

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Buption Hillisim, Jr Senator _____
Represented Warren County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 10 Sept 1867 near Carlisle, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Cara Anna McLaughlin 3 Jan 1894 Warren County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business Member of Board of Trustees of Simpson College

B. Civic responsibilities Mason, Shriner, Rotary

C. Profession Farmer, Banker, merchant, Cought lands, Lumber yard owner

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served _____

6. Public Offices

A. Local Member of Adair school board, city alderman

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 19 Nov 1945 Indianola, Iowa, buried IOOF Cemetery Adair, Iowa

8. Children Ruth (Mrs. Raymond Sayre), Martha (Mrs. John L. Scott), William Bupton, III

9. Names of parents Hillisim, Sr. and Patsy (Bramhall) Bupton

10. Education He was educated in rural schools
near his home.

11. Degrees He attended Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He started as a bank clerk when a vacancy occurred
in the bank where his father was a stockholder and on
the board of directors. In 1893 the father became president
and the son became cashier.
- About the same time he joined with J. M. Kittlerman as a
merchant in a store that sold clothing and dry goods.
- He continued in the bank as cashier until 1905
- In 1919 he organized the Peoples Trust and Savings Bank
in Indianola
- Later he bought the Warren County State Bank in Indianola.
- During the endowment campaign of the 1920's by Simpson
College, he gave considerable bank.
- In 1943 he gave \$1000 to establish a Fine Arts collection to
Simpson College.
- During WWI he was chairman of bond drives.
- His wife died in 1950, also buried in IOOF Cemetery,
Indianola, Iowa.

OLDEST GRAD.

Etta Raymond Holmesadena, Calif., celebrated 80th birthday Nov. 12 as first University of graduate. She graduated in June, 1885, 80 years ago in the degree of bachelor of arts in education. She retains health and has continued interest in university

Mrs. Harry Bryson and Harry Bryson Jr., of Des Moines will spend winter with Mrs. Harry and Jack Watson.

CHRISTMAS BOXES

Martensdale, Nov. 19. — The United Service Women of the Jefferson township unit want to send Christmas boxes to all boys in the service in that township, who are in the United States and would appreciate it if their parents would send in the boys' addresses to Mrs. Howard Crow, Martensdale. The addresses must be in by Dec. 1 so the boxes can be sent as soon after that date as possible. The unit has sent many parcels to Jefferson township boys overseas.

Funeral Will Be at Meth. Church Wednesday P. M.

Banker for 50 Yrs. His Activities Were Many

After a period of failing health dating back to Dec. 1943, Wm. Buxton jr., 78, banker over a period of more than 50 years and organizer of the Peoples Trust and Savings bank, died at the Indianola hospital Monday morning at 6 o'clock.

Funeral rites will be held at the Methodist church Wednesday, Nov. 21, at 2:30 p. m., conducted by Dr. E. E. Voigt, president of Simpson college, assisted by the Rev. Edwin W. Frohardt.

Stricken At Home

Death was due to cerebral thrombosis. He entered the hospital last Friday when he was stricken at his home. First indication of failing health was on Dec. 26, 1943, when he suffered a light stroke. He entered the hospital at that time and spent several weeks resting.



Wm. Buxton Jr.

Even after his first stroke, he gained strength and was able to drive to and from his farms

TO HONOR BANKER

All Indianola stores, the two banks, the court house and city hall will remain closed today from 2:30 to 3:15 p. m. during the hour of the funeral of Wm. Buxton jr., organizer of the Peoples Trust and Savings bank.

Music is Rolling Again Choir and Orchestra

War is over and the music is rolling again. That was the sentiment felt which heard the concert of the Simpson choir and orchestra at the St. Paul Parish hall Sunday afternoon.

In the past three years the choir consisted of only ladies but now the male voices are back, though not quite enough, but they are coming. Hadley has rounded them into

Develops Orchestra

Paul Reisman had developed some string players and orchestra of the smaller string instruments. Some of the smaller string instruments had been used for some years. Carl Chaffee is now directing an orchestra that gives assurance of the future.

The choir and orchestra left the church with a feeling of enthusiasm. The orchestra is using some of the best players and one adult from the city, which is a city spirit that bodes only

Program Well Balanced

The program was a well balanced presentation with sacred music, some spirituals and patriotic songs. It was in three groups, consisting of five numbers in the choir, the second four numbers in the orchestra, and the third four numbers by choir and orchestra together. Mr. Crawford directed the choir numbers, Mr. Chaffee directed the orchestra, and they



Chaffee Hadley Crawford

Opening Game on Basketball Card is November 30

Following the late unpleasantness with Doane college, all the way from Crete, Neb., here last week end, football players laid away their football gear in mothballs, donned their basketball scanties and got down to hard work in preparation for a tough winter schedule.

The football regulars, who are also some shakes with a basketball, joined a group of non-gridders who have been working out on the gym courts. The players will be fused into one squad with the lineup for the opening encounter ready most any time now.

