

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Clark, Russell G. Senator _____

Represented Hamilton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 9 Feb 1861 Lawrence, Massachusetts

2. Marriage (s) date place

Emily S. Bann 18 Oct 1887

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; wholesale produce business

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 27th 28th General Assemblies 1898, 1900

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Webster City, school board member, postmaster of Webster City, manager of 'the city government', Marble township club and

B. State Iowa State Dairy Commissioner 1922-1941

C. National _____

7. Death 25 June 1943 Des Moines, Iowa; buried Graceland Cemetery, Webster City, Iowa

8. Children Sibyl

9. Names of parents Amasa C. and Jennie (Gordon) Clark

10. Education

11. Degrees

Attended Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, but left in
his junior year.

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- At age 10 he moved with his parents to Manchester, Iowa
- In 1885 they moved to Williams, Iowa
- After marriage, he and his wife moved to Hetcher City.
- After college he moved to Marcus, Iowa where he engaged in the
produce business for 3 years.
- When he was appointed dairy commissioner he moved to Des Moines
in May 1922.

Applicability

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'Grand Old Man' of GOP, R. G. Clark, Dies at 82

R. G. Clark, 82, one of Webster City's most distinguished citizens, former mayor in two periods of the city's history, long time member of the school board, postmaster for 11 years, outstanding advocate of municipal ownership and the manager form of city government, widely and affectionately known over the state as one of the grand old men of republican politics, died quietly in his sleep Friday afternoon at 3:20 o'clock, at his home, 644 Thirty-fifth street, in Des Moines.

The body will be brought to Webster City Sunday noon and will lie at the Foster funeral home where friends may call until Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock when a brief service will be conducted by the Rev. H. W. Putney

of the Congregational church. Burial will be made in Graceland cemetery. The service will be brief because of poor health of Mrs. Clark.

Wide Influence

Though a resident of Des Moines since May, 1922, when the late Gov. N. E. Kendall appointed him state dairy commissioner, and although he had spent 13 years about the statehouse in official capacities, he always considered Webster City his home. At every election, he cast his vote here at the old home ward precinct.

Probably no man in the past 40 years has left a larger impression on Webster City and its civil life than R. G. Clark. Always a

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COAL STRIKES STILL SPREAD

Big Test Expected Mon-
day for UMW Back
to Work Order.

PITTSBURGH —(A)— The coal strike spread to a few more big mines Saturday, despite the newly enacted anti-strike law, and an atmosphere of uncertainty hung over the coal fields.

Vote Defeat Of Subsidy Plan, 39-37

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(A)— In a defeat of administration forces, the senate voted 39 to 37 Saturday to prohibit the payment of government subsidies to roll back retail food prices.

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staunch republican, he had probably spent more years in public office than any man who ever lived here. Yet he was not a chronic office seeker. He was one of those rare characters in whose integrity, both his political friends and foes had the highest confidence. And whenever the city had need for someone to head a movement for community betterment or to enter the political arena to uphold the cause of good government, sentiment quickly crystallized on "Russ" Clark, as he was best known here.

A Civic Leader

At two widely different periods he had represented Hamilton county in the state legislature, where he exercised a powerful influence. Also at two widely different periods he had served as mayor of this city and he spent many years as a member of the school board and city council. Better schools, a better city and a better county and state were always uppermost in his mind.

In the earlier years of his residence here he became a leader in the movement for municipal ownership and later he espoused the plan for a city manager form of government. He was a member of the council which established this plan following a vote of the people, and he helped to elect the first manager. And among his earlier political activities he had a large part in the establishment of the primary system of nominating city, county and state candidates. He was always a firm believer in the right of popular suffrage and he had an abiding confidence in ability of the people to have the widest possible privileges in fixing the policies of government.

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THE WAR TOL

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst

(While Dewitt MacKenzie is on vacation, this daily column is being written by Max Hill, former chief of the Associated Press Bureau in Tokio.)

By Max Hill

There is so much loose talk now about shortages of food, and of the cost of various products, that a comparison with what the rest of the world is eating may be worth while.

I am convinced after several personal shopping trips that the food situation—at least in New York—is being exaggerated. We are not hungry now, nor are we likely to be hungry in the future. It is quite obvious that we may have to change some of our fancy eating habits, but that is about all.

