

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator LYNES, J (AMES) *Kenda*

Represented Bremer and Butler counties  
kendall (Buster)

1. Birthday and place 22 March 1903, Plainfield, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Lenore (Lenora) Kuethe (1907-1947), 30 June 1926, St. Pauls Lutheran Church in Waverly, Iowa (her uncle as officiating pastor)

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business farmer, cattle breeder

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 49th-59 th GA 1941-1962; SD 39 Bremer/Butler 49/56  
Bremer Butler Franklin 57-59

6. Public Offices

A. Local Plainfield School Board 14 years

B. State

C. National

7. Death 5 May 1962, at home, farm near Plainfield, heart attack. *FINDAGRAVE. Com- Willow Lawn Cemetery Plainfield, Bremer County, Iowa*

8. Children (1) E. Lorraine (Chester), (2) James William Sr. (26 June 1928 - );  
(3) C. Wallace. (See #12)

9. Names of parents James Jay (Jim) Lynes (21 August 1868 - 25 November 1928);  
Jennie Vosseller (c. 1890 - ) See #12

Lynes, James  
Kendall

10. Education Plainfield High School, Cedar Valley Seminary  
(grad from high sch at age 15. 1 year at Seminary)

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information

GGGf James Lynes was only soldier of War of 1812 buried in Willow Lawn Cemetery. He had been impressed in British navy, but escaped in Boston Harbor and enlisted in American army. He, his son and grandson came to Buchanan Co. Ia from NY in 1851, and later to Plainfield area. The son also drove stage coach in area. grandson William Wallace Lynes was stone mason; many field stone barn and house foundations in area built by him.

Buster's father, James Jay (Jim) was born near Plainfield. Managed lumber company there at time sons William and Buster born; then moved to farm one mile southeast of town in 1905. National reputation for Morgan horses. One was grand champion stallion at San Francisco Worlds Fair 1915. Also he was one of first officers of Butler-Bremer Mut. Tel. Co., 2 years its vp and 9 yrs its secretary. Wife Jenny Vosseller was daughter of Civil War veteran from NY who came to Iowa after Appomattox. They had seven children, including Buster and Bill who served in Iowa legislature.

Buster, at age 16 became partner with older brother Leonard L. in operating family farm. Partnership continued until Buster's death. Buster was secretary of Butler-Bremer Mut. Tel Co. 30 years, and instrumental in adding Frederika and Tripoli to company's coverage. School board 14 years. Two three-year terms on council of St. Pauls Lutheran Church, Waverly. 32nd degree mason. National Director of Ayrshire Breeders Assn one term. His 1936 showhead of Ayrshire division of National Dairy Cattle Show in Dallas Tex, included grand champion bull and grand champion cow. He was noted for his great physical strength, and took on carnival wrestlers at county and state fairs, usually successfully, while attending them to show cattle. Had 19½ inch neck size. Once threw two ten-gallon cans of milk on back of truck at same time. with ease.

First elected to Iowa Senate 1941m served continuously until his death in 1962. Twice chair of Appropriations Committee; many times on sifting committee and Interim committee. Pres. pro tem 1959; majority floor leader 1961-62. Ran for nomination for Lt Gov 1950. Named outstanding member of senate by IDPA 1961. Served longer in Senate, at younger age, than any other man in Iowa's history. He and his brother William S. are only two brothers to serve in Iowa Legislature at same time

Survived by wife, 3 children, 2 brothers 4 sisters, 5 grandchildren.

Son James William Sr. (6th Generation of family to live in or near Plainfield), graduated HS 1945, was at West Point 1 year, and graduated Wartburg 1956. In military service 1951-1953. Rural letter carrier from 22 January 1951. State President Iowa Rural Letter Carriers ASSN !(\*! !(\*#. Pres Bremer Co Historical Society; secy as grf and fa of Butler-Bremer Co Tel Co. 14 yrs Plainfield Library trustee, until elected to Plainfield City Council 1983.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Stork/Clingan, Legislators		x	sessions searvd
Book of Remebrance, 1962		x	bio, many obits
Senate Journal 1963		x	memorial res.
Ia Off Register 1953-54		x	bio
Bremer Co. Cems. 1983		x	Buster & wf; parents
Des Moines Register Mon May 7 1962		x	death; obit
WPA Cem records		x	-father
Bremer Co. marriages 9-469		x	marriage; license
1910 Census Bremer Co. 101-B		x	with parents
1920 Census Bremer Co. 58-/11/8	x		(possibly with brother Leonard)
Bremer Co Ia 1985		x	bio of father & buster

PLAINFIELD Iowa officialdom was making plans Monday to attend last rites for J. Kendall "Buster" Lynes, Republican leader of the senate and one of the most colorful and controversial figures in the state's political history.

