

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Helgason, Edward Oliver Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Emmet County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 7 Nov 1872 Mason City, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Mary Jensen 1900

3. Significant events for example:

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

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 43<sup>rd</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1929, 1931

6. Public Offices

A. Local Road Superintendent; township trustee; township clerk; Jensen Township district school board secretary; director of Armstrong Consolidated School; Republican county committeeman

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

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

7. Death 22 Mar 1933 Armstrong, Iowa; buried

8. Children Lloyd Cecil; Ines Marie; Oliver Lorenz; Marjette Pauline; Edna Viola

9. Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_

Hegason, Edward Oliver

10. Education Educated in district schools of Kossuth County, Iowa

11. Degrees He completed a commercial course in a business college;  
he attended Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa for 2 years

12. Other applicable information Republican

- At age 7 he came with his parents to a farm in Seneca Township,  
Kossuth County, Iowa.
- He taught school for 2 years and then moved to a farm near  
Armstrong, Iowa in 1909.
- In 1915 he moved into Armstrong where he lived until he died.



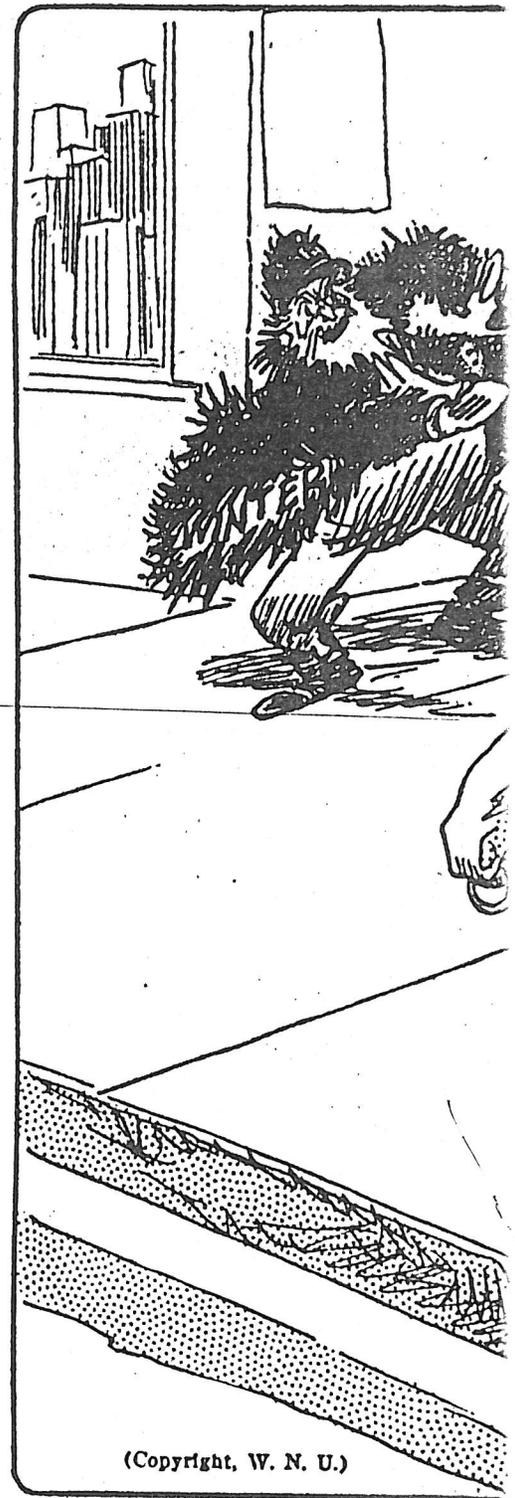
# E. O. HELGASON DIES FROM HEART ATTACK

E. O. Helgason died at his home in Armstrong early Wednesday morning. He suffered a heart attack Monday forenoon caused by over exertion in attempting to get a car through the deep snow.

The heart attack struck him while in the Joe Johnson garage office and it was several hours before he could be moved to his home. During the time of the heart attack until his death, he also suffered severe attacks of hiccoughs. Doctors worked over him to stop his hiccoughs, only to have them come on him again in violent form. He succumbed to a heart attack early Wednesday morning.

Edward Oliver Helgason was born in Mason City, Iowa, November 7, 1872, and died March 22, 1933, at Armstrong, at the age of 60 years 4 month and 15 days.

At the age of seven he came with his parents to a farm in Seneca township, Kossuth county. He attended district school, completed a commercial course in a business college and attended Iowa State college at Ames two years. Except for three years in Louisiana, associated with his brothers who were levee contractors along the Mississippi, he has always lived in Iowa. He taught school for two years and moved to a farm and



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## FARMER KILLS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN

Joe Berven killed his wife and three small children, crushing skulls with the barrel of a sh-

two years, and moved to a farm adjoining Armstrong in 1909. In 1915 he moved into town where he resided until his death.

Mr. Helgason was married in 1900 to Mary Jensen and to this union were born five children; Lloyd Cecil, Ione Marie, Oliver Lorenzo, Marietta Pauline, and Edna Viola, all living in or near Armstrong.

Besides his wife and children, he leaves to mourn his death, two grandsons, Eugene Kelly, and John Oliver. Three brothers, Harry of Armstrong, William of Wallingford, and Amos of Des Moines, and two sisters, Mrs. Martin Jensen of Ringsted, Ia., and Mrs. A. M. Bertteson of Pelican Rapids, Minn., also survive, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Helgason was always active in community welfare and held many offices of trust; road superintendent, township trustee and clerk, secretary of Seneca township district school board eight years, director in the Armstrong Consolidated school district eleven years and president of the board for eight years, republican county committeeman, and represented Emmet county in the Iowa legislature, finishing the forty-second general assembly and re-elected to the forty-third and forty fourth.

He was a kind and loving father and a devoted husband.

Funeral services will be held at the home Friday afternoon at 1:30, and at the Lutheran church at 2 o'clock, the Rev. R. W. Boade in charge.

skulls with the barrel of a gun on Thursday of last week at the Olin Anderson farm in Higdon township.

The wife, aged 25, died in a hospital on the way to Estherville and the three children, Elmer 2, and Jackie 1, died in a hospital at that place a short time ago.

The family lived in a house near that of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Jensen, parents of Mrs. Berven. A violent act was committed at the home of the mother being killed with a knife full of dishes in her hand while making preparations for the next meal.

Questioning of the killer failed to reveal any motive for the crime. Answers to questions by authorities were unsatisfactory, and his guilt is to be tested by experts in Estherville.

Berven was taken to the Estherville hospital without any delay to await action by authorities.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Once again death has knocked the door of one of our home towners E. O. Helgason's. Life is uncertain; who will be the next to die? Helgason was a respected and honored man in this community. He was a good husband and a devoted father. Naturally our sympathy lingers for those left behind. They are the ones who feel the loss. But human sympathy is inadequate. There would have been comfort where there are no comforts are rich in blessing.