

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator **Turner**
Francis Austin - Represented Adams and Taylor Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 24 MAR 1900 Corning, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

La Nov Holmes 1924

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Member of the Board of municipal utilities for 20 years;
Adams County U.S. Savings Bank chairman for 20 years

B. Civic responsibilities American Legion; Rotary; Adams County
Weather Modification Association

C. Profession Merchant; farm manager

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 57th, 58th General Assemblies 1957, 1959

6. Public Offices

A. Local School Board member for 18 years; Corning city councilman
1928-1932

B. State

C. National

7. Death 12 Jan 1962 Corning, Iowa; buried Walnut Grove Cemetery, Corning, Iowa

8. Children Austin Beecher; Sarah Jane

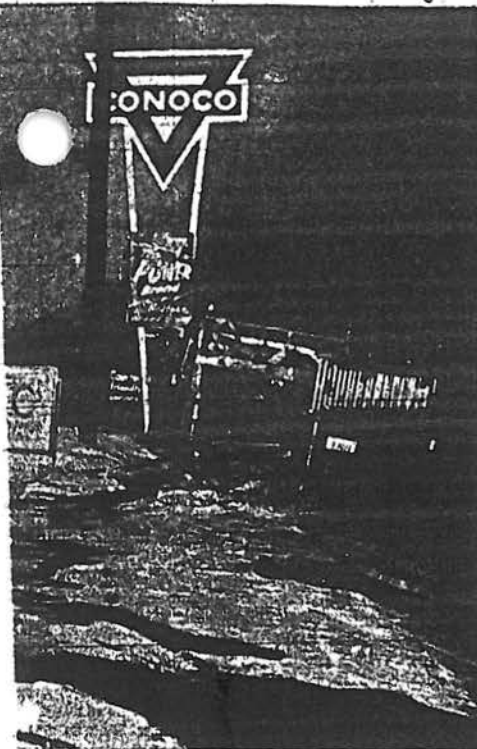
9. Names of parents Austin Beecher and Ella (Shuler) Turner, Jr.

10. Education Educated in the public schools of
Corning, Iowa; attended Hickie Preparatory
School, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

11. Degrees Graduate of Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa
BA degree in 1921

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He started work in Turner's Store with his father and his
Uncle Sam Turner.
- After his father's death in 1950, he and his son, Austin III,
were associated with the store.
- His wife Lillian, born 11 Jan 1901, died 18 Jan 1968; also buried in Walnut
Bron Cemetery, Corning, Iowa.



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CONDUCT LAST RITES HERE FOR FRANCIS A. TURNER, 61

Active in Affairs of Corning and Adams County Community

Services were at the Presbyterian church in Corning Monday afternoon for F. A. Turner, 61, prominent business man and community leader.

—Mr. Turner died at Rosary hospital in Corning Friday morning, of a chronic heart ailment. He had suffered a severe heart attack while attending the Iowa-Northwestern football game at Iowa City in 1958.

His business association in the community extended over a period of 41 years, during which time he was active and took leadership in many civic projects.

He started in Turner's Store with his father and Uncle Dan Turner after his graduation from Grinnell college in 1921. His father, A. B. Turner, Jr., died in 1950. Since that time Francis had been associated in the store with his son, Austin III.

While active in the management of one of southwestern Iowa's oldest department stores, Francis also utilized his time in affairs of the community.

He was active in the effort to secure the home-owned light plant here and was a member of the original board of trustees of the Corning municipal utilities. He served on the board for a period of 20 years.

Other civic contributions include four years on the city council from 1928 to 1932, followed by 18 consecutive years on the Corning Independent school board.

His initiative led to the forming of the Adams County Weather Modification association during a period of dry weather in this area. He received many honors for his work as Adams county Savings Bonds chairman, a post he held consecutively for 20 years until his death.

During three of those years, including 1961 and 1960, Adams county led the state in percentage of bonds sold. The county exceeded 100 per cent on all three occasions.

