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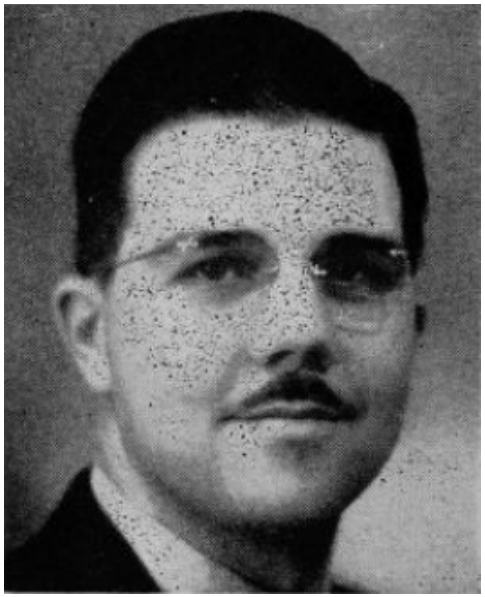

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BENSON, Ralph E. **Republican**

48th Senatorial District—Carroll, Greene and Sac Counties.

A farmer and farm implement dealer, born on an Ida county, Iowa, farm in 1907 into the A. H. Benson family of four children. Attended Ida Grove high school and Iowa State Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering college in class of 1931. Later returned in 1941 and took additional training in Agricultural Engineering. In 1928 married to Helen M. Custer of Jefferson and has one son, Donald. After college he was employed in Chief Engineers office of N. W. Bell Telephone Co., later moving to half section Greene County farm where he now resides. Organization committee member of Greene County R.E.A. and Cattle Feeders Association. Member of Mid Winter Club, Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge, Conservation League and Baptist Church. Staff member of Iowa State Guard, Civil Air Patrol, and N. W. Iowa Boy Scout Council. Chairman of J. C. C. National Farm Youth committee 1934-35-36. Received Community Service Award in 1934 and Master Corn Growers Award in 1938. Listed in Who's Who of America's Young Men 1934-35. Serving second term in Senate.

BENSON, Ralph E. *Republican*

48th Senatorial District—Carroll, Greene and Sac Counties

Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Benson, born on an Ida county farm in 1907. Attended Ida Grove high school and Iowa State College of Engineering. Married Helen M. Custer, 1928, and has one son, Donald. After two years in chief engineers office, N. W. Bell Telephone Co., moved to half section Greene county farm where he now resides. Organization boards of Greene County Cattle Feeders and REA. Ex-president, Jefferson Junior Chamber of Commerce. Federal Savings and Loan Assn., Greene County Sunday School Council and local school board. Member of Jefferson Country, Mid-Winter and Rotary Clubs, Masonic Lodge. Baptist Church, Conservation League and Iowa Civil Air Patrol Staff, Chairman, National Farm Youth Committee, 1935-1936, Junior Chamber of Commerce. Received Community Service Award 1934, and Master Corn Growers' Award 1938. "Who's Who of America's Young Men," 1934-1935. Serving third term in the senate.

BENSON, Ralph E., Jefferson *Republican*

48th Senatorial District—Carroll, Greene and Sac Counties

Born on an Ida county farm in 1907, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthon H. Benson. Graduate of Ida Grove high school and Iowa State college. After two years in engineers office of Northwestern Bell, became owner and operator of Greene county farm. Served on organization board Greene County Cattle Feeder's Association. Helped organize Greene county R. E. A. Past president school board, Greene county Sunday School Council, Jefferson Federal Savings and Loan Association, and Jefferson Junior Chamber of Commerce. Served two years as chairman of National Farm Youth Committee. Served in 4-H leader work and N. W. Iowa Young Peoples Christian organizations. Received Distinguished Community Service Award in 1934. Member Jefferson Country Club, Mid-Winter Club, Farm Bureau, Rotary Club, Conservation League, Baptist church and Masonic Lodge. Married Helen M. Custer in 1928 and has one son. Serving second session in Senate.

BENSON, Ralph E., Jefferson *Republican*

48th Senatorial District—Carroll, Green and Sac Counties

Born on a farm in Ida county, 1907, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthon H. Benson. Completed aeronautic engineering course at Iowa State College. For two years a designing and standards engineer with Northwestern Bell Telephone Company. Later he became a farm owner and manager, specializing in corn improvement and cattle feeding on a Greene county farm established by members of his family before the Civil War. Received the Iowa Master Corn Growers Award and Distinguished Community Service Award. Served as chairman of National Farm Youth Committee for two years; president of Jefferson Junior Chamber of Commerce; organization member of Greene County Cattle Feeders, Conservation and R. E. A. organizations. Married Helen Custer in 1928; father of one son. Served as leader in 4-H work, Northwest Iowa Christian young peoples organizations, and as president of his local independent school board. Member of the Jefferson Country Club, Rotary Club and Masonic lodge. Serving first term in Senate.