

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Laird, Francis Marion Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Fremont County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 7 Feb 1855 near Tabor, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Phoebe Reeves 5 Mar 1879

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business \_\_\_\_\_  
B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_  
C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> General Assemblies 1904, 1906

6. Public Offices  
A. Local Tabor school board member and secretary of the school board; board of trustees of Tabor College; Democratic County Committeeman; Tabor town councilman  
B. State Delegate to Iowa State Democratic Conventions  
C. National Delegate to National Democratic Conventions

7. Death 3 Dec 1934 Tabor, Iowa; buried Tabor Cemetery, Tabor, Mills County, Iowa

8. Children Med C.; Belva (Mrs. Dr. B. O. Miller)

9. Names of parents Johnston and Mary Laird

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10. Education Educated in the country schools

11. Degrees Attended Iowa College, Iowa, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- His parents were Fremont County pioneers. He retained the family homestead through all the years.
- He taught school for a while
- In 1898 the family moved into Iowa.



# First State Bank

## Pioneer and Influential Citizen Taken by Death

The passing of F. M. Laird at his home here Monday noon removes from the community an outstanding character who has been an honored and influential citizen of the community thruout his life. Born 79 years ago, a son of Johnston and Mary Laird, he owned until the day of his death the farm on which he was born, being the farm five miles south of town now occupied by S. W. Omer and family. Active in community life from early manhood, he was a prominent member of the democratic party in Fremont county, served for many years as trustee of Tabor college, served as secretary of the school board and as councilman for the town, and was one of the most diligent and faithful members of the Congregational church and Sunday school thruout the years of his life. He represented Fremont county ably in the 33rd session of the Iowa legislature, and his council was much sought after in the community in matters of legislative, judicial, or legal importance. Deliberate in forming his opinions, he felt sure of his position when it had been established and defended it valiantly and logically.

Mr. Laird was one of the younger members of a family of nine children, of whom only one brother, James Laird of Canyon City, Colorado, survives him. Other brothers were William, H. R., Henry, George, Frank, John, and a sister, Mary. His life companion who survives him, was before her marriage Phebe Reeves, a daughter of another pioneer family. Two children completed their family circle, Attorney Fred C. Laird of Fremont, Nebraska, and Mrs. Belva Miller of Tabor. Aileen Miller is the only grandchild.

For many months Mr. Laird had been in failing health, due to pernicious anemia, but had been about the house each day, and there was no thought that his condition was immediately critical, when the end came Monday.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at two p. m. at the Congregational church, with Rev. F. C. Lebert of Clarion in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. George Drury returned to Davenport Saturday morn-

## Johnson Clothes Shop Team Announces B. B. Schedule

With the completion of the schedule of the Big 10 league of independent basketball teams of southwest Iowa, Johnson's Clothes Shop team starts this week on a schedule that will lead them into fast competition during the next three months. The following are the games which the local team will play in the Big 10:

- Dec. 7—Randolph here.
- Dec. 10—Glenwood Firemen here.
- Dec. 14—Stennett there.
- Dec. 18—Co. E, Shenandoah, there.
- Dec. 22—Co. I, Glenwood, here.
- Dec. 28—Hamburg here.
- Jan. 3—Co. I, Glenwood, there.
- Jan. 7—Red Ball, Red Oak, here.
- Jan. 10—Glenwood Firemen there.
- Jan. 14—Stennett here.
- Jan. 28—Red Ball, Red Oak, there.
- Feb. 5—Swanees, Hamburg, there.
- Feb. 19—Co. E, Shenandoah, here.

## Winston Weaver Popular On Doane College Campus

Winston "Wink" Weaver, who is in his junior year at Doane college, Crete, Nebraska, has recently been honored by election as captain of the basketball squad. He also was recently declared by his fellow-students to be the most popular student on the campus, a signal honor which any student would value. "Wink" has been active in all departments of athletics since he has been in Doane and ranks among their foremost athletes.

