

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Kerr, William G. Senator _____
Represented Grundy County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 2 Sept 1871 Grundy Center, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Grace S. Sprague 25 Sept 1895 Grundy Center, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was admitted to the bar in 1896.

B. Civic responsibilities Iowa State Historical Society

C. Profession Attorney; real estate investments

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 28th, 29th General Assemblies 1900, 1902

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 1 Nov 1958 Travis, Iowa; buried Grundy Center Cemetery, Grundy Center, Iowa

8. Children Rosecoe S.; Lawrence H.; Daniel E.

9. Names of parents Daniel and Clara T. (Estabrook) Kerr

10. Education Educated in schools of Grundy Center, Iowa,
graduating in 1891

11. Degrees attended Coe College, Cornell College and University of
Iowa, graduating from Law school

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He engaged in law practice with his father for a short time
- Later he engaged in real estate investments
- He was considered a student of history and politics; he
wrote historical and political sketches for the Grundy
Register newspaper and other newspapers of Iowa.
- He wrote a complete history of Grundy County.
- At one time he owned a large tract of land in North Dakota
- His wife Grace, died in 1942.

er, the two year old son of
nd Mrs. Arthur Miller of
Grove, were playing about
Miller home where a bonfire
arly burned down.
little boys found a can of
e that was nearby. They
th n into the fire and
plos. resulted which en-
d the boys' clothing.

ctor was called at once. He
stered first aid and then
hem to the hospital in Wa-

grene developed in little
y's body and death follow-
w days after. The accident
ed on October 17th and for
it was believed that both
ould recover. The Miller
s been making satisfactory
ement and it is believed
e is out of danger.

thy's body was taken to
engelkes Funeral Home in
sburg. Funeral services
t Bethel Lutheran church
kersburg Wednesday after-
The service was conducted
y W. K. Schmidt. Burial
Oakdale cemetery, Park-

iving are the parents, one
Nancy, 5, and a brother.
2. Also surviving are the
al grandparents, Mr. and
ohn Etjen, and the mater-
at r grandparents, Mr. and
e F ig, Parkersburg.

... limit is three cock
birds, and the possession limit is
six cocks after opening day.

Henricks Closing Out Sale November 14

E. H. Henricks is going to hold a complete closing out sale at his place, 7 miles west and 2 miles south of Grundy Center, on Friday, Nov. 14th. He has sold his farm and he and his wife will move to Grundy Center.

Listed for the sale are 29 head of cattle. There are 16 black Angus cows listed for sale.

A Very Big Line of Farm Machinery

There is a very complete line of farm machinery listed for this sale. There is an especially complete line of Ford tractor equipment. Also many items of household furnishings, 2000 bales of alfalfa and brome hay, Albert and Don Dirks are the auctioneers. A complete list of the offerings appears in an advertisement in another part of this paper.

ALFRED DIRKS SALE, NOV. 8

Alfred Dirks, living one mile north and two miles east of Morrison, or 7 miles south of Dike, will have a closing out sale Saturday, Nov. 8. His sale includes feeder pigs, laying hens, straw, corn under roof, and a line of farm machinery and household goods. The Dirks are moving to Reinbeck.

... carried under the re-
seal program, plus financing un-
der the storage facility loan pro-
gram, offer substantial aid to far-
mers in increasing their farm
storage capacity. Farmers can
add needed storage buildings to
their farm plants and at the
same time earn storage payments
under the resale program which
will pay for the new space in
three or four years' time. This
will help increase total storage
facilities. It will also keep grains
stored on the farms where most
of it will eventually be consumed.

William G. Kerr Died Friday in Nursing Home

William G. Kerr, who spent all of his life in Grundy county and who witnessed and remembered more of Grundy county history than any other, died at a convalescent home in Traer at 7:10 p.m. on Friday. He was 87 years old on September 2nd of this year. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kerr. The father Daniel Kerr, a



former congressman from our district, figured actively for many years in the development of Grundy county.

