

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Oertel, Frank W. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Lee County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 9 Dec 1887 Keokuk Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Gertrude K. Jackson 1 Mar 1941 Keokuk Iowa

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business He was a member of the Lee County Bar Association  
B. Civic responsibilities Knights of Pythias  
C. Profession Attorney; judge of the Supreme Court 7 years

4. Church membership Evangelical and Reformed Church

5. Sessions served 37<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1917, 1919

6. Public Offices  
A. Local Judge of the Peace for 20 years 7 Apr 1922 - 1 May 1950  
B. State \_\_\_\_\_  
C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 4 Sept 1957 Keokuk, Iowa; buried Oakland Cemetery, Keokuk, Iowa.

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents Frank and Emily (Hebacher) Oertel

10. Education Educated in schools of Keokuk, Iowa

11. Degrees Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa  
graduate of law school in 1911 with honors

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He was blind from infancy and had a fortunate life due to his mother and his wife.

- He practiced law in Keokuk in 1911 and then practiced in Oklahoma from 1912 through 1914 before returning to Keokuk where he established his practice 8 Jt 1915

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
<i>- Obituary</i>			<i>- The Daily Gate City, Keokuk, Iowa</i>
			<i>Thurs Sept 5, 1957, p. 1, col. 4 and p. 12, col. 5</i>
<i>- Iowa Official Register</i>			<i>1919-1920, p. 322</i>
<i>- Portrait</i>			<i>- The original photo is located in the archives of the State of Iowa</i>
			<i>Historical Library, 600 E Grand Ave, Des Moines, Iowa</i>
<i>- Outline of Personal History</i>			<i>from the Historical Department of Iowa (original is</i>
			<i>located in the library clipping file #2)</i>



TOWNSEND

# The Daily Gate City

ASSOCIATED PRESS) AND CONSTITUTION-DEMOCRAT (CENTRAL DESK)  
 NO. 210 KEOKUK, IOWA THURSDAY, SEPT. 5, 1957

## Will Pro Rate New Asian Flu Vaccine

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new Asian flu vaccine will be allocated to the states according to population.

Announcing this Wednesday night, the Public Health Service said "a program giving each state and territory its fair share of the vaccine seems to be the most equitable way of distributing the vaccine geographically throughout the country."

The Health Service said the six licensed manufacturers had agreed to the plan which goes into effect at once.

## J. C. Penny Chain To Try Out Field Credit Selling

NEW YORK (AP)—J. C. Penney Co., one of the country's largest retail merchandise firms, plans to experiment with credit selling next year.

Since its foundation in 1902 the company has been strictly a cash-and-carry business. It will try credit selling in only four or five of its 1,691 stores. Location of the stores was not named.

A. W. Hughes, president, said that the main factor in influencing the chain's decision was the change in attitude toward credit in the past generation.

Credit, Hughes said, is now regarded as a mark of character rather than a sign of inability to pay. He noted, also, that there now are greatly improved facilities for checking and handling credit.

Penney's sales last year totaled \$1,291,867,000. This put Penney behind Sears, Roebuck's \$3,555,684,000 but ahead of Montgomery Ward's \$1,767,000.

The company was founded by James Cash Penney, a Missouri farm boy.

# Trooper Warns N.Y. N

## Judge Oertel Rites Saturday

Funeral service for Judge Frank W. Oertel, 69, of 1821 Exchange street who died at 2 p. m. Wednesday in Graham hospital, will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. in DeJong's Funeral Home with the Rev. Hoyt L. Whitebread officiating.



Burial will be in the family mausoleum in Oakland cemetery.

Judge Oertel's death followed an illness since last August 25.

**State Representative**

In addition to serving as judge of the only Superior court in Iowa for the last seven years, Judge Oertel was elected to the state legislature in 1917 and 1919 as representative from Lee county in the 37th and 38th General Assemblies. He also was justice of the peace here for 26 years.

Blind since infancy, Judge Oertel was fortunate in having the selfless devotion of two women, his mother until her death in 1937 and later his wife, who served as his "eyes."

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## Deny Federal Plan For Fabus' Arrest

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—Armed National Guardsmen called out to prevent integration at Central High School Thursday tried to break up a New York newspaperman's interview with persons in a shouting, turbulent segregationist crowd estimated at 500—the largest this week.

None of the nine Negroes who were turned away by the cold steel of guardsmen Wednesday showed up Thursday morning.

The Negro students were instructed not to try to enter Thursday. Mrs. L. C. Bates, president of the state branch of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People said.

House press secretary, said "there has been no discussion in Little Rock or Washington or any place else concerning an arrest of the governor."

