

**Kenneth O. Earl**

**August 21, 1897- November 15, 1975**

**Elected 1932 - 2 years, 1934 - 4 years**

**Kenneth O. Earl served two terms on the Clark County Commission and is part of the only family to have brothers serve on the County Commission; his brother Ira J. Earl served two terms on the commission in the 1940s. The Earls were part of a pioneer family in the Moapa Valley and their father, Joseph I. Earl, was active in the Democratic Party and politics in Clark County for over forty years.**

**Kenneth O. Earl was born in Bunkerville in 1897. He graduated from high school Virgin Valley High School in 1917, and shortly after took up farming and cattle ranching in the Virgin Valley. He married Vertie Ann Leavitt in 1917.**

**In 1920, Kenneth moved to Las Vegas and took up work with his brother, Ira, at the Clark Forwarding Company owned and operated by Ed Clark and C.C. Ronnow. Earl enjoyed working in the mercantile of the company and decided to go into business for himself. He bought the general store in Bunkerville and operated it successfully for many years.**

**Earl ran for the County Commission in 1932 and was elected to a short-term position when he defeated Albert Jones by a wide margin. He ran for re-election in 1934 and easily won another term on the commission. He served as chairman of the board between 1936 and 1938. In 1938, Earl mounted a reelection campaign claiming his record "merits reelection." In a close contest, voters elected Harold Stocker over Earl.**

**Earl continued to operate his general store in Bunkerville for many years. He later moved to Meridian, Idaho and owned a farm. He then retired to St. George, Utah and worked in the LDS temple. He returned to Idaho after becoming ill and died on November 15, 1975 in Boise, Idaho.**