A 22-year senate veteran, Senator Lynes died in his sleep Saturday night at his farm home near here.

A few hours before his wife found him dead, he had completed the chores on his dairy farm and gone to bed complaining of chest pains.

His death was attributed to a heart attack. He observed his 59th birthday on March 22.

Gov. Norman Erbe said the senator's death "was a tragic loss to state government as well as a great personal loss to me." The governor called him "a great Iowan."

#### *Represent House*

At Forest City, Speaker Henry Nelson said "the senate is losing its powerful leader" and appointed Reps. Floyd Edgington (R-Sheffield), Marvin W. Smith (R-Paullina), Conrad Ossian (R-Red Oak), Robert W. Naden (R-Webster City) and Charles E. Grassley (R-New Hartford) to officially represent the Iowa house at the funeral.

I. Gov. William L. Mooty of Grundy Center was not immediately available but was expected to name a senate committee later in the day.

At Manchester, Senator Irving D. Long, president pro tempore, said:

"I've lost one of the best friends I've had. We entered the legislature together. I've always found him a trustworthy fellow."

A farm lad and lifelong resident of Bremer county, Lynes had served continuously in the senate since 1911. He was senate president pro tem in 1959 and Republican leader in 1961.

#### *Wrestling Challenges*

As a young man and "local champion"

the nickname "Buster" which symbolized his physical strength and later his political strength as well.

A big and powerful man, he was a rough and tumble, catch-as-catch-can politician who threw himself wholeheartedly into legislative battles.

He was outspokenly for things and people he favored and equally blunt and forceful against bills or individuals he opposed. Many a governor has felt the lash of his tongue.

He represented the 39th district of Bremer-Butler-Franklin counties and his current term expires in January of 1965. He was chosen as the "outstanding senator" of 1961 by newsmen covering the senate, where he was chairman of the rules and the sifting committees.

He was also a powerful influence on the legislative interim committee.

He was a member of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, a past director of the National Ayrshire Breeders Assn., secretary of the Butler-Bremer Mutual Telephone Co. for 30 years, a 32nd degree Mason and member of the board of trustees of St. Paul's Lutheran church at Waverly.

Lynes was associated with his brother, Leonard, in the breeding of Ayrshire cattle. They sold purebred animals to breeders throughout the country.

#### *Pushed Shaff Plan*

"Buster" was in the thick of every legislative battle and usually had the votes to win. His latest achievement was in pushing through the Shaff plan for an amendment to write a new legislative apportionment formula into the constitution.

It was passed in 1961 after a battle that raged throughout the 1959 session. It will not become effective unless passed again by the 1963 legislature and ratified by the people.

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*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to forward an enrolled copy to each member of his family.

JOSEPH B. FLATT,  
HARRY L. COWDEN,  
JOHN D. SHOEMAN,  
*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

J. KENDALL LYNES

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable J. Kendall Lynes, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

James Kendall Lynes, familiarly known since boyhood as Buster, was born on March 22, 1903, in Plainfield, Iowa. He was the son of James Jay Lynes and his wife Jennie, nee Vosseller, and the fourth child in the family of seven children. When he was two years old the family moved to a farm south of Plainfield where the deceased spent his boyhood years, enjoying his father's interest in fine horses and often accompanying him on exhibition trips. He attended the Plainfield Public school and was graduated from the high school at the age of fifteen. He then attended the Cedar Valley Seminary at Osage.

At the age of sixteen, with his brother Leonard as a partner, he became actively engaged in farming and in the breeding of purebred Ayrshire cattle which he exhibited with great pride in the Midwestern and Western states. He was also a past director of the National Ayrshire Breeders Association and had sold Ayrshire cattle in many parts of the country.

On June 30, 1926, he was united in marriage to Miss Lenora Kuethe in St. Paul's Church with pastor Fred Kuethe, uncle of the bride, officiating. To this union three children were born, one daughter, Lorraine and two sons, J. William and Carl Wallace. Their entire married life was spent on the family farm south of Plainfield. On December 10, 1933, he entered the fellowship of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly by instruction in the Christian faith, and through the sacrament of Baptism. He continued his membership faithfully and was twice elected to the church council, serving as a trustee at the time of his death.

