

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Mensing, Albert Louis Senator _____

Served from Cedar County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27 Oct 1896 near Lowden, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Elsa Rodenbeck 26 June 1919

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Vice-president and director of American Trust and Savings Bank in Lowden

B. Civic responsibilities Lowden Community Club; Red Cross; president Cedar County Historical Society; American Legion

C. Profession Merchant

4. Church membership Church of Christ

5. Sessions served 54th 55th 56th 57th 58th 59th 60th and 62nd General assembly 1951-1964; 1967-1968

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Lowden 1920-1928; postmaster 1928-1936

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 8 Sept 1973 at Cedar Rapids; buried Lowden Cemetery, Lowden, Iowa

8. Children Wilmarth R. Leow

9. Names of parents Friedrich and Louise (Ernsting) Mensing

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Operated a general mercantile business from 1915-1953.
- Military service - WWI - United States Naval Reserve
- Wife, Elva, born 25 June 1895, died Feb 1986, also buried in Louden Cemetery, Louden, Iowa

Last Rites for A. L. Mensing

Funeral services for A. L. (Al) Mensing, retired Lowden businessman and Cedar county Representative for 16 years, were held at Zion United Church of Christ, Lowden, Sept. 11. Burial was in the Lowden cemetery.

Mr. Mensing died at a Cedar Rapids hospital Sept. 8. He entered the hospital Sept. 5.

Mensing was first elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in 1950 and served for 7 terms. He was defeated by LaMar Foster, West Branch, in 1964, a strong Democratic year. Mensing won the post in 1966 and retired at the end of that term, in 1968.

Albert Louis, the son of Diedrich and Louise Ernsting Mensing, was born on a farm near Lowden, 1896. He dropped out of school at 15 to go to work and, at 19, in 1915 entered the merchantile business. He was involved in several business ventures, selling the Mensing Motor company to his sons in 1946 and the implement business in 1953.

He was married to Elsa Rodenbeck in Lowden in 1919.

He was mayor of Lowden from 1920 to 1928, postmaster from 1928 to 1936, president of the Lowden Community club from 1925 to 1939, Cedar county Republican Central committee chairman from 1942 to 1950 and one of the organizers of the Cedar County Historical society and its first president in 1958 and 1959. He was a director of the American Trust and Savings bank at Lowden.

He took part in practically every civic activity in Lowden and, just before his death, was active in promoting a historical group to preserve the history of Lowden.

A veteran of World War I, he served with the United States Naval Reserve as an aviation machinist's mate, enlisting Aug. 18, 1918. He was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of World War I. As a member of the Iowa Legislature, he was active in improving the facilities and services at the



humor and an excellent command of English grammar, he remarked after his defeat in 1964, 'I'm a lame duck who is here to sing his swan song. How's that for mixing metaphors?'

"After retirement from the legislature, he was active in the Pioneer Lawmakers society.

"Although an avid student, he also worked hard physically, finding diversion in carpentry and masonry. 'Al Mensing never was afraid to get his hands dirty on a construction job,' a Lowden merchant said of him."

The official delegation from the Iowa legislature at Mr. Mensing's funeral was Senator Roger Shaff, Senator Clifton Lamborn and Senator Tom Riley, all of whom served with Mensing in the Iowa House of Representatives. The group was appointed by Lt. Gov. Arthur Neu.

Adult Classes Begin In Tipton Sept. 17

Classes in child guidance, bartending, modern dance and upholstery are included in this fall's program of adult education in Tipton.

Registration for all Tipton

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Dr. Kermit Pfeifle, incumbent and Keith Chapman were elected to the Tipton board of education in the election held Sept. 11. Chapman led in the voting with 283. Pfeifle had 263.

John Burrack got 186 votes, Richard B. Palmer, 70, and Dwayne Drager Jr., 29. There

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Travel Series

To Open

Sept. 24

There will be 5 programs on the Tipton Lion's club annual travel series, with the first presentation Sept. 24. The travel series will feature the Middle East, Russia, Canada, Wisconsin and Illinois and Asia.

The first program, "A Taste of Israel," will be shown and narrated by Walter S. Dodson at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24.

The second program, "Russia in the 70's" will be presented by Clay Francisco at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22. The third program, "Atlantic Canada" is by Hugh Pope at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

"Exploring the Hiawatha Trail" will be presented by John Ebert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. The final presentation, "High Himalayas," by Russ Potter is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5.

All of the programs are by veteran travel photographers. Dodson, who presents the first program on Israel, served in the British army during World War II and has travelled extensively in the Middle East. He has been an American citizen since 1949. The program on Israel will combine the new nation of Israel with a look at Biblical shrines and ancient history.

The Oct. 22 program on Russia will be a return engagement at Tipton for Francisco. It takes a wide look at the European and

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the American Legion and the Veterans of World War I. As a member of the Iowa legislature he was active in improving the facilities and services at the Iowa Soldier's home, Marshalltown.

