

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Senator Allenburg,

Herbert Luther - Represented Hancock, Winnebago, Keith, Wright and  
Cerro Gordo Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 June 1911 near Garner, Iowa in  
Concord Township

2. Marriage (s) date place

Ruth M. Boehmke 2 Jul 1933 near Garner, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the Hancock County National Bank 1944-1947,  
chairman of the board 1977 until death

B. Civic responsibilities Red Cross; Garner Rural Service Board;  
Chamber of Commerce; Lions Club; a founder of Concord Manor Care Center

C. Profession Banker

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 63<sup>rd</sup>, 64<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1969-1970, 1971-1972

6. Public Offices

A. Local School board member of Garner-Hayfield Community School; school  
treasurer; Concord Township clerk 1922 years

B. State President of Iowa Bankers Association, 1962-1963

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

7. Death 26 Nov 1987 Mesa, Arizona; buried Concord Township Cemetery, Garner,  
Iowa

8. Children Spencer L.; Sylvia (Mrs. Dr. Ralph Swale);

9. Names of parents W. Hermann and Wilhelmina (Schultz) Allenburg

Ollenburg, Herbert L.

10. Education Educated in the Garner, Iowa public schools  
graduating in 1927 as well as Concord #5 rural school

11. Degrees Graduate of Rutgers, Stonier Graduate School  
of Banking in 1944

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He was first employed by the Farmers National Bank until 1934
- He then was employed by the Hancock County National Bank  
until his death.
- He was secretary and chairman of Group III of the Iowa Bankers  
Association in 1963.
- He served on the American Bankers Association Executive Council
- His children were twins.
- He died while "wintering" in Mass., Oregon





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# Ollenburg, prominent Garner resident dies

Herbert L. Ollenburg, 76, Garner, passed away Thursday, Nov. 26 at his winter home in Mesa, AZ.

Ollenburg was president of Hancock County National Bank for 33 years, serving in that capacity from 1944 until 1977 when he stepped down. He had been chairman of the board for the past ten years.

Ollenburg served as an Iowa State Senator from 1968 until 1972.

He had served on the Garner-Hayfield School Board for 12 years. He was secretary and chairman of Group III of the Iowa Banker's Association in 1963 and served on the American Banker's Association Executive Council.

Ollenburg was one of the founders of Concord Manor Care Center and was a fund raiser for Prairie View Apartments and the Garner Golf and Country Club.

He had served as chairman and treasurer of the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of which he was a member.

Services for Ollenburg were held Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 1, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

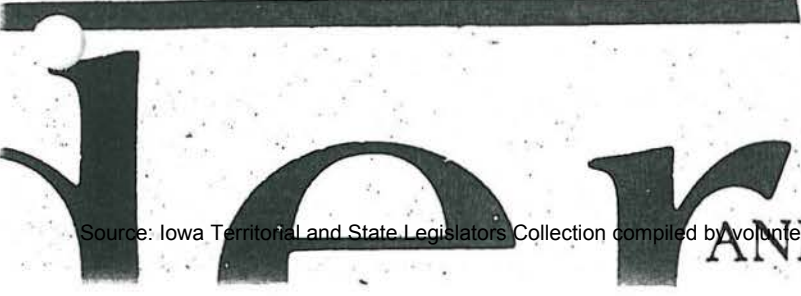
A complete obituary appears elsewhere in this issue of the Leader.



Herbert Ollenburg

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**Herbert L. Ollenburg**  
1911-1987

Services for Herbert L. Ollenburg, 75, of Garner, who died Thursday, Nov. 26, 1987 at his winter home in Mesa, AZ were held 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1987 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Garner, with Rev. James Lamb, Rev. Reynold Petersen and Vicar Paul Drake as officiants.

Mrs. Harlan Hayes and Douglas Hayes sang as a duet and were accompanied by Mrs. John Haugen. Ushers were Paul Ristau, Wayne Jacobs, Stanley Ziesmer and George Doble.

