Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative BALLUFF, August A. **Senator** BALLUFF, AUGUST A.

Served from Scott County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 12 Jan 1859, Davenport, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place Josephine E. Havercamp, 30 September 1879, St. Mary's Church, Muscatine, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Lawyer, law clerk, druggist, bank cashier, telehone co officer, clerk of court, deputy clerk of court

B. Civic responsibilities Member, Demo state central committee 6 yrs

C. Profession

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 33 GA 1909-10, Scott Co., House
~~34/35 GA 1911-14 SD 21, Scott Co.~~

6. Public Offices

A. Local Dep clerk Dist Ct, 1884-1889; Clerk Dist Ct 1893-97

B. State

C. National

7. Death 18 November 1934, Dvaenport, extended illness; bur. St. Marguerites Cem, ~~Davenport~~

8. Children (1) Walter Martin B---- (18 Sept 1880 -); atty, Davenport; (2) Bernadine Adelle (aka Adelle, Adle) (4 Oct. 1884 -); ~~(3) Elmer George (17 Aug~~ 1887 - before 1934).

9. Names of parents John C. Balluff (1829-31 Aug 1888), b.Prussia,grocer, Davenport; Mathilde (Matilda) Hesse (1841 - 16 June 1921), ~~b. Prussia, both par bur St. Marguerites C~~

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Ballhff, August A.

10. Education ~~St Marguerite's School, until age 15~~

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information ~~At 15, apprenticexd tp drug firm of~~ Harrison & Holman; clerk in drug store in Muscatine 1879-1882; had own drug store in Davenport 1882 until le~~aving in 1884 because of health. Dep Clerk Dist Ct, Scott Co, 1884-1889; Clerk~~ of Dist Ct. 1893-1897. Clerk in law office of Cook & Dodge 1889-1893. Employed by Iowa Tel. Co. after lev~~ing office 1897, and became Secy & Treas of Co. Nov. 1898 became cashier of~~ Citizens Nat Bank; when it merged with German Sav. Bank he became vp of bank & also secy/treas of German Tru~~st Co. Rewsigned 1 May 1908. After 1 Jan 1909 was either clerk or atty w firm~~ of Cook & Dodge, later Cook & Balluff. His son Walter C, who became lawyer in 1901 and joined firm became p~~artner in it in 1906. Walter was Demo. Co. chair in 1934~~

Wife and ~~one~~ son predeceased him. Survived by Walter, Adele and two granchildren, and by two sister~~s and four brothers.~~

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Ballutt, August 4.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Stork/Clingan, Legislaters		x	swessions served
Davenport Democrat, Mon. 19 Nov 1934		x	death/obit
Purcell, Them was the Good Old Days in Davenport, 1922		x	ref to father's grocery
Scott Co. Grave Records (WPA)		x	bur AA,wf,par & sisistex
Scott Co. Heritage, 1991	x		
Bio Hist & Port Gallwery Scott Co 1895	x		
Scott Co. Marriage Index,		x	marr of son Walter
1925 Census		x	AA, wf, dau
1860 & 1870 census	x (not found)		
1880 Census		x	fa,mo,5bro,2sis
1920 census		x	AA,wf,da lists as lawyer
Muscatine Co. marriages C-503		x	AA & UJosephine
Scott Co. births 1-23,2-2,2-019		x	Walter, Bernadine (Adele), Elmer
Davenport City Directory 1873--1898-9		x	various fam members occupations, res.

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Reduce Expenditures

APS TO HER DEATH

THIRD IN FIVE DAYS TO TAKE FATAL PLUNGE

Blasted Romance Blamed For Suicide of Former Showgirl.

Chicago, Nov. 19.—(AP)—A mid-aged woman leaped to her death m a window of the Stevens tel today, her body landing on sidewalk on crowded Michigan enue. It was the third similar ath in Chicago in the last five ys.

The body landed in front of the evens cafe, about 20 feet south the intersection of Michigan enue and Balbo place. A police-n who witnessed the fall hur-dly covered the body with a ta-ecloth obtained from the cafe.

The victim was identified by the roner's office as Mrs. Teresa aughton Ryan, aged 65, wife of omas Ryan, a retired policeman. e had registered at the hotel as rs. Brown of Joliet, Ill., only lf r before the tragedy.

A leap from a hotel win-w Sunday ended the broken ro-

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AAA Allows Greater Hog, Corn Output

0 Per Cent Production Cut '35 Mark; Support Urged.

Washington, Nov. 19.—(AP)—he AAA appealed to the farmers day to support the 1935 corn-hog rogram, which represents a con-derable relaxation of the drive r drastic slashes in output.

