

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** BURTCH, Charles R. **Senator** \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Mitchell County, Iowa.

1. **Birthday and place** 2 July 1893, Osage, Iowa

2. **Marriage (s) date place**  
Ruth Forward ( ), 22 December 1923, Edgewood, Iowa

3. **Significant events for example:**

A. **Business** Farmer

B. **Civic responsibilities** Mitchell Co. Hist. Soc. charter member

C. **Profession** \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Church membership** Baptist

5. **Sessions served** 55/58 G.A., 1953-1960 Mitchell Co.

6. **Public Offices**

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

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

C. **National** WW I service

7. **Death** 21 Nov. 1972; Mitchell Co. Mem. Hosp. long period of illness.  
Buried Osage Cem.

8. **Children** (2) Dorothy (Mrs. Rogert Anderson, Lake Havasu City, AZ)  
(1) Elizabeth (Mrs. James Lockridge, La Mesa CA.); (3) Barbara (Mrs. John Oxenrod,  
Castle Rock, CO )

9. **Names of parents** A. J. Burtch (1844-1913; Addie Robertson (1854-1924)

10. Education Osage High School

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

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12. Other applicable information Farmed near Osage 1923 until retiring in 1950 to live in Osage. Member Co. Farm Bureau. Charter Member, Mitchel Co. Hist Soc.; told stories about sites in county when Society gave trips around county.  
Survived by widow, 3 children, 10 grch; 2 gr grch; one bro and one sis.  
Father is listed in obit as Adoniram Judson; in co. Hist as Adoniram J. (in bio of his brother), and in census as A. J. and Adnarien J. One of five children of his father's first marriage; their stepmother was living with A. J. in 1900.

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# Anniversary fete Number 9 banquet

chapter has been very active, not only in town but also in the state and national organizations. Three Osage Jaycees have served as state officers. Merrill Kelley was state vice-president. Roger Poppen served as state vice-president in 1967 and became state president in 1969. Clarence Kruse was state vice-president in 1969.

In the national Jaycee organization, Poppen served as the 1968 National Director. In

1970 he served as national chaplain. Clarence Kruse was national director in 1970.

Jaycee banquet organizers hope as many former Jaycee members will attend as possible. Tickets should be bought early from any Jaycee member. The cost will be \$2.50 a person.

## Devils belt West Union wrestlers

Osage ran its dual meet record to 2-1 with a 33-15 victory at West Union Tuesday night.

Bruce Olson, Bob Markham and Bill Fredericks helped the win with falls. Markham's in only 31 seconds. The big gang iced the meet as the Green Devils won the last four matches and scored 18 team points in those weights, breaking a 15-15 tie.

It was the 12th straight win without a loss against the Hawks. The varsity meet results:

98-Lance Franck (WU) threw Herb Francis, 3-07.

105-Bill Goergen (O) dec. Bob Raiston, 4-2.

112-Rich Goodale (O) dec. Stanley Gage, 6-2.

119-Bruce Olson (O) threw Ron Lauer, 5-41.

126-Pat Donohue (WU) dec. Jeff Olsen, 8-6.

132-Bruce Bernau (WU) dec. Brad Balsley, 7-0.

138-Steve Trout (O) dec. Mark Whitver, 6-1.

145-Bob Larick (WU) dec. Mark Brandau, 4-2.

155-Jim Lybarger (O) dec. Dave Strudthoff, 8-0.

167-Bob Markham (O) threw Mark Larson, 3-31.

185-Bill Fredericks (O) threw Denis Lansing, 2:55.

Hwt-Bob Goodale (O) dec. Victor Schmitz, 5-2.

