

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Balloon, Charles Francis Senator Balloon,
Charles Francis - Represented Benton, Tama and Black
Hawk Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 21 Sept 1904 Dardanelle, Arkansas

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary Delores Matula 1 Jan 1929 Chelsea, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Half owner of Tama County Grain Company; member
Western Grain and Feed Association

B. Civic responsibilities Farm Bureau;

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 59th and 60th General Assembly 1961 & 1963 - House of Representatives
62nd, 63rd and 64th General Assembly 1967, 1969, 1971 - Senate

6. Public Offices

A. Local Chairman Tama County Agricultural and Stabilization Committee

B. State

C. National

7. Death 17 Feb 1995 at Marshalltown, Iowa; buried St. Patrick's Cemetery at Tama, Iowa

8. Children Gerald; Eugene

9. Names of parents Van and Vlasta (Kleina) Balloon

10. Education Attended Rockland Top. school in James
County; graduate of James High School in 1924.

11. Degrees Iowa State University at Ames, Iowa studying
agricultural education for 3 1/2 years; took leave to
pass out of his last six college credits in 1929.

12. Other applicable information Republican

- At age 4 he came with his parents to James County.
- After college he became principal and head coach of
basketball and baseball at Stanton, Iowa in Oct 1928.
- Later taught at other Iowa schools.
- 1937 he accepted position of farm planner with the U. S.
Dept. of Agriculture until 1945.
- He then went to the University of Alaska as Supt. of
Experimental Stations until 1948.
- After his father's death in 1948, he returned to care for the
family farm near Toledo.
- Wife, Mary died 14 Jul 1988

OBITUARIES

Charles F. Balloun

Charles F. Balloun, former Tama County Representative and Iowa State Senator, died early Friday morning, Feb. 17, 1995, in Marshalltown Medical & Surgical Center, where he was admitted from Sunny Hill Care Center Feb. 6. He had been in poor health the last few weeks, suffering with a heart condition.

A vigil service was held in the Chapel of Mason-Hand Funeral Home, Tama, at 7:00 o'clock Sunday evening, with Fr. Keith Birch, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, officiating.

The funeral liturgy was celebrated from St. Patrick's Church, Tama, at 10:30 a.m. Monday morning, with Fr. Keith Birch, the celebrant. Burial in St. Patrick's Catholic cemetery, Tama-Toledo.

A memorial fund is being established.

Born Sept. 21, 1904 in Dardanelle, Ark., Charles Francis was the son of Van and Vlasta Balloun. When he was four years old, the family came to Tama County and he attended the Richland schools. He then attended Tama High School, graduating in 1924. He continued his education in Iowa State University, Ames, studying Agricultural Education for three and a half years. He was then offered a position as principal and coach at Stanton and decided to take an exam to pass out of his last six credits at college. He became principal and head coach of basketball and baseball at Stanton Oct. 1, 1928.

He married Mary D. Matula in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Chelsea, New Year's Day, 1929, and he continued to

teach at various schools in Iowa. In 1937, he accepted a position with the U.S. Department of Agriculture as farm planner with the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), a position he held until 1945.

Mr. Balloun then went to Alaska, where he was accepted at the University of Alaska as superintendent of Experimental Stations, a position he held until 1948.

Then his father died in 1948 and Charles returned to the states to take care of the family farm. He farmed three and a half miles east of Toledo and also worked for SCS again as farm manager for Farmers National Managing Company in Toledo.

In 1959, he was elected Tama County Representative to the Iowa State Legislature. Later he was elected State Senator and served in this capacity until 1972. He continued to reside on the farm until the last 1970's when he retired. Two years ago he took residency at Bethesda Village, Toledo and was a patient in Sunny Hill Care Center, Tama, the last month.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Tama, Knights of Columbus and the Iowa Senate.

He is survived by three granddaughters, one great-grandchild, a sister, Mrs. Helen Lacina, Grinnell, several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Mary, July 14, 1988, two sons, Gerald and Eugene, a brother, Dr. Stanley Balloun and a sister, Agnes (Mrs. Francis) Musel, and his parents.

Rose Silhanek

Rose Silhanek, 86, Downers Grove, Ill., formerly of Elberon, died Monday, Feb.

Survivors include three sisters, Mary Cernin, Belle

Walt Disney Program Topic At Century Club

The 19th Century Club held its Feb. 14 meeting at the Fireside Inn Tuesday, Feb. 14, with 14 present. President Charlotte Eisenträger opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and Club Collect. Roll call was answered by "Quotations That Have Made History". January minutes and treasurer's report approved as read.

Project chairperson Marion Heller read two letters she received -- the first from a committee asking anyone with a disability to attend a dinner March 17 and tell of their disabilities. Discussion was held and it was decided to have a round table at the March meeting on this subject, which will be the program.

The second letter was from the Toledo Public Library, which will be celebrating their 75th Jubilee in the spring. As the Club is "A Friend of the Library", director Janet Kvidera

asked for ideas. There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned with Hostess Fl. Hostess Fl. gave a very interesting presentation on Walt Disney's "The Making Of History In Cartoons" film making. She was born in California by wife. The first was "Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs" four years in Shirley Temple presented Walt Disney Academy award many more films were born in 19 people poured into on the first. Shope, co-hostess on Valentine and Tables were set. Valentine them served was in kitchen day.

Toledo Auxiliary Sees Birthday Event

The regular meeting of Reinig-Freidrich Unit No. 72 met Monday night, Feb. 13, at 7:30 in the Toledo Legion hall. The meeting opened in regular form and minutes of the January meeting read and approved, as was also the treasurer's report. President Eveline Hixson presided and recognized women who helped and baked pies for the 40 & 8 dinner, also helped with the Benda funeral dinner.

It was reported that the Unit needs four more members to attain goal. Jan Stevenson reported on the Mid-winter conference in Des Moines. She attended workshops on Education, battered women and Historians. She brought much material.

A note was read by Doyle, thanking their donation of history video. birthday dinner reservations shown. Eveline Hixson County spring conference. Elberon, March were asked to Moorcroft a birthday. Nadine Horrig entitled "I Am She also read "Fabulous Women helped win independence. Thelma Janssen Giger won prize games. Hostess Leek, Beverly Angie Hixson Scudder.

Norma Jackson