Mrs. Clarence Hill of Gerber, California, was visiting friends here last Wednesday, coming over from Nebraska City, where she had been visiting her parents since November 4. She reports that she and her husband are doing nicely on a ten-acre "ranch" in the land of perpetual sunshine. Clarence is helping with boy scout work and 4-H club work and keeps very busy. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill, live nearby and are reported in good health and happy in their western home. Their youngest son is in high school, very much interested in club work, and has won several prizes for him.

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**Claire Sigler Is the Bride of Donald Douglas**

A pretty wedding occurred yesterday, December 9, at noon at the home of the bride's parents, Miss Claire Sigler, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sigler of Tabor, was united in marriage to Donald Douglas of Tabor. Elder Pierce, uncle of the bride, officiating, using the beautiful and simple single ring ceremony. A few of the immediate relatives and friends were present. At the ceremony a three-course wedding was served by the bride's mother, assisted by Miss Bernice Johnson, a friend of the bride's. In the afternoon the happy couple left on their short honeymoon trip. They will return to housekeeping on a farm near Tabor.

**Johnson's Shop Trims Firemen's Opening Game Here Monday**

Ignited by the sensational floor and basket shooting of "Silo" Johnson's Clothes Shop overcame a bad case of first timers to score 40 points themselves and conquer the Glenwood team 50-24 in the opening Big Ten counter for both teams Monday night on the Tabor floor. Glenwood scored 12-10 at the intermission. Johnson's, using the jump shot made a few years ago by Copper State University, whistled in field goals and one charity shot to lead the scorers with 15 besides playing an outstanding game. Vogelaar was close with five buckets and three passes for 13 counters, while Johnson scored in seven points and a fine defensive game. The Firemen, Hostetter, former Junction high school star, scoring with nine points, Shike Stivers and Pullman, making five apiece and playing a top floor game. Monday night the Clothes Shop will journey to Stennett for a league encounter, and Wednesday night will tangle with Co. the Shenandoah Armory floor for their Big Ten game.

**Johnson's Clothes Shop**  
 In addition to carrying on his business, Johnson is also a member of the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

**Funeral for F. M. Laird Held Here Last Thursday**

Funeral services for F. M. Laird, whose death was chronicled in these columns last week, were held at the Congregational church Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. F. C. Lebert gave the sermon. The theme for the sermon was Psalms 90:12. Mrs. Mabel McFarland played the organ, and a male quartet consisting of W. A. Reeves, C. W. Redenbaugh, B. H. Hall, and R. E. Zimmer sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd" and "Nearer Still Nearer." Ushers were F. M. Kline and N. E. Mumper. Pall bearers were V. H. Patrick, Dayre Williams, Fred Bell, John T. Redenbaugh, L. M. Perkins, and Arthur Mauk. Flowers were cared for by Mrs. A. I. Tarpening, Mrs. F. M. Kline, Miss Bess Hopkins, and Miss Fern Williams.

**Obituary**

Francis Marion Laird, son of Johnston and Mary Laird, pioneer settlers who came to Fremont county in the earliest days of this community, was born February 7, 1855, on the homestead which he retained in the family name, thru all the years. Here he grew to manhood, a part of the community in which he always lived. Here, on March 5, 1879, he married Miss Phebe Reeves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elza Reeves, pioneers of Fremont county. Here they made their home, and here their two children were born.

Mr. Laird finished the country schools, attended Tabor college, and taught school for a time.

March 1, 1877, while attending Tabor college, he joined the Congregational church, in which ever since he was exceptionally active. Each department has known his guidance and quiet assistance, and until his health very recently prevented, he held a record for perfect attendance at Sunday school. He served as superintendent of the Sunday school many years and as trustee and deacon of the church. Many of his donations and his numerous acts of kindness were never known to the world in general, but they were a large part of his Christianity.