### Big JV Win

The Osage junior varsity broke a losing streak with a vengeance in a 53-2 pasting of the West Union JV's. Osage won the last three matches by forfeit and Al Hemann, Jon Olsen and Erick Olson got falls to balloon the score. Osage's individual JV results:

98-Mark Angel won, 4-2; 105-Mike Taets won, 6-0; 112-Dave Thorsen won, 6-1; 119-Al Hemann won by a fall, 4:44; 126-Jon Olsen won by a fall, 3:25; 132-Gary Gast won, 8-5; 138-Brian Mellman drew, 0-0; 145-Galen Barker won, 5-2; 155-Erick Olson won by a fall, 1:56; Jim Rosendahl, Jim Olsen and Zeke Ogden won by forfeit.

## Sheriff reports 4 auto accidents in past week



### Memorial rite for C. Burtch held Saturday

Charles Burtch, 79, of Osage died Nov. 21, at Mitchell County Memorial hospital after a long period of ill health. A private committal service for members of the family was held Wednesday afternoon at the Osage cemetery. C. R. Champion and Sons were in charge of arrangements.

Saturday afternoon a memorial service was held at the Baptist church. Assisting the Rev. George Hope, church pastor, were Mrs. Charles Duckwitz, John Oxenford, W. H. Biedermann and Ray Cummings. Marlin Havig, commander of American Legion Post 278 presented a flag to Mrs. Burtch.

Charles Burtch was born July 2, 1893, at Osage, the son of Adoniram Judson and Adelia Robertson Burtch. He was graduated from Osage high school in 1912 and was a veteran of World War I.

Ruth Forward and Charles Burtch were married Dec. 22, 1923, at Edgewood. They farmed near Osage until retiring to their home here in 1950. He was elected to serve Mitchell county in the state Legislature from 1954 to 1962.

Mr. Burtch was a member of the Mitchell County Farm Bureau, was a charter member of the Mitchell County Historical society and was a lifelong member of the Baptist church.

Surviving are his widow, Ruth; three daughters: Mrs. James Lothringer (Elizabeth) of LaMesa, Calif.; Mrs. Robert Anderson (Dorothy) of Lake Havasu, Ariz.; Mrs. John Oxenford (Barbara) of Castle Rock, Col.; one sister, Mrs. Mary Hudson of Osage; one brother, Judson Burtch of Osage and Mesa, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; one niece, Maurine Hudson and one nephew, Eugene Hudson of Osage.

Four auto accidents were reported in Mitchell County by the sheriff's office. Two of the accidents caused minor injuries.

On Nov. 18, a car driven by Richard Kos of Austin pulled from a stop sign into the path of a car driven by Charles Hackbart of Osage. Hackbart was taken to Mitchell County Memorial Hospital with cuts and bruises. Kos was charged with stop sign violation. The accident, which occurred three miles west of Stacyville on a county blacktop, resulted in \$1000 damages to Hackbart's 1968 Chevrolet. Kos' 1966 Ford had \$360 damage.

A passenger was injured Nov. 26 in another stop sign violation accident. Merry Schnepfer of Minneapolis was charged after she went through a stop sign on a gravel road south of Riceville and struck a car driven by Richard Moore of Riceville. The Schnepfer car proceeded through the intersection into a ditch and rolled over, landing on it's wheels. A passenger in the car, Randy Schnepfer, received a bump on his head. The 1969 Pontiac driven by Miss Schnepfer was a total loss. Moore's 1966 Dodge had \$200 worth of damage.

An accident north of St. Ansgar Nov. 19 resulted in charging Kathy Wangen of Oakland, Minn. with failure to have her vehicle under control. Miss Wangen was traveling east on a county blacktop when she lost control of her car, went into a ditch and rolled over. \$1500 damage was done to her 1969 Oldsmobile.

Robert Shaw of Lincoln, Nebraska, hit the rear of a wagon Nov. 22 when he attempted to pass it. The accident occurred north of Osage on a county gravel road when he tried to pass a tractor and wagon driven by Kurt Cockrum, Osage. Shaw's 1962 Chevrolet had \$200 damage.