Ever since I returned from Japan in the autumn of 1942 I have been astonished and more than a little worried by our waste of food. Our garbage pails contain enough scraps to feed either Germany or Italy or Japan in far better fashion than they eat now.

Midwest Tour

I recently returned from a tour through the midwest, and nowhere did I find an area where people couldn't buy more than they need-

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Mayor LaGuardia, after his return from Washington, had been conferring on ways to relieve the shortage in New York. He said, "I have taken direct action. But anyone to think to have luscious meals at their tables Sunday is usually promised meat."

Other

What would be the situation in Africa, on Attu, and in New Guinea, an unbearable hungry millions of land, where they fifty per cent of before the war? A housewife who has been able to buy one third pint of milk for her son.

Let us be real in war. We cannot have ease we have. The axis is fighting 24 hour a day. We must do the same. At least, we will suffer joy more than in the world.

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Possibly no man who ever lived in Webster City was more universally loved and respected than Russ Clark, and during his more active years in politics no man in this part of Iowa exercised a wider influence in county, district or state governments. His influence was always for the best. He had little time for the profession of politician, always relying on the expressed will of the voters for the power he exercised. He had great faith in popular government, based on the expressed will of the people, and he never participated in political trickery to thwart popular movements.

Born in East

He was born in Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 9, 1861, and was an only child. When he was ten years old, his parents moved to Manchester, Iowa. In 1885 they moved to Williams. The father was engaged in the wholesale produce and commission business, and the son followed him in this business—handling mostly butter, eggs, cream and poultry.

Mr. Clark was married Oct. 18, 1887 to Miss Emily S. Rann, of Manchester. After a brief residence in Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Clark moved to Webster City where their only child, Sibyl, was born. Mrs. Clark and Sibyl are the only survivors.

As a young man, Mr. Clark attended college at Grinnell and then there went to Marcus, where he entered the produce business. He remained there three years, and then first entered the arena of politics. During his brief residence there he held the offices of township clerk and assessor. In

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Frequent Visitor

During the 21 years that the family lived in Des Moines, Mr. Clark was a frequent visitor in this city and always took a live interest in civic affairs here. Nor did he ever lose his interest in the operation of municipal ownership of public utilities here nor in the city manager form of government, in both of which he had had a large part in establishing. Webster City was always 'home' to him.

He was essentially a man of the people, always kindly in manner and speech and widely popular. For the past two years, however, he had been in failing health and had been confined to his home and bed much of the time. In his death, Webster City has lost a fine character, a man who loved this city and community and a man to whom the community owes much for the many things he had done to improve its government and the service of its public utilities.

Draft Law Violations

Far Less in This War

NEW YORK CITY —(AP)—Draft law violations so far during the war, says E. E. Conroy, chief of the New York FBI office, show a 62 per cent drop as compared with World War I figures.

He credited the reduction in enforcement methods and more drastic penalties for violations.

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The scouts who have been having the creek at the master said, are planning on bringing suits Sunday so. Facilities tent at the camp.

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Camp opened with a Thursday morning with getting into action right their athletic and other. A hard rain Thursday ed to dampen their so they were still going day and Saturday. C end Tuesday.

Pastor's Installation Service to be

RANDALL—The Rev. Paulsrud of Randall in charge of the service at Jewell Lutheran church. Rev. Gaylord Falde is stilled. The Rev. Falde dained Sunday, June. Rev. L. A. Pierson at church.

He has accepted an to conduct the vesper the Randall Bible camp noon of the Fourth.

Fire Chief Returns From Annual

Fire Chief M. M. We has been attending the ers' school at Ames. Monday, returned. The completion of that school held on the town

Final sessions of the meeting were

OBJECTS IN MISCELLANEOUS

Machine Case and Jury.