Hagerty also said at Newport there is no truth to what he called another report "to the effect that U. S. marshals or their deputies have been ordered to escort Negro children to school" here.

**Ouster Asked**

For the first time since whites assembled at the school petitions were circulated (Continued on Page 12)

## BULLETIN

LONDON (AP)—The four Western Powers and Russia Thursday signified their readiness to adjourn the U. N. disarmament conference but failed to agree on a date for the resumption of negotiations to end the world's arms race.



"OOOOO WE NEED A HO of the Keokuk Humane would be so very much be manager John Haas is ke and night to pick up and home that needs a pet?"

# Occasional Meal by A May Help Bring on H

IOWA CITY (AP)—The occasional solid meal an alcoholic cats between binges may help bring on his untimely death, the American Physiological Society was told Thursday.

Maj. Gen. Sherman T. Clinger later called a news conference behind the armed troops to warn newsmen: "You'll be arrested and fined if you're anything but might be inciting a breach of

ering body temperatures. Some 600 scientists are here for annual sessions of the physiological society. Dr. Magee said his study indicates it is the food habits, their alcoholic consumption

## Iowa Drivers License to be

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lower grades; yearlings mostly steady; slaughter ewes unchanged; good and choice native spring lambs 22.00-25.00; limited number choice and prime spring lambs 25.50-26.00.

CHICAGO (AP)—USDA—Official estimated salable livestock receipts for Friday are 1,000 cattle, 5,000 hogs and 500 sheep.

**HOME ON FURLOUGH**

BENTLEY, Ill.—Pvt. Dendell Reidner of Ft. Knox, Ky., is home on a 10 day furlough.

**PLYMOUTH MAN BUYS ELVASTON RESIDENCE**

ELVASTON, Ill.—Mr. Harley Speer of Plymouth has purchased the residence of the late Ray Webster in Elvaston. Mr. and Mrs. Garland Treadwell and family who have been living there have moved to the Ralph Marshall tenant house southwest of Elvaston.

**Pravda Plays Down Airliner's Flight**

MOSCOW (AP)—Pravda did not publish a single word Thursday about the first transatlantic flight of the Soviet jet airliner TU-104 to New Jersey. Izvestia, the government newspaper, found space for only a photograph of the plane's pilots and a five-line caption.

**LANDSLIDE BURIES HOTEL IN ITALY**

TURIN, Italy (AP)—A landslide thundered down a 600-foot hill at nearby Verrua Savoia Thursday, smashing a small hotel and burying five members of the hotel-keeper's family in the ruins. All were feared dead.

no officiation. Burial will be in the Kahoka cemetery.

**CITY NEWS**

- Eagles! Don't miss the Hit-Paraders, Saturday night.
- Johnny's Grill, 20 South 5th, noon specials 75c.
- Call 3860, Ken's Cab Co.
- Black dirt for sale, call 2794.
- Children's Specialty Shop, open in new location, 614 Main.
- Individual catfish Friday, Johnny's Grill.
- Fish fry Friday nite at Eddie's Tap, Montrose.
- Flexsteel furniture, Grice Furniture Co., 521 Main.
- Attention Elks! All bowlers welcome, meeting at Fairview, Friday, 8 p. m.
- Two marriage licenses were issued from the deputy district clerk's office this morning. They were to Donald W. Groves, Marion, Ill., and Patricia E. Peterson of Keokuk and to Gerald R. Swensen and Sharon Kay Scott, both of Canton, Ill.
- Fish fry Friday night, Nobe's Tavern, 1318 Main.
- Harvest Festival, Christian church, November 20, 21, Wednesday, Thursday.
- Eagles! Something special Saturday night, the Hit-Paraders. Be there for sure.

**PERSONALS**

Mrs. H. O. Schowalter has returned from a vacation trip to Fergus Falls, Minn., where she visited at the home of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. James Philip Johnson. She accompanied them on a trip to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and visited in St. Paul. The Rev. Mr. Johnson was a former minister here at the First Congregational church.

the new version of the Comet. British jet passenger airliner, "is much more lively."

The veteran aircraft designer, Maj. Alexander Seversky, on hand to see the TU-104, said "the Russians are ahead of us with this particular jet engine. We are operating with a 10,000-round thrust whereas they say this has 17,500 pounds thrust."

The same plane may go back to Moscow and then return, probably Sept. 14, bringing other members of the Soviet delegation to the United Nations.

**Judge Oertel -**

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in the practice of law, in his duties as a magistrate and in providing him with what amounted to almost normal vision of the world about him.

