

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Breen,
Edward Joseph - Served Calhoun and Webster counties

1. Birthday and place 18 Mar 1899 Estherville, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Elizabeth Loomis 30 Aug 1923 Fort Dodge, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Member of the Iowa State Bar Association

B. Civic responsibilities American Legion; BPOE

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 47th, 48th General Assembly 1937 and 1939

6. Public Offices

A. Local Webster County attorney 1932-1937

B. State

C. National

7. Death 15 June 1978 Fort Dodge, Iowa; buried Oakland Cemetery, Fort Dodge, Iowa

8. Children Alan, Melvin Edward; Aine (Mrs. Harold J. Busch);
adopted daughters - Cynthia (Mrs. Michael Farmer), Susan; step-son of James
Byrnes

9. Names of parents Edward J. and Mary E. (Mitchell) Breen

10. Education Educated in schools of Fort Dodge, graduating
in 1916

11. Degrees University of Wisconsin B.A. in 1922; Drake
University LLB in 1928

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- 1922-1923 reporter for The Fort Dodge Messenger newspaper

- 1923 - 1926 - Salesman

- 1928 - 1932 practiced law in Dec Moines and associated
with radio station WHO

- 1932 practiced law in Fort Dodge, Iowa

- 1933 - 1937 Webster County attorney

- 1938 organized NW Broadcasting Company

- 1939 radio station KVFD went on the air and he was
president of the company

- Military service - WWI served in SA TC in Iowa City

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Thunderstorms

Chance of thunderstorms tonight with lows in the low 60s. Partly cloudy Saturday with highs in the upper 70s to low 80s. —Details on page 3

Today's Chuckle

Washington bureaucrats have finally figured out how to balance the budget. They're going to tilt the country.

City loses No. 1 citizen

Edward J. Breen is dead at 79

Edward J. Breen, 79, RFD 2, well-known Fort Dodge businessman and attorney, died Thursday evening about 8:15 at his home. He had been in failing health for the past several months.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in the First United Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Dr. Gene Siekmann, pastor, and Monsignor E.L. McEvoy, chaplain of the Marian Home, officiating. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery.

Friends may call at Bruce Funeral Home after 4 p.m. Friday until 3 p.m. Saturday when the casket will be taken to the church.

Surviving are his wife, Amelia (Mimi); sons, Alan V. Breen, Topeka, Kan.; Fred E. Breen, Fort Dodge; daughter, Mrs. Karl D. (Diane) Burch, Fort Dodge; adopted daughters, Mrs. Michael (Cynthia) Warner, Cedar Rapids; Susan Breen, New York City, N.Y.; step-son, Dr. James Byram, Massachusetts; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Edward Joseph Breen was born in Estherville on March 18, 1899, and came to Fort Dodge when he was 4 years old with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Breen. Edward Breen graduated from Fort Dodge High School in 1916 and attended the University of Wisconsin. He enrolled at the University of Iowa his sophomore year and in 1917 enlisted in the Student Army Training Corps.

After finishing his sophomore year at Iowa he continued his education at the University of Wisconsin and graduated from that school.

He was a reporter for The Fort Dodge Messenger and received his introduction to the law as he covered city hall, courthouse and police news.

Mr. Breen and Miss Elizabeth Loomis were married in 1923 in Fort Dodge and lived in California for a year before returning to Fort Dodge.

He sold stock for the Central Iowa Power and Light Co. until 1926 when he enrolled in the Drake University law school at Des Moines. While living in Des Moines, Mr. Breen became interested in the theater and the Belle Kendall Memorial Playhouse, now the Des Moines Community Playhouse. In 1928 Mr. Breen was asked if he would be interested in

radio and he became an announcer for WHO.

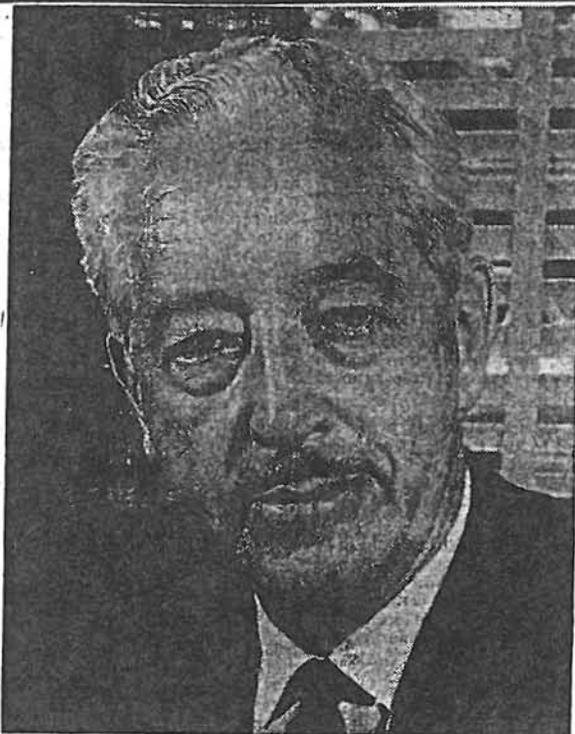
In 1930 Mr. Breen went into law practice with his brother, the late Maurice Breen, in Fort Dodge.

