

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** Bittner, GROVER J. **Senator** _____

Represented Jackson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 23 August 1884, Bellevue, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

(A) Mrs. Frances Ernst Martin *c1887-1945), 29 Sept, 1915 (possibly Bellevue)

(B) Waive Ellen Ernst, 1946

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business carpenter, lumberyard

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession _____

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 48 G.A., 1939; House, Jackson Co.

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor Bellevue 6 terms; fireman 32 years & chief fire dept 23 yrs

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 4 July 1965, Mercy Hospital, Dubuque

8. Children none

9. Names of parents Louis Bittner (Pa. 26 JHly 1848-Ia. 1930); carpenter and lumber
Mary G. Neumyer (Ia. 1854-1915)

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Father, b. Pa., came to Clayton Co., Ia, with parents, 1855; learned carpenter's trade at age 20; moved to Bellevue 1881; awarded contracts for all the principal buildings in Bellevue after arrival; was partner with Grover from 1918; mayor Bellevue 2 years; councilman 4 years; jp over 8 years; He & son operated retail lumber yard from 1914 until his death. Son bought another yard in city in 1940, combined with his, and sold themn to Bellevue Lumber Co in 1862.

Treasurer St. Joseph Church 25 yrs; member of Bellevue Council Knights of Columbus; Duborg Assenky 4tgh degree Knights; Rosary Society of church; Bellevue Garden Club and Bellevue Golf Club.

Survived by 2d wife and two sisters.

Hinggen, Lynn
 Hipschen, James P.
 Hipschen, Mary L.
 Hutchcroft, Monica J.
 Keil, Joan P.
 Keil, Richard J.
 Kloft, James
 Latta, Mickey R.
 Luterborn, Rosalyn A.
 Mppert, Janine A.
 Lucke, Terry
 Maiers, Sheila
 Manderscheid, Loras
 Medinger, John J.

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Bellevue, Iowa, Thursday, July 8, 1965

Intermediate Class
 Monday and Wed., 9:20 - 10:10 a.m.
 Beck, Debra Jeanne
 Bennett, Roxanne L.
 Cussaday, Patrick A.
 Cussaday, Michael A.
 E. Lora, Danny P.
 Spurgeon, Gizelle A.
 Theisen, Debby A.
 Zimmer, Dianne M.

Lifesaving Class
 Monday and Wed., 9:20 - 10:10 a.m.
 Beck, Gregory R.
 Gothard, Jim K.
 Hipschen, Thomas
 Stanek, Linda N.
 Witter, Gary L.
 Witter, Bruce C.

Beginners Class
 Monday & Wed., 9:20 - 10:10 a.m.
 Latta, Jan M.
 Manderscheid, Patrick J.
 Medinger, James R.
 Medinger, Joan M.
 Medinger, Marty J.
 Meier, Don E.
 Michel, Gregory
 Michel, Juliann
 Nichols, Mary S.
 Nichols, Ricky J.
 Mueller, Jeffrey P.
 Norpel, Laura G.
 Ries, Dale
 Roling, Carla A.
 Roth, Thomas J.
 Roth, Timothy J.
 Sawvell, Carolyn A.
 Sawvell, Peggy A.
 Schaub, Cathy A.
 Schmidt, Mary J.

Beginners Class
 Monday and Wed., 10:10 - 11 a.m.
 Abbott, Mickael P.
 Brown, Karen
 Brown, Kevin L.
 Budde, Joan M.
 Budde, Yvette A.
 Dagitz, Judith K.
 Daugherty, James
 Daugherty, Lois
 Feller, Patty
 Glesemann, Janell M.
 Griebel, Debra S.
 Herrig, David L.
 Herrig, Joan M.
 Herrig, Steven H.
 Hueneke, Mark P.
 Keil, Dennis L.
 Kilburg, Janis M.
 Kueter, David
 Kueter, Nancy J.
 Kunau, Charles E.
 Pataska, Darrell G.
 Petesch, Gary L.
 Petesch, Kathy A.
 Ring, Jane E.
 Seifer, Mary S.
 Schulte, Bette J.
 Senwager, Tommy V.
 Stender, Anna M.

