

Mr. Nichol's career in law and public service covered more than 40 years.

He served in the Iowa legislature as a clerk. Later he served as Representative from Monroe county in the Forty-ninth session of the General Assembly. He was a deputy United States marshal, a court reporter in the second Iowa judicial district, and was for 20 years Monroe county attorney.

Mr. Nichol was a member of the Monroe County Bar Association, Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, Albia Masonic lodge and Howard Cessna post of the American Legion.

He was a member of First Christian church and had served it as deacon.

He is survived by his widow, the former Louise Mercer, and a sister, Mrs. Lucille Edwards of Manhasset, Long Island, New York. He was preceded in death by a sister, Miss Madge Nichol.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Frank Austin Nichol the state has lost an honored citizen, and the House, by this resolution, would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to those who survive.

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.

W. DEAN AUBREY,
ROBERT E. CONNER,
STANLEY WATTS,

Committee.

FRANK W. OERTEL

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

Frank Oertel, son of Frank and Emily Hesbacher Oertel, was born December 9, 1887, in Keokuk, Iowa. He passed away on September 4, 1957, in Graham hospital, Keokuk, Iowa, at the age of sixty-nine years.

Mr. Oertel was united in marriage with Gertrude K. Jackson on March 1, 1941.

In addition to serving as judge of the only Superior court in Iowa for seven years, Judge Oertel was elected to the state legislature in 1917 and 1919 as Representative from Lee county in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth General Assemblies. He also was justice of the peace in Keokuk, Iowa, for twenty-eight years.

Blind since infancy, Judge Oertel was fortunate in having the selfless devotion of two women—his mother until her death in 1937, and later his wife, who served as his "eyes" in the practice of law, in his duties as a magistrate, and in providing him with what amounted to almost normal vision of the world about him. With him it was a case of sightlessness, not blindness, because he was keenly aware of nature, people, things and events. As a result he enjoyed life immensely and lived it fully, cheerfully, and without a trace of rancor or self-pity.

He started his practice of law in Des Moines in 1911 and later practiced in Oklahoma from 1912 through 1914 before returning to Keokuk and establishing a practice February 8, 1915.

Mr. Oertel was a member of the St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed church and the Lee County Bar Association.

Surviving Mr. Oertel are his widow, Gertrude; several cousins and other relatives.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Frank W. Oertel the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful public servant.

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.

ADRIAN B. BRINCK,
THOMAS O. NUTT,
JOHN B. ROCKWELL,
Committee.

CAROLYN C. PENDRAY

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

Carolyn Campbell Pendray was born at Mount Pleasant, Henry county, December 9, 1881, and entered into rest November 23, 1958.

She was educated in the public schools of Mount Pleasant and was trained in the teaching profession. Her professional record includes twenty years in educational work including seven years as county superintendent of schools of Henry county.

Carolyn Campbell was united in marriage with William James Pendray, of Oskaloosa, in 1920. Mr. Pendray preceded her in death.

In 1923 they moved to Maquoketa where Mr. Pendray managed a store. Mrs. Pendray was an active worker in the Democratic party. In 1928 she was elected State Representative from Jackson county, the first woman to sit in the Iowa legislature. She won re-election in 1930, and in 1932 was a successful candidate for the state senate. Mrs. Pendray was responsible for the law permitting a wife to hold, exempt from seizure for debt, certain property of her own. Prior to its enactment, only the husband was recognized as the head of the household and only he could claim property exempt from seizure for debt.

She was a member of the D. A. R., the Congregational church, and P. E. O. Surviving her is one sister, Mrs. A. J. Kizer of Texarkana, Texas.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Carolyn C. Pendray the state has lost a woman who was outstanding in her contribution to education and legislation on women's rights, and the House, by this resolution, would express its appreciation of her service and tender its sympathy to the members of her family.