

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Blythe, James E. / D. Senator _____

Represented Cerro Gordo County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 20 Jan 1856 Cranberry, New Jersey

2. Marriage (s) date place
Grace Smith 9 June 1881

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Deed of Cerro Gordo County bar; he was a member of the bar for more than 60 years; admitted to the bar in June 1878

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Attorney

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 22nd 23rd General Assemblies 1888, 1890

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State Managed the Iowa State Republican campaign 1892, 1893, 1894

C. National _____

7. Death 21 Sept 1938 Lake Winnabegon near fishing trip in Minnesota; buried Elmwood Cemetery,

8. Children Maudie (Mrs. Gilmore); Jeanie (Mrs. Gentry) Mason City, Iowa

9. Names of parents Rev. J. H. Blythe

10. Education Education in schools of Harrover, Indiana

11. Degrees Graduate of Harrover College, Harrover, Indiana in June 1877 with a
M.A. degree

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He moved with his family to Indiana when he was still a boy
- After college he moved to Mason City, Iowa and worked for one year in the law office of Goodys party and Hilbert where he read law and a year later he was admitted to the bar. He then formed a partnership with Frank Goodys party.
- His wife's brother was a law partner until he was appointed to the district bench.
- In Sept 1881, Mr. Goodys party went to Dakota and so he formed a partnership with J. E. E. Markley, Charles A. Smith joined from 1901 - 1924 when he died.
- A. L. Rude joined the firm in 1906
- R. J. Clough was with the firm 1924-1928
- Later Mr. Dibble and Rob Roy Arney became firm members but James was not active but instead giving attention to his many business affairs.

R. R. UNIONS IN FINAL VOTE TO STRIKE OCT. 1

Complete Tabulation Shows Ballot to Be Almost Unanimous

BULLETIN

CHICAGO, (AP)—President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Monday informed H. A. Enochs, chairman of the railroad management conference committee, and William M. Leiserson, chairman of the national mediation board, that the brotherhood had voted to strike at 12:01 a. m., Saturday, Oct. 1.

CHICAGO, (U.P.)—Officials of 19 railroad brotherhoods said Monday incomplete tabulation of a nation-wide poll of the 928,500 operating and clerical employes of all class 1 railroads indicated that the workers had voted almost unanimously to strike—if the roads carry out plans to slash wages 15 per cent on Oct. 1.

They will make formal announcement of the complete vote late Monday or Monday night. They indicated they would call a national strike for next Saturday, the day the reduction is scheduled to go into effect. The strike call, however, would not mean an actual strike but would serve only as a final step toward a showdown on the proposed cut.

As a matter of fact, a strike next Saturday is impossible and would be, literally, a violation of the law. The national railway labor act of 1922, designed to permit ample time for consideration and possible settlement of such grave disputes, requires that the question be submitted to a presidential fact-finding commission after the workers have decided to strike. The commission has 30 days in which to make its report and the workers cannot strike for 30 days after the report has been made public. Therefore, in the present case, they could not strike before Dec. 1 at the earliest.

Iowans Burned in Speedboat Explosion

CHICAGO, (U.P.)—Six persons

James E. Blythe Funeral Services to Be Wednesday

Dean of Cerro Gordo Bar Dies of Heart Attack While on Trip

Funeral services for James E. Blythe, 82, dean of the Cerro Gordo county bar and senior member of the law firm of Blythe, Markley, Rule, Dibble and Cerney, will be held Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Patterson funeral home with Doctor W. L. Dibble officiating. Burial will be in Elmwood cemetery.

Mr. Blythe was on a fishing trip at Pines Resort on Lake Winnebago in the Chippewa national forest, Minnesota, with Lester Dibble, one of his partners, when he suffered an acute heart attack. Death occurred about 8 o'clock Saturday evening before an ambulance could arrive to take him to a hospital. The body was brought back to Mason City Sunday.

He was known throughout the state as an attorney and for his activity in republican party politics around the turn of the century.

Mr. Blythe had been a member of the bar for more than 60 years, having been admitted in June, 1878, and was the oldest attorney in Cerro Gordo county in point of service.

Wife, Daughters Survive

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Maude Gilmore, Hollywood, Cal., and Mrs. Jeane Gentry, Redlands, Cal., and several grandchildren.

The family requested that no flowers be sent but expressed appreciation for messages of sympathy.

He was born in Cranberry, N. J., Jan. 20, 1856, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Blythe. The family moved to Indiana while he was still a boy and all his early schooling was received in Hanover, Ind. He was graduated from Hanover college in June, 1877, with a master of arts degree.

Immediately after his graduation he came to Mason City and worked for one year in the law office of Goodykoontz and Wilber reading law and one year later when he was admitted to the bar formed a partnership with Frank Goodykoontz.

Judge Smith Partner

He was married June 9, 1881, to Miss G. Smith of Goshen, Ind. Her brother, Clifford P. Smith, was one of Mr. Blythe's partners for several years until his



JAMES E. BLYTHE

he will be buried originally was built by Mr. Blythe as his home. It is only one of many homes which he was directly responsible for building in Mason City.

The community project at Rock Glen was one which he developed with Mr. Markley. Years ago it was the town dumping grounds. It was purchased from A. T. Parker and the old mill removed after which Walter Burley Griffin and Francis Barry Byrne, famous Chicago architects, landscaped the site and planned the development.