Mr. Kerr's health failed noticeably during the past year. About four months ago he fell and broke a bone in his hip. He was unable to recover from the shock. He was

(Continued on Back Page)
W. G. KERR—

CHILDREN	160
COLFAX	80
LINCOLN	180
GRANT	480
BLACK HAWK	100
WASHINGTON	130
PALESTINE	100
MELROSE	100
FELIX	260
CLAY-CONRAD	130
CLAY-BEAMAN	250
1st WARD GC	260
2nd WARD GC	240
3rd WARD GC	

TOTAL	3320
-------	------

Grundy Banks Will Be Closed Nov. 11

All banks in Grundy county will be closed Tuesday, November 11th, which is Veterans' Day. Veterans' Day has replaced what was formerly known as Armistice Day thruout the nation. The day is observed by the closing of all banks on that date.

4-Year-Old Boy Lost Part of Hand In Farm Elevator

Jerry Sharp, 4 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sharp, lost the ring and his little finger and part of his right hand which got caught in the cogs of a corn elevator. The flesh and skin were ripped off the hand. The accident happened Monday.

The little boy was brought to the Grundy Hospital where his wounds were treated. He had lost much blood before he could be given medical attention. The boy had been playing about the elevator and no one was near him when the accident happened. The father was in the field. The mother was at home and came to the boy's rescue when she heard him cry. Part of the boy's sleeve was later found in the elevator mechanism.

The Sharp family live on the Will Kuhlman farm five miles southeast of Grundy Center. The boy is still at the hospital where he is recovering.

9,500 Allocated in County Soil Conservation Needs

total of \$89,500 has been allocated as the government's share cost-sharing 1959 Agricultural Conservation Program in Grundy county.

Old Brown, county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) office manager, this week the 1959 allocated \$10,400 more than the amount set aside by the government this year as its share of cost of installing permanent conservation practices in the county.

payments are paid for agricultural lime, constructing waterways and terraces, laying tile, or practices.

He said any landowner who wishes to complete a conservation plan on his farm before the end of this year should make application at the ASC office in Grundy Center. He said there are 58 ACP funds available.

He warned that prior approval must be obtained from the county ASC committee, before work on the practice has begun, if the landowner wants government assistance in paying the practice's cost.

Signup for 1959 needs will be held at the ASC office the first of December.

Brown Advises Farmers: Test Soil Now For Lime Needs

Brown advised farmers wanting ACP lime spreading funds—which amounts to about 50 percent of the total cost—to test their soil now if they expect to have the lime hauled on their fields this winter or next spring.

ACP assistance will be granted only after the soil is tested, and shows a need for lime.

Government cost-sharing ranges from \$1.30 to \$1.65 a ton, and varies from township to township in the county depending upon the distance from the nearest quarry.

Film At Wellsburg School Nov. 10th

"Does Christ Live in Your Home?" a 30 minute film, will be presented by the World Home Bible League at the Wellsburg High School auditorium on Monday, November 10, at 7:30 p. m. The film portrays the story of the Bob Cartwright family. Bob's father has tried to impress upon the younger family the importance of having regular family worship in their own home. This causes havoc among the younger family when a prospective employer comes to dine and causes the Cartwright teenage children to fear they will be labeled religious fanatics.

The World Home Bible League is an undenominational organization of laymen and clergy that is interested in placing Bibles in Bibleless homes, not only in our own country but wherever it has opportunity in the world at large. Missionaries in Ceylon, Japan, Mexico, South America and many other places have obtained Bibles from the World Home Bible League to distribute to families who do not own even one copy of the Bible and may be too poor to purchase one. A representative of the League will speak of this work at the meeting.

An offering will be received for the work of the World Home Bible League. Everyone is invited and urged to bring a friend.

No Drivers License Exams November 7

No new drivers license or instruction permit examinations will be given in Grundy county on Friday, Nov. 7, the Iowa highway patrol announced today. All patrol license examiners will be in Des Moines that day attending a special safety training and planning meeting.