Secretary Wallace announced st night that next year's acreage djustment contracts would call r a 10 per cent reduction each corn acreage and hog numbers om the 1932-33 acreage. Cuts f 20 to 30 per cent in corn acre-ge and 25 per cent in hogs were ere required this year.

Easing up the program further, he AAA will permit farmers to ent any part of their corn fields o the government, purchase feed-r pigs from other contract sign-rs, and grow any crop except orn on rented acres.

Signers may reduce acreage up o 30 r cent if they choose and ec additional benefit pay-nei

Benefit payments for acreage aken out of production will be in-

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Name Sounded Familiar; There Was a Reason

Oskaloosa, Ia.—When Har-

August A. Balluff, Former Scott County Clerk And State Legislator, Dead

Called

AUGUST A. BALLUFF

Was Father of Democratic Central Committee Chairman.

August A. Balluff, 75, former county official and state legislator, and a resident of Davenport practically his entire life, died at 8 p. m. Sunday at his home, 416 West Sixteenth street. His death terminated an extended illness.

One time chairman of the city and county Democratic central committees himself, Mr. Balluff was the father of Walter M. Balluff, Davenport attorney recently appointed county chairman.

Always a staunch Democrat, Mr. Balluff had served as clerk of the Scott county district court, and as representative and senator from Scott county in the Iowa legislature. Too, he was a member of the Democratic state central committee for the Second district for six years.

Funeral Wednesday.

Funeral services will be held at 8:30 a. m. Wednesday at the late residence, and at 9 at St. Anthony's church. Burial, which will be private, will be in St. Marguerite's cemetery. The body was removed to the Fred N. Ruhl funeral home, and will be returned to the family home at 4 p. m. Tuesday. It was requested that flowers be omitted.

A druggist by early training and occupation, Mr. Balluff in later years was an officer in Davenport banks and the Iowa Telephone Co., as well as serving in county and state offices.

He was born in Davenport, Jan. 12, 1859, a son of John C., and Matilda Hesse Balluff, pioneer residents here. He attended St. Marguerite's school, and when 15 years old was apprenticed to Harrison & Holman, whose store was situated at Third and Brady streets, to learn the drug business.

Opened Drug Store.

For three years beginning June, 1879, he was employed as a drug clerk in the I. L. Graham store, Muscatine, and in June, 1879, he opened a drug store in East Davenport. Ill health, however, forced him to give up the business, Jan. 1, 1844. In March of that year he entered his first county position, that of clerk in the office of W J. Birchard, clerk of the Scott county court.

He remained there five years and then became a clerk in the law office of Cook & Dodge. Jan. 1, 1893, he began serving his first term as county court clerk, a post he held for four years.

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WILLARD MACK, PLAYWRIGHT OF NOTE, SUCCUMBS

Made Colorful Figure in Theatrical World by Four Marriages.

Beverly Hills, Calif., Nov. 19.—(AP)—Willard Mack, 56, actor, playwright and film director, whose marital affairs made him one of the most colorful figures in the theatrical world, died at his home here late last night of a heart attack. He had been ill two weeks.

Willard, author and director of many notable films, was married four times. In each case he chose a woman for his wife from his profession.

His first wife was Maude Leone, well-known stage beauty. His second marriage was to Pauline Frederick, star of the stage and screen. Marjorie Rambeau, for many years a stage star and later a character actress of the screen, became his third wife. His fourth and last wife, who was at his bedside when the end came, was Beatrice Banks.

One of the most prolific of modern dramatists, Mack was the author of scores of plays, including

Dryland Farm Converted Into A "Gold Mine"

Saco, Mont., Nov. 19.—(AP)—For 24 years, the Charles Palm family eked out an existence on their dryland farm, but now Mrs. Palm calls it a "gold mine."

Geologists, seeking sand and gravel for construction of Fort Peck dam, found a million cubic yards of [illegible] property. Mrs.

SENT WITH MESSAGE; DO NOT RETURN

Searchers Find Bodies in Woods With Skulls Crushed.

ONE SUSPECT CONFESSES

Child, 13, Criminally Assaulted Before She and Sister, 9, Were Killed.

Clifton Forge, Va., Nov. 19.—(AP)—The bodies of two young girls, their skulls crushed by heavy blows, were found in woods near here early this morning by a searching party and shortly afterward authorities arrested three negroes and rushed them to Roanoke for safe keeping.