Beginners Class
 Monday and Wed., 10:10 - 11 a.m.
 Abbott, Nora L.
 Becker, Dwain P.
 Helmle, Sharon K.
 Helmle, James K.
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 Monday and Wed., 10:10 - 11 a.m.
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Mrs. Dyas Dies in Crash

Mrs. Robert H. Dyas of Bellevue was killed Monday, July 5, in a one-car accident four miles west of Mechanicsville on Highway 20. Mrs. Dyas was a passenger in a car driven by her granddaughter, Mrs. Vicki Suits, 22, of Iowa City.

Mrs. Suits and her 20-month old daughter, Lisa, are hospitalized at Cedar Rapids Mercy hospital. Cedar county sheriff's office reported that Mrs. Suits apparently lost control of the car on a curve, causing the car to leave the roadway into a 15 foot ditch. The car crashed into the embankment but did not overturn.

Funeral services for Mrs. Dyas, 72, will be this morning, Thursday, at 10 a.m. at the Kempter-Gallagher Funeral home. Dr. Laurence Nelson, pastor of First Presbyterian church, will officiate at the rites and at the interment in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Mabel Elliott was born in August, 1892, a daughter of Lewis and Lida Elliott, at Elliott, Ohio. As a child she came to West Branch with her family. She graduated from the University of Iowa, coming to Bellevue in 1916 to teach at the Bellevue public school. In May of 1917, she was married to L. E. Kucheman at West Branch. He died in April of 1939.

Following his death, Mrs. Dyas again taught and served for some time as a sorority house mother in Iowa and in Arizona. In 1951, she married Robert H. Dyas of Bellevue at Palisades, N. Y. and has resided in Bellevue since that time.

Mrs. Dyas was a charter member of Chapter FL, PEO, Bellevue; the Library Board, being instrumental in the founding of the Bellevue library; the Presbyterian church and its Ruth Circle.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, Elliott Kucheman of Minneapolis, Minn.; a daughter, Mrs. George (Constance) Voss of Grandview, N. Y.; three granddaughters; a grandson; a great-granddaughter; and a sister, Mrs. Parke Moore of Kissimee, Fla.

RW MEETING POSTPONED
 The July breakfast meeting of the Bellevue Republican Womens club has been postponed from Thursday, July 8, to Thursday, July 15, at the Mill Hyler home.

RAISE HOUSE
 Joe Gonner has started tearing down the Mrs. Elizabeth Duesing

4 PAGES

Because of the short holiday week and some mechanical difficulties, the Herald-Leader consists of only four pages this week.

Next week's Herald-Leader will contain pictures taken during the Fourth of July celebration, plus those of the swimming pool dedication. Results of the parade judging, plus all other stories on the celebration will be presented with the pictures.

Mrs. K. Adrian Dies July 3

Mrs. Kenneth Adrian, 33, of Omaha, Neb., former resident of this area, died at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, July 3, at St. Joseph hospital in Dubuque.

Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in St. Charles Catholic church at Cassville, Wis., and burial was in the church cemetery.

Born at Orleans, Neb., Margaret Flammang was the daughter of Nicholas and Christina Herrig Flammang. She attended St. Joseph's high school in Bellevue her junior and senior years, graduating in 1949. She married Kenneth Adrian Dec. 26, 1954 at St. Raphael's Cathedral in Dubuque.

Surviving are her husband, Kenneth; two daughters, Janine and Suzanne at home; three sons, Kenneth, Gary and Michael at home; her mother, Mrs. Nick Flammang of LaMotte; six sisters, Mrs. Fred (Bernice) Breifelder of Dubuque, Mrs. Francis (Veronica) Ryan of Dubuque; Mrs. Clarence (Viola) Jensen of Maquoketa, Mrs. Raymond (Mary) Weber of Bellevue, Mrs. Neil (Rose) Weber of LaMotte, and Mrs. Edward (Jean) Brosius of Dubuque; three brothers, Alve, James and Paul Flammang, all of LaMotte.

JAYCEES MEET TONIGHT
 The Bellevue Jaycees will meet at 8 this evening in the city hall for their regular July session.

