

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____

Senator Laffer,

Charles C. - Represented Keokuk and Poweshiek Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1 Nov 1870 near Sigourney, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mollie A. Crawford 8 Feb 1894 Washington, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Director of the First Trust and Union Savings Bank
1 Jan 1904 until his death

B. Civic responsibilities IOOF; Knights of Pythias; Lions Club;

C. Profession Farmer; harness shop; real estate business;
merchant

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 36th, 37th General Assemblies 1915, 1917

6. Public Offices

A. Local Sigourney city clerk; Keokuk County deputy sheriff

B. State State automobile inspector 1920-1932

C. National _____

7. Death 2 June 1935 Des Moines, Iowa; buried

8. Children Mrs. L. E. Wallace; Mrs. H. N. Kueneman

9. Names of parents Henry Laffer; mother remarried after death
of Henry and became Mrs. S. H. Guild

10. Education Educated in the Keokuk County schools

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- In 1889 he learned the harness making trade from John J. Lewis
- A few years later he opened his own harness shop
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- He then went into the real estate business with Bert Shanafelt.
- They dissolved their partnership in 1920

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Interested in Good Government Since Young
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tinction of Youngest Ever Elected in State;
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terprises Here for 45 Years.

Senator Charles C. Laffer, widely known Sigourney business man and a leader in Republican state circles, died suddenly in Des Moines, Sunday. He had been in poor health for the past three years.

For more than forty-five years, Mr. Laffer was prominently identified with numerous local business enterprises and throughout his entire career was one of the strong supporters for the civic betterment of Sigourney.

He was elected state senator from the Keokuk-Powe-



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shiek county district for one term—serving from 1915 until 1919. This was one of several offices which he held during his career as a member of the Republican party.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Laffer and was born on a farm near Sigourney, November 1, 1870. He obtained his academic education in the Keokuk county schools and in 1889 came to learn the harness making trade from John Q. Lewis.

Under Mr. Lewis' direction he rapidly became proficient and a few years later embarked on his first business venture—a harness shop of his own.

He had an innate interest in good government and the first position he ever held was city clerk of Sigourney. His harness shop became the meeting place for many farmers from all over Keokuk county. "Laffer" spoke their language because he was a farmer himself. He was an unusual man, in that he learned and retained the knowledge which he secured thru contact with other persons. He heeded their advice, counseled with them, and became a keen student of human nature. He was a "game" as a hobby all his life because he never lost the "game" of

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**Morton,
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**FRIDAY
WEDNESDAY**

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**FATHER OF SIX
DIED TUESDAY**

**Nicholaus Peiffer, Young
Harper Farmer, Victim
of Heart Trouble**

Nicholaus Peiffer, age 35, father of six children, died at his home Tues- day morning about 3:30 o'clock as the result of a long illness of heart trouble. Although he has suffered for a number of years, he was bed- fast but one month.

He was born near Harper in 1900, the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Peif- fer, and he attended Saint Elizabeth's school in Harper. In 1926, he was married to Harrietta Baumert, Lafay- ette township girl, and they became the parents of six children.

The children, all of whom are less than 10 years old include, Genevieve, Eldora, Arden, Katherine, Wayne and Donald.

There are also four brothers, Al- phonso, near Keota; Ralph of Harp- er, and Raymond and Norbert at home and four sisters, Mrs. John Hammes and Mrs. John Vittetoe of Harper, Mrs. Will Pfeiffer of New London and Barbara, at home. Two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

The funeral service was held this morning at 9:30 o'clock at Saint Eliz- abeth's Catholic church at Harper, under the direction of the Rev. N. J. Peiffer of Muscatine, uncle of the Harper man, assisted by the Rev. H. M. Sendbueler of Saint Paul, and the Rev. Francis Schaeffers, pastor of the Harper church.

**One Hundred Off
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was named deputy sheriff under the late James H. Barlow, who was sheriff from 1894 to 1898. At that time "Charley" was only a few years past his majority, yet he made such a good deputy, that he was elected sheriff to succeed Mr. Barlow. To Mr. Laffer went the distinction of being the youngest sheriff ever to have been elected in Iowa.

His first campaign was an arduous one. With a team and buggy he toured the entire county and he often said he believed he had met every voter in it. It was this campaign which served as a foundation for a career which has been outstanding in this county. "Charley" Laffer was a plain man, the friend of hundreds of people in this community, because he was square with them. He prized his reputation for keeping his promis- es in business and in politics.

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He died in death by all members of the immediate family; Mr. Earl, in 1915; Clara Branan, in 1918; and Earl, in 1931. Besides Mrs. McCracken, there are three granddaughters, Mrs. Lone Tree, Mrs. Glen Ellman, and Ardis, all of whom died at Iowa City; two sons of Mrs. Adams; Julia McCartney of Des Moines, and two brothers, Ed and Sherman Parlett of Des Moines.

He was a member of the Methodist church in Thornburg, and was an active worker in the church.