### Barn burns on Lloyd Fox farm

The barn on the Lloyd Fox farm two miles east of St. Ansgar burned about 4:30 a.m. Wednesday. The fire was discovered about 9 p.m. Tuesday by a local farmer passing by.

St. Ansgar and Osage firemen worked through the night taking out bales of hay trying to stop the fire but was unable to get to the source. At about 4:30 a.m. the firemen gave up and let it burn.

Much of the machinery and tools had been removed, however, some cats and pigs were suffocated in the smoke before the fire was discovered.

The barn on the same location burned 24 years ago in August.

University extension service. Any qualified resident voter may vote for his respective township representative.

Stacyville township will meet Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the Stacyville Library.

Robert Mauer will be chairman of the meeting, and Matt Hernann will be secretary. Members of the nominating committee are Herbert Hemann, chairman, Glen Mayer, and Fred Halfman. Vernon Mayer is present council member.

The Jenkins township election meeting will be held at the Telephone Building in Riceville at 8 p.m., Saturday, December 2. Chairman of the election meeting will be Floyd McKenna, and secretary, Mrs. Kenneth Berthum. Members of the nominating committee are Russell Bensch, chairman, Dean Lubbert, and Charles Moore. Nominees are Harold Evans, Leland Minnis, and Claude Kirchgatter. The present council member is Dale Lubbert.

Edgar Dorow, county extension director, will show slides that tell population trends in Mitchell county and the NIAD area and the implications of these trends.

The Douglas township election meeting will be held in the basement of the St. Peter Catholic Church in New Haven at 8 p.m., Monday, December 4. Chairman of the election meeting will be Daniel McCarthy, and secretary, Herbert Johanns. Members of the nominating committee are Victor Fox,

extension council. Moody won in Osage. Gerald Meltnie in Mitchell township. Charles Johnson council member township.

### Mayor

Steven Pullen (excessive noise), \$30. Roger Tobin, \$30. Kenneth He failure to stop (accident), \$10. Douglas H failure to stop (accident), \$10. Patrick Dor scene language, \$25. Merle Rand: and battery, \$ Don Sweeney: \$20.

Thomas I speeding, \$15. Judy Larson \$9. Lyle Newtor \$11. Mark Taets \$9.

Joel Klapp speeding, \$8. Richard Hol Dennis Th speeding, \$9. Marvin : speeding, \$14. Mary Ann \$13.



### St. Ansgar is

Mrs. Arthur Dielerich and Mrs. O. J. Schroed town of St. Ansgar as a bird sanctuary. The Ansgar Garden Club is sponsoring this as a corn planted 50 shrubs which will, in time, provide a well installed in the City park to attract the winged Schroeder is chairman of this particular project

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Because of his knowledge of law he was called upon to act in many court martial cases.

Soon after he was mustered out of the service he formed a law partnership with his former instructor, L. O. Hatch, at Waukon, Iowa. He made that place his home until his death, which occurred at Long Beach, California, October 27, 1915. He married a second time at Waukon, and leaves one surviving son. In 1873 he became circuit judge of the tenth district, and held that position until that court was abolished, December, 1886. He then became district judge of the thirteenth district, and held that office two years, when he was elected judge of the state supreme court. He served in that capacity twelve years, and until his health failed. He was a devoted Mason, and for many years held high office in the state in that order.

With such a record as that here outlined, it is needless to add that Judge Granger possessed ability of high order, and that he made friends of all his acquaintances.

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#### JOSHUA G. BURTCH.

