	
Year ago		9-16	

Sunset tonight 5:26; sunrise tomorrow 7:44. Temperature reading stood at 29 degrees at 11 am this Thursday morning.