

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative King, John Ellsworth Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Monroe County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 5 Sept 1900 Kings, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place  
(1) Velma Hayes King 27 Dec 1924  
(2) Velma Stefferson 1973

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Bought the Peoples National Bank in Albia in 1935; founder of the  
Albia Industrial Development Corporation

B. Civic responsibilities Rotary; Chamber of Commerce;

C. Profession Banker; farmer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 62nd General Assembly 1967

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

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

7. Death 2 Jan 1993 Albia, Iowa; buried Oak View Cemetery, Albia, Iowa

8. Children James; Carol (Miss. Bowen); Linda (Mrs. Benson)

9. Names of parents George Walter and Nellie (Stevens) King

10. Education

11. Degrees

Attended the University of Michigan majoring in  
banking and finance

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- His first wife, Helen, died in 1972
- His second wife, Helen, died in 1989
- He was a farmer for 4 years and then entered banking  
in 1928 moved to Albion in 1935 and was employed by the  
Peoples National Bank from 1935-1986
- He was one of the first 6 people inducted into the Albion Hall of Fame  
in 1983



# Long-time Albia banker J.E. King dies at age 92

J.E. King watched his beloved Michigan Wolverine football team win the Rose Bowl Friday. "He watched the entire game and was really pleased with the outcome," said his son, Jim King of Albia.

On Saturday, the 92-year-old banker died quietly in his sleep, leaving behind a lifetime of community service.

King was one of the first six people inducted into the Albia Hall of Fame when it began in 1983. When you talk about the Albia Industrial Development Corp., the Albia Area Chamber of Commerce, the Monroe County Fair Board, Rathbun Lake and any number of other community organizations still functioning in Monroe County, you'll likely find the name J.E. King as a founding member.

King was born in Kings, Ill. (named for his grandfather), grew up on a farm and attended the University of Michigan, majoring in banking and finance. He had hoped to join his uncle's bank in Kings, but a cousin was taken into the bank instead and King returned to the farm.

He farmed around Kings for four years before heading to Des Moines in 1924 to begin an 11-year career as a bank liquidator. He wound up in Albia in 1935 and bought the Peoples National Bank (located at that time in the Lundy Building) from John Canning, paying \$13,000 for the bank which had \$25,000 in capital. The bank moved to a new location on the corner of Washington and Main in 1952.

King was a founder of the Albia Industrial Development Corp. and, in fact, helped finance Brick Kness when Kness arrived in Albia promoting a better mousetrap. He helped develop the Monroe County 4-H Fairgrounds, served on the Waterworks Board, the Monroe County Hospital Board, was a 48-year member of Rotary Club (in Albia and Tuscon, Ariz.) and served in practically every capacity as a member of the Chamber.

An avid Republican, King served one term as representative in the 62nd Iowa General Assembly. When newly-elected President Dwight



J.E. King

Eisenhower made a whistlestop train tour of the country, King road with him through Iowa discussing farm policy.

King used his political savvy to lobby for the construction of Rathbun Dam.

King never lost his love for farming and had an intense interest in farm finance and farm policy. He was a member of the Iowa State Foundation Farm, a forerunner of the Iowa State University Extension experimental farms, and encouraged development of many of the practices which embraced the "Green" revolution which changed the face of farming after WWII.

He was also a devoted member of Trinity United Methodist Church, purchasing the land for the new church and erecting the bell tower in memory of his first wife, Helen, who died in 1972.

"A lot of people have called to share their condolences and have mentioned J.E.'s smile," said his daughter-in-law, Pat King. "He carried that smile and sense of humor with him throughout his life."

Helen Tierney of Melrose, whose father, a farmer, was a long-time friend of J.E. King, may have stated it best when she said, "J.E. helped my father raise his family."

A complete obituary appears inside today's *Monroe County News*.

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## John King

John Ellsworth King (J.E.) of Albia died Saturday, Jan. 2, 1993, at Monroe County Hospital in Albia. Services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia, the Rev. Jerrold Swinton officiating. Burial will be in Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

He was born Sept. 5, 1900, to George Walter and Nellie Stevens King. He married Helen Hayes King Dec. 27, 1924. She died in 1972. He married Helen Steffenson in 1973. She died in 1989.

He farmed for four years, entered banking in 1928, moved to Albia in 1935 and was employed by the Peoples National Bank from 1935 until 1986. He later lived in Des Moines and Tucson, Ariz.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and Big Brothers Sunday School Class in Albia, Rotary, Albia Chamber of Commerce, Albia Industrial Bureau, Albia Water Board, Monroe County Republican Party, Lake Rathbun Committee and Iowa State Foundation Farm. He served as Monroe County War Bond chairman during World War II and later in the Iowa Legislature.

He is survived by a son, James of Albia; two daughters, Carol Sovern of Corowa, Australia, and Linda Benson of Anchorage, Alaska; two stepsons, Mike Steffenson of Davenport and Norm Steffenson of Tucson, Ariz.; one stepdaughter, Mary Dennis of Orinda, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; eight step grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Marjory Haselton of Rochelle, Ill., and Edna K. Lewis of Tempe, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia or the Albia Public Library.

## POLICE REPORT

• Dec. 31, 11:21 p.m.-Jo Walton, 39, of Albia was arrested N. Clinton St. for public intoxication.

• Jan. 1, 9:28 a.m.-Larry Reink Albia reported vandalism to mailboxes at an apartment building he owns on E. Benton Ave.

• Jan. 1, 9:53 a.m.-Kristen Peterson of 1600 Benton Ave. E. reported theft of a check from her mailbox.

• Jan. 1, 4:34 p.m.-Rick Crall Albia reported windows broken in his vehicle while it was parked on Ave. E.

• Jan. 1, 8:33 p.m.-Charles Baugh of 106 S. 14th St. reported a mailbox demolished by a vehicle.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

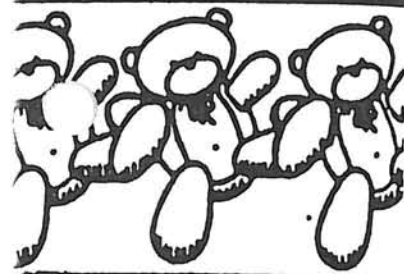
• Jan. 4, 10:56 a.m.-Diane Bebussey reported the theft of a 1987 Buick LaSabre from 23 N Ave. in Lovilia. The vehicle had no engine and no license plates.

## THIS WEEK'S AUCTIONS-

Jan. 9, 1993, 9 a.m. Located 3 miles west of Albia on U.S. Highway 34, then north on county paved Highway S65 to end of pavement, then north three miles. Or 3 1/2 miles west of Lovilia on county pavement H1 to end of pavement, then south 1/4 mile then west on H20 4 1/2 miles, south 1/4 miles. Hay and tillage equipment, D-7 Cat., Massey 150 combine, five tractors, three pickups, gooseneck trailers, antique horse equipment and harness. Paul Horvath, rake Estate, Patty Hollinrake, owners. Morehead Auction Company.

**DRIVER'S LICENSE STATISTICS**  
Days and hours of the Department of Transportation's driver's license station in Albia and surrounding communities are:

Albia  
Kendall Place  
11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Jan. 8 and 22



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## Osborn

Dec. 28, 1992, a son, Spencer Steve and Dana Osborn of Albia. He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long. He has one sister, Heather Marie, 3. His parents are Paul and Janice Osborn of Lovilia, and Ramon and Nancy Osborn of Newton. His grandparents are Andy and Edna Osborn and Elsie Reed, all of Albia.

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