

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ **Senator** Buser
Jonas De Moss - Represented Muscatine County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 15 Jan 1867 Louisa County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Rebecca Jane McKee 7 Jan 1895 Louisa County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Muscatine Commercial Club;
Method Holmberg Assn; Elks Club

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Evangelical and Reformed

5. Sessions served 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st General Assemblies 1919, 1921,
1923, 1925

6. Public Offices
A. Local President of the Columbia Junction National Bank; Columbia
Junction Iowa; Muscatine County supervisor; West Liberty school board;
B. State Township trustee; township assessor

C. National _____

7. Death 5 May 1951 Conesville, Iowa; buried Conesville Cemetery, Conesville, Iowa

8. Children Lenox De Moss; Warren James; Sylvia Frances (Mrs.
Plotter); Callie M. (Mrs. Irvin Everett)

9. Names of parents Rev. John Hanson and Margaret De Moss (Lenox)
Buser

Buser, Jonas De Moss

10. Education He was educated in the schools of Conesville, Iowa;
He attended Iowa City Academy, Iowa City, Iowa

11. Degrees He completed one of the two year law courses at
the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 1892

12. Other applicable information Republican

- The family moved to Conesville from Louisa County, Iowa
He lived his entire life in the Conesville community.
- Throughout his life.
- He needed to relinquish law school because of his poor
eyesight.
- His wife, Rebecca Jane, died in 1928

**Mrs. Orville Hills Rites
Were Held Thursday**

Mrs. Orville Hills died at her home north of Columbus Junction in the Gladwin community, Monday morning, March 5th following an illness of some months.

Mrs. Hills, was the daughter of Fred and Edna Hammond Van Auker, and was born at Columbus Junction, May 20, 1913.

She attended the Columbus schools and on May 23, 1929, she was united in marriage to Orville Hills. They lived for a time in Columbus Junction, later moving to a farm north of town and about four years ago moved to the farm north of Gladwin.

She is survived by her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Elmer Kelly Jr., of Columbus Junction and DeLores at home and one son, Donald, who has been called into service to leave here March 18th.

She is also survived by five brothers, Glen Van Auker, Muscatine; Raymond Van Auker, in Service in Korea; Howard, Charles and Merle Van Auker, Columbus Junction and by five sisters, Mrs. Everett Thompson, Letts; Mrs. James Wade, Grand-Jew; Mrs. Roy Thompson, Mrs. Gene Duncan and Mrs. Richard Fuller, all of Columbus Junction.

Mrs. Hills was preceded in death by her mother, February 28, 1934 and by her father, July 13, 1947.

The body was brought to the Stephens Funeral Home in this city where services were held at two o'clock Thursday afternoon, and were conducted by the Rev. W. L. Sanford.

Mrs. B. O. Roundy and Mrs. John Morrison, accompanied on the organ by Mrs. H. A. Kreiger, sang "Beyond The Sunset" and "Have Thine Own Way Lord."

Flower attendants were Mrs. Harold Mewhirter, Miss Phyllis Hills and Mrs. Wilbur Jensen.

Casket bearers were, Walter Kauffman, Richard Hills, Keith Hills, DeWayne Hills, James Dvorak, and John Dvorak.

Burial in the Columbus City cemetery.

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That she is dead; she is just away.
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**Jonas D. Buser Rites
Friday At Conesville**

Funeral services for Jonas D. Buser, Conesville, will be held at the Evangelical and Reformed church in Conesville at two o'clock, Friday afternoon, in charge of the Stephens Funeral home of this city.

The sermon will be by the Rev. Edward W. Norman, pastor of the Conesville Methodist church with the committal service in charge of the Masonic lodge.

Mr. Buser, prominent for many years as a business and political leader, was found dead about five o'clock Monday evening, March 5, 1951, at his home one half mile west of Conesville, where he had lived alone for some years. It was thought death had occurred some hours previously.

Jonas DeMoss Buser, was born in Louisa county, January 15, 1867 and was the son of the Rev. John Hanson and Margaret DeMoss Lenox Buser. He was aged 84 years, 1 month, and 17 days.

Later the family moved to Conesville where his father established and built the present Reformed and Evangelical church.

Mr. Buser spent his entire life in the Conesville community. He attended the Conesville school and later attended the Iowa City Academy and the University of Iowa.

He was united in marriage to Rebecca Jane McKee, January 7, 1895, who preceded him in death in 1928.

Early in life, in addition to his farming activities which he never relinquished, he taught school several terms and then took an active interest in politics. In 1900 he was elected assessor of Orono township, a position he filled for 11 years; he was then elected township trustee for two years and in 1913 was elected to the Muscatine county board of supervisors, a position he held for 8 years, four years of which he served as chairman of the board. In 1919, he was elected to the state senate from the Muscatine-Louisa district, serving eight years, during which time he was recognized as one of the outstanding leaders of the state legislature.

He retired from active participation in politics in 1928 and three years later in 1931, was elected president of the Louisa County National bank, in this city, a position he retained until the time of his death.

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**Schrader Is Found
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Jackie Ray Schrader, 23 year son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schrader Grandview, has been found guilty manslaughter in the death of Clarence Dudley Adey, 41, who lived 2904 Columbia street, Burlington.

The verdict of guilty was returned by a Louisa county jury at 10:45 m. Tuesday, just 6 hours after it to the case.

Schrader will be sentenced in Louisa county court house at 11 m. March 17th by Judge E. O. Nell.

The young man, it is understood still faces another manslaughter count in the death of Nolan O. Courtney, Grandview, who was riding with him when the accident occurred which led to Schraders indictment and trial.

County Attorney, Robert F. Reedy, ably and impartially presented the evidence and prosecuted the case. Attorney Edwin Hicklin, veteran Louisa county attorney, was lawyer for the defense.

During the progress of the trial jurors were taken to the scene of the accident, last Friday.

Six state witnesses testified that Schrader, 23, was driving on the wrong side of the highway.

Seven witnesses were called Friday, for the defense, including Schrader's mother, Mrs. Ray Schrader. Schrader himself also testified in defense.

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To George VanAuken Found Dead Saturday Morning

George Van Auken, a life long resident of this community, was found dead in bed at his home here, about 9:50 a. m. Saturday morning, March 3rd. Discovery of the body was made by Elton Pierce, who operates the American Service station

Mr. Van Auken, who has not been well for some time, had been staying

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He was a member of Columbus City Lodge No. 107 A. F. and A. M., also a 32nd degree Mason. He was also a member of the Commandery at Muscatine and of the Consistory at Des Moines.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Irvin Everett of Conesville and Mrs. Sylvia Plotts, superintendent of Marion county schools at Knoxville, and by two sons, Lenox D. Buser of Conesville and Warren J. Buser of Santa Ana, California; and also by 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

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The banquet and program will be held at the Columbus High school Tuesday evening, March 20th, and will include a number of entertainment features as well as some prizes.

Master of Ceremonies will be J. Hamilton, well known sports car from station KSTT at Davenport.

The Elks Chantlers of Muscatine will be here and furnish a part of the program.

The banquet will be Smorgasbord style which should appeal to everyone.

Letters will go out in a few days and more details will be given in the future.