He is survived by his wife, 2 sons, Wilmarth R. and Leon, both of Lowden; 2 grandchildren, a great-grandchild and 3 brothers, Louis, Blue Earth, Minn., and Paul and William, both of Lowden.

John McCormick, political editor of the Davenport Newspapers, in an obituary of Mensing said:

"During his legislative career, Mensing served on virtually every House committee and was chosen assistant GOP floor leader in 1959. He took over the leadership role when the late Rep. Clark McNeal, Belmond, became ill during that session.

"He was a pioneer in advocating judicial reform and sponsored the bill that removed District Court judges from the partisan election ballot.

"He also sponsored legislation that authorized designation of one judge in each district to handle juvenile matters.

"Many times the judge thinks the easiest way out is to send the boy to Eldora, and away to Eldora the boy goes," Mensing once said. "He should see the case through to its conclusion, even the rehabilitation."

"Mensing became known as Mr. IPERS for his sponsorship of legislation that established the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System in 1953.

"Stocky and bespectacled, Mr. Mensing earned the reputation of being one of the hardest working men in the legislature. He usually was the first to arrive in the House chamber, often showing up at 7 a.m., and was among the last to leave at the close of the day.

"He dropped out of school at age 15 but read widely in literature, history and law.

"Some people think Al's a lawyer," a friend once said.

"Well, he studied lots of law, but I wouldn't say he worships lawyers. He has spoken his mind about a lot of them throughout the years."

"Gifted with a droll sense of

and ancient history. bartending, modern dance and upholstery are included in this fall's program of adult education in Tipton.

Registration for all Tipton classes will be held Monday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Persons from any nearby community may enroll.

Carol Thurness, Tipton community education coordinator, announced that 16 general adult classes will be held this fall. Classes will begin meeting during the week of September 23.

The classes are sponsored by Kirkwood Community college in cooperation with local school districts, in Merged Area Ten. The classes are informal and carry no academic credit.

Tuition for most classes is \$12 or \$14. Anyone 65 years old or older or receiving social security retirement benefits can enroll in classes for a special \$1 fee.

The Tipton classes, meeting days and locations:

Slimnastics for women, secretarial refresher, child guidance, crafts (domes, candles, macrame, decoupage), nurses aide refresher and bartending, all meeting on Mondays; beginning and advanced sewing, modern dance and conversational Spanish, all meeting on Wednesday; nurses aide training, second section, to meet Thursday.

Classes in advanced first aid, furniture upholstery, beginning auto mechanics and service station management may be offered, but their meeting schedules have not been determined.

A basic skills class for adults wishing to complete their high school education will meet on Monday evenings at 6:30. Persons interested should contact Mrs. Thurness at 886-2532.

Tipton Girls Swim Team in Triangular Meet Here Saturday

Starting its season with an impressive 66 to 27 win over Regina of Iowa City, the Tipton girls' swim team will meet the lab school of the University of Northern Iowa and Muscatine in a triangular meet at the Tipton pool at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Against Regina Tipton won all but 2 events.

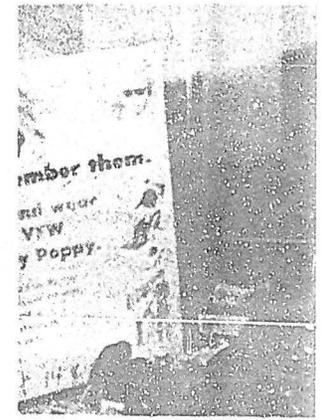
The Oct. 22 program of Asia will be a return engagement at Tipton for Francisco. It will give a wide look at the European Asian heritage of the Republic, with a particular emphasis on Moscow and life.

The Canadian film New covers Newfoundland, Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick.

John Ebert, the low travel photographer, mountaineer and adventurer, returning to Tipton. He will recreate the "Hiawatha" through midwestern

The final program covers remote, exotic and mountainous regions of the Himalayas, Kafistan, Pakistan and the kingdoms of Khyber and

The cost of season tickets is \$15.45 for a family, \$6 for adults and \$3.09 for students. Tickets are available at the Tipton State bank, Reeve Chambliss Insurance and Farm Equipment, Inc. or from individual members of the club.



"Peace, a World Republic" Foreign Wars display in preparation for the sale on Sept. 14 and 15.

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[Elsa Rodenbeck](#)
 Born: 25 Jun 1895
 Died: 28 Feb 1986 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa, USA

Marriage: 26 Jun 1919 [View Info](#)

Children

Children	Sex	Birth
Living Mensing	M	
Wilmarth Rodenbeck Mensing	M	20 Feb 1920 in Lowden, Cedar, Iowa, USA

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Death Date: Sep 1973
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State or Territory Where Number Was Issued: Iowa

Death Residence Localities

ZIP Code: 52255
Localities: Lowden, Cedar, Iowa
Massillon, Cedar, Iowa

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