Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Bascom, John Lyman Senator _____

Represented Dickinson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 6 Nov 1860 Clayton County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Winifred Yorker 6 Sept 1904

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He maintained his law office in Milford for 59 years from 1890 – April 1949

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Eastern Star; Shriner

C. Profession Attorney; real estate business

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 32nd 33rd 34th General Assemblies 1907, 1909, 1911

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 4 Jan 1950 Milford, Iowa; buried Okoboji Cemetery, Okoboji, Iowa

8. Children Fayette; John; Helen (Mrs. Elsa); Grace

9. Names of parents John Sanborn and Phebe (Spencer) Bascom

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BASCOM, John LUMAN

10. Education

11. Degrees Northern Indiana Normal School, Valparaiso, Indiana - graduate of scientific course 1884; graduate of law course in 1887

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came to Milford, Iowa in August 1890 as a young man and started his law practice
- He moved with his parents to Clinton County, Iowa in spring 1865 where they purchased a farm near Preston, Iowa. He resided there until 1882.
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STRICKEN AT HOME SATURDAY AFTERNOON WITH HEART ATTACK.

Alfred M. Swenson, 49, a resident of Dickinson county since boyhood, was stricken with a severe heart attack at his home during the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 31, and passed away a short time after a physician arrived in summons to a call. Mr. Swenson had not been ill prior to Saturday, but did complain of not feeling well that morning, and returned home from his work with the Kuinsland Construction crew during the morning. Mrs. Swenson had accompanied her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Holland, to Emmetsburg where her mother is seriously ill in the hospital, and was not aware of her husband's illness until a call telling of his death reached her.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 3, from the Little Sioux Lutheran church at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Gordon Smedsrud conducted the last rites which were arranged by the Leyson Funeral Home. A quartet sang "Abide With Me" and Mrs. Smedsrud sang "The Lord's Prayer." Casket bearers were nephews of the deceased, Orville Wilson of Emmetsburg, Alvin Ludwig, Roger Swenson, Marvin Swenson, Mervin Johnson of Eagle Bend, Minn., and Bob Reed of Cedar Falls. Interment was made in the Little Sioux cemetery beside the bodies of his father and mother.

The American Legion had charge of the graveside services with Rev. J. H. Castle acting as chaplain.

Alfred M. Swenson, the son of Halvor and Regnild Swenson, was born Nov. 1, 1900, at Marathon, Iowa. He lived for a short time in Clay county, and when a boy of 10 moved with his parents to Dickinson county and the Milford community. His parents continued to farm in this county until their death, and Mr. Swenson has alway made his home here.

He was married to Dorothy Schwien on May 13, 1946. He served in the last war and was stationed at Camp Adair, Ore., at the time of his discharge.

Left to mourn the untimely death of this young man are his wife, Dorothy, five sisters, Gertrude, Mrs. H. K. Kuntson of Belview, Minn., Hannah, Mrs. Irwin Gibbs of Belview, Julia, Mrs. George Hofstad, of Milford, Rose, Mrs. Clyde Warner of Lakefield, and Mrs. Mable Johnson of Eagle Bend, Minn., and four brothers, Sam of Belview, Minn., [illegible] of Minneapolis, Minn., [illegible] hart of La Porte, Minn., and [illegible]

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LAST RITES FOR PIONEER MILFORD ATTORNEY TO BE HELD FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Milford's pioneer attorney, J. L. Bascom, 88, died at his Milford home Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock, following a lingering illness.

Last rites will be held at the Leyson Funeral Home Friday afternoon at two o'clock, in charge of the Milford Masonic lodge.

Mr. Bascom retired from his life-long profession of law last April and gave up his office after maintaining it for 59 years.

J. L. BASCOM

He came to Milford in August, 1890, as a young man, and started his practice in the upstairs of the Tierney building. His business office was never moved during his entire time of service in the community.

He was active through his entire adult life in Masonic lodges, being a member I. A. F. & A. M. since 1884, and later belonging to Eastern Star, Royal Arch, Knights Templar and Shrine.

He was married Sept. 6, 1904, and is survived by his wife and the four children born to this union, namely, Fayette of Milford, John of Denison, Helen of DesPlaines, Ill., and Grace of Los Angeles.

Mr. Bascom has many friends in the county, who were made through business and Masonic circles, who regret his passing, and extend sympathy to the family.

Okoboji Loses To Excelsior

The Excelsior high school basketball teams took both ends of a double header from Okoboji Cons. on the Milford floor Wednesday night of this week. The Okoboji cagers 35 to 25, and the [illegible] rolled out the

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS LEASE NEW QUARTERS IN BURGIN BUILDING

The Milford Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and the Pythian Sisters, this past week completed arrangements to lease the upstairs of the Burgin building, above the Jensen Hardware, to be used as lodge rooms.

The Knights are now located in the upstairs of the Palmer Variety store building here. This month will be spent building in new lockers in the Burgin building, preparatory to the Knights moving in Feb. 1st.

The K. P.'s plan to establish a club room in the front section of the building, for the pleasure and entertainment of members and their friends. The large center room will be converted into a lodge room, leaving the kitchen in the west end.

For several years this organization has sponsored private dances here through the winter months. They have proven to be very popular with the members and their guests.

Strand Matinees Every Saturday

Matinee picture shows will be held every Saturday until further notice at the Strand theatre in Milford. Admission charged will be 10c for children and 30c for adults.