Honorary bearers were Ron Yohn, Arnold Steege, Ray Radloff, G.W. "Bill" Templeton, Dean Goll, Vern Butz, Robert Ollenburg and Delwyn Stromer.

Active casketbearers were Thomas R. Swale, Steven C. Swale, Herbert A. Ollenburg, R. Scott Ollenburg, William Yohn, Jerry Nedved and Vern Nedved.

Burial was in Concord Township Cemetary in Garner. Visitation was held at the Cataldo Funeral Chapel in Garner.

Herbert Luther Ollenburg, the son of H. Herman and Wilhelmina (Schultz) Ollenburg was born June 26, 1911 on a farm northeast of Garner. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church northeast of Garner. After graduating from Garner High School in 1927, he was immediately employed by the Farmer's National Bank until 1934, when he was employed by the Hancock County National Bank, until his death.

July 2, 1933, he married Ruth M. Boehnke at St. John's Lutheran Church. In 1944, he graduated from Rutger's Stoneier Graduate School of Banking. Herb was president of

Hancock County National Bank from 1944-77 and was chairman of the board the past ten years.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where he had served as chairman and treasurer of the congregation. He had been treasurer of St. John's Lutheran for 24 years. He had served on the board of the Garner-Hayfield Community School for 12 years and also held the position of treasurer. He had served as Concord Township clerk for 22 years, was on the Garner Rural Fire Board and the Garner Chapter of the American Red Cross Board. He was secretary and chairman of Group III of the Iowa Banker's Association in 1963 and served on the American Banker's Association Executive Council. He was an Iowa State Senator from 1968-72. He was one of the founders of Concord Manor Care Center in Garner and was a U.S. Savings Bond Volunteer, a Garner Chamber of Commerce member and belonged to the Garner Lion's Club. He was a fund raiser for Prairie View Apartments and the Garner Golf Course. The Ollenburs spent many of their winters at their winter home in Mesa, AZ.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Ollenburg; his children, Spencer L. Ollenburg and his wife, Dorothea, of Garner and Mrs. Sylvia Swale and her husband Dr. Ralph Swale of Mason City; six grandchildren, Thomas R. Swale, Steven C. Swale, Rebecca R. Swale, Herbert Andrew Ollenburg, Amy R. Ollenburg and Susanne L. Ollenburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Arthur Ollenburg, Almer Ollenburg and Emil Ollenburg.

**Blanche R**  
1899-1987

Services for Blanche R. Ollenburg, who died Thursday, Nov. 26, 1987 at Concord Township Cemetary in Garner, were held Monday, Nov. 29, 1987 at the Methodist Church in Garner, with Rev. Jerry W.

Mrs. Richard Mack accompanied Mrs. Ollenburg. Ushers were John Humphreys and

Casketbearers were Carl Lackore, Curt Leon Kropp, Marvin Johnson and

Burial was in Concord Township Cemetary in Garner. Visitation was held at the Cataldo Funeral Chapel in Garner.

Blanche R. Ollenburg was born January 1, 1899 in the southeast of Iowa at Hayfield, Rolland, and lived there for two years. She lived in Concord Township, Garner since 1927.

She was a member of the Methodist Church in Garner and lived in Concord Township as

She is survived by her son, Ritter, of Garner; a daughter, Haugan and

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son (Lorna) Sr. Rolland "Bud"

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mond and later near Mason City. Rudolph died March 31, 1975.

Emil married Anna Ksiazek and lived in Chicago. They had six children: Arlene, Den-

Mary Ann, Shirley, Barbara, and William. Emil died Sep. 2, 1964.

Alfred never married. He lived with the Henry Nuehrings many years and worked around Belmond.

Edwin, the youngest, lived with his mother until she died. He married Grace and had twin sons, Dwaine and Dwone. After a divorce, he married Bonnie Bachman and had Jeanne, Kathryn, and William. He died May 17, 1971.

