

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Lee, Nelson J. Senator _____
Represented Emmet County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 Mar 1873 High Lake Township, Emmet County,
Iowa northeast of Estherville, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Mauda Genevieve Doerner 29 May 1902 Des Moines, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

- A. Business Member of the Iowa Bar Association; president of Emmet County Bar Association; he was admitted to the bar 18 May 1896
- B. Civic responsibilities Rotary; Elks Club; Mason; Red Cross; Chamber of Commerce; Modern Woodmen of America
- C. Profession Attorney

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 32nd, 33rd General Assembly 1907, 1909

6. Public Offices

- A. Local Estherville city attorney 1899-1900 and 1901-1905; judge of prob. 14th district 1912-1923; assistant attorney general 1911-1912
- B. State _____
- C. National _____

7. Death 22 Mar 1953 Estherville, Iowa; Buried Oak Hill Cemetery, Estherville, Iowa

8. Children Robert; Doerner;

9. Names of parents Nelson and Christie (Ellingson) Lee

10. Education Educated in the Estherville public schools until 1890.

11. Degrees Graduate of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa Law schools in 1896; Attended Capital City Commercial College in Des Moines for a few months

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His parents were pioneers in Emmet County, High Lake Township
- He later moved with his family to Estherville, Iowa
- The family moved to Des Moines where he went to college in July 1891
- He was employed in the law firm of Dunshee and Allen in 1898 and later by Dudley, Coffin and Rogers.
- Soon after he established his own law practice in Estherville.
- From 1890 to July 1891 he worked in a newspaper office and was employed as a salesman in a general store
- In Des Moines after leaving the Commercial College he worked as a dress goods salesman in Lang Brothers department store until May 1893 when he engaged in the retail grocery business in Des Moines with Mr. N. H. Brookover under the firm of Brookover and Lee until May 1897.

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By BERNICE S

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Judge Nelson J. Lee, 80, died yesterday morning at 8:15 of a coronary occlusion at his home. He had just finished breakfast when he slumped over in his chair.

On the eleventh he received congratulations of his friends on his 80th birthday, an event which he celebrated quietly but with the satisfaction of apparently having gone far in winning a desperate fight against two coronary heart attacks, one last July and another in September.

Last week he greeted Spring by taking his first spin in an auto, visiting in the country and making his first trip downtown since he went home in November from a long stay at Holy Family hospital.

Saturday night he was a bit more weary than usual. When he heard the news that a fierce windstorm had brought some local damage he recalled instantly that it was just 17 years ago on the last day of April, 1936, that a tornado roared through the community.

At no point, through either heart attack, had he lost a moment of consciousness. With as keen memory as ever he quoted Shakespeare and recalled historical detail. During recent weeks and months he took active interest in his plans for the future and in the day's happenings.

He had curtailed his usual stint of reading, particularly history, because he felt the need of conserving his energies for recovery.

Mrs. Lee found him as if in deep sleep as she looked in on him just a few minutes after breakfast. The physician said he had suffered a third and massive coronary occlusion, causing instant death.

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Judge Lee served as city attorney of Estherville in 1899 and 1900 and was county attorney from 1901 to 1905. He was a member of the 32nd and 33rd general assemblies, 1907-1911, taking a prominent part in passage of the primary election law which he had charge of drafting.

He was elected judge of the 14th judicial district in 1912, serving on the bench for 11 years. He retired from the judgeship in 1923 to resume private practice of law.

During 1911 and 1912 he served as assistant attorney general. He was a member of the Iowa bar association, was president of the Emmet county bar association, was a charter member of Estherville Rotary club, was a member of the Lutheran church, served as exalted ruler of B. P. O. Elks lodge No. 528, was a member of the A. F. & A. M. lodge, was chairman of the Emmet county chapter of the American Red Cross during World War I, was active in the golf club, was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and always an active member of the Republican party.

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He practiced and taught moderation, enjoyment in good books, close attention to problems at hand and derived special enjoyment from the encouragement of his family and during

port operator there, son.

The storm struck shortly after 2 p. m. It earlier had caused dollars of damage and toppled a tree on Lawrence E. Snyder's killing him.