In 1895 Mr. and Mrs. Laird with their family made their first and only move when they came to their present home in Tabor.

In addition to carrying on his business, Mr. Laird was also a member of the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

**School Notes**

The December meeting of the Fremont County Schoolmasters' club was held at Hamburg Wednesday evening. Representative E. P. Laughlin was present to discuss the problems of taxation.

The December Parent-Teachers' association meeting will be held Friday evening. Owing to the illness of the president, Mrs. E. M. Ventis, the vice-president, Miss Fern Williams, will have charge of the meeting. Miss Gertrude Hass will sponsor the program.

Two papers, "Inspiration or Stagnation—Which?" written by Dr. Sutton of Atlanta, Georgia, and "The Trend of the Child and the Youth in the Last 30 Years," were read by Miss Mabel Rhode and A. A. Kaskadden at the Tabor Teachers' Professional club Monday afternoon.

The senior commercial class, under the direction of their teacher, C. A. Parkison, gave a demonstration of shorthand transcription and rhythmic typing before the high school Tuesday morning.

**First Grade News**

Recent reforms in teaching reading are far more significant than those of any previous period in history. One of these changes has been in the increase of the amount of reading, both for recreation and for information.

In order to provide opportunity for and increase interest in such reading, the first grade has planned and equipped a "reading corner." Kenneth Dunsdon and Lloyd Kesterson of the manual training class made a bookcase and a fine circular reading table. The first grade boys made several pieces of orange crate furniture, and the first grade girls upholstered them. Sixteen children can be comfortably seated at one time.

The big problem is to provide a continuous supply of material at the children's reading level. Already some children have read several books other than their basic books.

**Freshman News**

What a week! Are we glad it's over with!

In history Mr. Vogelaar gave us our weekly quizz Friday. And what a quizz!

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For the Firemen, Hostetter, former Pacific Junction high school star, led the scoring with nine points, with "Shike" Stivers and Pullman garnering five apiece and playing a bang-up floor game.

Friday night the Clothes Shop five will journey to Stennett for their second league encounter, and Tuesday night will tangle with Co. E. on the Shenandoah Armory floor in another Big Ten game.

**Lineups and summary:**

JOHNSON'S CLOTHES SHOP				
Player	fg	ft	pf	pts
Reeves f	7	1	4	15
Johnson f	2	1	1	5
Tyler c	3	1	1	7
Vogelaar g	5	3	3	13
Bloedel g	1	0	0	2
Dalton f	1	1	0	3
Donaldson f	0	0	0	0
Cotter c	1	0	1	2
Ellis g	0	1	2	1
Penney g	1	0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>50</b>

GLENWOOD FIREMEN				
Player	fg	ft	pf	pts
Stivers f	2	1	3	5
Hamilton f	1	1	2	3
Pullman c	2	1	4	5
Hostetter g	4	1	1	9
Judkins g	1	0	3	2
Se'klóth f	0	0	0	0
Myers f	0	0	3	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>

Referee: Mumper (Tabor).

**Riverton Is Second Victim of Bluejays' Winning Streak**

The Tabor high school Bluejays maintained their tie on the top rung of the Fremont county conference ladder when they put away Riverton Friday night on the local floor 35-14 for their second straight league victory.

Led by "Bill" Mayfield, who looped in six baskets from the floor, the locals pulled away to a 17-7 lead at the intermission, and due to the tight guarding of the Tabor defense featuring the play of Benedict, were never in danger, as the visitors tallied only five field goals during the game. Walkely and Comstock, with four points apiece, led what attack the losers were able

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In addition to carrying on his church interests, Mr. Laird soon became active in all civic and school affairs, serving for years as a member and secretary of the school board and a member of the city council. Having served many years as a member of the board of trustees of Tabor college, he was one of its strongest supporters and devoted considerable time and means to its welfare, materially assisting many students in their education.