The two white children, Alice B. Hill, 13, and Ellen Hill, 9, had been missing since Sunday night after they had visited the farm on which one of the arrested negroes lived.

The negroes arrested were Philip Jones, 25, Chester Smith, Jr., about 23, and Jones' wife. Commonwealth's Attorney M. J. Putnam, stated that he had a confession from Jones that he killed the children, and that in the alleged confession Jones sought to implicate Smith. Smith, however, denied any part in the crime.

One Girl Attacked.

Coroner Louis A. Houff said the girls, children of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hill, of Clifton Forge, died of fractured skulls. He said the older girl had been assaulted.

The coroner said a shotgun, the stock broken and bearing bloodstains, was found under the Jones home. He said the younger child had evidently been killed first and that the two had been dead for about twelve hours at the time the bodies, bound together with fodder twine, were found about 100 yards from the Jones dwelling. Jones had a gun shot wound in one of his legs below the knee, which he claimed was accidentally inflicted.

Sent on Errand.

Authorities said they learned the children left home Sunday afternoon after the parents had received a telephone call from Jones asking that they be sent to notify his wife that he would not be home until late. Officers said they established that soon after this call, Jones went home.

A searching party was formed last night after the children failed to return home. The bodies were found about 4 o'clock this morning.

Smith told authorities he took Jones to a point near the latter's home in a taxi-cab during the afternoon, but that he did not go within half a mile of the house.

HUEY TO SEEK PRESIDENCY ON THIRD TICKET

Baton Rouge, La., Nov. 19.—(AP)—Huey Long, planning to seek the presidency in 1936 on a third party ticket, is basing his hopes for election on the young voters and "thinkers."

He hasn't made any announcement yet, but in conversation has intimated he will try out his pet schemes to make a "utopia" of Louisiana and thus establish a precedent for something of the sort to the nation.

"I care nothing about the old fogies and mossbacks," he said, "I

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from a building. He was remanded to jail when unable to furnish bond fixed at $1,000.

Police said Chehak made a written confession that he stole playing cards worth more than $50 from the Petersen Paper Co., stockroom, 222 East First street. Some of the cards he sold to tavern keepers who surrendered the stolen property at the request of police.

Chehak, who was represented by Attorney L. E. Marshall, said he stole cards on three different occasions while collecting waste paper in the Peterson plant.

Proposals For New Legislation Aired at Meeting

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tection, and division of inspection.

The commissioner is empowered to employ deputies, office assistants, and officers, all of whose salaries would be fixed by the governor and comptroller.

The department is charged with full police authority to enforce all state laws, enforce all laws relating to traffic including those regulating weight, speed and operation of vehicles, drivers', motor vehicle, truckers' licenses, investigate fires and apprehend persons suspected of arson, and disseminate fire prevention education, cooperate with game wardens in the enforcement of the fish and game laws, inspect and test all fuel and oil pumps, weights, measures, and scales, and the collection and classification of criminal identification records.

The department is also authorized to establish a training school for law enforcement officials and the subjects of instruction are set forth in the preliminary measure.

Rewards to General Fund.

The governor is empowered to establish divisional headquarters thruout the state. Under the measure, no officer of the department would be permitted to claim and retain a reward for the apprehension of a criminal, all such funds to be turned into the state's general fund.

The state bureau of purchases bill provides for the establishment of a state purchasing agency in the office of the state comptroller. Heading the agency would be a state purchasing agent appointed by the comptroller, the appointee to be an individual with experience in purchasing and the mercantile trade.

Power would be given the agent to purchase or contract for all supplies, materials and equipment required by the various state officers and departments, enforce standard specifications, transfer materials and supplies between departments and have charge of central storerooms.

All purchases wherever possible would be on the basis of competitive bids and awards made to the lowest and best responsible bidder.

The county purchasing bill would establish purchasing procedure for the various counties, providing that the board of supervisors of any county shall appoint as county purchasing agent a deputy county auditor.

The county purchasing agent would have duties similar to those of the state purchasing agent in respect to his own county. He would be responsible for purchase or contracting for all supplies, materials equipment and contractual services required by all departments or agencies of the county government subject to the provisions of the act, and the transfer and sale of obsolete equipment.

His purchases also would be based wherever possible on competitive bids and purchases or contracts exceeding $1,000 could not be made without the approval of a majority vote of the board of supervisors.

Those At Conference.

Newsmen ... the ... during the open forum session included John W. Carey, Sioux City; O. F. Brownlee, Sioux City; ...