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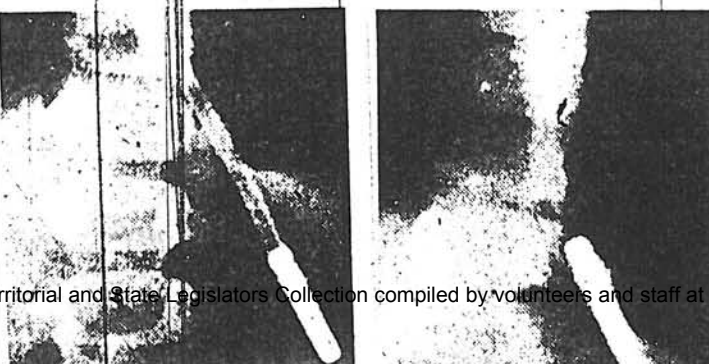
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Magnet Used to Retrieve Lock From Boy's Stomach



Donald Brown, 5, smiled happily Friday in a Brooklyn, N. Y., hospital bed as Nurse's Aide Margaret Sutton held up a rubber tube and magnet with which a physician fished a small lock out of his stomach. The lock is dangling from the magnet. Donald swallowed the lock 13 days ago. It was retrieved in what doctors said was the first such operation on record.



DEATH CLAIMS R. G. CLARK, 82

Long Active in Iowa G.O.P. Politics.

R. G. Clark, 82, Iowa's second secretary of agriculture, died in his sleep at his home, 644 Thirty-fifth st., at 3:20 p. m., Friday.

Mr. Clark, who spent 13 years at the Iowa state house as dairy commissioner, interim secretary of agriculture, and chief of the dairy and food division until ill health caused his retirement, was one of the grand old men of Iowa Republican politics.



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He was intensely devoted to former Secretary of Agriculture Mark G. Thornburg and to United States Senator George A. Wilson. When he had to choose between supporting Wilson, whom he had supported for governor in three elections, and Thornburg, when Thornburg ran against Wilson in the 1942 senatorial primary, Mr. Clark favored Thornburg.

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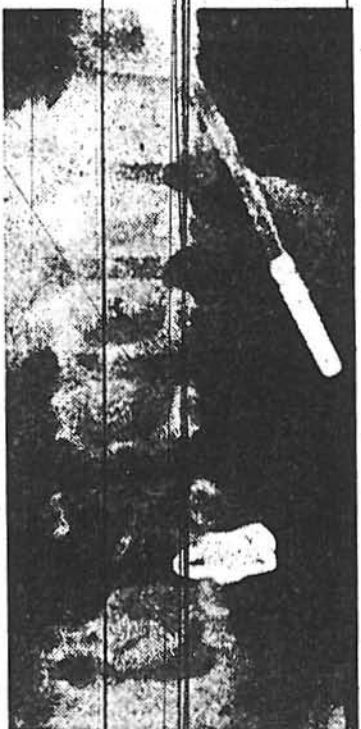
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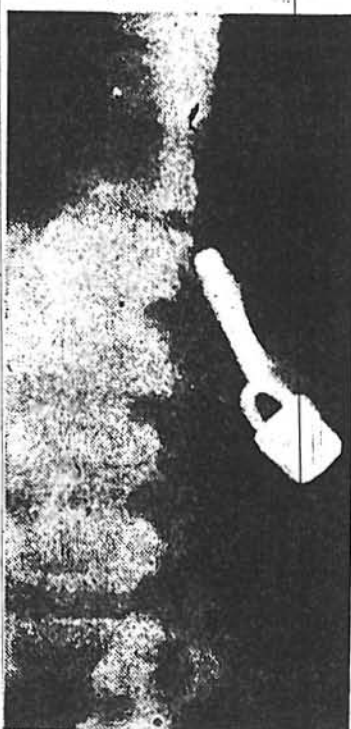
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*These X-ray pictures show how the lock was retrieved. A highly-magnetized piece of metal, fitted into an ordinary stomach tube, is lowered toward the lock.



With the padlock clinging to the magnet, the tube is withdrawn. The magnet lifted the lock into Donald's esophagus, from which it was extracted with another instrument.

DEFER ACTION IN NOLAN CASE

Mistrial Or a Jury Is Now Asked.

Trial of Robert Nolan, 4002 E. Forty-third st., on a charge of intoxication Friday was continued until July 2 by Municipal Judge Ralph L. Powers.

trial declared or a jury trial granted on the grounds that he began defending Nolan June 18 on the assumption the charge was under city ordinance and found that it was being tried under state law.

Experts Subpoenaed.

