

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Shannahan J. Phillips Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Woodbury County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 25 June 1901 Sioux City, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Clara Angela Heber 3 Sept 1939 Sioux City, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Secretary of Northwest Iowa Truckers Association

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Publisher and editor of the Iron-to-Market Truckers News for 34 years; trucking industry

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 61<sup>st</sup> General Assembly 1965

6. Public Offices

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

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

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

7. Death 7 Jul 1980 Sioux City, Iowa; buried Calvary Cemetery, Sioux City, Iowa

8. Children Michael Anthony

9. Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_

10. Education Educated in the schools of Des Moines, Iowa  
graduating from Central High School.

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

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He was a longtime promoter of the trucking industry in Iowa
- He was a lobbyist of the trucking industry for 60 years
- He founded the Annual Truckee's Day which was held each  
May in South Louis City bringing over 1000 truckers to the  
community
- In 1922 he joined the sales force of Hawkeyes Motor Truck  
Company
- In 1927 he joined Mack Truck as a sales representative in  
Des Moines
- Military Service - World War II - transportation specialist in the  
office of Defense Transportation for 2 years



high unemployment in the auto industry, but didn't claim his plan would put the industry jobless, now estimated at between 700,000-800,000 persons, back to work soon.

He announced creation of a permanent Automobile Industry Committee with members from government, industry and labor "to deal with the problems of the industry on continuing basis." But the functions

complaint by the United Auto Workers union that the U.S. industry is being hurt by imports of foreign cars, which accounted for about 27 percent of all cars sold in the United States last month, the vast bulk of them from Japan.

— Regulatory changes that would save the industry \$500 million in complying with federal anti-pollution standards. Other possible regulatory

equipment.

Carter also said that his administration may later provide special tax relief for the auto industry in a general tax reduction that may be proposed later.

Carter said the changes in anti-pollution and other regulations "would not in any way violate our commitment" to cleaner air standards or auto fuel efficiency.

# Trucking promotor John Shannahan dies

John P. Shannahan, 79, publisher and editor of the Farm-to-Market Truckers News for 34 years and a longtime promotor of the trucking industry in Iowa, died Monday night at his home at 903 S. Cornelia St.

He was associated with the trucking industry in this region in various roles, but chiefly as a lobbyist, for nearly 60 years. As a Democrat, he was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in 1964 and served one term.

Mr. Shannahan, a familiar figure

at the Sioux City Stockyards, was a founder and continued to be a major force behind the annual Truckers Day which is held each May in South Sioux City and brings over 1,000 truckers to the community. His chief assignment in recent years and his pet project was the Truckers Day queen competition.

He was perhaps best described in a 1966 edition of the "Sioux City Sue," a publication of the Sioux City Chamber of Commerce, as a "rotund, warm-hearted man with a sharp sense of humor and a deep dedication to the trucking industry."

The "Sue" also said he was the "only legislator who occupies two seats but has only one vote."

Mr. Shannahan was also known to many children in the community for his portrayal of Santa Claus each Christmas at school parties. Each holiday season he was also a major collector of funds for The Journal's Goodfellow Fund, a holiday charity drive, as a member of the Tailwaggers of the Ancient, Independent and Effervescent Order of Little Yellow Dogs and the Little Yellow Dog Auction Club.



Shannahan

For his efforts for the trucking industry and the community, he was honored by many groups including the Iowa Motor Truck Association and the Little Yellow Dog Auction Club.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Brady officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

The rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Larkin Morningside Funeral Home.

Mr. Shannahan was born on June 25, 1901, and joined the sales force of Hawkeye Motor Truck Co. here after his graduation from Central High School in 1922. He joined Mack Truck as a sales representative in Sioux City in 1927.

When the ton-mile tax proposal was first discussed that year, he assisted a group of Northwest Iowa haulers in the preparation of a counter attack against the plan.

That led to the formation of the first truck association in Iowa, the Northwest Iowa Truckers Association. He was secretary of the group and was urged to launch organizational expansion throughout the state. Because it was a full-time job, he resigned his position with Mack Truck.

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## Mini editorial

Whoever would think that Tuesday's 91-degree temperature would be considered a cooling trend — 15 degrees better than Monday?

Mark Twain is constantly being quoted to the effect that we all talk about the weather but no one does anything about it.

Well, what's wrong with talking about the hot weather? Come to think about it, how can you not talk about it?

## Shah's family focus of assassination plot

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Iranian

contact with various groups in

## Buena

By Marjorie Miller

Journal correspondent

Buena Vista County showed a decrease of 2.3 percent in population for 1980 compared with 1979.

# injures two girls

LAKE VIEW, Iowa — A sack of gunpowder exploded outside a Lake View home Tuesday afternoon seriously injuring one girl and slightly injuring another. The home was destroyed.

Tina Myers, 11, received burns to about 50 percent of her body and was rushed to University Hospital in Iowa City by air ambulance.

She was among three girls who were playing with firecrackers on the back porch of the Bob Gross home at about 2:30 p. m. Spokesmen at the Sac County sheriff's department said a firecracker dropped to the floor of the porch, igniting the gunpowder.

A University Hospital spokesman said her condition had not been determined as of Tues-

day night and she was still under observation. She is the daughter of Carolyn Myers of Lake View.

