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Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Black, Benjamin Hazel Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Muscatine County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 23 Jul 1874 near Nichols, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
① Mary E. Welch 16 Dec 1896 Muscatine County, Iowa  
② Lucy Mepes Lincoln 1920

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Eastern Star; Elks Club

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 34<sup>th</sup> 35<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1911, 1913

6. Public Offices

A. Local Township Trustee

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 16 Dec 1937 Des Moines, Iowa; buried Nichols Cemetery, Nichols, Iowa

8. Children Robert (predeceased his father in death)

9. Names of parents Robert Conley and Mary Melvina (Johns) Black

Black, Benjamin Hozen

10. Education He was educated in the public schools of  
Nichols, Iowa, later he attended West Liberty,  
Iowa high school and graduated from Nichols, Iowa  
High School

11. Degrees He took a course in the Commercial College at  
Iowa City, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Democrat  
- He lived with his parents until age 22 and then when he got married  
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- He and his first wife, Mary, later divorced.



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## Minuet Club To Hold Dutch Treat Dinner

MEMBERS of Minuet club will entertain at a Dutch treat dinner party and dance Friday evening at Hotel Fort Des Moines.

New members of the group are Messrs. and Mesdames Carl Adams, Paul K. Adams, John Chateauvert, E. T. Daisley, F. P. Johnson, William Nanes and Thomas Roberts.

Also Doctors and Mesdames Lewis M. Overton, John Parsons, Ralph Snodgrass and E. J. Sommers.

Officers include Harold K. Weitz, president; Donald D. Holdoegel, vice president; and Dr. Floyd W. Pillars, secretary and treasurer.

### Christmas Party.

Members of Mrs. Ralph Amend's book club will entertain at a 7 p. m. dinner and Christmas party Sunday honoring their husbands at the Amend home, 4315 Harwood drive.

11 to 15	1.50	2.70	5.40	5.40
16 to 20	1.60	3.60	7.20	7.20
21 to 25	2.00	4.50	9.00	9.00
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31 to 35	2.80	6.30	12.60	12.60
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## DEATHS

**BLACK**—Mr. B. H. Black of 1352 Capitol passed away at a local hospital Thursday night. For further information call McDermott's Funeral Home.

**ENGBRECHT**—Services for Mrs. Hazel M. Engbrecht, 1538 W. 9th St. will be held Friday, 2 p. m. at Hamilton's Funeral Home, interment, Masonic Cemetery.

**KATZURECK**—Richard Katzureck, age 67, of 308 Ridge St., passed away at a local hospital Thursday evening. For further information call Caldwell's.

**O'CONNELL**—Services for Maurice J. O'Connell, age 72, will be held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, from Visitation church. Remains at the family home, 502 S. E. 5th St., until time of services. For further information call McDermott's.

**PARSONS**—Services for Justice, James Parsons, of 1123 37th st., will be held at Dunn's Funeral Home Saturday afternoon at 1:30. Interment at Masonic cemetery.

**RASMUSSEN**—Services for John A. Rasmussen age 86, 123 E. 13th St., will be held Sunday, 1:30, from Hamilton's Funeral Home. Interment, Pine Hill cemetery.

**REISE**—Services for Mrs. Flossie F. Reise, 1547 2nd Ave., will be held Saturday, 1:30 p. m., at Hamilton's Funeral Home. Interment Laurel Hill.

**TOMLINSON**—Mrs. Alice Tomlinson, 78, wife of C. B. Tomlinson, of 1416 6th ave., passed away Thursday. Funeral services will be held at the Harbach Funeral Home Saturday at 2 p. m. Interment in Columbus, Ohio.

## CARD OF THANKS

WE wish to thank our friends for their kindness and sympathy extended us during our bereavement. Berth Murray and family.

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# Dr. Frank Chosen to Head GOP Committee

Chicago — (AP) — Republican National Chairman John D. M. Hamilton arrived here today to confer with Dr. Glenn Frank, former University of Wisconsin president, and determine whether Frank would accept chairmanship of the party's new policy committee.



