

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Parker, Edward G. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Lived at Mingo, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 22 Jan 1959 Des Moines, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was a member of the Land Improvement Contractors of America

B. Civic responsibilities Men's Club; Greek Letter League; Young Democrats Iowa Bureau

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

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 70<sup>th</sup>, 71<sup>st</sup>, 72<sup>nd</sup> General Assemblies 1953-1984, 1985-1986, 1987-1988

6. Public Offices

A. Local President of the Young Democrats at Northwest Missouri State University

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

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

7. Death \_\_\_\_\_

8. Children \_\_\_\_\_

9. Names of parents Robert H. and Mary Alice (Gannon) Parker

10. Education Graduate of the Meigs, Iowa High School 1917  
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11. Degrees Attended Northwest Missouri State University majoring in  
Political Science  
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12. Other applicable information Democrat  
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## Ship marks 400th anniversary

swings of a champagne bottle and some unexpected shoves were needed to christen and launch Elizabeth II, a replica of the 70-foot-long ship that brought the first English settlers to North Carolina almost 400 years ago.

Carolyn Hunt, wife of North Carolina Gov. Jim Hunt, swung six times before the traditional bottle of champagne broke across the bow of the three-masted wooden ship. It will play a key role in North Carolina's three-year celebration, beginning this year, of the 400th anniversary of British attempts to colonize the New World.

Then, for a brief, embarrassing moment, it appeared the \$650,000 vessel preferred land to water. When ropes were cut to let the ship slide down a track into Shallowbag Bay, nothing happened.

Using sledgehammers, workers slammed wedges into the wooden stand holding the Elizabeth II until the ship finally slid into the water.

The 400th anniversary celebration officially begins next April in Plymouth, England, where the first British voyage to North America was launched in April 1584.

North Carolina festivities will begin July 13, in recognition of the first landing at Roanoke Island on that date 400 years earlier. Related activities are planned thru 1987.

The Elizabeth II, whose namesake sailed to North Carolina in 1585, will be moored in Manteo Harbor beside a visitor center. By July, tourists will be able to board the vessel, which will be a state historic site.

### ED PARKER

Edward G. Parker is currently serving as the State Representative from District Seventy. The son of Robert W. and Mary Alice Gannon Parker, Ed was born January 22, 1959, in Des Moines. He graduated from Mingo Community High School in 1977 and attended Northwest Missouri State University, majoring in political science. He is a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Valeria, Iowa; Mingo Mens Club; Farm Bureau; Isaak Walton League; and Land Improvement Contractors of America. Ed has been active in the Democratic Party for some time, and is a past president of the Young Democrats.

### LOCAL ROYALTY

The Mingo community has had several girls honored in recent years as representataives of County and State Organizations:

Linda Hulse - County and State Pork Queen.

Carol Matthews - County Pork Queen.

Diane Wilson - County Beef Queen.

Kelly Maher - County Dairy Queen.

Eileen Gannon - State Angus Queen.

Carol Herbold - Cowgirl.

Ceil Herbold Slings - Cowgirl.

### BILL GANNON

William Gannon began his political career in 1964 when he was elected State Representative from Jasper County. He was re-elected to this office in 1966 and 1968. During his second term, he was chosen by his colleagues to the position of Democratic Floor Leader. He was the youngest person in either party to hold this position.

He ran in 1970 in the Democratic primary, seeking the nomination for governor. He was narrowly defeated by Robert Fulton of Waterloo. In 1972, Bill was the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor. He put on a colorful campaign featuring a 1300 mile ride on horse-back throughout Iowa. In 1974, he again south the Democratic nomination for governor unsuccessfully.

### THE GEISLER LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER CENTRAL COLLEGE, PELLA, IOWA

The depression years and pressures of work to be done on the family farm in Jasper County, Iowa, prevented the childrfen of John Edward and Gertrude Setzer Geisler from realizing their dreams of obtaining college educations. But solid values live on and prosper, and Cecil Geisler Penquite and Harold Geisler have honored their parents with a gift from their estate to the college endowment.

In April of 1977, the Central College Board of Trustees voted to name the Learning Resource Center for the Geisler family, who together have chosen to endow the library collection. By doing so, they assure that the resources so vital to learning will forever be available to the young people here.

The Geislars and the Penquites, while childless themselves, express an abiding interest in young people and desire to see them educated in an institution which imparts not only knowledge, but values. Their endowment of the college library honors their parents. But the gift they have made honors Central as well and endows the academic excellence of this college for years to come.

### THE CONTINENTAL PRESIDENTIAL COLOR TEAM

From 1972 to 1976, Lowell Noring was stationed in Washington, D.C. with the Army's Third Infantry.

During this time he spent two years on the Continental Presidential Color Team, and two years on the Honor Guard at Fort Myers, Virginia.