The deceased lived a busy life, following many interests and accepting many responsibilities. From 1940 until the time of his death he served without interruption as State Senator from his district and became widely known as an outstanding legislator. He was proud of the fact that he had achieved twenty-two (22) years of continuous Senate service at the youngest age of any of Iowa's longtime legislators. He capped his legislative career as President pro-tempore of the Iowa Senate in 1959, and majority floor leader in the 1961 session. Even though the legislature meets only once every two years, Buster made politics a full time job. He was beginning his second four year term on the Legislative Interim Committee after the close of the 1961 session, which committee meets regularly during the interim. At the conclusion of the 1961 General Assembly, Senator Lynes received a significant recognition by being honored by the representatives

of the press, radio and television as the outstanding legislator of the Fifty-ninth General Assembly.

The interests and activities and public services in which he was involved during his busy lifetime were many and varied. His life was filled with adventure and excitement. As a youth the powerfully built Lynes had a reputation as a "strong man" who accepted challenges of boxers and wrestlers at county fairs. He reportedly was never defeated.

He participated freely and constructively in the life of his community, he served his district and the State of Iowa with distinction, he was beloved in his church. Many honors came to him but they came to him only because he worked hard and followed a predictable path of integrity. He took great pride in having been elected an honorary member of the Iowa Bar Association at the closing of the 1961 session. His massive personality made him a man to be remembered.

On Saturday, May 5, he followed his usual rugged schedule, including a trip to Des Moines. Greatly fatigued he retired early and passed from this life peacefully in his sleep sometime before 11:00 p.m. He had attained the age of fifty-nine years, one month and thirteen days.

He is survived by his widow, his daughter, Lorraine (Mrs. Lee Chester), his two sons, William and Wallace and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixtieth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable J. Kendall Lynes, the State has lost an honored citizen and a dedicated public servant, and the Senate, by this resolution, expresses its appreciation of his service, and would tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be printed in the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an enrolled copy of this resolution to each member of the family of the deceased.

VERNON H. KYHL,  
ROBERT R. RIGLER,  
GEORGE L. SCOTT,  
*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

FRED MAYTAG

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the Honorable Fred Maytag, begs leave to submit the following memorial.

Fred Maytag, nationally known chairman of the board of The Maytag Company, electrical appliance manufacturer, represented Jasper County as Senator in the Fifty-second and Fifty-third sessions of The General Assembly of Iowa.

Politics had a strong appeal to him. He had a wide and varied acquaintance, a reputation for ability and judgment in many fields, and a love for people that inspired confidence in him.



J. Kendall "Buster" Lynes



William S. "Bill" Lynes

## A Tribute to two Brother Legislators from Bremer County

William S. "Bill" Lynes and J. Kendall "Buster" Lynes are the only two brothers in the history of Iowa to serve in the state legislature from the same county at the same time. They were the sons of J.J. and Jennie Lynes, of rural Plainfield.

Bill Lynes was born in 1893, Buster 10 years later. Both graduated from Plainfield High School and attended Cedar Valley Seminary, at Osage, Iowa. Bill also attended Wartburg College, at Waverly, and the Engineering College at Iowa State University. Bill was employed as a registered drainage engineer and salesman by the Mason City Brick and Tile Company for 35 years, prior to his retirement in 1959. He was one of Plainfield's first rural letter carriers, serving from 1908-11, between his high school and college years. He served in France during World War I in a railroad unit of the Transportation Corps.

Buster graduated from high school at age 15, having skipped a grade, studied one year at Cedar Valley Seminary, then at age 16 started farming with his older brother Leonard, now 84, in a partnership which lasted until his death, at age 59, in 1962.

Both brothers were active in several other areas in addition to their chosen professions. Bill was Worthy Patron of the Waverly Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in 1936, a member of Tyrrell Lodge A.F. and A.M., Waverly, the Scottish Rite and the Shrine. He was affiliated with the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, the Iowa Engineering Society and was a life member of the American Poultry Association. He was a member of an engineering party of three consulting engineers employed by the Eire Republic in 1951. He was a member and chairman of the board of the Farmers State Bank in Plainfield for many years.

Buster was secretary of the Butler-Bremer Mutual Telephone Company for 30 years, a member and chairman of the Plainfield School Board for 14 years, served two three-year terms on the church council of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Waverly, was a 32nd degree Mason, was a national director of the Ayrshire Breeders Association for one term, and was a nationally known showman of Ayrshire cattle. His 1936 showherd made the greatest sweep of prizes in the

history of the Ayrshire Division of the National Dairy Cattle Show, held in Dallas, Texas, in that year. Amongst others, his animals were named grand champion bull (Fairfield's Admiral), and grand champion cow (Landlord's Cleone). Buster was also noted for his great physical strength in his youth, taking on carnival wrestlers at county and state fairs while attending them showing his cattle. He had a 19½ inch neck size, and could throw two ten-gallon cans of milk on the back of a truck at the same time as easily as a housewife throwing a pillow on a bed!

