

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Benson,  
Ralph E. - Represented Carroll, Greene and Sac Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27. Jan 1907 Ida County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Helen Custer 1928

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was a member of the Iowa Flying Farmers;  
member of Greene County Conservation League

B. Civic responsibilities Rotary; Mason; Jefferson Country Club

C. Profession Farmer; Northwestern Bell employee;  
implement dealer

4. Church membership Baptist

5. Sessions served 48<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 51<sup>st</sup>, 52<sup>nd</sup>, 53<sup>rd</sup> General Assemblies

6. Public Offices 1939, 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947, 1949

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

7. Death 22 Dec 1951 near Jefferson, Iowa; buried Jefferson Cemetery,  
Jefferson, Iowa

8. Children Donald Ralph

9. Names of parents Anton Benson

Benson, Ralph E.

10. Education Educated in schools of Haw Grove, Iowa

11. Degrees Franklin State College, Ames, Iowa - major in  
aeronautics and agricultural engineering

12. Other applicable information Republican





# BENSON RITES HELD HERE WED.

## Former State Senator Dies After Long Illness

Funeral services for former state senator Ralph E. Benson, well-known Hardin township farmer, were conducted from the First Baptist church here Wednesday. Burial was made in the Jefferson cemetery.

### Died Saturday

Senator Benson died last Saturday at his home after an illness of several years.

The funeral sermon was preached by his pastor, the Rev. T. J. Reese, who used passages of scripture which had been requested by Senator Benson shortly before he died. Two of his favorite hymns, "Stepping in The Light" and "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" were sung by Ora Hays, Paul Benedict, M. S. Applegate and Fred Morain with Mrs. Vivian Autenreith at the organ.

Casket bearers were David O. Milligan of Des Moines, Forrest McDonald, Dr. E. G. Baker, S. L. French, Emil Joens and David D. Roche. Honorary bearers were Dr. B. C. Hamilton, Dr. Willis Fowler, Guy C. Richardson, T. Edgar Gamble, E. A. Milligan, Dr. P. W. Herrick, R. H. Maloney, O. W. Stream.

Ralph E. Benson, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Benson, was born on a farm in Ida county January 27, 1907. He passed away at his Hardin township farm home Dec. 22, 1951.

He attended the schools in Ida Grove and then enrolled at Iowa State college where he majored in aeronautics and agricultural engineering. He was employed for several years by the Northwestern Bell Telephone company in Des Moines but since 1933 has been a farmer and livestock feeder in Greene county.

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## File Reports on Local Estates

Greene county inheritance tax appraisers have recently filed reports on two estates.

### John Dzuris

Their estimate on the John Dzuris, Jr. estate totals \$108,000. Of this amount \$54,740 was in personal property and over \$30,000 in real estate. The appraisers listed 89 steers at \$30,838.

### Minnie Marchant

The estate of the late Minnie Marchant was estimated at \$65,000. Of this amount over \$64,000 was held jointly by Mrs. Marchant with her daughter Cecile May Schulz of Carroll. Most of the property was in real estate.

## DANA CHURCH HOLDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Dana Community Methodist church program was given Sunday evening. The program is as follows:

Welcome, Jerry Scott; song, "Jesus Loves Me," Mrs. Gant's class, Jerry Scott, Cindy Brown, Don Paulson, Jolene Hillman, Janet Ferguson, Sharon Swanson, Patty Burkett, Dana "Auntie" Morgan and "Jingle Bells," Mrs. Gant's and other classes; Gary Weaver, Becky

## Greene County R In Entire

In case anyone lized it before ag BIG BUSINESS IN THE

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### Spending P

The figure includes by Greene county far corn, oats and soy pointed out today tl given to date represe dous amount of spenc farmers in the area.

In a breakdown o under government pr said that 148 Greene c have sealed corn at : 177, 825 bushels of col figure represents a \$268,515.75 given to C farmers.

Paul Fatka of Pa first to receive a loan crop, Woods said, see Nov. 15.

The PMA head pol many other farmers will probably seal co June 1, deadline if content of their crop c down to the minimum half per cent.

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Ralph was sent to the senate from Greene, Sac and Carroll counties in 1938. His constituents re-elected him in 1942 and 1946. Ill health forced his retirement from public life at the end of his third term. He was a member of the 48th, 49th, 50th, 50th Extra, 51st, 52nd, 52nd Extra and the 53rd sessions. Through several sessions he served as chairman of the senate aeronaut- ics committee.

**Active In Community**

Always active and interested in his community and its welfare, Ralph was a devoted member of the First Baptist church of Jefferson and at the time of his death was a deacon and president of the Iowa Baptist Men's Council. He was a long time member of the Jefferson Rotary club, the Masonic lodge and the Jefferson Country club. He was also active in the Iowa Flying Farmers organization and the Greene county conservation league.

Ralph was one of the men who participated in the organization of the Greene county Rural Electric Cooperative and the Greene county cattle feeders association.

He is survived by his wife and son, a daughter-in-law Kathleen and one grandson David Ralph. Other survivors include his father and mother, two sisters—Mrs. Ruby Burger of Jefferson and Mrs. Doris Brevitz of Minneapolis, Minn., a brother Harry E., also of Minneap- olls and several nieces and nephews.

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The candlelight service was given by Mrs. Tonkinson and Shirley Dzuris' classes. Ed West was reader, Merle Tonkinson soloist and the following people were in the choir, Floy Hughes, Sharon Tonkinson, Patty Clark, Patty West, Carol Cox, Dixie Hamilton, Linda Harton, Barbara Watters, Barbara Bishop, Max Johnson, Noland Weaver, Dean Weaver, Gary Swanson, Dale Weav- er, Jack Clark, Bob Busch, J. J. Clark and Shirley Dzuris.

The program was under the direc- tion of Mrs. W. R. Ferguson. Ac- companists for the musical portions were Mrs. Alvin Roeder, Mrs. Dale Swansen and Mrs. Mearle Tonkin- son.

Mrs. B. B. Carlisle left Monday evening for Des Moines for a visit until today in the home of her son Keith Carlisle and his wife.

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It is estimated tha quarter of a million Greene county farmers ed may soon reach the lar mark if much of t satisfactorily in the c

**SOIL MANAGEM IS SCHO**

The beginning in a management discuss conducted at the Adult Thursday evening, De in Jefferson high sch

Soil testing and cr symptoms will be th Thursday's program. was previously sched 24.

**PROMOTED TO S** Jotham E. Custer, w ed with the air force air base, Geneva, N. promoted to sergeant. signed to duty as a squ uling clerk at Samps has been stationed si 1951. He also does work.

**No Readin', Ritin' or Rithmetic This Wee**