GLENN FRANK.

"I have come to Chicago," Hamilton said as he left his train, "to interview Dr. Frank regarding his taking over the chairmanship. An agreement has been arrived at as to the chairman. I will not announce confirmation of Dr. Frank's appointment until after I have talked to him."

Frank and Hamilton went into conference shortly before noon. The educator declined to say whether he was prepared to accept the appointment.

Asked whether he would make a statement at the conclusion of discussions with the party chief-tain, Frank said he was "sure" he would not have any statement to make today.

Others Selected.  
Hamilton previously had made public a partial list of the program or steering committee, which he said when completed will total "between 135 and 140 persons."

This committee has been authorized by the national committee to draft a declaration of party principles to serve as a guide in the forthcoming congressional and presidential campaigns.

Among those named to the steering committee were:  
Illinois — Ex-Governor Frank O. Lowden; Oregon; James Douglas, Chicago lawyer, former assistant secretary of the treasury; Earl De Long, Evanston, assistant professor of political science, Northwestern University; Sewell Avery, Chicago, head of Montgomery Ward and Co.; Sterling Morton, head of Morton Salt Co., Chicago; and Judge Oscar F. Nelson, Chicago.

Atlantic Publisher Named.  
Iowa — E. P. Chase, Atlantic publisher, Atlantic Daily News, winner of the Pulitzer editorial prize in 1935; W. E. Gaudwin, Des Moines, farmer and banker; Barney Myers, Mapleton, Chairman of the Young Republican club of Iowa; and D. J. McCreery, Alburnette, farmer, former state representative; Joseph H. Anderson, Thompson, farmer, former state senator, member of the state board of education; and Mrs. John Hammill, Heltt, wife of former Gov. John Hammill.

More to Be Listed.  
Additional names will be announced as acceptances are received today, Hamilton said. Invitations to serve as honor-ary chairmen were sent former London, G. O. P. presidential can-

# Ben Black, Former State Official, Dies

Ben Black, who represented Muscatine county in the state legislature for two terms, died at a Des Moines hospital Thursday night after an illness of two weeks.

The body is being brought to Nichols where funeral services will be conducted and burial take place. Arrangements will be completed later today with arrival of the body from Des Moines.

Mr. Black was born in Pike township, Muscatine county, July 23, 1874, the son of Robert and Melissa Black, and resided in the Nichols community his entire life until 1931 when he moved to Des Moines to accept a position at the state house. He was a member of the Methodist church.

On Dec. 18, 1896, he married Mary E. Welsh, and later was married to Lucy Kirchner in 1920.  
Surviving are his wife, one son, Robert, his mother, who resides at Nichols, and four step-children.

# Senate Sponsors of Anti-Monopoly Bill Given Hope

Washington — (AP) — A promise by Atty. Gen. Cummings to study an anti-monopoly bill pending in the senate, brought hope to its sponsors today that the administration would support the measure.

Question Still Unsettled.  
"Therefore, whether some other note must be given has not yet been decided."

(On Tuesday—two days after the U. S. gunboat Panay and three American-owned commercial vessels were attacked on the Yangtze river with three fatalities—Hirota forwarded to the American ambassador a note which generally met the already formulated but undelivered demands of Washington.

(The Japanese note was an expression of apology and regret, a promise of indemnification, an assurance that it would "deal appropriately" with those responsible for the attack and an announcement that the government had issued "strict orders to the authorities on the spot with a view to preventing recurrence of a similar incident."

(Only a little later on the same day — Tuesday — Ambassador Grew delivered the United States protest.

U. S. Officials Silent.  
(Informed of the spokesman's disclosure, state department officials in Washington declined to comment early today, informed observers, however, expressed belief that a direct reply to the American protest would be forthcoming).

The foreign office spokesman flatly denied that Japanese river craft had machine-gunned the Panay before it sank in the Yangtze river near Nanking under the pounding of Japanese aerial bombers.