Bill was elected to the legislature in 1946 and served four consecutive two-year terms before retiring to run for governor in 1954. He was one of only seven men to be elected to two terms as Speaker of the House of Representatives, serving in that capacity in the 54th and 55th General Assemblies. After six years of semi-retirement from politics, he was elected to his final term in the Iowa House in 1960 after which, due to ill health, he retired. He died in 1963, at age 69. He was named "Outstanding Member of the Iowa House of Representatives" by the Iowa Daily Press Association in 1953.

Buster Lynes was first elected to the Iowa Senate in 1940, and served continuously until his untimely death at age 59, in 1962. He was in the middle of his sixth term when he was felled by a fatal heart attack on May 5, 1962. He was twice chairman of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, many times a member of the equally powerful Senate Sifting Committee, also served many years on the Budget and Financial Control Committee otherwise known as the Interim Committee, and was President Pro Tempore of the Senate in 1959, and Majority Floor Leader in 1961. Buster was known statewide as a master of political strategy and parliamentary procedure. He was the unquestioned Republican leader of the Senate during the time the Republicans controlled the State House. He ran for lieutenant governor in 1950, but finished second in a three-man race in the primary, and never again sought higher office. He was named "Outstanding Member of the Iowa Senate" in 1961, by the IDPA. He had served longer in the Iowa Senate, at a younger age, than any other man in Iowa's history.

## WILLIAM AND SOPHIA LUHRING (My Grandparents)

William was born in Bolsehle, Germany, near Hanover, December 27, 1858. He immigrated to America in 1872, landing in New Orleans. He worked his way up to lower Illinois, where his older brother, Heinrich, had settled. Heinrich had worked in grainfields through Iowa and Bremer County and chose Douglas Township for his home. William then came here and found work on the Robinson farm in Northern Douglas Township and worked here for quite a few years.



William and Sophia Luhring

Here, he had a dessert that he learned to like very much. What was it? Pie, of course, which always was his favorite dessert. His wife and daughter (who was my mother) had to learn to bake pies for him and their families, and they were delicious.

Sophia Hoppenworth Luhring was born September 10, 1861, at Sieverhauser, Germany, also near Hanover. She spent her first eight years in Germany and then her parents decided to immigrate to America. They also landed in New Orleans and migrated to the Chicago, Illinois, area, but they didn't stay there very long. They, too, came to Bremer County and settled in Douglas Township.

William and Sophia Hoppenworth were married in 1882 and lived in her father's (Carl Hoppenworth's) stone house. The old foundation is still among the trees along Highway 188 across the road from Harlan Reuscher's place. Here is where my mother, Marie Waltemate, was born.

My grandfather bought a small farm and began to put up buildings; the house had only one large room which they could add to later. He kept buying more land around it until he had a larger farm. This is in Section 29 in Douglas Township. Arlan Luhring, William and Sophia's grandson, now lives on this farm.

My grandparents had three children: Marie, born October 19, 1883, who died October 9, 1961; Ursula, born February 2, 1889, who died November 23, 1891; and the youngest, F. William, born August 30, 1892, who died February 10, 1927. Marie and William are buried in the Western Douglas Cemetery, Ursula, at St. Paul's Lutheran, Siegel.

In 1917, William Luhring retired from active farm-work and moved to a few acres on the outskirts of Waverly (now a part of Waverly). The present owners are Marianne and David Farran. Here he did a little farming and milked a few cows. He also was interested in insurance work, associated with Bremer County Fire and Iowa Tornado Insurance Association.

My grandmother became ill with diabetes shortly after they moved here. Because there seemed no known help, she had to fast one day a week, which hurt me deeply. In four years it took her life on June 27, 1921. This was one of the big crises in my life.

William married Augusta Wedemeier several years later, and they continued on his small farm, but in his last years he moved into Waverly. He died at the age of 78, December 28, 1936.

