

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Mahon, Orville K. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Served from Hancock and Humboldt counties

1. Birthday and place 12 Mar 1868 Hancock County, Iowa,  
Ellington Township

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Jennie B. Lewis 21 Feb 1893 Forest City, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Treasurer Iowa Chamber of Commerce;  
Farm Bureau

C. Profession Farmer, insurance

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly 1904, 1906, 1907

6. Public Offices

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

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

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

7. Death 31 Aug 1938; buried Mahon Township Cemetery, rural Hancock County, Iowa

8. Children Clifford G.; Maurice (died in infancy); Merle;  
and Orville K.

9. Names of parents Grover R. and Elvira (Pike) Mahon

Maben, Orville H.

10. Education Attended rural schools of Hancock County and  
attended Amesbury Normal Academy at Decatur,  
Iowa

11. Degrees Northern Des Moines College at Garner, Iowa  
graduating in 1890.

12. Other applicable information Republicans .

- Farmed until 1900
- In 1900 became associated with Hancock County Farmers  
Mutual Insurance Company
- Later was also a director and vice president of Iowa Mutual  
Farmers Insurance Company and Allied Mutual Auto  
Insurance Company





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# Sunday in Methodist Church Here

## ACTIVE INSURANCE MAN DIED AUG. 31 AFTER OPERATION

Funeral rites for Orville K. Maben, sr., one of Garner's most widely known citizens, were held Sunday afternoon in the Methodist Episcopal church here with the pastor, the Rev. V. V. Schuldt, officiating.

Burial was made in the cemetery in Madison township, not far from where, in 1856, his father, the late Grover Maben, settled when he came west from his home in New York.

Of hardy pioneer stock, Mr. Maben was born in Garner Mar. 12, 1866, and spent virtually all of his 70 years in this vicinity. After attending the rural schools that were provided in the days of his youth, Mr. Maben attended the Breckenridge Normal academy at Decorah for several terms and afterwards became a student in the Northern Iowa Business college of Garner, from which he was graduated in 1890.

He then took up farming, and was identified with this occupation until in 1900 when he first became allied with the insurance business.

That year he was elected a director of the Hancock County Farmers Mutual Insurance association and was chosen secretary in the organization which his father helped organize 50 years ago. He later served as treasurer and then returned to the office of secretary, the position he held at the time of his death. Mr. Maben was also a director and vice president of the Iowa Mutual Tornado Insurance company of Des Moines, and was president of the Allied Mutual Auto Insurance association.

He was interested in politics and served as a representative from Hancock county in the thirtieth, thirty-first, thirty-second, thirty-third and thirty-fourth sessions of the Iowa legislature. Six years ago he was a candidate for state treasurer on the republican ticket.

A fluent and authoritative speaker, he was often called upon to give historical addresses, and his most recent appearance in Garner was before Hancock county 4-H club girls at their annual rally day this summer. He often addressed groups of insurance men at state parleys, and he was active in the Garner Chamber of Commerce and the Hancock county farm bureau.

Mr. Maben was united in marriage with Miss Jennie B. Lewis Feb. 21, 1893, at Forest City. To the union three sons were born: Clifford, who works on a mining project in Colorado; Merle, who lives on the home farm north of Garner; and Orville, who has been associated with his father in the insurance business for a number of years.

In failing health for the past several months, Mr. Maben underwent a serious operation in a LaCrosse, Wis., hospital Aug. 22, and since he seemed to be recovering, his death came as a shock to relatives about 6 p. m. Wednesday, Aug. 31.

At the funeral Sunday, which was attended by a huge throng of friends, directors of insurance units, including John Hippen and E. I. Brooker of the Farmers Mutual Insurance company, were honorary pallbearers, and active pallbearers were six Farmers Mutual directors: Clint Daniels, Alfred Boman, T. C. Nelson, Penn Eckels, George Gerdes and T. R. Riehm. Other honorary pallbearers were John Evans, Grinnell; H. L. Gross and Harold Evans, Des Moines; M. Larson, Hamlin; F. K. Hawley, Laurens; W. C. Children, Council Bluffs; Wm. Triemer, Hartley; J. E. Larson, West Branch; Lloyd Young, Oelwein; and Wm. Zeilman, Alta.

A quartet composed of Co. Supt. J. R. Baggs, Deputy Sheriff Elmer Katter, Co. Aud. Fred C. Missal and Co. Clerk Elmer Raw sang selections.