Globe Trotters First

Frank L. Casey, athletic director, hasn't had much to say about his cage team. He has two or three promising new players to add to his more experienced string and may put a fairly promising quint against the enemy starters in the opening game—the famous Globe Trotters, a colored team.

The engagement with the Globe Trotters will be Friday night, Nov. 30, on the Hopper gym courts. The visitors are expected to be as tough as usual and that's plenty tough.

To Play Hamline

Following this game, the Redmen will take to the road for St. Paul where they will meet Hamline university Dec. 4. Cage fans know that Hamline has a national reputation to maintain, having been one of the outstanding quints of the country last year and also in previous years.

Simpson's first Iowa conference game will be played on the local floor Dec. 5. After the game they will play the Sea Hawks, formerly stationed at the University of

west of town where he and his tenants were engaged in feeding stock. He came down to the bank frequently but gave up active work in its operation. He attended the Simpson homecoming football game the last of October and engaged in his usual humorous banter with visiting alumni and friends. He was up and about the home until the third stroke last Friday.

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BUXTON—

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Community Interests

During his career as a banker which started back in 1893, Mr. Buxton's community activities had been many and varied. He became a member of the city council a year after his marriage in 1894 and had served as alderman at intervals up to 1937 when he retired.

Most of the time he was on the council he was chairman of the finance committee and the city's sound financial condition was due to his studied interest in the town's welfare.

He served continuously as councilman from 1927 to 1937. It was during that period that the city council decided to expand the

utilities. To do so, new engines were purchased.

Build City Hall

A city hall was built. The improvement entailed considerable expense. Financial policies for the projects were worked out by the committee on finance of which Mr. Buxton was chairman. Another new engine was purchased shortly before he left the council. Upon his retirement the city was out of debt and in fine financial condition.

It was recognized at the time that further expansion of the electric utility would be necessary in a short time. That expansion is now being carried out.

A republican in politics, Mr. Buxton was elected to the state legislature in the 1912 election and was re-elected in 1914 serving through two sessions.

Of English Stock

Mr. Buxton came of English stock. His father, William Buxton sr., came to America in 1851. He first settled in Indiana where he spent a year. In 1852, he moved to Carlisle. Land was cheap, he secured some of it, was thrifty, and it was here that he built the foundation of a considerable fortune.

Some time after he arrived in Carlisle, he returned to England to receive a considerable heritage left by a relative. He brought it back to Carlisle in gold which he carried in a heavy belt.

There was a piece of land adjoining his own farm that the young Englishman wanted but which he had not been able to buy. One day, he took a bag of gold over to the neighbor's house and proposed to him that he sell the land. A typically western atmosphere pervaded central Iowa at that early date and rifles and powder horns hung conveniently over fireplaces.

Takes Down Rifle

Without saying a word, the neighbor took down his rifle and told the young Englishman: "Buxton, you don't get the land."

Mr. Buxton raked the gold sovereigns from the table back into a leather bag and left for his home. The neighbor eventually left Carlisle and Mr. Buxton finally got possession of the piece of land. Years afterward, he was on a business trip to Colorado and met the neighbor who was living in a cabin. They recalled the incident, enjoyed a good laugh and became good friends.

Born At Carlisle

Mr. Buxton sr. married Miss Betsey Bramhall. They became the parents of several children. William Buxton jr. was born in 1867 on the old Buxton homestead near Carlisle. He was educated in the rural schools there. Later he matriculated at Simpson college. He played baseball along with Lute Busselle, now president of a bank at Chariton, Tom Hastie, Tom Harper, Ed Wright, Mort Elrod, Fillee Flummer, Billy Dye, and other famous players in Simpson tradition.

He farmed and was buying wool back in 1890 at the time John and Wesley Cheshire operated the old Warren County State bank. His father was a stockholder and member of the board of directors of that bank. A vacancy occurred and young Mr. Buxton joined the staff as a clerk. The elder Mr. Buxton became president about 1893 and his son became cashier.

About the same time he entered a partnership with his brother-in-law, J. M. Kittleman, under the firm name of Kittleman & Buxton. They sold clothing and dry goods, Mr. Buxton devoting all of his time to the bank.

Bank is Sold

He continued as cashier until 1905 when the Buxtons sold out to Judge John A. Storey sr. In 1905 and 1906, Mr. and Mrs. Buxton were in California where their son, Wm. Buxton III, was born. Returning to Indianola Mr. Buxton farmed and bought land. But the banking business held a deep interest for him and he organized the Peoples Trust and Savings bank in the spring of 1919. It started business in a new building on the east side of the square which has since been enlarged. He was the bank's president.

During his banking career Mr. Buxton was interested in several banks. At one time he and the late J. M. Harlan owned a bank at Carlisle and were also partners in a lumber business there. Mr. Buxton's father bought out Mr. Harlan, who retained his interests in the lumber business. This was about the time the Buxtons bought the Warren County State bank.

Interested in Education

Throughout his life the Buxtons showed a deep interest in education. Nearly all of the members of the elder Mr. Buxton's family were Simpson students. The same was true of the family of Mr. Buxton jr.

Whether it was because their children tied their interest to Simpson or whether it was because of an inherent interest in education, at any rate the father and son became greatly interested in the college and supported it generously.

