

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Zuss, Walter William Peter Senator _____

Represented Clay and O'Brien Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 19 May 1904 Sheldon, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
① _____ 14 June 1927

② Margaret Gourley 16 Sept 1967

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Named H&W in the Midwest in 1982

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; poultry livestock industry

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 63rd 64th General Assembly 1969-1970, 1971-1972

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 22 June 1998 (Sheldon, Iowa); buried St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Sheldon, Iowa

8. Children _____

9. Names of parents Fred and Mary

10. Education Educated in the Sheldon Iowa Public Schools
graduating from Sheldon High School in 1922

11. Degrees Attended Iowa Elite College

12. Other applicable information Republican

Environmental Protection Agency in Spencer. Water samples were taken and testing began Wednesday. Results of the kill's cause may be available by Monday. Mostly carp are included in the unknown kill total but other species were not immune to the contamination.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources was alerted June 15 to a fish kill totaling 1,100, on a 16-mile stretch of Sixmile Creek west of Slouss Center. Mostly catfish succumbed to the \$1,400 contamination. "As far as we know there is no evidence yet of contamination in the Big Slouss River," Cook said. "The farther down the river the water travels, the more diluted it becomes. Obviously, there is more water to dilute contamination."

In addition, drinking water and other water uses remain unthreatened, he said.

Sheldon man leaves legacy

Death of former legislator stirs up many fond memories

BY KRISTA VAN GORP
HEART WRITER

SHIELDON—One person recalls Walter Kruse's service in the Iowa Legislature. Another remembers the national recognition he received in the field of purebred livestock. But two women will remember most fondly his simple generosity.

Receptionists Donna Schoonhoven and Shirley Senn of Iowa Information in Sheldon recall the times Kruse stopped by the office to drop off some fresh-cut roses from his garden.

"Nice guy," Senn said. "He was the sweetest little guy, so personable."

"He'd always have a story to tell, a little tid-



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Shirlee and Mark Butt at Time-Out Bed and Breakfast

Taking a little bit of **Tip** **Out**

Hartley couple combine and love for people in

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HARTLEY—If only you could come home while traveling, without a car. Take a tip from the European Bed and breakfast lodging favorite travel accommodation to Europe to experience one. Popping up across the country, on More than 90 of these quaint lodgings including the Time-Out Bed and Breakfast.

For five years owners Mark and Shirlee, welcoming travelers from all over the world to their bed and breakfast. The couple are in Iowa who belong to the Iowa Bed and Breakfast Association, to which Shirlee was elected president in January.

The IBBA is a professional organization that provides information and operations of the inns around the state. Members receive a list of products they can purchase and get their in-keep questions and statewide gift certificate program.

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Kruse died Monday at the Oak Park Care Center. Services were held Thursday at his home church, St. Paul Lutheran, in Sheldon. He was 94.

Growing up in Sheldon, graduating from Sheldon High School in 1922, and farming near Sheldon, Kruse was a familiar face around the town.

"What I remember about him is that he was always very involved," said Sue Roth, activities coordinator at Oak Park Care Center in Sheldon, where Kruse was a resident since 1995. Roth said she had known Kruse for years through church and his visibility in the community.

"He wanted to be in contact with what was going on. He always wanted to be where the action was," Roth said.

His involvement was not limited to the community, however. Kruse's name also was well-known at the state and national levels as he served on various boards and did field work in the livestock industry.

At the national level, Kruse was a livestock judge at state fairs throughout the United States, and at the Winter Livestock Exposition in Harrisburg, PA.

At the state level, Kruse served as the sergeant of the Iowa State Guard 1941-45 and as a representative in the Iowa Legislature 1968-72. He was named to Who's Who in the Midwest in 1982.

During his 94 years, Kruse became known for his accomplishments in the purebred livestock industry. His list of involvement in agriculture is extensive: Farm Bureau, DeKalb seed corn organization, Northwest Iowa Farm Business Association, chairman of Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Hartley, president of Milk- ing Shorting Society, chairman of

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May 10, 1904—June 22, 1998

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Services were Thursday, June 25, at St. Paul Lutheran with the Rev. John Figgie officiating. Burial was at the direction of Vander Ploeg Funeral Home in Sheldon.

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He was baptized on June 25, 1904, and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sheldon, of which he was a member in many farm and related organizations, including Farm Bureau organization, Northwest Iowa Farm Business Association, Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Hartley, past chair of the Shorting Society, past chair of the Tamworth Swine Association, the Sheldon Memorial Hospital Association, past chair of the Watershed Association and past chair of the Sheldon Historical Museum Board. He served as sergeant of the Iowa State Guard and in the Iowa Legislature 1968-1972. He was named to the Sheldon Historical Society in 1976, and to Who's Who in Iowa in 1982.

Survivors include a daughter, Lorna and William Saup, son, Mervyn and Donna Kruse of Sheldon, a stepdaughter, Stagliano of Plano, TX, a stepson, John and Mary Gourley, grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, two great granddaughters, two sisters, Bessie Oelke of Hartington, TX, and Father Leo

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He was baptized on June 25, 1904, and confirmed on June 8, 1919, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sheldon, of which he was a member. He was active in many farm and related organizations, including Farm Bureau, DeKalb seed corn organization, Northwest Iowa Farm Business Association, past chair of Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Hartley, past chair of the Milking Shorting Society, past chair of the Tamworth Swine Association, past chair of the Sheldon Memorial Hospital Association, past chair of the Floyd Valley Watershed Association and past chair of the Sheldon Historical Society and Museum Board. He served as sergeant of the Iowa State Guard 1941-45, and in the Iowa Legislature 1968-1972. He was named to the Hall of Fame of the Sheldon Historical Society in 1976, and to Who's Who in the Midwest in 1982.

Survivors include a daughter, Lorna and William Gaups of Madison, Wis.; a son, Marilyn and Donna Kruse of Sheldon; a stepdaughter, Peggy and Vincent Stagliano of Plano, Tex.; a stepson, John and Mary Courley of Dallas, Tex.; grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, and two sisters, Gladis Oelke of Hartington, Tex. and Esther Lutz of San Diego, Calif.

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active at the Sheldon Prairie Museum.

"With leadership being such a part of his past, we provided those opportunities for him," Roth said.

And Kruse kept up his love for gardening, taking care of his own rose bushes at Oak Park.

Along with his roses and community involvement, Roth said she always will remember Kruse's warm smile and friendly spirit.

"I will remember Walter for a long time," Roth said.

While his accomplishments and service in so many capacities will not soon be forgotten, Kruse has left a deeper impression on the people he only touched a few minutes at a time.

"He was just a nice guy," Schoonhoven said.