Edward Breen ran for county attorney in 1932 and was elected. Mr. Breen made an outstanding record as a county attorney, especially in drunk driving cases. He was the first county attorney in Iowa to have inebriacy tests administered to suspected drivers immediately after arrest. He was returned to office in 1934.

Mr. Breen became president of the Young Democrats' Clubs of Iowa in 1935 and was named national committeeman in 1935.

In 1936 he was elected to the Iowa Senate and served as minority floor

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EDWARD J. BREEN

March 18, 1899 — June 15, 1978

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(An Editorial)

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Losses allow Carter a tax rebat

He loved 2 things: his city and a fight

(An Editorial)

Apart from his family, there were two things Ed Breen really loved: The city of Fort Dodge and a good, scrapping fight. He never tired of either.

Ed Breen never sat on a fence. You knew from the start where he stood on an issue and even he knew he was not on the right side all the time but he battled in a manner dictated by his conscience.

Ed Breen was the catalyst that kept things going in this town. He kept the city government on its toes but at the same time when a maverick group organized in the 1950s to discredit and remove that form of government, it was Ed Breen who came to the rescue and with the aid of his then 500-watt radio station, ran the malcontents out of town.

There was no middle ground for the citizenry; they either revered the former state senator or they scoffed at the mention of his name. But, both camps had one thing in common...they respected him.

Ed's friends came from all walks of life. During his many years as manager of his radio station, (KVFD) his office lured the mill worker, the professional man, the farmer from the plains of the southern part of the county, the hill walker from the Lehigh valley, the mother with kids in trouble, ladies of the garden club, patrons of the arts, would-be politicians and kids out of college seeking careers in radio.

Ramrod straight through his entire life span, he was a familiar Central Avenue figure, walking with somewhat of a swagger that bobbed that distinguished silver thatched head that suggested the authority Ed carried.

He loved this city and its people. When Fort Dodge reached its 100th birthday on Aug. 23, 1950, Ed made sure the old town got the type of birthday party it deserved.

He sought help in putting on the affair from the then-ownership of The Messenger but got little response.

So Ed put on the party himself and it was the biggest whing-ding the city has ever seen. He pulled in then-Naval hero Adm. Chester Nimitz as parade marshal and more than 40,000 persons lined the curbs of Central Avenue to watch the parade.

Ed basked in it. "Everybody's here but the Cardiff Giant," he quipped in his typical manner.

Ed got a speeding ticket in Cedar Rapids once. He said they picked his car out of a line of autos all going the same speed. He fought a long battle over that ticket and advised his listeners, "Don't go to Cedar Rapids." It was one of the fights he lost.

He had a vision of Central Avenue back in the late 1950s, a vision for the future. It included construction of a mall down the main street of the city but the business community at that time was not really ready to get off its collective bottom and plow anything back into downtown. Ed fought long on that one, but also lost. However, he must have been happy in his final weeks to know that the city is now seriously considering what he had proposed 20 years ago.

During World War II and the Korean war, thousands of GIs from this city and area received a weekly Letter From Home, written, edited and distributed by Ed Breen. It was their link with home from such points as Saipan, Salerno, Aachen or Inchon. More correctly Ed Breen was their link.

He loved poetry and read it on the radio and listeners enjoyed it. He was one of the first radio editorialists, speaking out for or against countless issues on his program "It Seems to Me." He was a dynamic worker and expected his staff to be the same. Nobody ever left the employ of his station without carrying respect for the boss, perhaps not respect in agreement, but respect none-the-less.

In 1953 he went into television with little knowledge but lots of ambition, rolling up his sleeves and sorting things out and becoming the area's first TV news anchorman. When his station became a casualty in the 1977 May tornado it was one of the hardest days of his life but he never gave up his hopes of rebuilding.