(Secretary of State Hull announced in Washington Thursday that supplementary representations would be made to Japan, based on information that the gunboat was sprayed by machine gun fire from Japanese army motorboats).

Meanwhile the diplomatic tension seemed to have vanished and government officials appeared certain that the incident would be closed quickly and satisfactorily.

# Soviet Arrests Stir Protest From Nippon

Tokyo — (AP) — The Japanese foreign office today formally charged the Soviet Union with acting in a manner "utterly unthinkable in any civilized country" in connection with arrests of Japanese in Russia.

The foreign office protested to the soviet embassy, citing what Japan called numerous cases in which soviet authorities had arrested Japanese and held them without trial.

Responsible Answer Asked.  
A memorandum accompanying the protest said Japan wished a "responsible" answer.

Almost concurrently the Tokyo newspaper Yomiuri charged that Russia was continuing to strengthen her military forces at Vladivostok, Russia's far eastern seaport.

Russia was sending two cruisers, 18 submarines and six destroyers to the port next week, Yomiuri asserted. The newspaper added that the Moscow government had sent the Moscow government planes to Vladivostok last week.

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the utmost economy. His efforts, however, were not unavailing, for at the expiration of that period he became the owner of eighty acres of good farm land in Moscow township, upon which he made his home for four years. Renting his property, he removed to Moscow, where he has since made his home. Here he purchased the lots on which he has since built his present residence.

In 1873 Mr. Parker was united in marriage to Miss Lovisa Smith, who was born in Muscatine county December 20, 1855. She is a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Drake) Smith, natives of Ohio and New York, respectively, who came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1852. Here her father entered land in Goshen township which remained the home of the family for several years. The Smith family consisted of six children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Parker have been born three children, namely: Luna V., the wife of Charles Fryberger, of Moscow township; Effa L., who married Charles S. Haines, of Cedar county, Iowa; and Benjamin L., a student at the university at Ames, Iowa.

A staunch advocate of the principles of the republican party, Mr. Parker is deeply interested in all matters relating to the public welfare. He has been called to public office, having served his township as assessor for six years, which position he is still filling. He is a well known and prominent figure in fraternal circles of the community, holding membership in blue lodge No. 167, A. F. & A. M., at Wilton Junction, Iowa, in which he has filled nearly all of the chairs. He also belongs to the Modern Brotherhood of America, and he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star No. 365, while his son, Benjamin Parker, is a third degree Mason. The family is well known in Moscow, occupying a prominent place in the society of the town, and their home is the center of a circle of warm friends. Perseverance, diligence and integrity have constituted the guide posts in the life of J. E. Parker, bringing him to the honorable position which he now occupies in the opinion of his fellow townsmen, and he is now numbered as one of Moscow's representative and valued citizens.

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#### HON. B. H. BLACK.

Hon. B. H. Black, representative in the general assembly of Iowa from Muscatine county, is a native of this county, born in Pike township, July 23, 1874. He is a son of Robert and Malissa (Johns) Black, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He received his early education in the common schools, later becoming a student in the West Liberty high school and the Nichols high school, graduating from the latter. He also had the advantages of a course in a business college at Iowa City, applying himself to his studies in such a way as to indicate an earnest ambition to excel in anything he undertook. He continued with his parents until twenty-two years of age, and then, having married, he began farming on his own account on a part of his father's estate in Pike township. He early became acquainted with all phases of farming and stock-raising and although he is still a young man he has gained an established reputation as one of the highly energetic and successful farmers of the county.

Mr. Black has taken an active part in politics and in November, 1910, was elected on the democratic ticket to the state legislature for a period of two years, which began in January, 1911. Having passed his entire life in this state he is intimately acquainted with its resources and possibilities and also with the needs of the people, and it is confidently expected that as a public official he will acquit himself with high honor.