The explosion also injured Marilyn McCoid, 15, the daughter of William and Flora McCoid of Arion, Iowa. She was treated and released at a Sac City hospital.

Escaping injury in the explosion was Marcie Gross, 10, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gross.

Officials said the home and its contents received more than \$50,000 in damage from fire, the explosion and water damage.

Fire Marshal Ron Evilsizer of Denison investigated the incident, along with Sac County sheriff's officers and Lake View Police and Fire crews.

The Sac County sheriff's office said the gunpowder weighed between five and seven pounds.

arrived Wednesday to attend memorial services for the late P. Minister Masayoshi Ohira, who said "will be sorely missed."

The service will bring together a number of world leaders for the biggest diplomatic gathering in Japan since World War II.

The solemn rites for the 70-year-old Japanese leader, who died of a heart attack June 12, are expected to be overshadowed by Carter's meeting with China's Premier Guofeng.

In remarks prepared for arrival at Tokyo's Haneda Airport, Carter said "I have come to Japan to convey my personal condolences to Mrs. Ohira and her family, to the prime minister's friends and colleagues and to the people of Japan."

Calling Ohira "a good friend and a wise counselor," Carter said he "both honored and saddened by the return to Japan on this solemn occasion."

"Prime Minister Ohira's leadership will be sorely missed, because of his many contributions

# Shannahan organized Truckers News in 1946

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The organization grew and gained enough support to defeat the ton-mile proposal, and then was able to get its own plan, the Iowa truck operators law, passed in 1929. Later when the federal government took over the industry under the National Recovery Act Code Authority, Shannahan was asked to investigate the situation. He was so successful in his undertaking that he was asked to be secretary of the Nebraska Code Authority. However on his way to Omaha to accept the position, the NRA was declared unconstitutional. That left all trucking associations weakened, and Shannahan soon was asked to reorganize the Kansas Motor Carriers Association, which he did.

When he returned to Iowa he was

named secretary of the Central States Motor Truck Association. During World War II he served as a transportation specialist in the office of defense transportation here for two years.

In 1946 he established the Farm-to-Market Truckers News. The first edition said that the publication was started with "but one purpose" — "to assist the farm-to-market trucker to get a square deal in matters pertaining to his livelihood, namely, the hauling of farm products to market." That continued to be Mr. Shannahan's main goal as its publisher for over 30 years.

His son, Michael, joined him in the enterprise five years ago as co-editor but the senior Shannahan remained active in the business until his death.

Mr. Shannahan was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Survivors include his son, Michael of Sioux City, and a cousin, John G. Shannahan of Morago, Calif.

# Goat c

SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND. you hanker to swing a treacherous 1,000-foot canyon unexploded Navy artillery shell Clapp has a job for you.

But if that sounds somewhat advised that Clapp thinks the world's worst.

Clapp and his invaders are Goat Roundup.

"We don't want anyone married. We're risking lives to goats," said Clapp, a Colorado whose credentials for the job thousands of wild horses over the

Hired by the Navy to rid San Clemente Island of a troublesome herd of goats Clapp — after a month on the second thoughts.

"When the Navy said it was impossible to get all the goats aren't too far wrong," Clapp drawl.

"It takes a while to get an enough to stick with this job because sure don't get enough pay."

# Trial idea gains support

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*Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

THOMAS SWARTZ  
LISLE COOK  
DALE COCHRAN

Committee

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JOHN P. SHANNAHAN

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable John P. Shannahan, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Mr. Shannahan was born June 25, 1901. Throughout his life, he was a leader in the trucking industry, chiefly as a lobbyist, which he was for nearly 60 years, and as publisher of the Farm-to-Market Truckers News, which he also founded. One of his main goals in life was aptly stated in the first edition of his magazine: the magazine had "but one purpose — to assist the farm-to-market trucker to get a square deal in matters pertaining to his livelihood, namely, the hauling of farm products to market."

He was also founder and major force behind the annual Truckers Day which is held each May in South Sioux City. He served his country in a variety of capacities: during the great depression, he worked for the National Recovery Act Code Authority aiding a seriously weakened trucking system and during World War II, he served as a Supervisor in the Office of Defense Transportation. He was honored by many groups including the Little Yellow Dog Auction Club and the Iowa Motor Truck Association.

As a member of the Democratic Party, Mr. Shannahan represented Woodbury County during the Sixty-first General Assembly.

His survivors include his only son, Michael Shannahan of Sioux City, and a cousin, John G. Shannahan, of Moraga, California.

*Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly of Iowa*, That in the passing of the Honorable John P. Shannahan, the State has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this Resolution would express its appreciation of his service.

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

JAMES O'KANE  
AL STURGEON  
WARREN JOHNSON

Committee

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## Family Group Record

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### Husband

[John Phillip Shannahan](#)[Pedigree](#)**Birth:** 25 JUN 1901 Sioux City, Woodbury, Iowa**Christening:****Marriage:** 03 SEP 1938 Sioux City, Woodbury, Iowa**Death:** 07 JUL 1980**Burial:**

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### Wife

[Clara Angela Weber](#)[Pedigree](#)**Birth:****Christening:****Marriage:****Death:****Burial:**

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### Children

1. [Michael Anthony Shannahan](#)[Pedigree](#)

Male

**Birth:** 06 MAY 1940 Kansas City, Jackson, Missouri**Christening:****Death:** 17 MAY 1981**Burial:**

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