He was active in the drives to secure Rosary Hospital and the armory in Corning; a past director of the Nodaway Valley baseball league; a member of the chamber of commerce.

He was a great sportsman, interested in all sports and followed them closely down through the years. He was a strong promoter in the drive to install both football and baseball lights at the fair grounds in Corning.

His attendance at local sports functions was almost assured, until recent years when his health would not permit.

He helped pioneer golf in Corning, helping to mow about five greens at the former Bixler park north of Corning about 1924. That course was later improved and about 1930 the present course was first put into use and known as Edgewood Country club.

In addition to his store duties (Please Turn to Page A2)



Francis A. Turner

2nd Leadership Plans Are Told

Methodist Church Is Site for Meetings

The second leadership course titled "Leadership for Action" has been scheduled for the four consecutive Wednesday evenings in February with the first session beginning at 8:00 p.m. on February 7th.

All sessions of the four-week course will be held in the basement of the Methodist Church in Corning.

Pre-registration is a requirement for the course. Pre-registration begins today and ends Monday, February 5th. The registration fee is \$2.00 per individual or \$3.00 per couple, and can be done at the County Extension Office in Corning either by mail or in person.

Though the course is primarily intended for those who enrolled in the beginning course last February and October, it is not intended that this will limit enrollment to those persons alone.

Anyone interested in learning more about what local leaders can do to initiate social action programs in the community is welcome to come.

The leadership series is being sponsored by the Adams County Extension Service in cooperation with the Iowa State University Extension Service.

Annual Meeting Set By Farmers Mutual

Annual meeting of the Farmers Mutual Insurance association is scheduled at the office of the secretary in Corning on Thursday, Jan. 25, beginning at 2 p.m.

Business will include election of three directors, reports of the officers and transaction of any business that may regularly come before them.

Business Man Feature Renewed in Free Press

The "Meet Your Business Men" feature, which appeared for several years in The Free Press, is being renewed with this week's issue of the paper.

The feature will appear each week, and will be written about the various business and professional men of the Corning and Adams county community. It is hoped that our readers will enjoy this addition to the regular columns of The Free Press each week.

Band Parents Group Will Sponsor Banquet

The Corning band parents organization will sponsor a "Quarter Note" banquet at the Legion hall on Tuesday, Jan. 23, beginning at 6:30 p. m.

This is a special event for high school band and cadet band members and their parents. This is the first of what is hoped to be an annual affair. A special program is planned.

Ticket Co-Chairmen are Mrs. Kenneth Stuwck and Mrs. Bill Wheatley. Committee workers will be contacting parents soon and they hope to have a 100 per cent attendance.

Stanley Embree Will Head Adams Co. NFO

Stanley Embree was elected president of the Adams county National Farmer's Organization for 1962 last week. Elected to the vice-presidency post was Ronald Schafer.

Other officers are: Arnold Long, Don Drennan, Trustee; LaRell Wilkinson, District Representative; and Bob Cox, Publicity Chairman.

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Departmental Club
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Scout News
Cub Scout Den 3 met Monday,
January 15. We opened with the
cub scout motto. We finished our
cheer tournament in our den. Larry
Hannah is our champion. We talked
about knights of yore and read a
story. We played a relay game and
closed the meeting. Reporter, Mike
Swain.

Francis Turner
(Continued from Page A1)
and community service, Francis
handled a number of farms
throughout the community and
spent a great deal of time in
working with those associated on
the farms.

He was born on March 24, 1900 in
Corning, Iowa, the son of Austin
Beecher and Ella S. Turner. He was
educated in the Corning public
schools; Kiski Preparatory,
Saltburg, Pa.; and Grinnell col-
lege, from which he obtained his
BA degree in 1921.