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It will be made by checks which are exchangeable only in Des Moines, for either cash or credit. According to the plans announced, the day will comprise John Rhea and Dexter Sexon's arrangements for the day to be a band concert at the Sigourney high school. The "R" rating band in the

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The stores will remain open. More than 5,000 big bills are being distributed over the county advertising bargains to be taken advantage of in the Sigourney stores on "Rooster" day.

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Mr. Laffer was a member of the I. O. O. F. and Knights of Pythias lodges and the Lions' club of Sigourney. He was also a member of the Methodist church.

In paying tribute to Mr. Laffer, a prominent Sigourney man said: "I have known 'Charley' Laffer since he first came here as a boy. I never knew him to break his word. He would do what he said. His passing

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MONDAY

Daily Sessions Begin in Four Churches; Superintendent Rev. W. A. Longnecker

Sigourney's annual vacation Bible school will open Monday under the auspices of four of Sigourney's churches, Saint Paul's Evangelical, Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal and Church of Christ.

Each day school begins at 9:00 o'clock in the morning and closes at 12:00 o'clock, with a recreation period in the middle of the morning. The general superintendent of the school will be the Rev. W. A. Longnecker, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church.

In charge of the little tots from the ages of four to six years, who will meet at Saint Paul's Evangelical church will be Mrs. J. A. Green, while the group from the ages of seven to ten will meet at the Presbyterian church under the direction of Mrs. Edwin Willcockson; those of the ages from 11 to 13 at the Methodist Episcopal church under Mrs. Longnecker and the older group at the Church of Christ. No leader has been selected for the older group.

According to the Rev. Mr. Longnecker, there will be no tuition and parents are asked to enroll their children at the beginning of the school and to cooperate in securing their regular attendance.

J. J. Jennings, Former County Attorney Moves

J. J. Jennings, former county attorney, and Mrs. Jennings of Hedrick are moving to Harlan where Mr. Jennings will practice law. They have been residents of Hedrick for 22 years.

Dr. F. C. Perkins has purchased the Jennings home and with his family will move there.

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marks the end of a career which has meant a good deal to this community. Many folks never knew the sentimental side of him, but I happen to know that countless times when folks were in need of a friend they found him in Charley Laffer."

The funeral services were held at Reynolds funeral chapel Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. They were conducted by the Rev. L. H. Lanning, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Brookfield, Missouri, and formerly of Sigourney.

A short eulogy was given during the service by Judge D. W. Hamilton of Grinnell, former local man, who knew Mr. Laffer since he was a boy. Judge Hamilton opened his talk by speaking highly of the parents of Senator Laffer. He said that he knew "Charley" Laffer as a boy, when he was learning the harness-making trade from Mr. Lewis.

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The pallbearers included Judge H. F. Wagner, C. C. Heninger, C. E. Bayler, Leo H. Pfaff, Dr. R. D. Kelly, Sam C. Ragan, T. J. Dupuis and W. H. Needham of Sigourney and William Kueneman of Knoxville. Among those from out of town attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher, John W. Fletcher, Mrs. Alec Bradley and G. C. Greenwalt, all of

Sigourney Baseball Team Whips Ottumwa Aggregation 9

The Sigourney Independent ball team hammered out a 9 to 1 victory over the strong Graham's company team of Ottumwa on local lot Memorial day. Victor the Sigourney boys is attributed the unusual pitching of Olson, first four innings and Kadel the remainder of the game, with spl backing in the field.

The visitors were able to score but four hits off the former and one when the latter was in the field. The count at the end of the first stanza was 6 to 3. Both struck three, and Lane, the visiting pitcher going the entire route had five strikeouts to his credit.

Fourteen hits were to the credit of the Sigourney team, compared to five for Ottumwa. Sigourney errorless, while the opponents committed two.

Sigourney's next game will be Saturday afternoon here when Blakes comes here.

Francis Cooke Leaves Tonight for Arsenal, Baltimore, Maryland

Francis D. Cooke, son of Mr. Mrs. Wilbur A. Cooke, who is a student in the State University of Iowa City, and a first lieutenant in the R. O. T. C. there, will leave tonight for the Edgewood arsenal, Baltimore, Maryland, where he will attend a six weeks' camp for study of chemical warfare. Francis was one of two students selected from the state university for scholastic and military ability and he received an appointment from the war department at Washington, D. C.

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Famous Colored Team

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Mrs. Virgil White of Webster was a patient in the Sigourney hospital from Wednesday until Monday suffering from cuts and bruises sustained when the car she was driving struck and rolled down an embankment last Wednesday night.

The accident resulted from the car blowing out, when she and her sister, Mrs. Richard Adams, were returning from Washington with their sister, Mrs. L. K. Dassaint. They met at Washington. The car left the pavement and rolled down the embankment one-half mile west of the Keokuk county boundary line.

The other two in the automobile were Mrs. Adams and the driver, Mrs. Dassaint.