**Sightless Not Blind**

With him it was a case of sightlessness, not blindness, because he was keenly aware of nature, people, things and events and often amazed those around him with vivid descriptions of things he had been forced to see through the eyes of others but had sensed with a rare delicacy of understanding for himself. As a result he enjoyed life immensely and lived it fully, cheerfully, and without a trace of rancor or self-pity.

The son of the late Frank and Emily Hesbacher Oertel, he was born in Keokuk December 9, 1887, and after attending school here was graduated from the Drake University law school in 1911.

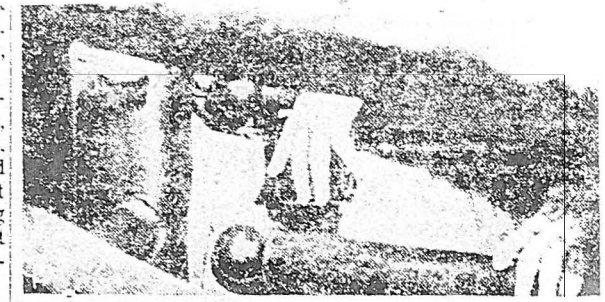
**Practiced in Oklahoma**

He started his practice of law in Des Moines in 1911 and later practiced in Oklahoma from 1912 through 1914 before returning to Keokuk and establishing a practice February 8, 1915. After his terms in the legislature he was elected justice of the peace April 7, 1922 and was continuously re-elected to serve until May 1, 1950 when he became judge of the Superior court, the office he held at the time of his death.

He was a member of the St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed church and the Lee County Bar Association.

On March 1, 1941, in Keokuk he married Gertrude K. Jackson who survives.

Also surviving are several cousins and other relatives. His mother died November 17, 1937 and his father January 17, 1954.



PORT AUTHORITY POLICE worked 45 minutes freeing Mrs. Dorothy Licata of Long Island City, N. Y., pinned helplessly in the bars of a subway exit turnstile in New York City. (International)

**FAIR ENOUGH FOR BABY CALF**



IT SEEMS TO BE A CASE of love at first sight for Jacki Johansen and a baby calf that was born on the grounds of the California State Fair and Exposition in Sacramento while its mother was getting ready for the official opening August 28. (International Exclusive)

**'HE CLIPPED MY PONY TAIL'**



4-YEAR-OLD Mary Beth Reddington points to John Merchut, 39, in Chicago police station and states, "He clipped my pony tail." Detective James Bohan (left) holds a remnant of Mary Beth's hair found in Merchut's car with two other locks of hair. Mary Beth's mother, Mrs. Mary Reddington, and Detective John Dolan look on. Police were trying to figure out what charges to place against Merchut. (International Soundphoto)

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Outline of Personal History of Frank Williams Certel

RESIDENCE Keokuk Iowa

Kindly furnish on this sheet the necessary data for a personal sketch and return at your early convenience. Every question is important.

EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR  
The Historical Department of Iowa  
DES MOINES, IOWA

(This form is for use in collecting data on deceased as well as living persons. Appropriate alterations may be made in matter below.)

1. What is your name in full? Frank William Certel
2. What is your present profession or occupation? attorney at Law
3. Where and when did you begin? at Des Moines Iowa - 1911
4. What other occupation have you followed; where and when? None
5. What is your residence address? 1821 Exchange St
6. What is your business address? 28 G. 5th
7. What is the date and the place of your birth? Dec 9 1887 at Keokuk Iowa
8. If born abroad, when and where did you first settle in America?
9. If you removed again before settling in your present home, where and when was such removal?  
Des Moines Iowa 1908 to 1912 Okla from  
\* Cal 1912 to 1914 then to Keokuk Iowa
10. What schools have you attended; if a graduate, when and with what degree? at Drake Univ  
S. L. B. With Honors
11. What was your father's full name? Frank Certel
12. What was your father's occupation? Meat Business
13. What was your mother's full maiden name? Emily Neabaker

14. Where did your parents reside at the time of their marriage? Keokuk Iowa
15. What military service had your father; give as complete as you can? None
16. What military service have you had? None
17. What political offices have you held; do not omit even the smallest, and give date and place of service, if you can? None
18. Of what financial, religious, or educational institutions are you a trustee or director; give dates if you can? None
19. With what political parties have you been affiliated; give dates? Republican
20. In what religious denominations have you a membership? None
21. If you have no church membership, to what sectarian faith do you incline?
22. In what societies of learning have you a membership?
23. Of what secular orders or secret societies are you a member? Knight Pythias
24. What honors or offices have you held in your society or lodge; give dates?
25. Of what social clubs are you a member?
26. Of what business firms have you been a member? Elliott & Bertel  
Pulsa Akla
27. Please enclose both a business card and your photograph for permanent record in the Historical Department of Iowa
28. For which of your works (as writer, sculptor, artist, architect, politician or other constructive influence) have you the highest esteem?