The Nuehrings have always kept in touch. Many years William's son, Herman, corresponded with Fred Goje, husband of Minnie, Conrad's daughter. After her husband's death, Minnie asked Carola, her granddaughter, to write. Since 1972 she has corresponded with Dorothy (Mrs. Clayton Burgardt), Herman's daughter. It was a coincidence when Carola married Wilfred Burghardt. They live in Minnie's former home in Schessinghausen. They were married in the same family church in nearby Husum. Minnie's sister, Augusta, and husband lived in William Nuehring's family home until their death in 1978.

In 1984 Carola, Wilfred and their two sons, Hendrik and Christoph, visited the relatives in Postville and Little Falls. Get-togethers in Little Falls brought 25 people, and in Postville, 80 relatives came to meet the Burghardts.

An annual Nuehring reunion is held the last Sunday in August at Charles City, about halfway for the families from Postville and Hancock County.

by Mrs. Clayton Burgardt

## NUTZ, BARBARA (SHOOP)

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Rudy and Barbara (Shoop) Nutz, Thomas, Christina, Tim and Ted.

Barbara Rae Shoop was born at home on the Sam Furleigh farm near Clear Lake, where her parents, Sibert and Rose (Howard) Shoop, were working. The other three kids were taken into Clear Lake to Grandmother Shoop's home until the new baby came. Barbara was born December 8, 1938 with eyes with elongated pupils - keyhole pupils - and began wearing glasses at a very young age.

Barb learned to cook very well, taught herself to knit, and played the piano "by ear" when in country school. At Twin Lake District School #4 she and brother, Tommy, got to go to a spelling bee. Tom won first place and Barb came in second. At school, our teacher, Arlene (Mrs. Claude) White, would reward the stu-

dent with correct spelling tests with chocolate fudge candy on Fridays. Schoolmates at this school were Eleanor Priebe, Delbert Ethen, Leola, Norma, Roger and Ronnie Lacey, Betty, Barbara and Charles Clayton, Carroll Kaduce, Bobby Hinman, Janice Blank and Doug, Tom, Blanche and Barb Shoop. Their first teacher was Mrs. Evelyn Stille until she died and then Mrs. Harvey Hubbard substituted until Mrs. White began. Mrs. White promoted art and music.

In 1956 Barb married Rudy John Nutz. They had four children. (1) Christina Gail was born March 20, 1956 at Belmond, Iowa. She has one son, Thomas Timothy Rousseau, born December 12, 1975 in Des Moines, Iowa. His father, Irvin Rousseau died in 1979. (2) Thomas John Nutz was born May 27, 1957 in Austin, Minnesota. He married Suzanne Becker May 14, 1983 in Denver, Colorado. They have one son, Travis Robert, born August 31, 1984 at Denver, Colorado. Tom and Suzanne divorced in 1988 in Denver. (3) Timothy Dean was born June 14, 1958 at Austin, Minnesota. He married Jean Marie Byers August 27, 1977 at Nashua, Iowa at The Little Brown Church. Jean is the daughter of Rudy and Bonnie Byers and was born January 22, 1959. She and Tim have two sons, Jeremy Dean (January 24, 1978) and Jason John (July 10, 1979). They were born at Britt, Iowa. (4) Ted Andrew, Barb's youngest son was born October 10, 1962 in Spring Valley, Minnesota. He married Deborah Stevens April 16, 1983. Deborah was born March 12, 1964. They were parents of three daughters, Katrina Dawn (born October 15, 1981 in Denver, Colorado), Alicia Lorraine (born and died August 18, 1986 in Massachusetts), and Chantelle Victoria (born April 13, 1988 in Massachusetts).

Barb divorced Rudy in 1973 and married Clarence Matheson June 11, 1977 in Denver, Colorado. She and Clarence each were grandparents the same year their own daughter, Penny Lynn Matheson, was born (September 24, 1975).