St. Donatus Youth Attend Camps, Leader School

Attending the EWALU Lutheran Bible Camp at Strawberry Point this week from St. John's Lutheran church, St. Donatus, are Mann, Gary Knief and John Hebard. Joyce Michels of St. Paul's, LaMotte, will attend July 11-17.

G. J. Bittner Dies Sunday

Grover J. Bittner, 79, for many years prominent in Bellevue business and civic affairs, died at 5 a.m. Sunday, July 4, in Mercy hospital in Dubuque. He had been in failing health for the last six months.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. E. Linkenmeyer was celebrant for the solemn requiem high Mass in St. Joseph's Catholic church at 10 a.m. Wednesday. Rev. Phillip Schmitt, assistant pastor, was deacon, and Rev. Donald Kruse of Cascade was sub-deacon.

The Kempter-Gallagher funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Bittner was born Aug. 23, 1884 in Bellevue, a son of the late Louis and Mary Niemeier Bittner. In 1914 Louis and Grover Bittner formed a partnership for the retail lumber business on North Second Street with Grover becoming sole owner in 1943 at the death of his father.

In 1943 Mr. Bittner bought the Siefert Lumber company at the south edge of the city and moved the Bittner firm to that location. The Bittner firm was sold in June 1962 to the firm that now operates Bellevue Lumber company in the same location.

Among his civic duties were six terms as mayor of Bellevue between 1936 and 1948 and a term as representative from Jackson county to the Iowa legislature in 1938. He was a member of the Bellevue fire department for 32 years, including 23 years as chief of the unit.

He served St. Joseph's church as treasurer for 25 years, was a member of the Bellevue council, Knights of Columbus, of Duborg assembly, Fourth Degree Knights. He was also a member of the Rosary Society of the church.

Mr. Bittner was a member of the Bellevue Garden club, and Bellevue Golf club.

Mr. Bittner married Frances Ernst Martin in 1915 at Bellevue. She died in 1945. He married Waive Ellen Ernst in 1946 and she survives. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. George (Ella) Zentner of Bellevue and Mrs. Lloyd B. (Rhoma) Wertz of Dubuque.

Beside his first wife he was preceded by three brothers and a sister.

Dr. W. B. Keil

BITTNER, Grover J., Bellevue Jackson County
Democrat

Born in Bellevue, Iowa, August 23, 1885. Educated in parochial and public schools. Worked at the carpenter trade until 1914, when with his father, established the L. Bittner Lumber Company. Upon the death of his father, he became the sole owner of the Bittner Lumber Co. A director of the First National Bank, and is serving second term as mayor of Bellevue. A charter member of the Lions Club; served as secretary of Lions Club five years. Married in 1915; has no children. Serving first term in the legislature.



GROVER C. BITTNER

BLUE, Robert D., Eagle Grove Wright County
Republican

Born at Eagle Grove, Iowa, September 24, 1898. Son of Donald and Myrtle E. Blue. Was graduated the Eagle Grove high school in 1916. Worked on railroad and in grocery and furniture stores. Attended C. C. C. College at Des Moines, Iowa State College, and was graduated from the College of Law, Drake University, in 1922 and has subsequently practiced law with the firm of Hobbet & Blue. Appointed county attorney of Wright county in October, 1924, to fill a vacancy and served until January, 1931. Was city attorney of Eagle Grove two years. A delegate to the Republican national convention in Chicago in 1932. A World War veteran, member of the Masonic lodge, the Methodist Episcopal church, the American Legion, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Alpha Delta fraternities. Married to Cathlene Beale of Tama. Two children, Barbara Ann, 10, and Donald Robert, 8, born to this union. Elected to the legislature in 1934, 1936 and 1938; Republican floor leader in 1936 and 1938.



ROBERT D. BLUE

BOWERS, L. C., Kent Union County
Republican

Born in Henry county, Iowa, September 3, 1867. Educated in public schools and Iowa State Teachers College. Taught as principal of town schools for twelve years. Entered the mercantile business in Kent in 1900, continuing to the present. Married in 1906 to Alta M. Toland. Has one son, Virgil L., of Washington, D. C. Elected representative in 1932, 1934, 1936, and 1938.