While I went to high school in the 1920's at Waverly, I stayed with my grandfather. I am sure he had a great influence on my life. His standards were very high. He always encouraged me to do my best. He believed in trying to better yourself, giving me an outlook toward positive living, which I've carried with me throughout my life. Submitted by Laura Rieckenberg

## JAMES, WILLIAM, AND WILLIAM WALLACE LYNES (First Three Generations in Iowa)

James Lynes (Lines), a native of Athlone, Ireland, his son William, and his grandson, William Wallace, all migrated together from New York State to near Manchester in Buchanan County, Iowa, in 1855. They came by way of Walworth County, Wisconsin, leaving their home in Cattaraugus County, New York, in 1851, and spent nearly four years near Beloit, Wisconsin, prior to making the move to the Manchester area. In 1857, James and William moved to the Syracuse area, about two miles north of present day Plainfield. William Wallace followed six years later.

Old James, the only veteran of the War of 1812 buried in Willow Lawn Cemetery, Plainfield, had been impressed into the British Navy early in that war, but jumped ship in Boston harbor and floated ashore with the aid of his sea chest, now on display in the Bremer County Historical Society Museum, in Waverly. He then enlisted in the American Army, and fought against the British in the battle of Plattsburgh. He was a carpenter and farmer and noted for his great physical strength. He was of a short, stocky build. His wife, Mary Allen, a second cousin of Ethan Allen, of Ticonderoga fame, was tall and slender. The next two generations of the family in the persons of William and William Wallace Lynes, inherited the Allen family's genes for height, and were very tall men.

William drove the stagecoach between the Syracuse House (located where Pat Scrivner now resides), and Bradford until the railroad was completed from Waterloo to Albert Lea, Minnesota, shortly after the Civil War.

When William Wallace Lynes made his belated appearance on the Syracuse scene, he promptly eloped with the daughter of the Syracuse House innkeeper, Ella Hutchins. W. W. and Ella were the parents of James Jay Lynes.

William Wallace Lynes was a giant stonemason, who, together with his partner, Horace "Jud" Shattuck, built many of the field-stone barn and house foundations which still exist to this day in the Plainfield area. The house foundation of the Dale Meyer residence, northeast of Horton, is a known example of his work. He served on the Plainfield city council after he retired from his rock work.

## JAMES JAY AND JAMES KENDALL "BUSTER" LYNES (Fourth and Fifth Generations in Plainfield Area)

James Jay "Jim" Lynes was born, grew up, and was educated in Plainfield. He married Jennie Vosseller, daughter of Sanford M. Vosseller, a veteran of the 111th New York Infantry during the Civil War, who came west with his four brothers after Appomattox. Sanford, his company's first sergeant, was captured at Harpers Ferry during the Antietam Campaign, in 1862, paroled, fought with distinction the second and third day at Gettysburg, through the Wilderness Campaign, was captured a second time at Reams Station, and remained a prisoner in Libby Prison, Richmond, Virginia, until the war ended.

J. J. Lynes managed a lumberyard in Plainfield until moving to a farm one mile southeast of town in 1905. He gained a national reputation for his Morgan horses, one of which, Dart, was the grand champion stallion at the San Francisco World's Fair, in 1915. J. J. was one of the first officers of the Butler-Bremer Mutual Telephone Company, serving two years as vice president, and nine as secretary, in the formative years of the eighty-year-old corporation.

James Jay Lynes and his wife Jennie were the parents of William S., Margaret (Mrs. Woodleigh Wile), Leonard L., J. Kendall "Buster," Winifred, Genevieve (Mrs. Don Graham), and Vivian (Mrs. Harold Squires). William S. and J. Kendall Lynes both served many years in the Iowa legislature (See "A Tribute to Two Brother Legislators from Bremer County" elsewhere in this book).

Buster was married June 30, 1926, to Lenore C. Kueth, the great-granddaughter of the Rev. George M. Grossmann, missionary sent by William Loehs of Germany to become the founder of the present Wartburg College and Wartburg Seminary. Buster and

Lenore were parents of E. Lorraine (Mrs. Lee C. Chester), James William, Sr., and C. Wallace Lynes. All five generations of the Lynes family, from James, the War of 1812 veteran, through Buster, are buried in Willow Lawn Cemetery, Plainfield.

## JAMES WILLIAM, SR., AND JAMES WILLIAM LYNES, JR. (Sixth and Seventh Generations in Plainfield Area)

James William "Bill" Lynes, Sr., born in Waverly, July 26, 1928, is the sixth generation of the Lynes family to live in or near Plainfield. He grew up on the family farm southeast of Plainfield, and graduated from Plainfield High School in 1945. He was a cadet at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, 1946-47, and graduated with a B.A. in History from Wartburg College in 1950. He served as a Special Agent in the Army Counter-Intelligence Corps in Germany during the Korean Conflict, from 1951-53.