A special western feature will be booked for the exclusive Saturday matinee showing by Manager H. A. Parrott of the Strand.

The Saturday matinees are being continued as a public service, so adults can shop in Milford, and have a place for their children to be entertained.

County Sing To Be Held Jan. 9

The second county sing of the 1949-50 season is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 9. It will be held at the Arnolds Park town hall beginning at 8 p. m.

A good time in singing is assured by Mrs. Hadley Shafer, county music chairman. Folk

(Continued on last page)

Dickinson County Farm Burea Drive Will Start Monday,

DICKINSON COUNTY 1950 MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS

Following are the 1950 Farm Bureau membership standings on Saturday, Dec. 31. The totals include memberships paid into the office and those on bank contract:

Twp.	Quota	Paid	%
Silver Lake	77	35	46.5
Diamond Lake	52	33	63.5
Spirit Lake	65	48	73.8
Superior	71	38	53.5
Excelsior	82	42	51.2
Lakeville	51	26	51.1
Center Grove	197	88	44.7
Richland	80	44	55.0
Westport	90	60	66.7
Okoboji	116	76	65.5
Milford	131	74	56.5
Lloyd	88	47	53.4
Totals	1100	611	55.5

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Lions Club Sponsors Rest Room For Sat. Shoppers

The Milford Lions club at their luncheon meeting Tuesday of this week voted to sponsor a lounge room in the Milford town hall for women shoppers here, every Saturday until May 1.

Mrs. Stanley Coleman will be in charge of the room, and it will be open starting this Saturday. The council room will be used during the afternoon, and the community room will be available every Saturday evening. The Adventist church holds regular Saturday services in the community room.

Last winter the Milford Commercial Club sponsored the women's lounge room and it proved to be very popular.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hastert of Alton were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Doud and family. Mrs. Doud and children accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Hastert home Friday evening, and were joined by Mr. Doud Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Doud and family returned home Monday.

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come was devised. The total amount received from 1,100 membership dues ($11,000) and the $3,000 county appropriation gives a total of about $14,000. The appropriation to the Extension budget would be $7,000 in equal share. Separate bank accounts have been established for unty Extension and County m Bureau funds.

Mr. Northey also stated that insofar as possible complete records and work of Extension and Farm Bureau will be maintained separately.

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Food, clothing for men, women and children, furniture and home furnishings, hardware and farm supplies . . . . all will be found listed in various sale advertisements in this issue of The Milford Mail.

Week end shopping crowds have hit an all time peak in Milford during the past month. Join them this weekend. "You can buy the same thing cheaper in Milford!"

T. B. SEAL SALE IS STILL SOLICITING

The Dickinson County committee in charge of the sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals is continuing the drive for a limited time to accept more funds, in an attempt to put the county over the top. If you haven't sent your contribution in, please do so at once, and help in this worthy cause.

Evelyn Judy Graham is ill this week with chicken pox.

Mr. and Mrs LeRoy Luchtel were in Sioux Falls Tuesday on business.

Joe Miller is visiting with Mrs. Miller's parents in Smithland for a few days this week.

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Mrs. Roy Bever, Mrs. George Hemphill and Mrs. Frank Fleming were Monday one o'clock luncheon guests of Mrs. L. E. Paul.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lighter and Jay were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bright, Jr., and son, Donnie, at Sioux Rapids.

Engagement Is Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jorth of Milford announce the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie, to Donald Wahlgren of Pocahontas. The wedding will take place in June. Miss Jorth graduated from the Milford high school in 1945 and is now attending Luther college in Decorah. She will graduate in the summer with an A.B. degree in English. She has taught in the Ringsted school the past two years. Mr. Wahlgren is also attending Luther college, taking post graduate work.

HOLD SPECIAL TONITE

Gloaming Lodge, A. F. & A. M., will hold a special meeting this Thursday evening at the Masonic hall in Milford. Work will be conferred in the Fellowcraft degree, and a lunch will be served at the close of the meeting.

Declamatory Contest Jan. 18

At 7:30 Wednesday evening, Jan. 18, the home declamatory contest will be held at the Milford high school auditorium. Students will compete in oratorical, dramatic and humorous divisions. An additional feature will be a one-act play, "Andy Annihilates Annabelle." Finalists for the home contest were chosen at a preliminary contest held Jan. 5.

Mr. Fonkert of Spencer high school will be judge. Admission will be 30c for students and 50c for adults. The program for the evening is as follows:

Oratorical

"Skeletons All," Joyce Morse

Dramatic

"Swan Song," Dean Marth

"The Valiant," Neva Northey

"Finger of God," Marcia Titterington.

Humorous

"One Big Happy Family," Roberta Castle.

"The Widow's Mites," Gary Gary Maranell

"Dottie Drives a Bargain," Allene Shoemaker

"Daffy Daphne," Wynona Tatman

"Brothers Take a Bow," Merton Ward.

"Arsenic and Old Lace," Phyllis Winter.

One-Act Play

"Andy Annihilates Annabelle"

Andy Moore .... Gary Maranell
Daphne Moore, Darlene March- and
Mrs. Moore .... Joyce Morse
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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jungers, accompanied by their daughter and grandchildren, Mrs. Elmer Espey and two children, of Lime Springs, returned to Milford Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Jungers had been staying the past three weeks in the Espey home caring for the children while Mrs. Espey underwent a major operation. Mrs. Espey and children will remain in the Jungers home until she regains her health.

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