Mr. Blythe also is remembered by early residents as one who was instrumental in the organization of Mason City's first baseball team and as the receiving end of the famous battery of Sistine and Blythe. Steve Sistine, later of Clear Lake, was the pitcher.

ITALY WOULD BE IN WAR—DUCE

Mussolini Definitely Commits Nation to Part in Conflict

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Addressing 100,000 cheering fascists massed in the main square at Vatican...

FRANCE BRITAIN TRIP

Issue Foreign Titles

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CHICAGO, (U.P.)—Six persons were burned, three seriously, when the engine of an excursion speedboat engine exploded as the boat left its Chicago river pier. Claude Warfield, 21, Maxwell, Iowa, Eldon Davis, 22, Nevada, Iowa, and Gus Palmquist, Chicago, operator of the boat, were taken to a hospital for treatment.

65 Feared Dead in Spanish R. R. Crash

BARCELONA, Spain, (AP)—A death list of at least 65 persons was feared Monday in a head-on collision between two passenger trains. The wreck destroyed four coaches and badly damaged two others. It occurred in a heavy storm about 15 miles west of Barcelona.

The Weather FORECAST

IOWA: Generally fair Monday night and Tuesday, except thundershowers central and east Monday afternoon or Monday night; slightly warmer extreme southeast; cooler extreme west Monday night; cooler Tuesday.

MINNESOTA: Generally fair Monday night and Tuesday, except unsettled east portion Monday night; cooler tonight and east and extreme south Tuesday.

IN MASON CITY

Globe-Gazette weather figures for 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. Monday:

Maximum Sunday	74
Minimum in night	54
At 8 a. m. Monday	70
LAST YEAR:	
Maximum	60
Minimum	29
Figures for Sunday:	
Maximum Saturday	72
Minimum in night	41
At 8 a. m. Sunday	59
LAST YEAR:	
Maximum	65
Minimum	32

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In September, 1881, after Mr. Goodykoontz had gone to Dakota, J. E. E. Markley arrived in the city from Marshalltown and the partnership of Blythe and Markley was formed. Clarence A. Smith also was a member of the firm from 1901 until his death in 1924. A. L. Rule came into the office in 1906. R. F. Clough also was associated with the firm from 1924 until 1928.

Mr. Markley, now the oldest member of the firm, has been bedfast at his home since suffering a heart attack early in the summer. His condition is reported still serious.

During the last few years since Mr. Dibble and Rob Roy Cerney became members of the firm, Mr. Blythe had not been active in the practice of law although he continued to give his personal attention to his many business affairs.

Active in Politics

Mr. Blythe was known throughout the state as a leader of Iowa's republican politics in the 90's and early 1900's. He was a member of the house of representatives in the twenty-second and twenty-third sessions and for a number of years served on the state central committee, three years as chairman. He managed the republican campaign in the state in 1892, 1893 and 1894, during which years the republicans gained all of the six seats in congress previously held by democrats.

During his years of political activity he was closely associated with a number of prominent Iowans including James Harlan, Governor Stoen, Governor Kirkwood, Senator James F. Wilson, Senator William B. Allison, Senator Albert B. Cummins, Jonathan P. Dolliver, John A. Kasson, Judge Trimble of Keokuk, the Richardsons of Iowa City and his own half brother, J. W. Blythe of Burlington.

He later traveled extensively, making several trips to Europe and one around the world. He also was an authority on Mexico.

The funeral home from which

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Addressing 100,000 cheering fascists massed in the main square at Verona, Mussolini thundered: "If war comes, Italy will not hesitate for one minute to participate in it."

While he was speaking, it was learned from an unimpeachable source here that all pilots in active service and in the air corps had been ordered to remain on 24 hour duty at their air fields, that all leaves had been canceled, that commanders had been told not to approve even a temporary furlough.

Monday was Mussolini's last speech during his tour of the Venice provinces—speeches that have grown more war-like as the intensity of the European crisis increased.

He spoke of Italy's attachment to fascism.

"The enemy are gathered around the symbol of the hammer and sickle," he said.

4 Children Die in Blaze in Michigan

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., (AP)—Four children were burned to death early Monday when fire destroyed a house 12 miles southwest of Grand Rapids. The victims were Doris, 10; Anna, 8; William, 6, and Josephine, 4, all children of Roscoe Hazelton, a millwright.

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ment to rally people for either French Premier Poincaré and Foreign Minister Bonnet started after a night's work with Chamberlain that result in an accord on two conditions:

1. A last attempt to be made in the Balkans and the Balkan states.
2. Joint British and French measures to be taken to prevent the planes from being drawn into the conflict.

A personal appeal from Roosevelt to the European peace conference and the moral stiffening of Europe's democratic states.

Behind them the French chief of staff, Maurice Gamelin, was working out co-ordinating units for any eventualities.

Parliament

Chamberlain's statement was full of cautions, many of them Mediterranean in character.

British warships were ordered to leave the sea lanes.

Before Daladier took off from London at 8:15 a. m., the premier sent a message to President Roosevelt.

British air authorities are reported to be recruiting for recruits. London's air raid shelters were ordered to be opened for refugees.

Gaunt little Chamberlain's speech to Hitler.

Sir Horace White, the prime minister's brain trust and "officeboy"—was in the fuhrer's office Friday.

Britain, of course, what Sir Horace White said now seems certain.

But there were possibilities:

1. A fervent appeal to leave the peaceful settlement.
2. Suggestive to the effect that Hitler would let the British to some part of