Opal, Jim, and Bill Lynes

Bill has been the rural letter carrier on R.R. 1, Plainfield, since January 22, 1951, and a postal worker since November 1, 1950. He was state president of the Iowa Rural Letter Carriers Association from 1981-83, and is currently in his seventh term as state legislative chairman of that organization. He has been a delegate to the National Rural Letter Carriers Association national conventions for the past eight years. J. W. is a Life Member of the National Counter-Intelligence Corps Association, the Association of Graduates of the U.S. Military Academy, the American Legion, Amvets and VFW. He is a member of Tyrrell Lodge # 116, A.F. & A.M., Cedar Rapids Consistory, and the El Kahir Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Cedar Rapids. He is a Shrine clown in the Butler-Bremer-Chickasaw Kopper Klown unit. He is bulletin editor and a past-president of the Waverly Lions Club.

J. W. has been president of the Bremer County Historical Society for nineteen years. He has been secretary, as his grandfather and father before him, of the Butler-Bremer Mutual Telephone Company for nearly twenty-three years, and was vice chairman of the Bremer County Board of Health for fifteen years. He was a director of the Plainfield Library Board of Trustees for fourteen years, until he was elected to the Plainfield City Council in 1983. He is currently street commissioner of Plainfield. J. W. has attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church, in Waverly, all of his life, and has been a member all of his adult life. He served seven years on the church council, three as chairman of the board of trustees, and one as chairman of the stewardship board.

J. W. has had a lifelong interest in athletics, playing varsity football, basketball, and baseball in high school, and earning four major Ws at Wartburg College in football, where he was a four-year starter on as many winning teams. He co-sponsors the Lynes-Koob Award given annually to the outstanding Wartburg senior football player, and sponsors the Lynes Award given annually to the outstanding Wartburg senior basketball player. He has been a member of the Plainfield Booster Club since its inception, and was one of its earliest officers. He has covered the Plainfield Community School's football games for the Waverly papers for thirty-one years, and has operated the scoreboard for local high school basketball games for thirty years.

**LYNES, J. Kendall, Plainfield Republican**  
**39th District—Butler and Bremer**  
**Counties**

Born March 22, 1903. Graduated from Plainfield high school and attended Cedar Valley college, Osage, Iowa. Married Lorraine Keuthe in 1926. Three children: Lorraine, William and Wallace. Member of Plainfield Board of Education fourteen years, including chairmanship. Executive for many years of Butler-Bremer Mutual Telephone Company. Active in community affairs. Associated with brother in breeding of purebred Ayrshire cattle. Owned and operated same farm for 33 years. Member of St. Paul's Lutheran church, Waverly. Member of Senate since 1940. Brother of Wm. S. Lynes, Speaker of the House 54th and 55th General Assembly.



**MILLER, Leon N., Knoxville Democrat**  
**15th Senatorial District—Marion and**  
**Monroe Counties**

Born on farm in Marion County, Iowa, July 3, 1905. Graduated from Knoxville High School in 1924. Attended college at Iowa Wesleyan College at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, two and one half years. Farmed one year and entered Drake law school in 1928. Graduated with LL.B. degree in 1930. Claim adjuster with the Southern Surety Company of New York for two years, then entered general practice of law at Knoxville. Served as mayor of Knoxville in '32 and '33; city attorney in '34 and '35; and county attorney for Marion County for eight years thereafter. Is a member of the Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, I.O.O.F. Lodge, Farm Bureau, Isaac Walton League; also member of Lambda Chi Alpha, social fraternity, and Phi Alpha Delta, legal fraternity. Engaged in the general practice of law at Knoxville since 1932, now with the law firm of Miller and Sinnard. Married Esther E. Todd of Ottumwa in 1933 and has two daughters.



**MOLISON, Wilbur C., Grinnell Republican**  
**12th Senatorial District—Keokuk and**  
**Poweshiek Counties**

Born Malcom, Iowa, Poweshiek County, on December 20, 1902, son of William and Elizabeth Molison. Attended rural schools and graduated from Malcom High School in 1919 and from Iowa State College in 1924, receiving B. S. degree in animal husbandry. Worked as county extension agent in Washington County 1925-1927. Married Miriam McLain of Brooklyn, Iowa, July 6, 1927. Father of three children—Mac, a junior at Iowa State College; Mary, a freshman at Iowa State College; and Robert, a senior at Grinnell High School. Engaged in farming since 1928. Owns and operates farm near Grinnell. Director of Grinnell State Bank. Member of Congregational Church, Masons, Des Moines Con-istory, Kiwanis Club and Farm Bureau. Has served on board of directors of Community Hospital of Grinnell, has held county and state Farm Bureau offices, and was a member of Poweshiek County Board of Education from 1948 to 1950. Serving first term in Senate.



