

He married Marian W. McCutcheon, Eagle Grove, Iowa, in 1906, and to them three children were born: one son, Forrest; two daughters, Mrs. M. F. Greiman of Garner, and Mrs. Alfred Bottora, El Monte, California.

Mr. Eckles came to Hancock County in 1917 and settled on a 320 acre farm, which he owned and operated in partnership with his son. He was County Supervisor for 12 years, and chairman of the board for nine years.

He was a member of the Methodist Church, Masonic and I.O.O.F. lodges. Mr. Eckles, a Republican, served in the Fifty-second, Fifty-second Extra, Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth, and Fifty-fifth sessions of the General Assembly as a state representative from Hancock County.

Survivors include his son, two daughters and two sisters.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable W. E. (Penn) Eckles the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service and tender its sympathy to the remaining members of his family.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the members of the family of the deceased.

VICTOR C. STUELAND,
CASEY LOSS,
FLOYD P. EDGINGTON,
Committee.

WILLIS CHARLES EDSON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Willis Charles Edson, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Willis Charles Edson was born September 25, 1874, in Wilton, Illinois, son of Charles and Elizabeth Edson.

Willis Edson was educated in rural schools. He attended Buena Vista College, Iowa State College and the University of Iowa. He received his Doctor of Laws degree in 1901.

On November 11, 1911, he married Ethelyn Bailie of Storm Lake.

Mr. Edson began practicing law in Storm Lake in 1902 after teaching school in Calhoun and Sac counties. He was Buena Vista county attorney from 1908 to 1912. He was also city attorney and mayor of Storm Lake for several years. Mr. Edson served as State Representative in the Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, and Fortieth Extra sessions of the General Assembly. He was Speaker of the House in 1925. Willis Edson was Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor in 1936.

Surviving are his widow, Ethelyn; two sons, Robert C. of Storm Lake, and James of Omaha; and three daughters, Mrs. Margaret Ayers, Mrs. Max Dillon and Mrs. James Hamilton all of Storm Lake.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Willis Charles Edson the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

JOHN S. MILLER,
ARTHUR C. HANSON,
ELMER H. DEN HERDER,
Committee.

JAMES W. FOSTER

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable James W. Foster, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

James W. Foster was born November 2, 1884, in Monroe County, Iowa. He attended rural schools and then one year of business college in Des Moines, Iowa. He owned and operated a farm in Monroe County.

He married Grace Adair of Stafford, Kansas, and to this union three sons were born.

Mr. Foster spent twelve years in the state of Kansas operating a wheat farm before returning to Iowa. He served as director of a cooperative elevator, president of County Pure Bred Sire Association, president of Monroe County Farm Bureau, township and county AAA committeeman, served as 4-H leader, served as chairman of Monroe County Farm Debt Advisory Council appointed by Governor Herring and was director at large of eight counties for Federal Farm Credit and Loan Associations. He was active in soil conservation activities and was one of the original district commissioners of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District and served six years. He also served as a member of the State Soil Conservation Committee from June 1, 1948, to June 30, 1961, serving as chairman from June, 1954 to June, 1956. He served on the school board and as secretary of the Monroe County Fair Board. He was an active member of the Albia Methodist Church, served as Sunday school teacher and was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Foster was a Republican and served in the House of Representatives during the Fifty-third General Assembly.

He passed away January 4, 1965, at Davis County Hospital, Bloomfield, Iowa.

Surviving him are his widow; three sons, Hoyle A., San Antonio, Texas; Delbert T. of the state of Maryland; and James S. of Hebron, Nebraska.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable James W. Foster the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and