Robert W. Morrissey, chemist at Iowa Lutheran hospital, who made the test, and Dr. Julius Weingart, physician in charge, were subpoenaed to testify Friday.

If Judge Powers declares a mistrial, the case won't come up until the September term. If he denies the

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To Webster City.

In 1885 he went to Webster City, where he continued in the creamery, egg and butter business until Kendall appointed him dairy and food commissioner May 1, 1922.

Mrs. Clark and a daughter, Sibyl S. Clark, are the only survivors.

Services and burial will be in Webster City.

MRS. HAMILTON SUES.

CHICAGO, ILL. (AP)—Mrs. Jean O'Brien Hamilton, daughter of Howard Vincent O'Brien, newspaper columnist, has filed for divorce from Fred Hamilton, executive of an Omaha, Neb., street car company, Friday, charging

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BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

OF

HAMILTON COUNTY

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The people that take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote generations.—MACAULAY.

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ward rented a farm south of the village of Blairsburg for six years.

About the time he removed to his present farm Mr. Streveler was married. He and his younger brother purchased one hundred and sixty acres of raw prairie, which they broke and improved, planting the grove which now surrounds the pleasant home of our subject. Here Mr. Streveler has since remained, adding one hundred and twenty acres to his farm since dissolving the partnership with his brother in 1898. The Streveler brothers always dealt in graded cattle and hogs and also raised their own horses, and through the careful conduct of his farm work our subject became one of the well-to-do citizens of the county, his farm being a very valuable one.

On the 18th of October, 1876, Mr. Streveler was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Birens, who was born in Washington county, Wisconsin, August 18, 1857, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Birens. The mother died during the early childhood of the daughter and the father passed away in 1900. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Streveler have been born six children: Rose, the wife of Fred Chaplinecki, of Wright county, Iowa, by whom she has two children, Alberta and Eva; William, on the home farm; Mary, the wife of Horace Dodge, agent for the Illinois Central Railroad Company; Tice, John J. and Clara, all at home.

Mr. Streveler is independent in his political affiliations. He served as road supervisor for three years and is now a school director. Both he and his wife are members of the Catholic church of Williams. Our subject has long been a resident of Iowa and during the first few years of his residence here many severe blizzards oc-

curred, the snow being so deep that it made winter work even more arduous than that of summer because it was necessary to dig paths from house to barn and to care for the cattle in order to keep them from freezing. Other hardships and trials, incident to life on the frontier, were borne, but as the years have passed civilization has wrought a change in the condition of the country as well as in the financial condition of Mr. Streveler, whose energy, hard work and perseverance enabled him to overcome all difficulties and obstacles in his path and eventually attain success.

R. G. CLARK.

In business success, political prominence and general standing R. G. Clark certainly deserves a place in the history of Hamilton county. Coming to the county as a young man he has grown with it, building for himself a good business, holding many positions of trust and honor, and by his honesty of purpose and faithfulness in public service he has gained the position he now holds, having the friendship of many and the respect of all who know him.

Mr. Clark was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, February 9, 1861, and is the son of Amasa C. and Jennie (Gordon) Clark, both of whom were natives of Landaff, New Hampshire. The father at an early age started out for himself, dividing the first few years between teaching school and working on a farm. Shortly before his marriage he removed to Lawrence, Massachusetts, where he started in a small way the business that eventually grew into a wholesale produce and commission busi-

ness. Becoming infected with the western fever he removed with his family in 1872 to Manchester, Delaware county, Iowa, where he continued in the same line of business. In 1885 he became a resident of Hamilton county, settling in Williams, where he and his wife continued to reside until a few months before his death, which occurred at their home in Webster City in the spring of 1902. While the major part of Mr. Clark's career was in the produce business he was an inventor of no mean ability, several of his ideas developing into practical and useful inventions, the most notable of which were a milk pan, a churn, a butter worker and a starch dryer. The milk pan was one of the best of its kind until this manner of handling milk was displaced by the separator method. His political support was given to the Republican party and he was a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

