

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Baker, George T. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Scott County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 9 Jul 1857 Iowa County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Clara S. Poole Apr 1879

3. Significant events for example:

- A. Business President of the Hart Davenport Improvement Company,  
vice president of the Clinton Street Railway Company and the  
Choctaw Lumber Company 1902-1924; president Davenport Industrial
- B. Civic responsibilities BPAF Comm.

C. Profession Civil engineer

4. Church membership Epicopal

5. Sessions served 26<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1896

6. Public Offices

- A. Local Mayor of Davenport 1898-1900; 1911-1932 member of  
Davenport park board
- B. State Member of the State Board of Education

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

7. Death 13 Dec 1940 El Paso, TX; buried Oakdale Cemetery, Davenport

8. Children Mrs L. H. Brandt; Mrs. R. E. Risley; Iowa  
Lucy Adelaide (died in 1920)

9. Names of parents Albert Watson and Thelma Malicent (Lynch)  
Baker

10. Education Graduated at Hall's School for Boys in  
Ellington, CT; McClain's Academy in Iowa  
City, Iowa

11. Degrees Attended State University of Iowa for one year,  
Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 1875-1879;  
June 1934 awarded honorary Doctor of Law degree at Cornell  
College, Mount Vernon, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- In the fall of 1879 he came to Des Moines, Iowa and worked  
as division engineer on the Chicago, Rock Island and  
Pacific railway which he held until Jan. 1886.
- 1886-1888 he worked as locating and construction  
engineers with the A.T. and S.F. railway
- 1888-1889 - chief engineer of the Soo and Southwestern  
railway
- 1889-1892 chief engineer of the high bridges at Muscatine,  
Clinton and Annona, IA
- 1892-1912 - manager and chief engineer with the Edward  
and Walsh Construction Company



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# Funeral Tuesday for

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## Leader in Education Dies at 83

### State Officials Are Expected to Attend Service.

Funeral services for George T. Baker, 83, retired civil engineer, former mayor of Davenport, and for 31 years a member of the state board of education and its president for 15 years, will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the Hill & Fredericks chapel. Interment in Oakdale cemetery after incineration at the Davenport crematorium will be private.

Mr. Baker died at 7:30 p. m. Friday in Hotel Dien hospital in El Paso, Tex. He resigned as president of the board of education Oct. 1 this year and left Davenport Oct. 2 to visit his daughter, Mrs. D. H. Bryant, in her ranch

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## Italy Draining Axis Partner, U. S. Discloses

### Commerce Department Cites Great Economic Disparity of Nations.

Washington.—(AP)—Indications that Italy is proving a heavy economic drain on her German Axis partner were reported Saturday by the commerce department.

Writing in the Foreign Commerce Weekly, Louis Domeratzky, chief of the department's regional information division, said that an analysis showed "not only the great economic disparity between the two countries, but also the high degree of dependence of Italy on German resources."

The full measure of German assistance to her partner cannot be ascertained because of lack of current trade statistics, he said, but the "fundamental character and scope" is disclosed in a review of their economic relations appearing in a German publication which is regarded as representing Nazi economic theories and policies.

Domeratzky said that while the article was intended to show Italy's growing economic strength, that purpose was "definitely overshadowed by the revelation of the degree of dependence of Italy on the senior totalitarian partner as a source of supply and a market."

GEORGE T. BAKER

## Bahamas Not Suitable for Bases, Reveals

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# Bahamas Not Suitable for Bases, Reins

## President Back in U. S. After Inspection Cruise Of Islands.

Aboard Roosevelt Train Enroute to Warm Springs, Ga.—(AP)—President Roosevelt ended a cruise over nearly 4,000 miles of Caribbean and Atlantic Saturday, assured by a personal inspection that sites for American defense bases in Jamaica, St. Lucia and Antigua were satisfactory, but skeptical about facilities in the Bahamas.

Pointing up evidence of Anglo-American friendship, the cruise took the president into the waters of a belligerent power for the first time since the current conflict began in Europe. He paused at more than half a dozen British islands, and also at the French island of Martinique.

Mr. Roosevelt came ashore from the cruiser "Tuscaloosa" at the Charleston, S. C., navy yard Saturday afternoon, tanned by a tropical sun and salt-laden breezes, after 12 days at sea.

