Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Alesch, Gustave Senator _____

Represented Plymouth County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 25 Jan 1877 Friesinger (Esch) Luxembourg

2. Marriage (s) date place

Justine Kraus 28 Jan 1902 St. Donatus, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th General Assemblies 1933, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1941

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 5 Oct 1957 Remsen, Iowa; buried St. Mary's Cemetery, Remsen, Iowa

8. Children Raymond; Olivia (Mrs. Beeson); Arnold; Mildred (Mrs. Joe Delaney); Nicholas; Leo; Rose Marie (Mrs. John Meyler)

9. Names of parents Nicholas and Marguerite (Centinger) Alesch

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- He organized a committee that raised more than $5000 aid for Luxemburg assistance after World War II

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# Rites Here Wednesday For Gustave Alesch

## Former State Legislator Dies at Home Late Saturday at Age 80 Years

Hundreds of friends from over the immediate area and many from over the state attended funeral services at St. Mary's Catholic church Wednesday morning for Gustave Alesch, 80, Remsen's top political figure and former state representative, who died in his home late Saturday night after a long illness. The requiem High Mass was sung by St. Mary's pastor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis Schulte.

Mr. Alesch had been in failing health the past year; hospitalized for three weeks last spring for surgery and again in July and August for medical care.

His decline since August was steady and since his last period of hospitalization he had the care, besides his wife, of his daughter, Mrs.

Olivia Beeson, a professional nurse, of Battle Creek, Mich., who was with him to the end.

Mr. Alesch fell into a state of semi-coma the last few days and passed away a few minutes before midnight, Saturday. His wife and daughter were at his bedside.

## Dr. S. Fideler to Airforce Service

Dr. S. Michael Fideler, 1957 graduate from the Dental college at Iowa University, is leaving today to report for active duty in the army at Montgomery, Ala.

He will receive three weeks of instruction at Gunter branch School of Aviation medicine at the airforce base, then report to the airforce hospital at Amarillo, Texas.

Mrs. Fideler and Debra Ann will remain here temporarily with the Fideler family and with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Pottebaum at Alton and will join Dr. Fideler at Amarillo.

## Community Co-op Preview Meeting

The Community Co-op Oil Co. of Marcus, affiliated with Consumers Co-op., and represented in the Remsen area by Wm. C. Krekow, held a preview to its annual meeting, at the Sioux City auditorium Tuesday evening. Several hundred attended, with 65 from the Remsen area and all customers of Mr. Krekow. After an eleborate banquet, the company presented a program centering on the industry in general and stressing the work of the various local cooperative units.

## Major McGovern in West Germany

Writing from Frankfort, Germany, Major John E. McGovern writes to have The Bell-Enterprise held back until he has a permanent address, saying there is a possibility of several changes.

Major McGovern was at Fort Riley, Kansas, until leaving for his second stretch in Germany sometime ago. He says it seems "good to be back in Germany but things have changed much since I left here in 1946; West Germany appears quite properous and there is much building and other activity.

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## Have Some Venison at Traveller Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Steichen returned home Friday from Douglas, Wyo., where in company with Sioux City friends they enjoyed visiting and the men spending their time hunting deer and antelope, bringing home seven animals.

With the Steichens on the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Schweitzer of Sioux City and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Badger of Sioux City, Nebr.

Brought home were four deer and three antelope, some of which will be served at the Traveller club Sunday night, free to all comers, as advertised. Archie Jackson of the Waeside, LeMars, will be in charge of the kitchen. The Traveller is under the management of the Steichens' son-in-law, Tom Rosburg.

Meanwhile Mr. Steicken at his nearby Midwest service station is again offering flashlights free to purchasers of 10 gallons of Frontier gasoline this week-end, plus extra gifts on a plan outlined in his big special ad in The Bell-Enterprise today.

## Fire Threatens Erichsen Home

Fire on the Henry Erichsen farm south of town shortly after midnight Saturday morning did much damage to the dwelling. The Remsen fire department answered the call, as did neighbors.

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# Jerry Henrich Killed By Pavement Roller

Word came last Thursday night to the Wm. Henrich family conveying the sad news of the tragic death of Jerry Henrich, 18-year-old son of Ted Henrich, formerly of Remsen now of Lovell, Wyo.

The family moved to Wyoming a year ago after years on a farm south of Remsen.

Jerry had been working with a road construction crew which was on a black-topping job near the neighboring city of Greybull. The young man's job was to the "edging" of the black top as it was poured, using an edging machine.

Reportedly he stepped back to avoid being spashed with the molten topping, and tripped, falling in the path of a heavy power-driven roller. The machine passed over him, with fatal results. He died upon arrival at a hospital in Greybull.

Funeral services were held in the Catholic church in Lovell, with burial there also. Surviving besides the father are a younger brother, James and two younger sisters, Janice and Judy.

The father, Ted, operates an oil station at Lovell.

Attending the funeral from Remsen were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ludwig and Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Galles.