R. G. Clark was an only son. He pursued his education in the public schools of Lawrence, Massachusetts, and of Manchester, Iowa. He matriculated in Iowa College at Grinnell, leaving that institution in his junior year. Returning to Manchester he followed the occupation of an engineer. For two years he ran the engine and had charge of the iron work in a large manufacturing establishment. Leaving there he removed to Marcus, Iowa, where he engaged in business for himself as a produce merchant. For three years he remained in Marcus. While there his political instinct first made itself manifest. He held in turn the offices of township clerk and assessor. In the summer of 1885 he came to Williams, Hamilton county, and formed a partnership with his father, which continued until the death of the latter. His residence

there was short as three months later they opened a like establishment in Webster City, of which he took charge, and which he continues to the present day. He added a little later the ice business and the Artesian Well Creamery, and also maintained at different times branch houses at Blairsburg, Dows and Brushy.

On the 18th of October, 1887, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Emily S. Rann, who was born in Whitewater, Wisconsin, and is a daughter of H. L. and Mary (Leffingwell) Rann, both of whom were natives of New York, in which state they were reared and married. Mr. Rann founded, in 1871, the Manchester Press, the leading Republican paper of Delaware county, and one of the best country newspapers in Iowa. This he edited until his death, when it passed into the hands of his widow. It is now edited by his son, H. L. Rann. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Clark has been born one child, Sibyl Freeman, whose birth occurred September 28, 1888, in Webster City. In public affairs Mr. Clark has always taken a prominent part and has ever taken a deep and active interest in politics. For two years he was an alderman of Webster City and was elected mayor for a two-year term, being the youngest mayor ever chosen in Webster City. He has been chairman of the Republican county central committee four times and is now serving his seventh year as a member of the school board. In 1897 he was elected to represent his district, the sixty-third, in the general assembly of Iowa, serving two terms. In political thought and action he has always been independent, carrying out his honest views without fear or favor. The completing of the first sewer, lowering and widening the sidewalks, raising the grade on

Main street, purchasing and installing the electric light plant. Webster City being one of the pioneer cities to adopt municipal ownership, and the establishing of the city scales and market square are all monuments to the city council of which Mr. Clark was a member either as alderman or mayor.

On entering the legislature Mr. Clark joined the minority faction of his party to fight against corporate influences, involving the question of railroad taxation. He soon became one of its leaders and after four years of constant work this minority had grown to an overwhelming majority, resulting in the election of A. B. Cummins for governor. He is an unflinching advocate of Republican principles, doing everything in his power to advance the party's growth. In business he has achieved success and in private life he has gained that personal regard which arises from true character, deference for the opinion of others, kindness and geniality.

E. S. CARPENTER.

E. S. Carpenter, who is now living a retired life in Stratford, was born in Madison county, New York, in 1825 and is a brother of Hiram Carpenter, of Webster City, who is represented on another page of this work. In the district schools the subject of this review pursued his education. He came to Iowa in 1865, settling first at Boonesboro, where he engaged in clerking in a hardware store for a year and a half. He then built a home of his own and became interested in the furniture business, but subsequently sold that in order to engage in the grocery business at Moine-

gona. After a short time, however, he removed his stock at the latter place to Hook's Point and with his partner, B. C. Dixon, opened a general store there, continuing at that place for eight or nine years, during which time he served as postmaster under General Grant. After the railroad scheme became known to the general public Mr. Carpenter became engaged in making railroad ties, manufacturing many thousand, but the Patrons of Husbandry, an organization opposed to railroads and monopolies, so worked against the railroad that the plan of extending the line was abandoned and thus the firm of Carpenter & Dixon, engaged in the manufacture of ties, became bankrupt, losing all they had with the exception of their homes. They had made over seven thousand dollars worth of ties, had operated a sawmill, employed laborers and had otherwise invested time and capital, so that the abandonment of the project came to them as a terrible blow.

Mr. Carpenter afterward worked in a wagon shop as a partner of S. J. Berggren, who had established the business, and two years later, when Stratford was started, Mr. Carpenter came to this place. Here he followed the carpenter's trade and later he acquired forty acres of land, which he subsequently traded for a building in Stratford in which he opened a stock of furniture and thus became connected with the mercantile interests of the city. He had carried on a successful business for a little more than two years, when he lost all of his store and its contents by fire, about eight hundred dollars going up in smoke within a few minutes. He then disposed of his salvage at a special sale and closed up the business. Since that time he has devoted