Barb has held many different jobs - from farmer's wife and mother to working in a nursing home, working in a children's nursery, selling Tupperware, Sarah Coventry Jewelry, Amway, etc. She is a skilled seamstress, likes to decorate cakes and liquid painting. She has helped sell art work at exhibits. She collects blown glass items and loves to read. Although cataracts hinder her vision, she manages to get lots of things done.

by Blanche (Shoop) Reicherts

## OLLENBURG, HERBERT L. AND RUTH M. (BOEHNKE)

F439

Herbert Luther Ollenburg, the fourth child and fourth son of Herman and "Minnie" Pauline (Schultz) Ollenburg, was born June 26, 1911, at the farm home of his parents in Concord Township.

He first attended school at Concord No. 5 located just south of St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. In 1919 his father was involved in helping to start the Ventura Consolidated Schools system. The one-room schools were starting to close. The school had horse-drawn buses to

take the children to Ventura to school. Because of having attended country school, Herbert was two years ahead of schedule according to his age. When he graduated from Garner High School in 1927, he was just about 16 years old. He participated some in football and was on the track team competing in the 440 relays.

During the summer, Herbert mowed lawns until his junior year in high school. Then he plowed corn on a farm two miles east of Garner for \$1.00 a day, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

After graduating in 1927 he worked for Ferd and Cora Grell who lived one-half mile west of St. John's Lutheran Church. One Saturday night when Herb went to town with Ferd and Cora, Charles Wellick, the cashier of the Farmer's National Bank offered him a job at \$25.00 a month. After giving Ferd two weeks notice, Herb started to work at the bank on July 15, 1927, and was employed there until 1934, when he became employed at the Hancock County National Bank.

On July 2, 1933, Herb was united in marriage at St. John's Lutheran Church to Ruth M. Boehnke. Ruth, the daughter of Ferdinand F. and Martha Marie (Ziesmer) Boehnke, was born February 1, 1911 at the farm home of her parents in Section 13 of Concord Township. Ruth graduated from Ventura High School in 1929. Before her marriage she was employed at Sterling Department Store in Garner for over a year and Ted Wolfram's in Ventura for about three years.

Herb and Ruth were the parents of twins, Sylvia Ann and Spencer Lynn, born July 22, 1936 at Mason City, Iowa. They both attended and graduated from the Garner schools.

On April 6, 1958 at Garner, Sylvia was united in marriage to Dr. Ralph C. Swale, a children's dentist, now retired. They were the parents of three children: Tom, Steve, and Becky.

On April 14, 1963 at Garner, Spencer was united in marriage to Dorothea Ruth Steege. They were the parents of three children: Herbert Andrew, Amy Ruth, and Susanne Lynn.

In 1944 Herb graduated from Rutger's Stonier Graduate School of Banking. He was president of the Hancock County National Bank from 1944 to 1977 and was chairman of the board from 1977 until his death in 1987. He served as an Iowa State Senator from 1968 until 1972. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where he had served as chairman and treasurer of the congregation. He served as treasurer of St. John's Lutheran Church for 24 years. He served on the board of the Garner-Hayfield Community School for 12 years and also held the position of treasurer. He served as Concord Township Clerk for 22 years, was on the Garner Rural Fire Board and the Garner Chapter of the American Red Cross Board. He was secretary and chairman of Group Three of the Iowa Banker's Association in 1963 and served on the American Banker's Association Executive Council. He was one of the founders of Concord Manor Care Center in Garner and was a U.S. Savings Bond Volunteer, a Garner Chamber of Commerce member and belonged to the Garner Lion's Club. He was a fund raiser for Prairie View Apartments and the Garner Golf Course.

Herb and Ruth spent many of their winters at their winter home in Mesa, Arizona. It was there where Herb died November 26, 1987. He was buried in Concord Township Cemetery at Garner, Iowa.