Roy E. Dickerson, above, director of activities of the Grand Council of the Order of DeMolay, will confer the Legion of Honor degree upon Emil Strohbehn, Davenport, and Alex Vreeland, Rockford, Ill., formerly of this city, at the De Molay-Zarephath Consistory program Thursday at 7:45 p. m. at the Masonic temple.

As official grand council representative, Mr. Dickerson will also present Clinton Rehling, past master councilor of the local DeMolays, with emblems conferred with the honor of Representative DeMolay. The distinction is the highest award of the Order as distinguished from a degree.

The public is cordially invited to attend the ceremonies.

"G. P." Show Is Rated Highly By R. W. Cram

"The play and the performance of 'Green Pastures' impressed me more than any other I have seen," Ralph W. Cram, Editor and Publisher of The Democrat, wrote William J. Klinck, local impresario who is bringing the stage show to the Masonic Temple, Monday, Nov. 26.

Mr. Cram saw "Green Pastures" during its Chicago run and he liked it so well he will see it again.

"His opinion is shared by many Davenporters who saw the show in Chicago," Mr. Klinck states. "As a result of the mouth-to-mouth advertising, our advance seat sale has been most encouraging."

"Green Pastures" will be at the Temple for a matinee and night performance. It will bring one of the largest casts ever seen here, the cast being the same as that which opened the show in New York four years ago.

AAA Allows Greater Hog, Corn Output

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creased from 30 to 35 cents a bushel. Farmers will be allowed $15 a head for the number of hogs reduced from the base period average. Under the 1934 contract they were paid $5 a head for the number remaining after the 25 per cent reduction was made.

Dr. A. S. Black, chief of the corn-hog program, declared that certain factors "make a burdensome surplus of corn in the fall of 1935 a certainty unless a large percentage of farmers agree this coming spring to hold plantings within reasonable limits."

Pleading for farmers' support, he said "plans now must be based on the future outlook, not on the situation at the moment."

The AAA will begin disbursement of the second installment of the 1934 corn-hog payments, totaling about $92,000,000, within a few days.

Most of the checks on the first installment of the 1934 program, totaling about $129,000,000, have been distributed to producers.

Second payments will be distributed as rapidly as compliance certificates have been received and checked in Washington. To date approximately 450,000 certificates out of the total of 1,150,000 contracts have been received.

Ames, Ia., Nov. 19.—(AP)—With corn-hog reduction programs under the 1935 ...

plea will be entered in district court late this afternoon.

With two prior convictions as a shoplifter, Mrs. Alamanzo was arrested Saturday afternoon when she stole merchandise from five downtown stores.

Conviction on the current charge may result in commitment of the defendant to the women's reformatory at Rockwell City.

Former Scott County Clerk, Solon, Is Dead

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the employ of the Iowa Telephone Co. and soon was appointed secretary and treasurer, a position he held until November, 1898, when he became cashier of the old Citizens National bank. When that bank was merged with the German Savings bank he became vice president of the latter, as well as secretary and treasurer of the German Trust Co., a position from which he resigned May 1, 1908.

Elected Legislator.

It was in the fall of that year he was elected representative from Scott county in the Iowa legislature, serving during the 33rd general assembly. In 1910 he was elected senator and served in the 34th and 35th general assemblies.

About Jan. 1, 1909, he returned to the firm of Cook & Dodge, and continued with it and its successor, Cook & Balluff, until his death.

At Muscatine, Sept. 30, 1879, he married Josephine E. Havercamp, whose death occurred Dec. 20, 1929.

Surviving, besides his son, Walter M. Balluff, are a daughter, Miss Adele B. Balluff, also of Davenport; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Hoffman, Davenport, and Mrs. Lucy Kimmet, Springfield, Mo.; four brothers, John B. and Albert A. Balluff, Chula Vista, Calif., and Henry E. and Joseph Balluff, Chicago, and two grandchildren, Barbara J. and Bernard F. Balluff, Davenport.

Third Woman In Five Days Leaps to Death

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mance of another Chicago woman.

Mrs. Nellie Ablin, 26, a former showgirl, died in a plunge from the eighth floor of the Commonwealth hotel on the North Side last night during a celebration in honor of the 10 to 9 victory of the Chicago Bears professional team over the New York Giants.

Five days ago a young woman jumped from a Michigan avenue building after a man with whom she had been friendly had become interested in another girl.

Police said Mrs. Ablin was separated from her husband, Irving Ablin, of Aurora, Ill., and that their separation was believed to have been the reason for her act.

