

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Bonn, Walter Henry Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Iowa County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 Sept 1877 Davenport, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Eliss E. Boss 15 Nov 1928 Keosauqua, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the Iowa State Bar in 1917; president of the  
Bank of Keosauqua, Iowa; member of Iowa County and state bar associations

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Shriner;

C. Profession Educator; lawyer; grocer and hardware merchant;  
banker; lumber merchant;

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 50<sup>th</sup>, 51<sup>st</sup> General Assemblies 1943, 1945

6. Public Offices

A. Local President of the Victor school board; secretary-treasurer of Victor  
Farm Loan Association

B. State Employee in the Attorney General's office

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

7. Death 29 Sept 1957 Victor, Iowa; buried I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Victor, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents Rev. Gottfried and Sofia (Brandt) Bonn

10. Education He received his early education in Victor, Koshuk  
and Des Moines, all in Iowa.

11. Degrees B.A. degree from Central Wesleyan College at Harrenton,  
Missouri in 1899. Studied law at Southern University of  
California, received law degree at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican

- As a young man he taught school south of Victor, Iowa
- He later became high school principal at Monmouth, Illinois  
and Aberdeen, South Dakota.
- At one time he was in the grocery and hardware business at  
Greenway, Iowa and bank president also.
- He was with the Attorney General's office in Des Moines
- He practiced law with C. A. Robbins in Des Moines
- When he moved to Victor, Iowa he associated with Ed Stahl in the  
lumber business until 1924 when he began practicing law
- He wrote poetry for a hobby, having several poems published.



that has no turning" proved to be the case when Victor held our concluding tournament of the season, and won it by beating Koszta in the first game by a score of 6 to 3, and to top that we even outhit them 7-4. Star billing was shared by our pitcher, young Haaley who won the game, allowing only those 4 hits, and scored twice for Victor himself, and our own "Lar-ruping Larry" Merck, who hit a home run deep in center field, and also went 2 for 4 in this game. Stan Jack, our reliable catcher, did his usual good work behind the plate, and Gary Hinrichs got 2 for 3 times at bat.

In the 2nd game, Belle Plaine beat Watkins in a close one 8-7, thus we played Belle Plaine in the final game.

In this final game, Victor beat Belle Plaine by a score of 8 to 2, in a 6 inning game, so decided because of the lateness of the hour, and as early dusk was falling. As advertised last week Ray Peters who pitches for Minneapolis in the American Association did the hurling for Victor. This game was really decided on home run balls

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### SCHOOL CHILDREN TO PUT ON FIRE PREVENTION DRIVE

This week marks the opening of the intensive drive for Fire Prevention put on by the school children of Iowa County. During this week and continuing through until the completion of this survey, it is hoped every farm home will be visited.

The State Fire Marshal and the State Farm Fire Prevention Committee are loud in their praise of what the teachers and children of Iowa's schools have done in the past. They are credited with finding 72,000 fire hazards and were responsible for the removal of more than 37,000 hazards on Iowa farms during the last 8 years.

Emphasis is being placed on the recent increase in "needless" loss of human life. Direct deaths from fire totalled over 12,000 last year, according to the National Fire Protection Association. About one-third of these deaths—a disproportionately high number—were in rural areas.

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### LAST RITES HELD THURSDAY FOR PROMINENT RESIDENT

Funeral rites for Walter H. Bonn, whose sudden death occurred Monday, September 29, were held last Thursday afternoon, October 2. A brief service in the McAninch chapel at one o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Charles W. Gross, was followed at two o'clock by services in the Immanuel Methodist church, in charge of the Rev. L. B. Hight and Rev. Gross.

A mixed quartet composed of Mrs. Milton Maack, Mrs. H. Art Schwiebert, Glen Schwiebert and Lawrence Brandt, sang "Lead Kindly Light," with Mrs. Glen Schwiebert at the piano. The latter also sang "Crossing the Bar," accompanied by Mrs. Milton Maack.

Honorary pallbearers included U. M. Reed, Clinton Ryan, C. F. Dickson, R. G. Popham, Orville W. Bloethe, Harold B. Claypool, Robert L. Claypool, Edward P. Cronin, David B. Evans, Byron Goldthwaite, Russell Hatter, A. V. Hatter, Don Hise, president of Iowa County Bar Association, Alfred G. McSwiggin, J. Paul Naughton, Richard C. Park, E. J. Sullivan, J. L. Swift, Harold Swift, Ed Von Hoene, W. J. Wilkinson, J. J. Wilkinson, Harold Durr, clerk of district court, and Chris Engelbert, sheriff of Iowa county.

Casket bearers were Will Cordes, Ed Wahl, M. W. Felton, Godfrey Messer, Louis Bellegante and Paul Scandridge.

Interment was made in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Miss Janet Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rehfeldt and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Prashak took care of the flowers.

Walter Henry Bonn, son of the Rev. Gottfried Bonn and Sofia Brandt Bonn, was born September 11, 1877 at Davenport, Iowa. He received his early education in Victor, Keokuk and Des Moines, and in 1899 graduated from Central Wesleyan college at Warrenton, Mo. with a B. A. degree. As a young man, he taught school south of Victor and later was principal of high schools at Monmouth, Ill. and Aberdeen, S. D. He studied law at Southern University of California and

Saturday, October 4, in Watts tal, Marengo. She died of complications following an illness of several years' duration.