In 1991, Ruth continues to make her home



on Bush Avenue, although she is not as active as she once was.

by Mrs. Herbert Ollenburg

## OLLENBURG, HERMAN AND WILHELMINA (SCHULTZ)

F440

Herman Heinrich Ollenburg, the son of Peter and Emilie (Pergande) Ollenburg, was born in Jagdhaus, Germany, the 15th day of January, 1870. There were four sons: Fred, H.H., Albert J.K. and John Ollenburg and two step-sisters: Emilie Shawe and Bertha Gangaard. There were about 40 family-related members in the group that landed near Boscobel, Wisconsin, in 1884. Everyone had their German marks exchanged into American dollars in New York. Peter Ollenburg had enough marks to give him \$1,800 in American money. Everyone came out all right except Peter Ollenburg. When the group arrived in Wisconsin, he found he only had \$900. Everyone decided to stay in Wisconsin and buy land. Peter did not have enough money to do this, so he piled everyone and everything into a wagon and started out for eastern South Dakota where he could homestead land by living on it and taking care of it for five years. Then it would be his land. There was no longer land in Iowa to homestead.

The family arrived in South Dakota, about five miles southwest of Emery, in Hanson County, Taylor Township. They started with a sod house. It was hard going and with four boys, some of them were sent to live with neighbors during the winter months and attend some school. Herman stayed with the Herman Heimann family for several years and finished the fifth grade.

In 1894, Herman came to Iowa but returned to South Dakota in less than a year. In 1895, Peter Ollenburg gave his son, Herman, a team and wagon, a walking plow and a few other items. Herman returned to Iowa in the company of Emil Kraus, arriving October 13, 1895. It had taken him six days.

On October 27, 1895, Herman was engaged to Wilhelmina Paulina "Minnie" Schultz. On February 18, 1896, they were married in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Garner. They had the honor of being the first couple married there.

Minnie Schultz was born July 15, 1877 near Joilet, Illinois and with her parents came to this area as a young girl.

In March, 1896, Herman and Minnie Ollenburg moved to a farm two miles west and one mile north of Ventura, in the northeast quarter of Section 14, Concord Township and remained there 27 years.

Herman and Minnie were the parents of four sons.

Arthur Frederick William was born March 6, 1898 and died September 6, 1925. He was buried in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

Emil Carl was born September 5, 1899 on the home farm. On August 31, 1922 at St. John's Lutheran Church he was married to Olga Boehnke, the daughter of Ferdinand and Martha (Ziesmer) Boehnke. Olga was born May 26, 1900 on a farm in Concord Township. Emil and Olga had two children: Darlene Ruth was born October 26, 1924. Darlene married

Rev. James T. Wolfram on June 27, 1948. They are the parents of two sons, Timothy and Michael, and a daughter, Pamela. Robert Emil was born August 24, 1926. Robert married Elaine Lovick on November 28, 1951 at Fertile, Iowa. They are the parents of five children: Sherry Sue, Robert Scott, Kimberly Kay, Reece Emil and Daniel Ray. At present (1991), Robert is proprietor of Ollenburg Motors in Garner, Iowa. Emil Carl died September 26, 1958 at Rochester, Minnesota and is buried in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

Elmer Theodore August, the third son of Herman and Minnie, was born June 2, 1901 and died, as a young man, November 5, 1921. He is buried in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

The fourth son, Herbert Luther was born June 26, 1911 on the home farm. On July 2, 1933 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Herbert married Ruth M. Boehnke. (More of this family elsewhere in this book.)

Herman and Minnie retired to a home in Garner after Emil was married in 1922 and lived to celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary in 1956.

Herman helped organize the first telephone line in the St. John's community and was director of the Ventura Consolidated School, Farmer's Elevator and the bank. He served as secretary of the Concord Creamery and was also president of the Concord Electric Co. during its existence. After moving to Garner, he served on the town council for nearly 20 years.