# POLARIS WARHI

## ROYAL LAOS FORCES FLEE RED ATTACK

12 G.I.s Safe as Outpost Falls

VIENTIANE, LAOS (AP)—Royal Laotian forces were reported withdrawing from the besieged provincial capital of Nam Tha Sunday under a major Communist attack.

Red forces were said to have thrust into the outskirts of the northwest city 20 miles from the Chinese Communist border.

### U. S. Advisers

A spokesman for the U. S. military assistance advisory group said all 12 U. S. advisers were brought out by helicopter after the attack began.

The attack was described by the Americans as a carefully planned and well-coordinated thrust against the last government bastion along the Chinese Communist and North Vietnamese borders.

News of the fresh attack came shortly after American military sources said they had confirming information that about 200 Chinese Communist troops captured Muong Sing, enemy gateway to Nam Tha, last Thursday.

Muong Sing's airstrip, 20 miles northwest of Nam Tha, was a main supply route for Nam Tha, under siege by the rebel Pathet Lao and Communist North Vietnamese troops since January.

Reports said the new attack began with a heavy artillery barrage. Infantry attacks followed, with the main thrust coming from the northwest.

Nam Tha defenders number

## J. K. Lynes, Iowa Senate Leader, Dies



J. Kendall Lynes  
Heart Attack Fatal

(The Register's Iowa News Service)

PLAINFIELD, IA.—State Senator J. Kendall (Buster) Lynes, 59, Iowa legislative leader, died in his sleep about 10:30 p. m. Saturday in his farm home near here.

Death was due to a heart attack.

### Found by Wife

The senator was found by his wife, who went into the bedroom to see how Lynes was resting. He had complained earlier in the day of chest pains.

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## ESTES CASE PUTS PINCH ON FREEMAN

Entire Farm Plan Under Suspicion

By Richard Wilson  
(Register's Washington Correspondent)  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman's farm program is writhing under the heavy pressure of criticism for favoritism and politics.

The Billie Sol Estes case has been building into a major affair, with side effects bearing on the administration of the whole program.

### Farm Bureau

Strong pressure is coming from the American Farm Bureau Federation and Republican congressmen. It is being brought out now that Emery E. Jacobs, deputy administrator of the farm programs, who went shopping for \$250 suits with Estes, was in fact the political agent of the Kennedy administration in reorganizing the farmer-committee, setup.

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my gateway to Nam Tha, last Thursday.

Muong Sing's airstrip, 20 miles northwest of Nam Tha, was a main supply route for Nam Tha, under siege by the rebel Pathet Lao and Communist North Vietnamese troops since January.

Reports said the new attack began with a heavy artillery barrage. Infantry attacks followed, with the main thrust coming from the northwest.

**Defenders**

Nam Tha defenders number about 3,200 regulars and 1,800 volunteers.

Information on the identity of the attacking forces was not immediately available. However, two North Vietnamese battalions, plus four Pathet Lao battalions, had been reported to be in the area.

American military sources estimated about four battalions took part in the attack from the northwest. Sources could not estimate the strength of other pro-Communist units, which attacked the town from the east and southeast.

There were no casualty figures.

The majority of Nam Tha inhabitants were evacuated during last January's fighting.

**Bomb Airstrip**

Nam Tha's airstrip, the only one held by the government capable of accommodations for C-46 transports in northwest Laos, has been made

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He also had served on the powerful Sifting Committee and had been chairman of the Rules Committee.

Senator Lynes ran an unsuccessful race for the Republican nomination for lieutenant governor in 1950. W. H. Nicholas of Clear Lake won the nomination.

**39th District**

Senator Lynes represented the old 39th District which consists of Bremer, Butler and Franklin counties. His term ran until 1964.

"Buster" Lynes was associated with his brother in breeding of purebred Ayrshire cattle. His brother, William, is a member of the Iowa House of Representatives and former speaker.

As a youth, the powerfully built Lynes had a reputation as a "strong man" who accepted challenges of boxers and wrestlers at county fairs. He reportedly was never defeated.

**Ayrshire Breeder**

Senator Lynes was a past director of the National Ayrshire Breeders Association and had sold Ayrshire cattle in many parts of the country. He had been secretary of the Butler-Bremer Mutual Telephone Co. for 30 years.