**CHILDREN OF FIRST MARRIAGE.**

Full Name.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.
1. ....	.....	.....
2. ....	.....	.....
3. ....	.....	.....
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**SECOND MARRIAGE.**

40. With whom was your second marriage?.....  
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41. Where and what date was this marriage?.....  
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42. When and where was your wife (or husband) born?.....  
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43. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership?.....  
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44. Where did your wife (or husband) die, if not surviving, and where and when was the interment?.....  
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45. What was the full name of the father of your wife (or husband) and where was he born?.....  
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46. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)?.....  
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47. Where and when was she born?.....  
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**CHILDREN OF SECOND MARRIAGE.**

Full Name.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.
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Mr. Nichol's career in law and public service covered more than 40 years.

He served in the Iowa legislature as a clerk. Later he served as Representative from Monroe county in the Forty-ninth session of the General Assembly. He was a deputy United States marshal, a court reporter in the second Iowa judicial district, and was for 20 years Monroe county attorney.

Mr. Nichol was a member of the Monroe County Bar Association, Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, Albia Masonic lodge and Howard Cessna post of the American Legion.

He was a member of First Christian church and had served it as deacon.

He is survived by his widow, the former Louise Mercer, and a sister, Mrs. Lucille Edwards of Manhasset, Long Island, New York. He was preceded in death by a sister, Miss Madge Nichol.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Frank Austin Nichol the state has lost an honored citizen, and the House, by this resolution, would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to those who survive.

*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

W. DEAN AUBREY,  
ROBERT E. CONNER,  
STANLEY WATTS,  
*Committee.*

#### FRANK W. OERTEL

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Frank W. Oertel, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Frank Oertel, son of Frank and Emily Hesbacher Oertel, was born December 9, 1887, in Keokuk, Iowa. He passed away on September 4, 1957, in Graham hospital, Keokuk, Iowa, at the age of sixty-nine years.

Mr. Oertel was united in marriage with Gertrude K. Jackson on March 1, 1941.

In addition to serving as judge of the only Superior court in Iowa for seven years, Judge Oertel was elected to the state legislature in 1917 and 1919 as Representative from Lee county in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth General Assemblies. He also was justice of the peace in Keokuk, Iowa, for twenty-eight years.

Blind since infancy, Judge Oertel was fortunate in having the selfless devotion of two women—his mother until her death in 1937, and later his wife, who served as his "eyes" in the practice of law, in his duties as a magistrate, and in providing him with what amounted to almost normal vision of the world about him. With him it was a case of sightlessness, not blindness, because he was keenly aware of nature, people, things and events. As a result he enjoyed life immensely and lived it fully, cheerfully, and without a trace of rancor or self-pity.

He started his practice of law in Des Moines in 1911 and later practiced in Oklahoma from 1912 through 1914 before returning to Keokuk and establishing a practice February 8, 1915.

Mr. Oertel was a member of the St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed church and the Lee County Bar Association.

Surviving Mr. Oertel are his widow, Gertrude; several cousins and other relatives.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Frank W. Oertel the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful public servant.

*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

ADRIAN B. BRINCK,  
THOMAS O. NUTT,  
JOHN B. ROCKWELL,  
*Committee.*

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#### CAROLYN C. PENDRAY

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Carolyn C. Pendray, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Carolyn Campbell Pendray was born at Mount Pleasant, Henry county, December 9, 1881, and entered into rest November 23, 1958.

She was educated in the public schools of Mount Pleasant and was trained in the teaching profession. Her professional record includes twenty years in educational work including seven years as county superintendent of schools of Henry county.

Carolyn Campbell was united in marriage with William James Pendray, of Oskaloosa, in 1920. Mr. Pendray preceded her in death.

In 1923 they moved to Maquoketa where Mr. Pendray managed a store. Mrs. Pendray was an active worker in the Democratic party. In 1928 she was elected State Representative from Jackson county, the first woman to sit in the Iowa legislature. She won re-election in 1930, and in 1932 was a successful candidate for the state senate. Mrs. Pendray was responsible for the law permitting a wife to hold, exempt from seizure for debt, certain property of her own. Prior to its enactment, only the husband was recognized as the head of the household and only he could claim property exempt from seizure for debt.

She was a member of the D. A. R., the Congregational church, and P. E. O. Surviving her is one sister, Mrs. A. J. Kizer of Texarkana, Texas.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Carolyn C. Pendray the state has lost a woman who was outstanding in her contribution to education and legislation on women's rights, and the House, by this resolution, would express its appreciation of her service and tender its sympathy to the members of her family.