**STATE COLLEGE EXTENSION  
 WORKER VISITS IN COUNTY**  
 Prof. F. E. Fuller, extension worker from Iowa State Teachers college, Cedar Falls, arrived in Garner today (Wednesday) to spend the next

## Local Man Was Well Known Thruout State



O. K. Maben, known above, who succumbed late Wednesday in a LaCrosse, Wis., hospital, was one of the few living men in Garner who merited space in a Winnebago and Hancock county history published in 1917 by the Pioneer Publishing Co. of Chicago.

Of Mr. Maben, who was widely known in political and insurance work, the history made the following comment:

"Mr. Maben votes with the republican party and has long been one of its recognized leaders in Hancock county. In the year 1909 he was chosen to represent his district in the general assembly and served during the thirtieth, thirty-first and thirty-second sessions. He carefully studied questions which came up for settlement and his support of any measure was proof of his belief in its efficiency as a factor in good government.

"He has ever stood for progress and improvement, for justice, truth and advancement, and the weight of his influence has been a potent force in the substantial development of county and state."

In 1922 he made the race for state treasurer on the republican ticket, and altho he made a wonderful showing, particularly in the home area in which he was known, he was defeated for the office in the democratic landslide that year.

**HIRED HAND SEVERELY HURT  
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Special to Garner Leader and Signal.  
 Kanawha — Walter Freddy, of Armstrong, who is employed at the Clarence Ellinson farm, received a severe cut on his forehead Saturday when he was kicked by a colt. Five stitches were taken to close the cut.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
 BRITT IS DEFENDANT  
 IN COLLECTION CASE**

**TWO DIVORCE ACTIONS AMONG  
 SEVEN NEW CASES FILED  
 IN HANCOCK COURT**

A collection suit against a school board of a Hancock county township and two divorce cases are among the seven new cases which were filed the past week with Co. Clerk Elmer Raw for the September term of Hancock county district court, which will open Sept. 2, with Judge M. H. Kepler presiding.

Henry Smidt has filed a suit against the school township of Britt township, its president, secretary and directors, to collect \$604.80 for transportation of his three children to the Britt schools from the 1932-33 school term up to and including the 1937-38 term.

In his petition Mr. Smidt alleges he was advised by the board that would be paid, since school facilities closer to the Smidt farm were not available.

Agnes Kirchhefer asks a divorce

**REPUBLICANS PLAN DINNER  
 IN GARNER THURSDAY EVE**

A dinner for members of the Hancock county central committee of the republican party and all candidates for offices on the republican ticket at the forthcoming general election will be held Thursday night of this week, Sept. 8, at the C. D. of A. hall in Garner.

Seventeen women and the same number of men who are on the central committee and all candidates are expected to be present. A business meeting will follow the dinner.

## Chicken Dinner, Festival Billed For Next Tues.

All members of the St. Boniface Catholic church of Garner are hard at work this week completing final plans for a chicken dinner and festival to be held all afternoon and evening at the church next Tuesday, Sept. 13.

There will be a bazaar at which fancy work will be sold with a toy shop in connection. Entertainment of all kinds is planned for the afternoon and evening programs on the parish lawns. A band concert during the dinner hour will be given by Bethke's Little German band of Garner.

Serving of the dinner will start in the church basement at 5 p. m. and continue until all are served. Fried chicken with dressing, roast ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, cole slaw, baked beans, pickles, rolls, preserves, sliced tomatoes, pie and coffee will be on the menu.

Announcement concerning the event appears in today's paper on page 7.

## KATHRYN GREEN AND GERALD WARNER WED AT GARNER SEPT. 4

**HAYFIELD GIRL AND PERRY  
 MAN WILL MAKE HOME IN  
 MASON CITY AFTER TRIP**

Special to Garner Leader and Signal.  
 Hayfield—A wedding of much local interest was solemnized at the St. Paul Lutheran church at Garner with the pastor of the church, Rev. H. R. Wrede, officiating, at high noon Sunday, Sept. 4, the single ring ceremony being used.

The contracting parties were Miss Kathryn Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Green of Hayfield, and Gerald Warner, son of Mrs. Floyd Lent of Perry. They were attended by George Green as best man and Miss Hazel Kurtz of Garner as bridesmaid and were also attended by Clyde Tannahill, Miss Molly Green, Truman Warner and Miss Avis Welcher. Jimmie Eberhart was ring bearer and Annie Green was flower girl.

The bride was dressed in white satin with train and veil and carried red roses and the bridesmaids wore blue. The bridegroom and attendants wore oxford grey suits.

After the ceremony the wedding party went to the home of the bride's parents near here where more than 100 relatives and friends of the contracting parties were entertained at a dinner and reception.

The bride has grown to womanhood here and has many friends. The groom is employed at Mason City where he has a good position and after a short wedding trip they will establish their home at 217 St. A. E., Mason City.

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