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He is survived by his widow, two sons, Robert and Deemer Lee, publishers of the Estherville Daily News; two sisters, Mrs. H. J. (Clara) Amundson of Alexander, North Dakota, and Mrs. W. E. (Jo) Robb of Billings, Montana. He was preceded in death by two sisters, May, who died in youth, and Mrs. T. J. (Nettie) Randolph.

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Quarterback Club Dinner Is Postponed

The Quarterback football dinner scheduled for last night has been postponed. The dinner, to honor of the high school college basketball, to be held at 7 o'clock day night at the Hotel Postponement was necessitated by the inability of Jack McCall, athletic director and coach at Drake, to be able to come to the dinner tonight. The dinner will be held at next night's dinner.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A series of tornadoes struck the mid-south Sunday leaving one person dead at least seven injured and causing an estimated million dollars damage.

The squalls whipped through sections of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee.

Sgt. Harold Gomez of Camp Polk, La. was killed when a tree crushed his automobile at Leesville.

Five persons were injured in Arkansas where nine towns and communities were struck by high winds and a series of small tornadoes.

Near Jasper, Ala., Grady Tucker, 37, and his infant daughter were injured severely when their tornado-wrecked home caught fire.

At Newbern, Tenn., Mayor Allen Moore estimated damage there would reach a quarter of a million dollars.

Teachers Get \$100 Raise

AUDUBON Mo. - The Audubon school board has voted a \$100 cost-of-living pay increase for all public school teachers.

Although the atoms of the various metals are somewhat different in size, they are all on the order of a hundred-millionth of an inch in diameter.

The new car was never driven again.

The story came out with the filing of an inheritance tax appraiser's report in Schwenkler's estate in probate court. He died in 1951 at the age of 90.

The 1934 Ford was found jacked up in a garage behind his home.

JUDGE LEE—

Services will be held at 2:45 p. m. tomorrow at the Sandin funeral home. The Rev. Thomas Melton of the Presbyterian church will officiate.

Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery, where there will be a Masonic service. Friends may call at the Sandin funeral home after 2 p. m. today.

Active pall bearers will be Joe E. Greig, William S. Johnston, F. J. Kennedy, Clyde Sanborn, Francis T. Shadle and L. E. Stockdale. Honorary pall bearers will be L. M. Christensen, F. J. Ehlers, Dr. S. G. Ewen, M. J. Groves, Judge Fred M. Hudson of Pocahontas, Jay Johnston, Judge Harry Narey of Spirit Lake, K. K. Nau, James Rainey, Judge G. W. Stillman of Algona and J. E. Stockdale.

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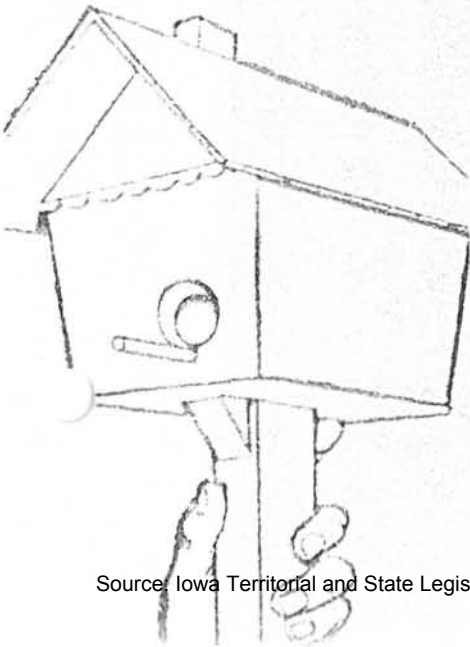
The number of 19-year-olds in the army rose to 115 April 1965. An AP survey showed the army is one of 11 states in which a small percentage of their total will be 19-year-olds. No estimate of the number was available for Iowa.

Essay Contest Winners

DES MOINES Mo. - The Iowa City Council has announced the winners in its state-wide essay contest for children of industrial employes. They were Ruth Wagner, 14, Waterloo; Mike Wilbur, 14, Ft. Madison; Gwendelyn Wenzel, 13, Toddville; and Steven Fournier, 11, Des Moines.

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