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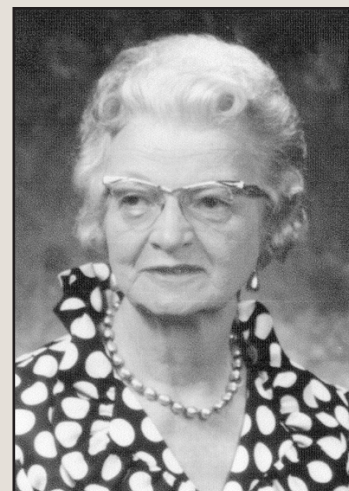
LEROY & MARGUERITE HIEBER “Hieber Family Educational Trust Fund”

Leroy Edward Hieber was born in Cedar Falls, Iowa, on July 16, 1901, to Edward and Caroline (Belz) Hieber. As a high school student, he worked for his great-uncle, Benjamin Hieber, as a “soda jerk” at Hieber Drug on Main Street. Leroy’s uncle sent him to the University of Michigan where he obtained a B.A. in Business. Leroy did not return to join the family business in Cedar Falls. He briefly operated a Karmelkorn Store in Mason City, and also worked for Burroughs Adding Machine Company in Peoria, Illinois, selling bookkeeping machines to banks.



LEROY HIEBER

Mina Marguerite (Martin) Hieber was born in Ruthven, Iowa, on May 26, 1903, to William and Josie (Bramblee) Martin. She would later become a teacher and enjoy a career as an educator in Newhall and Cedar Falls.



MARGUERITE HIEBER

The paths of Leroy and Marguerite eventually crossed. Marguerite lived with her grandmother in Cedar Falls while attending Iowa State Teachers’ College (now the University of Northern Iowa or UNI). One day, while Leroy was home from college, Marguerite walked to the nearby Hieber farm to purchase cream and the rest is history.

Leroy and Marguerite were married on September 5, 1927, in Crosby, North Dakota.

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The Hiebers eventually returned to Waterloo and Leroy began his career with Mid Continent Petroleum Co. Northern Division Office in the “Insurance Building” at East 4th & Franklin Street in Waterloo (now the KWWL building).

After their marriage, Marguerite quit teaching and spent her time as a full time wife and later mother to their only son, Douglas Martin Hieber.

Leroy’s career path finally took him to the Carnation Company as the office manager. After much hard work, he was able to rise to the General Manager position before his retirement.

Leroy contributed to many community organizations including the Iowa Dairy Council, Kiwanis Club and Toastmasters.

Douglas Hieber grew up enjoying art and literature. His mother encouraged these interests. Douglas eventually won Scholastic Magazine awards and majored in Commercial Art at Cornell College in Iowa. He obtained a Masters degree in Library Science at the University of Illinois. He has enjoyed professional positions as Art Librarian at the University of Iowa, Curator of Exhibits at the Hoover Presidential Library and as Circulation Librarian at the University of Northern Iowa. At UNI he was also involved in exhibits, publications design, interior design and the library's art collection. Douglas and his wife now live in Granite Bay, California.

Leroy passed away in 1972 and Marguerite in 1977.

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The Hieber Family Educational Trust Fund is now a part of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, and will be awarded annually to deserving students for years to come.

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