He was married in 1924 to LaNor
Holmes of Keota, Iowa. He is sur-
vived by his mother, Mrs. Ella Turn-
er; his wife, LaNor; one son, At-
tatin III, all of Corning; one daugh-
ter, Sarah Turner, Colorado Springs,
Colo.; three grandsons, A. B. Turn-
er IV, Eric Foster Turner and Alec
Holmes Turner, of Corning.

It is worthy of comment that dur-
ing his 41-year business span, Francis
left an unusual record of public
service, being a member of the
school board for 18 years and on
the board of the municipal utilities
for 20 years.

Also under his leadership, Adams
county purchased more U. S. Sav-
ings bonds than other, larger coun-
ties. He was a member of the Pres-
byterian church, American Legion
and Rotary International.

As we survey this record of pub-
lic service, extending over a gener-
ation of time and carried on dur-
ing those years when he also had
great responsibilities in the Turn-
er business, we see a man who ac-
cepted responsibility with courage,
honesty and an intense desire to
serve his fellow man.

It is interesting to note that, more
than any others, the men who knew

him best--his partners on the farm
and the clerks who were with him
for many years in the Turner store--
knew his true worth, his faith in
them, and his understanding and
kindness. They, in turn, had the
absolute faith in Francis, and they
trusted him, and they found him
worthy of that trust and faith that
constitute the truest test there is
of a man's character.

He may well have wished to be
remembered for his public service.
In his work at home in the city
government his actions were al-
ways in the public interest, while
in helping to direct the management
of our public schools, he initiated
policies that resulted in opening the
doors of opportunity to many stu-
dents who needed this encourage-
ment to go forward to higher edu-
cation.

In the Iowa State Senate, in 1937
and 1939 from Adams and Taylor
counties, because of his vision, and
his experience in local government,
he took early leadership in that
field of legislation. Furthermore, he
was a great liberal who used his in-
fluence on behalf of the farmer,
the small business man and the la-
borer against the interests of special
privilege.

In accordance with his belief
in the improvement of the life of
our country through the educa-
tion of its citizens, he gave his
active support to the state-sup-
ported colleges and universities.

Always a builder, always a dedi-
cated servant of his people, he led
a life that gives inspiration to those
men and women of this genera-
tion who wish to seek the truths
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down by our fathers, and the plac-
ing of our ultimate trust in the Lord.

Services were conducted by Rev.

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W. H. Sinning and Joe Cook. Mus-
ic was by Mrs. W. H. Sinning, with
Mrs. Dick Cook, pianist.

Funerals were held in Corning, Iowa
Friday, Feb. 10, 1962, at 10:30 a.m.
at the First Lutheran Church. Burial
was in the Rose Hill Cemetery. The
family received friends at the home,
1015 S. 1st St., Corning, Iowa.

Flower bearers were Mrs. Vern
Aashenfelder, Mrs. Robert Bell and
Mrs. Blanche McIlravy.

Private services for the family
were conducted at the F. A. Turner
home at 11:15 Monday, conducted
by the senior members of the Turn-
er family, the Rev. T. B. Turner
and Dan W. Turner. Burial was in
Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Among the out-of-town relatives
and friends attending the services
Monday were: Dr. and Mrs. Thom-
as S. Turner, Iowa City; Mr. and
Mrs. Roy E. Gustafson, Des Moines;
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Archie, Shen-
andoah; Mr. and Mrs. Edward
Thompson, Red Oak; Mrs. Elbert
A. Reed, Shenandoah; Mr. and Mrs.
B. C. Borreson, Sheldon; Sen. Louis
Fisher, Osceola; Sen. Norvel Evans,
Fairfield; Carroll Price, member of
the Iowa board of control, Knoxville;
Sen. Frank Hoxie, Shenandoah;
William Harbour, Henderson; Mr.
and Mrs. Charles Umes, Lemars;
Mr. and Mrs. Burton Richey, Mary-
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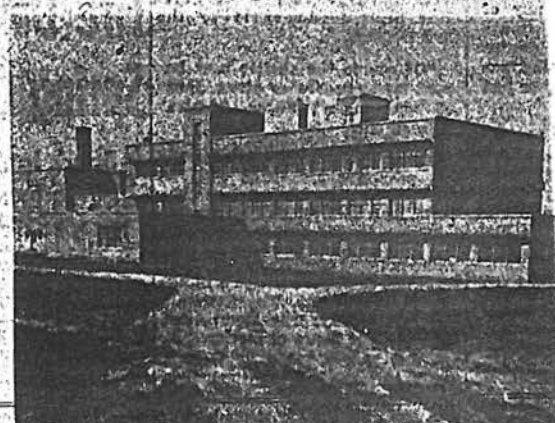
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nary of Rosary Hospital in Corning, Ia. is now un-
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Membership is \$1