After she had listened to a broadcast of the football game, police said the young woman sent a telegram of congratulation to Bernie Masterson of the Bears, a former University of Nebraska backfield star. She then proposed the celebration and later jumped from the window.

Leaps From 8th Floor.

Witnesses of the tragedy were the victim's sister, Mrs. Thelma Walker Smith, 25, Lucille Moyse, Mrs. Alice Bennett, former Detroit night club hostess, and Mary Frances Smith, 5year-old niece of the dead woman.

Mrs. Bennett, who shared the hotel apartment with Mrs. Ablin, said the victim brooded over her separation from her husband and had been inordinately interested in news reports of the death plunge from the Medinah club last Wednesday of Lucille Nolan, 21-year-old night club hostess.

Miss Jean Lovere, above, food expert of Hollywood, Cal., will conduct a course in food chemistry Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8 p. m. at Unity Center, 818 Whitaker building. She is director of the food chemistry institute in Los Angeles, and previously taught in the Food Institute at Hollywood. While there, she had a number of movie stars as students, including Norma Talmadge, Mrs. Joe E. Brown, Myrna Kannedy and Alice Day.

Seaman Ill; Doctor Sends Advice By Air

San Juan, Puerto Rico, Nov. 19.—(AP)—For three days and nights a physician labored to save the life of a patient he may never see, and neither of them today probably knows even the other's name.

The happened in the Caribbean. The American steamer Algic was steaming toward the Barbados, 625 miles southwest, last Thursday. The chief engineer doubled up with abdominal pains. His captain ordered him to bed.

Freighters of 5,496 tons gross register do not carry medical experts aboard, but the captain knew a sick man when he saw one.

He sent out a wireless message for advice, and the United States coastguard cutter Unalga, stationed here, responded. The Algic's skipper described his patient's symptoms and the medical officer aboard the coastguard cutter told him what to do.

He ordered icepacks to be prepared and alternated with hotwater bottles on the patient's abdomen. Then, as the sick man's condition changed, he ordered stimulants, then opiates, then orange juice with brandy. At times he ordered the patient placed in a half reclining position and at other times he directed him placed flat on his back.

The freighter's captain watched his chief engineer closely and reported, across hundreds of miles of sea, his temperature, pulse, and respiration, together with the relative degrees of pain and ease.

Meanwhile the engineroom crew, without its chief, labored to hurry their ship toward port. They made Bridgetown at 2 a. m. yesterday. As the Algic dropped anchor, a launch pulled up alongside with doctors. They took the sick man ashore, put him in a waiting ambulance, and hurried him to a hospital cot.

Then, and not until that moment, the United States medical officer on the Unalga signed off.

CLERIC, FACING MANN ACT COUNT, GRANTED PAROLE

Des Moines, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Basel W. Foote, Council Bluffs evangelist who pleaded guilty to charges of Mann Act violation, today won a parole by professing repentance and a desire to care for his wife and five children.

Foote was sentenced by Federal Judge Charles A. Dewey to two years imprisonment in federal penitentiary when arraigned today and then paroled for a period of three years ... Robert Lappen, Des Moines probation officer.

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county bar and has engaged in many notable cases in the state and federal courts. He came to Davenport when its population was less than four thousand, and has witnessed its growth to over forty thousand people. He is a republican in politics and has been a frequent speaker in its political campaigns.

At his present age of seventy-eight, he is as vigorous in mind and body as at fifty, and coming of a long-lived ancestry, he bids fair to attain the limit of possible expectancy.

Walter M. Balluff was born September 18, 1880, in Scott county. His father, August A. Balluff, was also born in Scott county, and his mother, Josephine E. (Havercamp) Balluff was born in Muscatine county, both parents being of German descent.

Mr. Balluff was educated in the public schools of Davenport, graduating in 1899. He took a law course at the Iowa State University, graduating in 1901, and was admitted to the bar the same year, entering the law office of Cook & Dodge, and in 1906 he became a member of that firm and engaged in the general practice in all branches of the law.

In politics Mr. Balluff is a democrat with no political aspirations. He belongs to the Order of the Elks and the Knights of Columbus.

Henry E. C. Ditzen was born in Davenport, May 5, 1872. His parents, Henry J. and Amelia (Meier) Ditzen, were born and resided in Germany until about 1848 when they came to Davenport and gained a residence here.

Mr. Ditzen, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the common schools and high school of Davenport, and studied in the Iowa State University, law department, graduating in September, 1897. He was admitted to the bar the same year, and began the practice of the law alone; and on January 1, 1905, he qualified as a justice of the peace, having been elected in the fall of 1904. He is a

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