Every city needs an Ed Breen, but few are fortunate to have one. There won't be another, the mold has been destroyed. Ed would like it that way.

Bob Brown

Losses allow Carter a tax Pays only \$48,152 on \$495,000

By WESLEY G. PIPPETT
WASHINGTON (UPI) — An unexplained loss of \$306,271 in President Carter's blind trust allowed Carter to pay only \$48,152 in income taxes on earnings of about \$495,000 in 1977, according to his financial statements.

Carter paid \$83,313 in income taxes during 1977, but as a result of the huge loss in his trust, he will get a refund of \$35,161. His return showed an adjusted gross income of \$189,160.

According to the returns, released Thursday by the White House, Carter earned more than \$495,000 in wages, royalties from his book and dividends from his blind trust from the sale of American Can stock.

But neither White House Counsel Robert Lipshutz nor press secretary Jody Powell could explain why, according to the return, Carter lost \$306,271 from the trust.

Before he became president, Carter placed his holdings — primarily his share of the family peanut warehouse, several hundred acres of south Georgia farm and timberland, and some securities — in blind trust.

Under terms of the trust, Lipshutz said, nothing can be disclosed about transactions involving it. The trustee is Charles Kirbo, Atlanta attorney and long-time Carter confidante.

The Internal Revenue Service completed June 7 an examination of Carter's tax returns for 1973, 1975 and 1976. Carter told a news conference Wednesday this was his reason for delaying two months the release of his 1977 tax return and statement of worth.

According to IRS documents, Carter is getting an \$8,971 refund from a 1973 overpayment.

Carter's statements of assets, based on estimated current value, showed a net worth of \$795,357 on Dec. 31, 1977 — slightly less than his worth of \$822,638 a year earlier. On a basis of the original cost of the properties, Carter was worth \$516,434 in 1976 and \$553,280 in 1977.

According to the 1976 statement, Carter had farmland, the biggest share of the peanut warehouse, miscellaneous real estate in his hometown of Plains, Ga., and securities with a cost basis of more than \$350,000. All this was placed in the trust, and in the 1977 statement, the cost basis was only \$151,000.

Lipshutz also could not explain this drop in the cost basis from 1976 to 1977.

Actually, according to the value of the Carter clan's 3,100 acres of farmland and their warehouse on the open market, they are millionaires several times over. Their 1,100 acres of tillable land was worth between \$600 and \$700 an acre, and their 2,000 acres of swamp and timber at \$200 to \$300 an acre.

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Fort Dodge Mayor Herbert S. Conlon, left, was first in line for a fill-up with gasohol when the fuel went on sale at the Felco Land O'Lakes Filling Station. Tom Vanatter is also in line.

1st day: 1,350 gallon

By JOHN WALKER
Staff Writer

Land O'Lakes Felco service station in Fort Dodge sold 1,350 gallons of gasohol Thursday, the first day of a 90-day test marketing of the mixture of grain alcohol and unleaded gasoline in five Iowa stations.

Tom Vanatter, station manager, said the average gallonage pumped on a Thursday is between 800 and 1,000 gallons of all types of gasoline.

Vanatter said many of the customers were farmers driving pickups and cars. "Most of the farmers wanted gasohol. There were quite a few more farmers than usual," Vanatter said.

Regular sale of gasohol began after a kickoff ceremony Thursday morning when the Iowa Development Commission, Land O'Lakes and Iowa Corn Growers Association officials lined their cars up to get the first tankfuls of the new fuel.

"A lot of people pulled in specifically for gasohol but others (who had planned to purchase other gasoline) changed their minds when we asked them if they wanted to fill up with gasohol," Vanatter said. The station manager said all

customers were asked if they like their tanks filled with gasohol said many motorists accept offer.

"Everyone gets asked," he said. Some turned it down, though a lot of people driving older cars skeptical of it...and some were premium or a 95 octane." Gasohol is rated as 91 octane.

Iowa Development officials others have praised the fuel good alternative to regular unleaded gasoline. Gasohol is a 10 percent grain alcohol and 90 percent unleaded gasoline.

Vanatter said the gasohol is used as a replacement for lead or unleaded gasoline.

The Iowa Development Commission, which is sponsoring gasohol project, says the provides better mileage, is cleaner and cooler when blended with lead gasoline.

All questions about the fuel answered by station attendants. response has been remarkably positive, Vanatter said.

But Vanatter said the number of customers were far more than he expected. Many of whom waited in the