

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Lucas, James Albert Senator _____

Represented Taylor County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 3 Sept. 1896 New Mineral, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Ethel Ruth Howell 16 Feb. 1923 Corning, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business In 1970 he was awarded a certificate which qualified him to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court; member of the Board of Governors of the State Bar Association

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; American Legion;

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 48th, 49th General Assemblies 1939, 1941

6. Public Offices

A. Local Chairman of the Taylor County G.O.P. 10 years; Bedford city attorney - 26 years; Taylor County attorney 1924-1968

B. State Commissioner Council for State of Iowa 1942-1947; acting Attorney General for State of Iowa in 1947

C. National _____

7. Death 23 Mar 1975 Clarinda, Iowa; buried Fairview Cemetery, Bedford, Iowa

8. Children Jeanette Howell (Mrs. Mishler); Kathleen Jean (Mrs. Muir)

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education _____

11. Degrees *University of Nebraska - law degree and Doctor of
Jurisprudence degree*

12. Other applicable information *Republican*
- Military service - World War I - U.S. Artillery

Final Rites Held Wed. For James A. Lucas

Funeral services for James A. Lucas, 78, were held at the Shum-Novinger Funeral Home here Wed., Mar. 26, 1975, in charge of Carl Cummings. Mr. Lucas, born in Des Moines, Iowa, September 3, 1896, well known lawyer, practiced his profession up until two days before his death at Clarinda Municipal Hospital on March 23, 1975.

A lifetime Republican, he headed the Taylor County G. O. P. for 10 years. His law experience, wide and varied, included serving the past 26 years as Bedford's City Attorney and County Attorney from 1924 to 1928. He served two sessions as a representative in the Iowa legislature (1939 through 1942) prior to serving as Commerce Counsel for the State of Iowa from 1942 to 1947.

In 1947 Lucas was acting attorney general for the State of Iowa. He resigned from this post to return to devote full time to his law practice in Bedford. In 1970 he was awarded a certificate which qualified him to practice law before the U. S. Supreme Court. For years this attorney was on the Board of Governors of the Iowa State Bar Association.

In high school Jim played basketball, baseball and was on the Bedford track team --- and when his parents moved to Mason City, Iowa he earned a half-back post as a 135 pounder on the Mason City gridiron team. Lucas was, however, interested in other activities. "Professor" Goetch created interest in economics and debate for him. Lucas' choice of a law career was influenced by his "lawyer kin" -- grandfather J. P. Flick, Uncle Bruce Flick as well as Jim's grandfather, A. G. Lucas. Jim's father, Ray V. Lucas, publisher of the Bedford Free-Press, trained Jim in the rudiments of journalism.

After his overseas military duty in the U. S. Artillery in World War I, Lucas returned to complete his law degree at the University of Nebraska and la-

Places of business in Bedford will be closed here from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesday in respectful honor to this long time Bedford professional man.

ter earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree.

Few Bedford business or professional men can beat this lawyer's record of continual, positive boosting for Bedford: he was a charter member of Bedford Country Club; a member of Bedford's Masonic Lodge; he was a charter member of, and first commander, of the Bedford American Legion Post; an active member and former president of the Bedford Lions Club; one of the instigators and main stays in the Bedford Development Corporation; a regular church attendant, he belonged to the Bedford United Methodist Church.

In February 16, 1923 he married Ethel Ruth Dowell in Corn-
ing, Iowa.

Besides his wife he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Jeannette Dowell Lucas Mishler of Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. Robert (Kathleen Jean Lucas) Muir of Minnetonka, Minn.; and six grandchildren: James Lucas, Sara Joann, John Whitney, and Julia Anne Mishler and Mary Kay and Jonathan Peter Muir.

His family and friends will always cherish countless happy memories of the 78 years his positive life exemplified.

It was Joseph Fort Newton who had in mind men like James A. Lucas when he defined a mature person as one who can look into a wayside puddle and see something besides mud, and into the face of the most forlorn mortal and see something beyond sin.

When he knows how to live, how to love, how to hope, how to pray -- glad to live and not afraid to die, in his hands a sword for evil and in his heart a bit of song.

dents. Funds received in response to the campaign support the services of physically handicapped provided by the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Iowa, Inc., and the summer camping program at Sunnyside.

"In 1975, more than before, Easter Seals needs help," Kay says. "Handicapped and disabled Iowans are turning to Easter Seals in greater numbers each year for the services they need, and rapidly mounting costs for equipment and therapy have created an urgent need for additional Easter Seal funds to meet their requests."

County residents may direct their gift checks to Easter Seals, Post Office Box 100, Bedford.

Local Y-Teen Club Holds 'Smile' Project

Want to buy a smile? Bedford Y-Teen Club girls are selling Smile stationery Smile Saturday, April 5, following the previous week. Each stationery costs \$1.50, and the proceeds will go toward supporting research and patient services programs of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. MDA clinic care, therapy, and medication for children with muscular dystrophy, and support of extensive worldwide neurological disease research program.

Smile stationery should be ordered only from volunteers with official Smile Project brochures and receipt books.

Smile Project volunteers expect a huge demand for the classic "happy face" stationery, and a great gift of stationery for dystrophic children.

Pipin' Poppas To Meet March 27

Volunteers are still needed to help with the Jr. Wrote Tourney which is to be held April 5. Final assignment instructions will be given Thurs., March 27 to all Pipin' Poppas who plan to help with the Tourney.

Pipin' Poppa wives, as well as the athletes' parents, will be called upon to donate stationery for Saturday.