Funeral services were held Monday morning, October 6, at St. Bridget church, with the Rev. A. U. H. officiating and St. John's school singing. Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

Kittie Luella Moitzfield was born October 18, 1896 on a farm five miles northwest of Ladora in Iowa county. She was reared by her grandpa Wymmer and Christina Moitzfield living with them until the time of her marriage.

On February 8, 1917, at the age of 21, she was married to Louis J. Murtha in St. Bridget's rectory. They became the parents of six children. They also brought up a child, Mrs. John Core, who preceded Mrs. Murtha in death.

Her entire life was spent in Iowa county near Victor, and had lived in their present home since 1948.

Mrs. Murtha was always a kind, loving wife and mother, also a good neighbor, with a helping hand and ready smile. She will be missed by her family and friends.

Left to mourn her departure are the following children: Mrs. Rose Ladora; James, Daniel and Victor Murtha; Mrs. Hazel Spencer; Mrs. Donna Cochrane, Moor, Minn.; also eight grandchildren. Other surviving relatives include half-brother, William Wiese, I. Wis.; an uncle, Otto Moitzfield, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Stella Mai Marshalltown; Mrs. Louise V. Everett, Wash.

Attending the funeral from town were Nora Murtha, Mrs. Dale Blumer, Davenport and Mrs. Ray Murtha, Molokai, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Murtha, Park South Dakota; Otto Moitzfield, Detroit, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. V. Wiese, DeSoto, Wis.; Mrs. Norgan and William, Williamsburg and Mrs. D. W. Brady, Marshalltown; Mrs. Richard Ringler, Mrs. C. Slaymaker, Ann McDonald and et al. Lillie, Marengo; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Barry, Brooklyn.

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The N. F. P. Association of the Dept. of Agriculture urges that the following nine points be observed in an effort to keep down fire losses:

1. Get rid of old papers, magazines, broken furniture, useless boxes and other combustible rubbish. Keep
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### SOAP BOX DERBY WON BY DENNY SEATON

A good crowd turned out last Friday to watch the ten contestants in the Soap Box derby make their run on the park hill. A stop watch was held on the 440 foot track and the speed records were kept, Denny Seaton winning 1st with a speed of 15.78 miles per hour. Tommy Rieke came in second with a speed of 12 miles per hour.

Other entries were Jim O'Halloran, Jerry Hull, Richard Bohstedt, Charles Rohrer, Don Yeisley, Russell Rhinehart, Jimmy Kubu, and John Claeys. The prize winner for the best looking racer will be announced later by the judges.

### BIRTHDAY CLUB MEETS

The Birthday Club had a party Friday night for Byrde Teufel. A potluck supper was served, followed by 500 at two tables. Present were Mary Refer, Jen Kempf, Gertrude Norden, Emma Park, Stella Mohr, Bertha Weisskopf and Alma Wilson, the latter being a guest.

Try a Want Ad for results.

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On November 15, 1928, he was united in marriage with Miss Elsie Boss at Fairfield, Iowa.

At one time Mr. Bonn was in business at Guernsey for several years, dealing in groceries and hardware, and was president of the bank there. He was connected with the Attorney General's office in Des Moines and then practiced law with C. A. Robbins. After coming to Victor, he was associated with Ed Wahl in the lumber business, selling out in 1924, after which he began practicing law. He served two terms in the State Legislature, 1943 and 1945, as Representative from Iowa county. As a hobby he wrote poetry and several of his poems have been published in the Masonic publication, "The New Age."

He was a member of Immanuel Methodist church, of which his father was a founder; the Masonic lodge Capitol 110 at Des Moines, the Iowa Consistory, El Kahir Temple of the Shrine at Cedar Rapids, Iowa County and State Bar Associations. He also served as president of the Victor School Board and secretary-treasurer of the Victor Farm Loan Association.

Death came unexpectedly at his home at four o'clock Monday afternoon, September 29, as the result of a cerebral hemorrhage. He had attained the age of 75 years and 18 days.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a number of cousins.

His parents, two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Among the out-of-town relatives and friends who attended the funeral were the following: Mr. and Mrs. James E. Miller, Los Angeles, Calif.

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We wish to thank our relatives, friends and neighbors who extend sympathy and acts of kindness in the loss of our loved one; also for beautiful floral and spiritual offerings.

Louis Murtha and family

### SURPRISED BY VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Callahan pleasantly surprised last Friday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lehne of Long Island, New York City, came in to visit them here. Mr. Lehne like Jim, is a retired New York policeman and knew each other back in N. Y. City. Lehne joined the police department the same time Jim did back in 1926 and upon Jim's retirement the same day as he in 1946. Both worked in Traffic "A" with Lehne in Traffic "A" with duty on the Holland Tunnel, while Jim worked 18 of his 20 years in Traffic in Harlem.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lehne have decided to make their home in Colorado, near Colorado Springs, and were unable to stay but overnight on their visit here, as they were anxious to get their new home started. Lehne hadn't seen his old police buddy in nearly 7 years, and Fred obtained an address from the Pension Bureau and drove 300 miles out of their home to visit Jim and Gertrude.

Mrs. C. F. Feller and Mrs. G. Willis of Marengo attended the Diocesan Board meeting at the State Center in Iowa City on Tuesday. Ray Moon of Keokuk, Diocesan Secretary, gave a fine report of the national convention held recently in Seattle, Wash.

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Mrs. Walter H. Bonn.