Licenses may be renewed in the county at the usual time and places on Nov. 7. License clerks will remain on duty to give vision examinations and issue renewals.

Only license and instruction permit applications requiring a driving test will be suspended because of the absence of uniformed examiners on Nov. 7.

Dean Rhinesmith, Beaman, Dies from Heart Condition

A coroner's jury in Marshalltown after hearing testimony from two agents of the state bureau of criminal investigation and by the Marshall County Sheriff ruled that Dean Rhinesmith, 24, from Beaman, whose body was found early in the morning of Sept. 28th beside his car on Highway 96 west of Gladbrook, died from a heart condition. That was the verdict of the three man jury.

Four youths from Eldora had found Rhinesmith's body lying alone the road about 4:30 a. m. As noted in the Register several weeks ago the Rhinesmith auto was parked on the shoulder of the

Deer Run Williams, Marshalltown. The body was found lying next to

a patient in the Grundy hospital several months, after which he was taken to a convalescent home in Traer.

The body was brought to the Ferree funeral home in Grundy Center. Services were held at the First Presbyterian church in Grundy Center Monday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Donald Jafvert. Burial was in the Grundy Center cemetery.

Mr. Kerr graduated from the Grundy Center high school in 1891. After completing his course in the high school he attended Coe college at Cedar Rapids and Cornell college at Mt. Vernon. He completed his college work at the State University of Iowa and completed his course in law at the University. He was admitted to the bar in 1896. He engaged in the practice of law for a short time with his father and later devoted his time to his real estate investments. At one time he was the owner of a large tract of land in North Dakota. He also assisted his father in the management of his property.

Mr. Kerr was elected to represent Grundy county in the Iowa Legislature in 1898. He was one of the youngest of the Iowa house members at the time. He served in the legislature two terms. He introduced in the legislature a bill providing for a corrupt practice act as a safeguard against corruption in elections. It was one of the first corrupt practice act bills adopted in the United States.

Mr. Kerr was a student of history and his historical and political sketches appeared frequently in the daily and in weekly newspapers in Iowa. He was a regular contributor to the news columns of the Grundy Register. He compiled the most complete history of Grundy Center that ever was written and this paper has frequently used material published in that history. He knew many Grundy county people and was privileged to outlive most of his early acquaintances. His old friends in the county and especially in Grundy Center learned of his death with deep regret.

He was a life member of the State Historical Society. He declined to serve as a member of the county draft board for the first World War, but was active as one of the County's 4 minute men. He was a member of the Grundy Center First Presbyterian church and served a number of years as an active elder in that church.

Was Married in 1895

In 1895 William G. Kerr and Grace S. Sprague were married and they made their home in Grundy Center during all of their married life. The wife died in 1942.

The couple were the parents of three sons, and all of them are still living. The sons are Roscoe, Des Moines; Lawrence, Detroit, Michigan; and Rev. Daniel from Huron, South Dakota. There are five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Aside from his parents and his wife, Mr. Kerr was preceded in death by three brothers, George, Edward and Brook, and by three sisters, Mrs. May Schuber, Mrs. Harry Rogers and Mrs. Lillian Simm.

W.C.T.U. Meeting

The W.C.T.U. met with Mr.



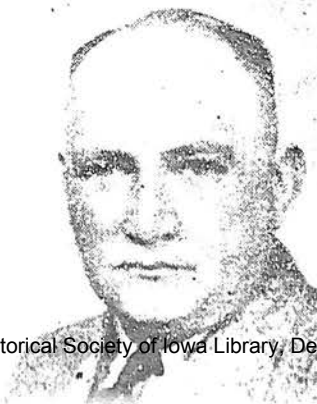
FRED SCHOENFELD
For Auditor



H. L. NICKERSON
For Treasurer



WESLEY FREED
For Clerk of Courts



HAROLD E.
For Co.



T. C. S.
For Co.

For quick results
Classified Adv.

NEX

V