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Joshua G. Burtch is now living retired in Osage, where he has made his home since 1894. He was formerly prominently identified with farming interests in this part of the state and through his well directed energy and industry he acquired the competence that enables him to rest from further labor. He has passed the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey, his birth having occurred in Guilford, Chenango county, New York, August 9, 1833, his parents being Ezbon and Sophronia (Root) Burtch. The former was a son of James and Sarah (White) Burtch. The grandfather was born in Dutchess county, New York, June 10, 1775, and passed away on the 26th of November, 1873. His wife was born December 22, 1777, in Dutchess county, and died on the 17th of March, 1865. Their son, Ezbon Burtch, was born June 21, 1804, in Dutchess county, and passed away on the 1st of April, 1869, while the mother of our subject was born in Chenango county, New York, April 7, 1808, and died August 7, 1854. The father afterward married again, his second union being with Abigail Slade. There were five children of the first marriage, the brothers and sisters of Joshua G. Burtch being Judson, Adoniram J., Adarista and Mary Ann.

Joshua G. Burtch was the second in order of birth. He pursued his education in the schools of New York and at the death of his mother started west, being then a young man of twenty-one years. He had previously taught for three winter terms in the district schools of the Empire state, receiving eleven dollars per month for his first year's teaching, while the second year brought him an increase of salary to sixteen dollars per month and the third year to eighteen dollars. On leaving the Empire state he removed to Springhill, Ohio, and for one winter taught school. In the following spring, in company with a companion, he drove overland to Rochester, Minnesota, where he took up land, preempting one hundred and sixty acres, which he purchased at a dollar and a quarter per acre. He afterward returned to Ohio in order to teach school through the succeeding winter, and in the next spring he went to Jamestown, New York, where he was married

1856 and then to Minnesota, where he remained for ten years. In 1866 they returned to New York and the following year they established their home at Burr Oak, Mitchell county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm. For twenty-five years he occupied that place, converting his land into rich and productive fields and adding to his farm many modern and attractive improvements which greatly enhanced its appearance and its worth. In 1892 he removed to Osage, where he has since made his home, enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

On the 11th of May, 1856, in Jamestown, New York, Mr. Burtch was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Garfield, who was born October 17, 1836, in Busti, New York. She passed away January 20, 1879. There were seven children of that marriage: James Howard, who is now deceased; Jennie M., the wife of William Markham, of Osage; Addie, Betty and Ada M., who are deceased; Lucien, who married Louise Catherman and resides at Blooming Prairie, Minnesota; and Lucia May, the wife of L. G. Benedict, of San Jacinto, California. On the 8th of December, 1881, Mr. Burtch was married to Miss Fannie Bush, who was born March 3, 1849, near Jamestown, New York. They have one child, Verna, who was born in Mitchell county and is the wife of Clayton E. Tubbs, of Osage.

Throughout his entire life Mr. Burtch has been a devoted member of the Baptist church, doing all in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. By precept and example he has furthered its teachings, and at all times his aid and influence have been given on the side of right and progress. He can here look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear. His has been indeed a well spent life and he comes to the evening of life crowned with the blest accompaniments of age—the respect, the honor and the friendship of those with whom he has come in contact.

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#### GEORGE L. BOSWORTH.

George L. Bosworth, a retired lumber, grain and coal merchant of Manly, has for a number of years actively identified with commercial development and progress in the city in which he lives but is now enjoying a well deserved rest. He was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, March 22, 1851, and is a son of Jackson K. and Mary (Coddling) Bosworth, the former a native of Bradford county, Pennsylvania, while the latter was born in Dutchess county, New York. Jackson K. Bosworth spent his youthful days upon the old homestead farm in the Keystone state and afterward took up the occupation of farming as a life work. He concentrated his efforts and attention upon the cultivation of the soil and the care of his crops until his later years, when he retired from business. He remained, however, upon the old home farm until the time of his death, which occurred when he was seventy-five years of age. In early life Mary Coddling had removed from the Empire state to Bradford county, Pennsylvania, and here she became the wife of Jackson K. Bosworth and for many years they traveled life's journey together. He was a republican in his political views and stood for progress and improvement in all matters of citizenship.

George L. Bosworth passed his boyhood in his native county, there remaining until he reached the age of twenty-three years. With a desire to try his fortune