He was a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Waverly.

Surviving besides his wife, Lenore, are two sons, J. William and C. Wallace, and a daughter, Mrs. Lee Chester, all of Plainfield; two brothers, William S., Waverly, and Leonard L., Plainfield; four sisters, Mrs. Woodley Wile and Mrs. Delbert Shepard, both of Waverly, Miss Winifred Lynes, Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Harold Squires, Santa Monica, Cal., and five grandchildren.

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The Farm Bureau and Republican congressmen charge that Jacobs, under Freeman and with the direct blessing of President Kennedy, has tried to convert the farmer committees, both state and county, into a strong right arm for the Kennedy administration in the major farm areas of the Midwest and South.

President Kennedy's remarks on the south lawn of the White House to representatives of the farmer committees are being cited and widely circulated now as evidence of the attempt to use the committees as a political and lobbying arm.

**President's Speech**

In an adroitly worded speech, the President, on April 4, reminded the committee members that under law they are prohibited from lobbying but this did not mean they should let their congressmen

get "lonesome" up on Capitol Hill.

"We are attempting to meet a problem which is difficult, which is challenging, but nevertheless a problem which I think we can meet," the President said.

"And, as I say, while you are prohibited by custom and law, quite rightly,

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**Glanton: African To Find He Judge**

By Julie Zelenk

Municipal Judge and Mrs. Lut turned from a four-months' tour of Sunday and the judge said African learn he presides over whites as well as Negroes.

Judge Glanton and his wife, an attorney, made the tour for the U. S. State Department.

Glanton is the first Negro ever elected to a judgeship in Iowa.

Both the judge and his wife said the most frequently asked questions, even among those of little education, were about the race problem here and the problems of the American Negro.

The Glanton's had speeches to make and meetings to attend every day—with the exception of three days spent in Hong Kong.

Glanton said, "They worked us like mad, but we enjoyed it tremendously. Everything was exciting. The foremost question they asked was about our race problem. I told them that the race problem did exist, but the government and public opin-

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SEATTLE, WASH. (AP)—Russian cosmonaut Gherman Titov proclaimed his disbelief in God on the Sabbath and said he saw "no God or Angels" during his 17 orbits of the earth.

The question came up at a news conference Sunday at the Seattle World's Fair whether the 25 hours he spent in space had changed his philosophy or way of thinking.

"Some people say there is a God out there," the 27-year-old Soviet major replied through an interpreter. "But in my travels around the earth all day long I looked around and didn't see him. I saw no God or Angels.

"Up to our first orbital flight by Yuri Gagarin no God helped build our rocket. The rocket was made by our people. I don't believe in God. I believe in man, his strength, his possibilities and his reason."



## Lynes Dies; Colorful Iowa GOP Leader

PLAINFIELD—Iowa officialdom was making plans Monday to attend last rites for J. Kendall "Buster" Lynes, Republican leader of the senate and one of the most colorful and controversial figures in the state's political history.

A 22-year senate veteran, Senator Lynes died in his sleep Saturday night at his farm home near here.

A few hours before his wife found him dead, he had completed the chores on his dairy farm and gone to bed complaining of chest pains.

His death was attributed to a heart attack. He observed his 59th birthday on March 22.

Gov. Norman Erbe said the senator's death "was a tragic loss to state government as well as a great personal loss to me." The governor called him "a great Iowan."

### *Represent House*

At Forest City, Speaker Henry Nelson said "the senate is losing its powerful leader" and appointed Reps. Floyd Edgington (R-Sheffield), Marvin W. Smith (R-Paullina), Conrad Ossian (R-Red Oak), Robert W. Naden (R-Webster City) and Charles E. Grassley (R-New Hartford) to officially represent the Iowa house at the funeral.

Lt. Gov. William L. Mooty of Grundy Center was not immediately available but was expected to name a senate committee later in the day.

At Manchester, Senator Irving D. Long, president pro tempore, said:

"I've lost one of the best friends I've had. We entered the legislature together. I've always found him a trustworthy fellow."

A farm lad and lifelong resident of Bremer county, Lynes had served continuously in the senate since 1911. He was senate president pro tem in 1959 and Republican leader in 1961.

### *Wrestling Challenges*

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he used to take up the challenges of carnival wrestlers at local fairs. Reportedly he never lost a match.

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### *Lost Salary Fight*

As an interim committee member, Lynes lost a bitter fight last summer to clamp an \$18,000 ceiling on annual salaries of psychiatrists at state mental health institutes.

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