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 As along life's road we go.
 If we're having serious problems
 There's a thing we all should know.

Our heritage is not a face,
 We put on or off at will.
 No amount of money bought it,
 No amount, will keep it still.

What we are and what we can be,
 Is an attitude of mind.
 Share life's story with each other,
 Leaving selfishness behind.

When you leave a heritage to others,
 You are planting God's good seed.
 It may help in their life struggle,
 And fulfill your own deep need.

By June Myers

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graduated from Grinnell High School in 1926, and from Grinnell College in 1930.

She married Richard Malcom Phillips of Grinnell and had two sons, David and John. Dick ran movie Theaters for Mr. Blank of Des Moines in several towns. After he died in 1955 Kitty continued to live in Algona, Iowa and was the city Librarian there until she retired.

She continues to make her home in Algona. Submitted by *Almira Turner*

DANIEL WEBSTER TURNER

Daniel Webster Turner (1877-1969) was born in Corning, and spent most of his life here. After graduating from the Corning Academy, he worked with his father in the General Store and continued there for many years.



Daniel Webster Turner

In 1900 he married Alice Sample Hayworth. There were three children; Marjorie who married Don Witt. She worked as a Psychologist in the New York City schools for fifteen years before she returned to Corning; Edward Bates who married Rowena Hawley. He died in 1946 of a combination of diseases contracted while serving in China in the Army; and Thomas Sample who married Isabel Lambly. He taught Music and Harmony at the University of Iowa, Iowa City until he retired recently.

Dan was a peace loving man, but he took part in three wars. He was a combat person in the Spanish American war, he was in France with the YMCA; and he served as a "dollar a year man" in Washington, D.C. where he supervised the Prison production of rope.

He distinguished himself by serving a term as Governor of the State of Iowa in 1932-34. Among other things, he will be remembered as having the courage to see that our laws were enforced. When farmers in eastern Iowa protested at having their cattle tested for Tuberculosis, Dan called out the National Guard to see that the tests were made and the sick cattle destroyed.

His tenure as Governor of Iowa was cut short by the dramatic democratic landslide and launch of

the New Deal by Franklin D. Roosevelt (plus enemies created by the Cow War).

He and most of his brothers were a part of the local "hose team" — originally pulling the hose cart to fires, but later mostly a form of racing.

I remember him as a story-teller for the family children, particularly his continued stories of a fictional "Billy Brazee".

He was a civic minded person and backed many local projects.

He was instrumental in helping the farmers organize the NFO. He never went to college, but he was a great student and admirer of Abraham Lincoln, and well educated in governmental affairs. He was an excellent public speaker, and gave many a Memorial Day Address.

In his later years he lived by himself until his daughter retired and returned to Corning. He was an active supporter of the Presbyterian Church. He took daily walks to maintain his health. Submitted by *Almira Turner*

FRANCIS AUSTIN TURNER

Francis Austin Turner, born March 24, 1900, was the son of Austin Beecher and Ella Shuler Turner Jr. He had an older brother, Theodore, who died when he was two years old. Francis attended Corning schools and Kiskiminitas Spring School in Pennsylvania. He graduated from Grinnell College in 1921 and was the youngest student to graduate up to that time. He returned home to join the business operated by his father and Dan Turner.