L. C. BOWERS

BRODERSEN, Thomas H., Battle Creek Ida County
Republican

Born in Germany, July 27, 1877. Came to the United States with his parents in 1881, locating near Oxford Junction, Jones county, Iowa. In 1889, moved with his parents to Morgan township, Woodbury county, Iowa, where he has lived on a farm which he operated and still owns. In 1920, moved to Battle Creek, where he has since resided. United in marriage to Maud Roloff of St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1937. Served as township trustee and assessor and ten years on the town council. A member of the Presbyterian church, a thirty-second degree Mason. Serving second term in legislature.



T. H. BRODERSEN

he still lives. Until recently he was engaged in the furniture business there but has now retired from active participation in the mercantile world. His wife, who was Miss Fredericka Specht in her maidenhood, was also born in the province of Hamburg, her birth having occurred December 18, 1840, and she is still living.

Charles Westphal had come to America three years before his father, having made the journey in company with an uncle, Henry Specht. After reaching Iowa he went to Lost Nation, Clinton county, where he found work upon a farm, and then came to Jackson county, where he was similarly employed in the vicinity of Preston. In 1891 he bought eighty acres of his present farm and later, when he felt that his success warranted it, he doubled its area, so that he is now operating a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Maquoketa township and also owns one hundred and ninety-seven and a half acres in Fairfield township. He recently commenced raising shorthorn cattle, in the hope of making this a profitable adjunct to his farming.

It was in December, 1890, that Mr. Westphal and Miss Emma Jebsen, a daughter of Gustav Jebsen, were united in marriage. Nine children have been born to them: Arthur, Carl, Matilda, Amanda, Albert, Leo, Raymond, Arnold and Harold.

Since he was admitted to citizenship in this republic, Mr. Westphal has given his political support to the democratic party, on whose ticket he was elected to the office of school director, fulfilling his duties in that capacity for two years. He has also served as township trustee. He has been very loyal to the country of his adoption, intimately identifying himself with public affairs with a view of advancing the interests of the community in which he lives. He is a member of the Lutheran church, in his daily life making every effort to put in practice its teachings.

LOUIS BITTNER.

Few residents of Bellevue have been more closely or actively connected with its growth and development than he whose name introduces this review. During the period of his residence in this town, which covers almost three decades, he has been the leading contractor and builder, erecting all of the principal buildings erected during the intervening years, while now, in connection with his son, he is successfully engaged as a dealer in building supplies.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Bittner was born in St. Augustine on the 22d of July, 1848, and, as the name indicates, is of German descent, his parents, John L. and Margaret (Carl) Bittner, having been born in the fatherland. The former's birth occurred in Cour Hesse and the latter's in Hesse Darmstadt, and both came to America when about fifteen years of age. Their respective families located in Pennsylvania, where the father followed the carpenter's trade and also engaged to some extent in farming. Both passed away in Clayton county, Iowa, where they had taken up their abode in 1855.

Louis Bittner, who was the sixth in a family of eleven children, was a lad of seven years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa. Spending



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the period of his boyhood and youth on his father's farm, he attended the country schools of Clayton county in the acquirement of an education, and amid the busy activities of rural life learned lessons concerning the value of industry, energy and integrity—elements which formed a firm foundation upon which he later reared the superstructure of a successful business career. He continued to give his father the benefit of his assistance on the home farm until twenty years of age, when he withdrew from agricultural pursuits to learn the carpenter's trade. He followed that occupation in Clayton county until 1881, when he came to Bellevue and has since engaged in contracting and building in this city. From the start he has been eminently successful, his skillful workmanship, his modern ideas and his progressive and up to date methods winning him a most liberal and gratifying patronage which has increased in volume and importance with the passing of the years. Something of his standing in the community is indicated by the fact that he has been awarded the contracts for all of the principal buildings erected in Bellevue since his arrival here. He was alone in business until 1908, when he admitted his son to a partnership, since which time they have been extensive dealers in building supplies, doing a large business along that line. He has other sources of revenue as well, being the owner of a large planing mill and also two sections of valuable land in Haskell county, Kansas, from which he receives a gratifying annual rental. His sound business judgment is proving a potent force in the successful management of the various interests with which he is associated, and he holds a foremost place among the representative, progressive and substantial business men of Bellevue.