**WARM SPRINGS STOP.**  
 Immediately, he left by special train for Warm Springs, Ga., to spend today at the foundation for infantile paralysis victims and then return to Washington Monday.

The cruise took him to four of the eight spots where the United States obtained rights, by turning over 50 old destroyers to Britain, to establish plane and naval bases in British territory and thereby forge a chain of outlying defenses for the continent and the Panama canal.

Mr. Roosevelt found the sites at the island of Jamaica, St. Lucia, and Antigua in the Caribbean met the qualifications of supplying anchorage for essential maintenance supply ships and areas for sea and land lane operations.

But at Mayaguana island in the

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home near La Union, N. M., about 20 miles north of El Paso.

The change, it was hoped, might restore his failing health, but within a few days after he reached his daughter's home his condition became such that he was taken to the hospital. Infirmities of age caused his death.

Mr. Baker's body is to arrive in Davenport early Tuesday and it will be taken directly to the Hill & Fredericks mortuary. His family has requested that there be no flowers.

The Very Rev. R. F. Philbrook, dean of Trinity cathedral, will officiate at the service and William R. Boyd, Cedar Rapids, chairman of the finance committee of the state board of education and long an intimate friend and associate of Mr. Baker, will deliver a tribute.

It is expected that educational leaders of state institutions will attend the services.

Names of bearers were not available Saturday night.

**MEMBER ORIGINAL BOARD.**  
 Mr. Baker was named to the state board of education when that organization was instituted in 1909 and altho he resigned as its president Oct. 1 this year he retained his membership on the board.

During his long service on the board he devoted much of his time to activities of the building and business committees.

Because of his professional capabilities and his keen judgment his colleagues looked to him for decisions and suggestions regarding expansion of quarters at state educational institutions. For more than 30 years, as schools and colleges operating under the board's direction expanded, his wide experience and training coupled with his innate fairness were important factors in board decisions.

**NATIVE IOWAN.**  
 Born in Iowa county, Iowa, on July 9, 1857, he was the son of the late Albert Watson and Free love Malcom Kenyon Baker. Taking

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Coal occupies first rank in commodities which Italy must import from Germany, he said. It is being supplied at a rate of 600,000 tons a month, which involves considerable strain on way facilities.

Germany also is Italy's chief supplier of metals and metal manufactures, lumber, petroleum, chemicals, including fertilizers, added.

At the same time, Germany is the chief market for Italy's agricultural exports, taking one-third her total shipments.

"It should be pointed out," he said, "that while the supplies Germany obtains from Italy are of some importance, and include essential products as mercury sulphur, on the whole they are of much less importance than for which Italy is absolutely dependent on Germany."

Domeratsky said Germany had become Italy's chief source of lumber and is sharing with her petroleum resources of other countries, particularly Russia.

**8 SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS**

**CHRISTMAS**



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# ARGENTINA AND URUGUAY PLAN CO-OPERATION

Colonis, Uruguay.—(AP)—The Argentine and Uruguayan foreign ministers signed a joint declaration Saturday night advocating co-operation between their countries in preparing for any defense of the Americas against outside aggression.

Long strides toward understanding and achieving an adequate defense program were made by the two ministers of the neighboring river Plate countries, Julio Roca of Argentina and Alfredo Guani of Uruguay in their two-day meeting here.

Argentina, which has been aloof from defense consultations, evidently is ready now to join her neighbors in discussing "continental defense" needs.

# British Forces Drive Italians Back Into Libya

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aid was conservative, placed in actual custody more than one-fourth of the Fascist army which invaded Egypt in the early autumn and now has been driven back to the point where it started—an army which at its peak strength had been estimated by the British at 80,000.

The troops which had escaped capture in the flight into Libya were pictured as so disorganized as to be of little present account.

British air activity continued to set a high tempo of violence for the whole operation.

Continuous assaults with bomb and machine gun fire on Italian positions far within Libya—at Derna, for example, 150 miles and more within the frontier—were reported by the Royal Air Force. Hard hit, said the British, were the Derna barracks, wireless station and other military buildings, and spreading fires were left in the area.

During the day a communique put at 15 the number of Italian aircraft shot down in action in a 24-hour period. This was aside from whatever destruction was caused among grounded planes, and the total British plane losses were said to have been four.

No recapitulation was made, but the cumulative total as derived from successive RAF announcements placed the aggregate Fascist plane losses since the beginning of the British offensive at least 65 to 70.