## MISSION WOMEN ASK MORE HELP IN SEWING

The Catholic Mission women will hold another sewing bee in the church basement hall Friday afternoon, this week. All ladies of the parish are asked to give of their time in helping the cause.

## Krogmans Have 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krogman, residents in the Remsen community since long before their marriage, celebrated their Golden (50th) wedding anniversary yesterday, enjoying the company of all of their children and many friends.

Starting the day by attending a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Catholic church at eight o'clock in the morning, Mr. and Mrs. Krogman and children had breakfast together in the Krogman home northeast of town.

A reception and open house followed in the afternoon from two until five o'clock in the Knights of Columbus club rooms. More than 200 friends and relatives called to pay their respects to the esteemed couple.

The family had six o'clock dinner and enjoyed a few social hours at the Traveller club.

Mr. and Mrs. Krogman are still on their farm although not actively engaged at farm work, and have commercial interests in Remsen as well.

They have nine children, all of whom were here for the anniversary day. The children are: Clarence, Frank, Mrs. Elmer (Marie) Knebel, Henry, Mrs. James (Helen) Morgan, Mrs. Hugh (Irene) Kipper, Mrs. Leo (Florence Schumacher, Joseph and Mrs. James (Jeannie) Kelley, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Krogman, substantial citizens and who enjoy the highest respect and esteem of many friends, received numerous gifts and congratulatory cards besides hundreds of personal callers during the day and since.

## St. Paul's Women Dine 900 Persons

In the neighborhood of 900 persons were served the chicken and ham dinner at the municipal auditorium Sunday evening by the ladies of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, at their annual dinner.

The net proceeds, not minutely figured with a few expenses still outstanding, will run to more than $1,000, according to Mrs. Clara Schmidt, chairman of the committee.

Mrs. Schmidt offers thanks to all who patronized and contributed eatables, cash and work toward its success, adding that the proceeds go toward church, charity and mission purposes.

Olivia Beeson, a professional nurse, of Battle Creek, Mich., who was with him to the end.

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### Born in Luxembourg

Born January 25, 1877, in Friesingen (Esch) Luxembourg, Mr. Alesch came to the United States in 1895 at the age of 18 years directly to the Marcus-Remsen area and for several years worked as a farm hand.

### Married in 1902

He married Justine Kass at St. Donatus, Iowa, on January 28, 1902, and the couple came to Marcus, settling on a farm north of there and living there four years. Then they moved to Kingman, Kans., where they owned land, lived there three years and returned to spend one year on a farm north of Marcus and in 1910 bought the farm six miles east of Remsen where they lived until their retirement to Remsen in the fall of 1941.

### Was Civic Worker

Always keenly interested in affairs of the day, in his home community, the state and in the national affairs of the land of his adoption, Mr. Alesch gave many years of public service.

While on the farm Mr. and Mrs. Alesch were members of Holy Name Catholic parish in Marcus and for 15 years Mr. Alesch served as a member of the advisory board of that parish. For eight years until his retirement from farmlife he was director of the Remsen Rural board of education.

### Was Supervisor

In 1920 Mr. Alesch was elected to a seat on the Plymouth county board of supervisors and it was during his term of service for 12 years (1920-1932) that he came into statewide prominence.

### Legislator

An active member of the Democratic party, Mr. Alesch left the supervisory board to become a candidate for the state legislature and was elected in 1932 and served through five consecutive terms and two special sessions.

In the lower house his influence was brought to the fore and throughout his tenure he maintained a prominent position as a lawmaker and a champion of the rights of his constituents and of honesty in government.

His strenuous position and tenacity for what he deemed the right course of thought and action won him many admirers over the state, and a few enemies. He served principally on agricultural committees and for a time was a member of the appropriations committee and of the important interim committee.

He advocated agricultural reforms including a graduated land

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## Frank N. Tritz

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**Final Services**

The body is at the Fisch funeral home where wake is being held this afternoon and evening, again Friday, with rosary at eight o'clock each evening and again at 9 o'clock Friday night by members of the Knights of Columbus.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Fisch of Fort Worth, Tex., arrived here Friday to spend ten days with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Wictor, Mrs. Fisch is Mrs. Wictor's sister.

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Mrs. Susan Watgen, with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Frank of Sioux City, drove to Omaha to spend the week-end with their nephew, Francis Neisius, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Neisius of Lead, S. D., who is a pre-medical student at Creighton University.

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Mrs. Roman Offermann, proprietor of Florence's Beauty shop here, attended a professional meeting and banquet, held by the National Hairdressers and Mosmetology association, at the Martin hotel, Sioux City. James Victor was guest speaker.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Krogman and children, Jean Anna and Joe, of Kansas City ,Mo., came last Friday to visit Mr .Krogman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krogman and particularly to be with them on their golden wedding day, Monday. They visited also with other members of the family, and left for home Wednesday. They have lived in Kansas City six years. Mr. Krogman holds a lucrative job as a driver of transport trucks for Associated Transports, Inc., which handles nothing but the complete line of Ford Motor Co. vehicles to all parts of the country.

