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THIS WEEK: Iowa Legislative League

BACKGROUND: Started in 1909, the League consisted of women spouses of Iowa Legislators who met socially. Since then, the organization has grown to include men spouses and family members of legislators. The League serves as a bi-partisan organization and holds weekly meetings during session. These meetings include educational programs as well as social functions. Staff of the Legislative Services Agency has scanned all the scrapbooks and archival material collected by the Legislative League over the past 100 years. The following newspaper article has been taken from a 1939 archival scrapbook from the files of the Iowa Legislative League.

**Legislative Women's League Has Tea;
 Names New Officers at First Meeting**

<p>LEGISLATIVE WOMEN'S LEAGUE entertained at its first tea of the season Thursday afternoon at Hotel Fort Des Moines.</p> <p>Acting as hostesses were Mesdames Ed Brown, John Gillespie, Francis Johnson, George Cossion and Claude Stanley, all of Des Moines; Morris Moore of Walnut; Irving Knutson of Jewell; Hugh</p>	<p>Lundy of Albia; B. C. Whitehill of Marshalltown; Charles Hoeven of Alton; and O. J. Kirketeg of Bedford.</p> <p>Officers' Wives.</p> <p>Mrs. David Dancer, past league president, introduced state officers' wives.</p> <p>The league met Friday morning for its first meeting at the historical building and elected the</p>	<p>following new officers: Mesdames Kirketeg, president; E. P. Corwin of Muscatine, vice president; Earl C. Fishbaugh of Shenandoah, second vice president; Harlan C. Foster of Mount Pleasant, treasurer; Robert Blue of Eagle Grove, secretary; Whitehill, corresponding secretary; and K. A. Evans of Emerson, press correspondent.</p> <p>Board Members.</p> <p>Members of the board of directors include Mesdames Fred Everett of Albia; C. Colfax Smith of Clarksville; Fred Cromwell of Burlington; L. C. Bowers of Kent; John Irwin of Keokuk; and Leo Hoegh of Chariton.</p> <p>Regular meetings of the league will be at 10 a. m. each Thursday at the historical building.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
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Mrs. K. A. Evans and children, Rosalie and Arnold of Emerson, have been residing at 3123 Ingersoll Avenue, during the legislative session. They are the family of Representative Evans.



Among the legislators' wives residing during the legislative session in Des Moines is Mrs. Martin Oosterhout of Orange City, who is shown with her son, Peter Denne, age 7. With Representative Oosterhout, she is living at the Brown hotel.



Mrs. O. N. Hultman and nine-month-old son, Donald, of Stanton, are residing with Representative Hultman during the legislative season at the Hotel Commodore. Mr. Hultman is representative from Montgomery County.