It was in 1876 that Mr. Bittner was united in marriage to Miss Mary G. Niemeyer, a native of Clayton county, Iowa, and a daughter of Henry G. Niemeyer, whose birth occurred in Germany. Unto this union have been born seven children, namely: Clara, the wife of Thomas Prandy, of Dubuque, Iowa; Arthur, residing in De Smet, South Dakota; Ella, the wife of George Zintner, of Bellevue; Grover, in business with his father; Vinson, of Dubuque; Chester, at home; and Rhoma, also under the parental roof. The three eldest children were born in Guttenburg, Clayton county, while the four younger claim Bellevue as the place of their nativity. The family residence, at the corner of Iowa and Park streets, is a comfortable and attractive brick structure erected by the father in 1908.

In spite of the heavy demands made upon his time and energies by the conduct of a large and important business, Mr. Bittner has yet found time to take an interest in things municipal and has, since his residence in this city, been a most active and helpful worker in the public affairs of the community. A life long democrat, he has done all in his power to further the interests of that party in his section of the country and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to positions of the highest importance and honor in their power to bestow. For three years he served as mayor of Bellevue, was councilman of the city for four years and is now acting as justice of the peace, which office he has filled for the past eight years. He was chairman of the democratic county central committee for one year and his devotion to the interests of his adopted city has ever remained unquestioned, arising as it does from a sincere desire for her welfare and progress. In public life he has proved brave, conscientious and efficient in the discharge of every duty that has devolved upon him, while in busi-

ness his energy and wise management have been crowned by a most substantial success which is all the greater because his labors have contributed to the public upbuilding of the city as well as to his individual prosperity. Although he has now passed the sixty-first milestone on life's journey, he is yet active in the world's work, the consensus of public opinion according him high rank among her valued and honored citizens.

MIKE J. McLAUGHLIN.

Through energy, perseverance and a ready appreciation of the opportunities, whereby success may be obtained through honorable endeavor, Mike J. McLaughlin has progressed steadily toward the goal of prosperity until he now occupies a substantial position in the agricultural community of Butler township. He owns a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres and in its cultivation, as in other pursuits in which he has engaged, has manifested good business ability. A native of Butler township, he was born on the place whereon he now lives, March 24, 1874, and is a son of James and Mary Anne (Noonan) McLaughlin. The father, who was likewise born in Jackson county, spent his entire life in this section of the state, being largely occupied with agricultural pursuits. He also carried on business as a general merchant, and his store is still standing upon the farm. Unto him and his wife were born ten children, as follows: Michael, who died in infancy; Mike J., of this review; Nellie, the wife of Timothy Horn, of Dubuque, Iowa; John, who is residing in Texas; James, who is a collector and makes his home in St. Paul, Minnesota; Julia, deceased; Anna, who married Elmer Maloy, of Dubuque county; Clement, deceased; Mary, who is the wife of Richard Fitzgivens, of Dubuque; and Joseph, who has passed away.

Mike J. McLaughlin, whose name introduces this review, has spent the greater part of his life in Jackson county. He received a fair education in the public schools of Butler township and early became familiar with the work of the farm, the broad and practical experience he gained while he assisted his father constituting a feature in his successful work as an agriculturist at the present time. He remained at home until he was nineteen years of age, when he began earning his own livelihood. Later he returned to the homestead, which he now owns. It embraces one hundred and sixty acres of arable land, which has been brought under a high state of cultivation and is improved with two sets of buildings. He also owns forty acres in Dubuque county, likewise well improved. In addition to carrying on general farming, Mr. McLaughlin has engaged in the poultry business and in buying hides and furs, purchasing anything in this line from skins of rabbits to those of larger animals, and his enterprise, industry and perseverance are winning a notable success for him in this connection. To farming, however, he devotes the greater part of his time and his energies, and his annual sale of grains brings him a gratifying return.

It was in 1895 that Mr. McLaughlin was united in marriage to Miss Mary Burk, a daughter of Joseph Burk, of Butler township. Five children have been