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## Sick, Injured

Mrs. Dallas Bollman suffered a

## Gustave Alesch

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tax in an effort to break up large landholdings.

**Retired in 1943**

Mr. Alesch retired from active political life in 1943 and spent most of his time in his comfortable home here, but the rumblings of his turbulent political career continued to be reverberate over the state in the form of weekly and daily newspaper articles on questions of the day which he deemed imoprtant to the rank and file.

It was a part of the Alesch makeup to gain a chuckle from many criticisms, often vicious, as well as from letters of compliment from those who admired his courage and his tenacious adherence to the things he deemed for the best toward his fellow man.

Following world war 2 Mr. Alesch was one of the organizers of a local committee which raised more than $5,000 in aid toward rehabilitation in his native land, Luxembourg, which had been badly torn by the invading German army.

**Visits Old Home**

In 1954 Mr. and Mrs. Alesch visited his native home for the first time since his coming to this country 60 years prior. The visit was prompted by an invitation to help celebrate the golden wedding anniversary for a brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kremer.

Mr. and Mrs. Alesch spent November and December of that year in Luxembourg. During their visit they were entertained lavishly and were shown many courtesies by officials of the Luxembourg government.

**Fraternal Affiliations**

Mr. Alesch was a member of the Knights of Columbus 43 years, having joined at LeMars in 1914, with transfer to Remsen when Msgr. Schemel council was organized six year ago. He was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters 16 years.

**Survivors**

Surviving are the widow and 7 children: Leo Alesch, on the home farm east of Remsen; Ray Alesch, also farming east of Remsen; Mrs. Olivia Beeson, Battle Creek, Mich.; Arnold Alesch, farming near Graettinger, Iowa; Mrs. Joe (Mildred) Delaney, Chicago; Nicholas Alesch, San Jose, Calif., and Mrs. John (Rose Marie) Meylor, Los Angeles.

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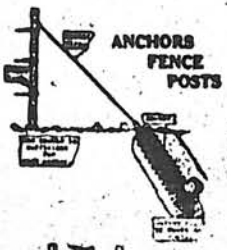


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Pallbeares were six great-nephews: James Alesch, Jerry Ballard, Mark Meis, John Schnepf, Donald Alesch and Robert Alesch.

## Annual Meeting Set By the Farm Bureau

The Plymouth county Farm Bureau announces its annual meeting, which is set for Tuesday evening, October 15, in the Girls 4-H building at the fair grounds in LeMars.

There will be a barbeque at 6:30 and the business meeting will open at 8 o'clock.

Main speaker will be Allan Kline, past president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Last year more than 800 people attended the Farm Bureau's anual meeting and this year the officials expect more than one thousand.

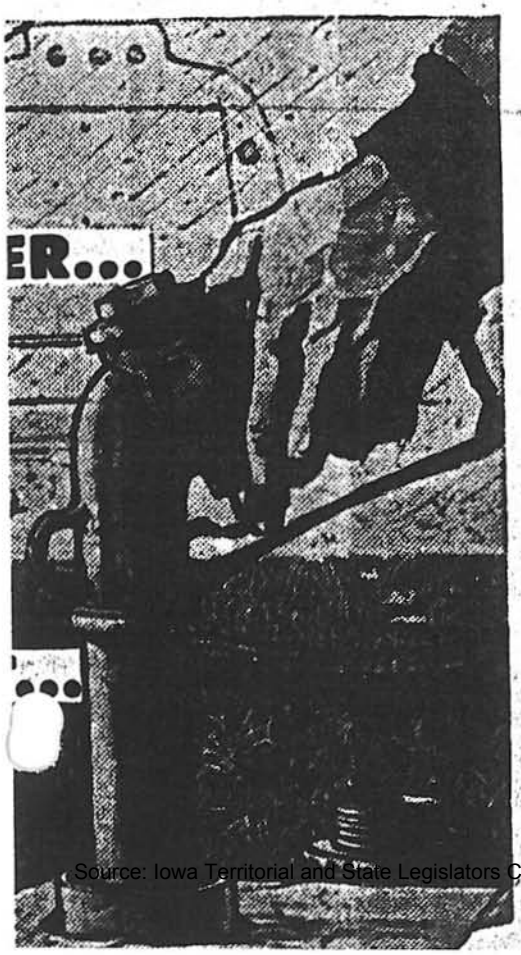
## LEGALS

### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that on the 24th day of September, 1957, the undersigned was appointed by the District Court of Plymouth County, Iowa, Executrix of the Estate of Henry Daldrup, deceased, late of said County. All persons indebted to said Estate will make payment to the undersigned, and those having claims against the same will present them legally authenticated to said Court for allowance.

Dated September 24, 1957.

Rita Schlemmer.

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