What a big letter Santa Claus is going to get from Jimmy Young, age six, of Cleveland, O. then—judging by what he's already jotted down, there are a whole lot of things Jimmy wants the bearded Saint to bring, come Christmas eve, this year.

# Funeral Service Planned Tuesday For G. T. Baker

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his preparatory education at Hall's School for Boys, Ellington, Conn., and McClain's academy, Iowa City, Iowa, he later matriculated at the State University of Iowa where he was enrolled for a year.

Planning to major in civil engineering, he entered Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y., where he studied from 1875 to 1879. In the fall of 1879 he came to Davenport as division engineer on the C. R. I. & P. railway. Serving in this capacity until January, 1886, he became locating and construction engineer with the A. T. & S. F. railway, from 1886 to 1888, constructing the first cross-country high line railroad. He acted as chief engineer of the Soo & Southwestern railway from 1888 to 1889.

During the years of 1889 to 1892, he was chief engineer of the high bridges at Muscatine, Clinton, and Winona, Minn.

As manager and chief engineer, he was associated with the Edward & Walsh construction Co., from 1892 until 1912. The company, composed of Pat Walsh, William Edwards, A. W. VanderVeer, and Mr. Baker, became known as the Tri-City Construction Co., after 1898 when Mr. Walsh entered the railway construction business.

Mr. Baker also acted for many years as president of the West Davenport Improvement Co., and was vice president of the Clinton St. Railway Co., and the Choctaw Lumber Co., from 1902 until 1924.

## SERVED IN LEGISLATURE.

Elected to the house of representatives, Mr. Baker served in this office from 1896 to 1898. He was mayor of Davenport from 1898 until 1900. From 1911 until 1932 he was a member of the Davenport park board. Other offices included presidency of the Davenport Industrial commission.

In October, 1928, he was appointed a member of the Railway Emergency board by President Coolidge. Mr. Baker was also a member of the Beta Theta Pi, national social fraternity. He was a Democrat in political connections, and was a member of the Elks lodge here. In June, 1934, he was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree at the

# Dr. James E. Berney Chosen To Head Dental Society; Dr. McCormack Is Speaker

At the annual dinner and meeting of the Scott county Dental society, held at the Hotel Blackhawk Saturday night, Dr. James E. Berney, orthodontist with offices in the Davenport bank building, was elected president for 1941. He succeeds Dr. C. S. Ranck as head of the dental group.

Dr. Berney is a graduate of the University of Iowa, and also studied at Loyola university in Chicago. He is a member of the Kiwanis club and has been active in civic affairs as well as work of the dental society since he has made his home in Davenport.

Dr. A. A. Plagman was chosen vice president while Dr. James P. Leonard was elected to serve for another term as secretary and treasurer.

Trustees of the society selected were Dr. Ranck, the retiring president, Dr. C. Leigh, Dr. Frank Howell, Dr. Harold L. Pilcher and Dr. LaVerne J. Evans.

The program feature was an address by Dr. C. V. McCormack, a former Davenport dentist who is now engaged in practice in Chicago. The subject of Dr. McCormack's address was, "The Effect of Focal Infections on the Blood Stream." The technical paper by Dr. McCormack was followed by a brief discussion period.



DR. JAMES E. BERNEY

commencement exercises at Cornell college, Mt. Vernon.

Mr. Baker was honored May 27, 1936 at a dinner marking the opening of the first dormitory for men at Iowa State Teachers college, Cedar Falls, where the new building was named George T. Baker hall in his honor.

Mr. Baker was a member of the Episcopal church.

In April, 1879, he was married to Clara I. Poole of Ithaca, N. Y., who died in April, 1919. The couple went to Iowa City where they resided until 1885 when they moved to Davenport.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. L. H. Brandt of New Mexico, and Mrs. R. E. Risley, Davenport. Mrs. Baker died in April, 1919 and one daughter, Sue, Adelaide died in 1920.

Since the death of his wife, Mr. Baker had lived in the Baker home at 1514 Farnam street with his daughter, the State Historical Society and Mrs. R. E. Risley.

# Little Happiness For Europe This Christmas

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clothing and leather goods most annoying of all to the shortage of "lutefisk" Christmas dish. It is considered a special milk sauce, a biggest source of codfish been able since the Germans occupied it to send the city.

Finland's churches will be closed on Christmas day. They will pray for peace and times.

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