Minnie died October 21, 1956 at her home in Garner. Herman died December 6, 1963 in a Mason City, Iowa hospital. They were buried in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

by Mrs. Herbert Ollenburg

## OLSON, HANS AND INGER MARIE

F441

In 1923 Clifford met Anna Mae Olson who was teaching the Fairview School. She was from Forest City, Iowa and was born January 4, 1903 to Hans Olson of Bergen, Norway and Inger Marie Gunderson who was born in Rochelle, Illinois, and were married in 1901 in Chicago, Illinois. To this union were born three children, Anna Mae Olson (birthday above), Orva Olson and Harold Olson. In 1907 the family moved to a farm near Beresford, South Dakota. Harold was born in South Dakota. Inger Marie passed away in 1912 and Hans (their father) passed away in 1914.

After their parents death the children were divided and lived with different relatives of which Anna Mae Olson went to live with an aunt in Forest City, Iowa. Orva Olson passed away at an early age on August 30, 1926, and Harold went to live with another relative near Beresford, South Dakota.

Anna Mae Olson graduated from the Forest City, Iowa High School as valedictorian in 1922 and began teaching the same fall. Her first years of teaching was near Thompson, Iowa where she roomed and boarded with an aunt. Harold came to Iowa from South Dakota in 1924 where he worked for different farmers and on December 10, 1930 married my sister Zelma Applegate. In June 1926 Clifford and Anna Mae Olson were married in the Norwe-

gian Methodist Church parsonage at Forest City, Iowa.

by Clifford Amos Applegate

## OSWALD, PATRICIA AND ANDREW

F442

On September 8, 1936 Patricia Ann Legge was born on a farm in Ell Township northeast of Klemme. Her parents are George and Edna (Mason) Legge. She had one older brother, James.

By the time Patricia was ready to start school, the family had moved to a farm in Liberty Township southwest of Garner, so she went to the rural school - Liberty #5 - through eighth grade. She attended Garner-Hayfield High School, graduating in 1955. During her high school years, Pat was active in chorus and 4-H. She was a telephone operator in Garner for a short time following graduation. Later she moved to Mason City where she was employed part and full-time with the Cerro Gordo and Worth County Farm Bureau for 29 years.

On February 3, 1957, Patricia Ann was married to Andrew Oswald at the Klemme United Methodist Church. They have two children: Annette, born November 30, 1957 and Randall, born June 30, 1961.

Andrew Oswald was born April 15, 1933 at Mason City, Iowa but lived at Manly until 1941. He was a graduate of Mason City High School in 1950. He had further education at Mason City Junior College (2 years) and Iowa State University (1½ years). He served for two years in the U.S. Army. Andrew's parents were Leo (deceased) and Genevieve (Randall) Oswald.

The Oswald children started to school at Roosevelt in Mason City. When the family moved to a farm near Joice in Worth County in 1969, the children then were enrolled in the Lake Mills school system. Annette graduated from high school in 1976 and attended Iowa State University for two quarters. Randall graduated from Lake Mills in 1979 and attended Iowa State University and NIACC. Annette has a craft and antique shop in Joice and takes care of her Grandmother Oswald. Randall lives in Marshall, Texas and works for the Lake Mills Colby Peat Company as a salesman.

Pat and Andy like to golf and camp or anything that will allow them to be with their family and friends. Andy is on the Farm Bureau board and a member of the Cattlemen's Association. Pat is the Fair Board Recording Secretary and a member of the CowBelles.

The Oswalds are members of the Bethany Lutheran Church in Joice.

by Edna Legge

## PACA, GEORGE E. AND MADELYN (LUNDY)

F443

George Edward Paca was born July 3, 1930 on a farm near Duncan, Iowa. George attended rural schools near Duncan and graduated from high school in Garner in 1948. George attended 1 year of college at Loras in Dubuque, Iowa.