LaNor and Francis A. Turner

In 1924 he was married to LaNor Holmes (born January 11, 1901) of Keota, Iowa. They met while attending Grinnell. LaNor graduated Phi Beta Kappa and taught school one year in Wapello before her marriage. To this union a daughter, Sarah Jane and a son, Austin Beecher, were born. The family lived most of their married life in the home they built at 1202 Grove Avenue. In their latter years the couple lived in the carriage house at Happy Hollow Country Club (Edgewood). LaNor designed the plans for the extensive remodeling of the house into their unique home.

Besides devotion to their daughter, son, grandchildren and friends, theirs was a life of service and concern for their community and state. While active in farm management and in management of one of southwest Iowa's oldest department stores, Francis took great interest in his community. He was a member of the original board of trustees of the Corning Municipal Utilities and served 20 years. He was on the City Council from 1928 to 1932 and spent 18 consecutive years on the Corning School Board. He initiated the formation and was president of the Adams County Weather Modification Association during a period of drought in this area. He was Adams County Savings Bond Chairman for 20 years until his death. During this time the country won several state awards. He was an active member of the Presbyterian church, Rotary International and the American Legion. He served in 1957 and 1959 as senator from Adams and Taylor counties in the Iowa State Senate.

LaNor was a learned student all of her life which led to her interest in educational and self-improvement projects. She was an officer of the Corning Public Library Board of Trustees for many years. Working in the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs she was chairman of the Pan American Committee at the time the student exchange program began. She served as State Chairman of the Scholarship and Loan Committee of the Federation. She was a member of the board of the Iowa Children's Home Society in Des Moines, was active in the Corning Red Cross Blood Bank, was a member and president of P.E.O. Chapter CV, the Corning Culture Club, and was active in Corning Departmental Clubs.

Francis lived for a little over three years following a heart attack at a University of Iowa football game. He died in Corning January 12, 1962.

LaNor lived to participate in the 100th Anniversary celebration for A.B. Turner and Son in October, 1968. She wrote the history of the store for the anniversary pamphlet, which served for future store histories. She died in Corning December 18, 1968. Submitted by *Jo Ann G. Turner*

FRANKLIN WILSON TURNER

"Frank" was born in Corning, Iowa, in 1916 to Theodore Baker Turner and Ida Jane Okey Turner. He was graduated from the Corning High School in 1933 and from the University of Iowa in 1937.

He worked as a Flight Dispatcher for American Airlines until he joined the Air Corps and served as a Flight Dispatcher in Egypt during the second World War. He married Elizabeth Ruppert of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They had two sons and one daughter, John, Mark and Lesley.

After the war, he went to Rio de Janeiro and was a dispatcher for Braniff Airlines in Brazil, Lima, Peru and Dallas, Texas until he retired.

Currently they are living in Brazil and dreaming of building a home in Anacortes, Washington. Submitted by *Almira Turner*

JOHN HAROLD TURNER II

John Harold Turner II was born in Corning, Iowa in 1907 to Theodore Baker Turner and Ida Jane Okey Turner. He graduated from High School in Grinnell, Iowa in 1926 and from the University of Wyoming in 1931. He joined the United States Air Force and was a pilot until he was killed in a plane accident in December of 1940 testing blind flying equipment.

He married Mary Kathryn Budd from Big Piney, Wyoming. They had one daughter, Nan, who was two at the time of her father's death. Submitted by *Almira Turner*

NEAL AND RUTH TURNER

Ruth Marie Conger, youngest child of Roy Franklin and Laura (Jones) Conger, was born August 10, 1927, in Corning, Adams County, Iowa.



Neal and Ruth (Conger) Turner



You searched for **Francis Austin Turner** in **Iowa**

World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918

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 County: **Adams**
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 Draft Board: **0**
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