On the 16th of December, 1896, Mr. Black was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Welch, who was born in Muscatine in April, 1875, a daughter of Michael and May (Joyce) Welch. Her father is a native of Ireland and her mother of Muscatine. Mr. Welch is a tailor by trade but is now living retired. There were four children in his family, namely: Mary E., now Mrs. Black; John, who died at the age of six years; Frank M., who is connected with the Chicago American; and Clement J., a graduate of the Iowa State University, who has been admitted to practice as a lawyer but is now general manager of the Bell Telephone Company at Sioux City, Iowa. Mrs. Black is a lady of unusual intellectual accomplishments and is a graduate of the Sisters school of Muscatine and also of the business college of the same city. She is a member of the Catholic church, and fraternally, Mr. Black is connected with the blue lodge of the Masonic order, at Nichols, the chapter at West Liberty, the commandery at Muscatine, and the shrine of Davenport. He is also connected with the Order of the Eastern Star and the Elks. Mr. Black has an attractive personality that inspires confidence and respect and his friends are numbered by the legion in Muscatine county. Gentlemanly in address, frank and persuasive in manner, and governed by unselfish and generous motives, he is to be congratulated on the position he has attained, as it is the reward of genuine personal merit.

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#### JOHN CHRISTOPHER KEMPER.

Muscatine county can claim many well-to-do farmers who by industry and thrift have won a competence and also gained an honorable place in the estimation of their fellowmen. Of this number is John Christopher Kemper, the owner of one of the valuable farms of Sweetland township, which he acquired through his energy and perseverance. He is a native of Hamilton county, Ohio, born December 14, 1858, his parents being Henry and Charlotte (Weinberg) Kemper. The father, who was born in Lupedmond, Germany, November 23, 1822, came to the United States at the age of twenty-six years, in 1848, and spent some time at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he followed his trade as a stone-mason. In 1855, he removed to Muscatine, Iowa, where he lived for a year, and then purchased twenty acres of land in Muscatine county, upon which he took up his home and which became the foundation of a farm of four hundred acres, acquired by him through wisely directed industry. He was a man of strict integrity and met with deserved success in his adopted country. Politically he upheld the republican party. He was a member of the Grange and also of the Methodist church, serving as steward and trustee of the latter. He recognized the importance of education and was for a number of years a member of the school board of his



## Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **Benjamin H Black**  
 Census Date: 1 Jan 1925  
 Residence County: Muscatine  
 Residence State: Iowa  
 Locality: Pike  
 Birth Location: Iowa  
 Marital Status: Married  
 Gender: Male  
 Birth Year: abt 1875  
 Race: White  
 Relation to Head: Father  
 Mother: Marry Melina Johan  
 Mother's Birth Year: abt 1902  
 Mother's Birthplace: Npl  
 Father: Robt Conley Black  
 Father's Birth Year: abt 1842  
 Father's Birthplace: Kentucky  
 Marriage Place: Iowa  
 Spouse Name: Lucy Black  
 Line: 25  
 Roll: IA1925\_1864

## Neighbors:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<u>Ben Franklin Nichols</u>	26
	<u>Ora Elizabeth Nichols</u>	22
	<u>Charlene Anne Nichols</u>	1
	<u>Benjamin H Black</u>	50
	<u>Lucy Black</u>	45
	<u>Willie Kirchner</u>	19
	<u>Jimmie Kirchner</u>	13
	<u>Genevieve Kirchner</u>	11
	<u>Robb Benjamin Black</u>	3



## Iowa Marriages, 1851-1900

Name: BENJAMIN H. BLACK  
Spouse: MARY E. WELCH  
Marriage Date: 16 Dec 1896  
County: Muscatine  
State: IA

**Source Information:**

Dodd, Jordan, Liahona Research, comp., *Iowa Marriages, 1851-1900* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2000. On data: See extended description for original data sources listed by county.

**Description:**

This database contains marriage information from various counties in the U.S. state of Iowa from 1851-1900. Information that may be found in this database for each individual includes their name, spouse's name, marriage date, and marriage county. [Learn more...](#)

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