In politics Mr. Laird adhered to the democratic party and many years served as county committeeman. He was a delegate several times to state and national democratic conventions. In 1904 and 1906 he was the Fremont county representative to the state legislature.

In recent years Mr. Laird was a member of the Fremont county board of education, where his interest in the work was effective in accomplishing many things.

He was one of the earliest members and served as president of the Tri-County Old Settlers' association, and he greatly enjoyed their meetings with the exchange of stories of long ago.

Mr. Laird was one of the younger members of the family of nine children, of whom James Laird of Canon City, Colorado, is the only one surviving. The immediate family surviving are his wife, Mrs. Phebe Laird; his son, Judge Fred C. Laird, and wife, of Fremont, Nebraska; his daughter, Mrs. Belva Miller, and husband, Dr. B. B. Miller, of Tabor; and the only grandchild, Miss Aileen Miller.

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In algebra we have been ing our work in factoring we will never get thru. I still hoping.

We had a vocabulary test Friday. Miss Hass said looking for five 100's. We she is disappointed. Just there were 60 words! Now terrible? It's not so bad happen to know the words

In home economics the been making plain cup cakes, food cakes, and chocolate. We invite you down to see of these things. But we ing you not to eat too we would like you to come some time.

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**Sophomore News**

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Friday night the Bluejays lay their perfect county record on the line when they journey to Bartlett to meet the western boys' first and second teams.

Lineups and summary:

#### TABOR

Player	fg	ft	pf	pts
Downing	3	0x2	0	6
Mayfield	6	0x1	3	12
Mauk	2	2x3	2	6
Benedict	2	1x4	3	5
Schneck	1	0x0	4	2
Bennett	2	0x2	1	4
Zimmer	0	0x0	0	0
Swett	0	0x0	0	0
Garrett	0	0x0	0	0
Totals	16	3x12	13	35

#### RIVERTON

Player	fg	ft	pf	pts
Billings	1	1x2	0	3
Foster	0	0x1	1	0
Stubbs	1	1x2	2	3
Walkely	2	0x4	0	4
Comstock	1	2x3	4	4
Hummal	0	0x0	0	0
Dawson	0	0x0	0	0
Monrose	0	0x1	1	0
Totals	5	4x13	8	14

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A large number of relatives and friends from other communities came to attend the funeral and pay their final tribute to this beloved patriarch. Among them were:

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Larson, Roy Jennings, Wayne Loomis, and Howard Loomis, of Fremont, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Laird and Marion Laird, from Eskridge, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Smith, Malcolm Smith, Leland Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burnham, Mildred Burnham, Brownlow Burnham, and Fred Burnham, from Griswold.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Burnham and Mrs. Eloise Sauer, from Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Laird, Mrs. Martha Reeves, and Miss Elizabeth Laird, of Sidney.

Miss Gretchen Welck from Council Bluffs.

Mrs. Emer Harless of Thurman. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Durbin from Malvern.

Mrs. C. A. Gieger and Jerry Gieger, from St. Joseph.

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#### Sophomore News

Well, it is Monday morning and we are glad to be back at school—that is most of us anyway.

In geometry we are working on theorems. Some days we go to the board and write the theorems, sometimes we write them on our seats. Today in class part of us had to go before the class and present the next day's assignment.

In history we have been studying the history of France. There was a test. There were several perfect papers.

English, English, English. We are still working on Silas Marner. This is all I can say.

Nothing has happened in agriculture of importance, so just leave them.

We are glad to have Dr. Thews back with us after his days' absence because of injury to his ankle and leg.

#### Senior News

The Civics class has been studying "Civil and Criminal Procedure in State Courts." Today, Monday, we are going to have a fiery debate on them and the Iowa contest. What will the results be? That is the next question. We hope for the best.

The arithmetic class has been over "Denominate Numbers." Besides some problems, we had questions which were measurable. Who says we won't know our tables? Not Me. We are going on with the kind of problems now, only dealing with years, months,