Both served as members of the board of trustees and helped direct the college through its many financial difficulties up to the present time when it is in the best condition. Mr. Buxton III has stepped in to take his father's place on the board.

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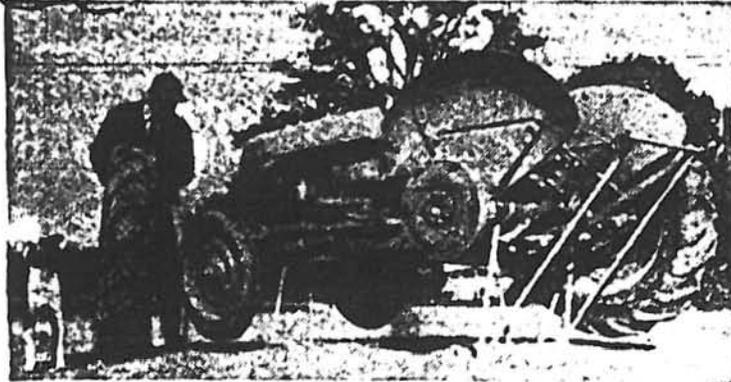
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World War I Work

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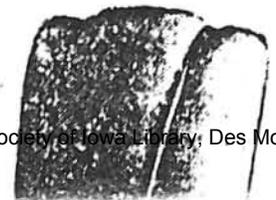
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of newspaper threading through the presses and, pretending he belonged there, from the corner of his eye he hunted for Mr. Pool. All the men wore the handmade boxlike caps which most pressmen fashion for themselves from a piece of newspaper—all except one.

Walt looked at him more closely. He stood with his hands behind his back, doing nothing but observe moaning machines. He fitted exactly the photographer's description of Mr. Pool. He wore large black-rimmed glasses and his graying hair was parted far to one side. Walt strolled casually up to him and they watched the presses together. After waiting for Mr. Pool to speak first, Walt ventured: "There's no end to the excitement of seeing the paper go to press, is there?" He had to shout to be heard. The man merely glanced at Walt coolly over the dark rims of his glasses.

"I like the Post," Walt resumed. "It's a good solid paper. Lot of tradition behind it. But . . ." here's where he took the photographer's cue. He searched self-consciously for ideas that were not his own. . . . But I think the paper is too neutral. It never gets excited about anything. Know what I mean?"

There was still no remark from Mr. Pool.

"It ought to have definite policies. Ought to guide the thinking of its readers on important topics."

"Yeah?" The man looked Walt sternly up and down.

"I think the Post needs new blood," Walt went on. "Young blood." He considered giving himself as an example, but decided against being too obvious. "Of course it's the men at the top who count where policies are concerned. Perhaps the Post needs a new managing editor." He was sorry as soon as the bold words had passed his lips. But his comments had brought the man's head around with a jerk.

But now, with Mr. Pool glaring at him in apparent anger, Walt could only add weakly, "What do you think?"

"I think you're batty as a loon." Walt felt his cheeks burn. He sought some way to escape as gracefully as possible. "But I wouldn't know," the man added. He brought his hands from behind his back and placed a boxlike paper cap on his head. "I'm only a pressman myself."

trator. He was a member of the Indianola school board during the war, serving one term. He was a member of the Masonic order and

The Beech Ladies Aid will meet with Helen Porter instead of Treacy O'Conner the last Thursday in November.

the Shrine and at one time of the Rotary club.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Raymond Sayre of Ackworth and Mrs. John L. Scott of Evanston, Ill., and one son, William Buxton III, Indianola. Mrs. Buxton was formerly Miss Anna McLaughlin whom he married in 1894.

Mr. Buxton relinquished the presidency of the Peoples Trust and Savings bank Dec. 11, 1944. However he continued as chairman of the board. His son was chosen president at the meeting but at the time was serving as a lieutenant in the navy at Miami, Fla.

He was always a good companion, was known for his keen humor and through these qualities made numerous friends who never lost an opportunity to visit with him. He was recognized in Iowa banking circles as an exceptional banker and business man.

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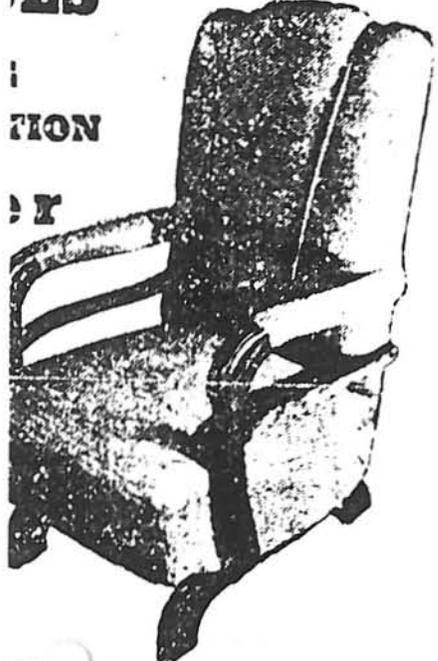
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