

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Holtan, Harold Elmer Senator _____

Represented Warren County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 Nov 1890 New Virginia, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Velda Sudrick 24 Mar 1913

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Director of Peoples Trust and Savings Bank; trustee of Simpson College;
manager of the Warren County Fair for several years

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Shiner

C. Profession Grain and feed business man

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 49th, 50th, 51st General Assemblies 1941, 1943, 1945

6. Public Offices

A. Local Warren County Republican chairman - 10 years

B. State Member of the Iowa State Board of Control 1931-1939; Speaker of the House
1945

C. National _____

7. Death Dec 1946 Des Moines, Iowa

8. Children Glendon J.; Jack P.; Helen (Mrs. Hildenbiddle); Gordon;
May (predeceased her father in death)

9. Names of parents J. T. and Sara Holtan

10. Education Educated in the schools of New Virginia, Iowa

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He learned the grain and coal business from his father and later he joined his father in the feed and grain business in New Virginia. Later he opened his own business.
- In 1926 he established a feed store on the square at Adinola
- In 1932 he and his family moved to Adinola where in 1937 he built a new elevator and closed the business store. His two sons joined the business and closed the New Virginia business.
- On May 10 1946 the elevator burned, but a larger and better elevator was built and with all the stress he probably overworked himself

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- <u>Obituary</u>			<u>- The Record Herald and Independent Tribune,</u> <u>Independent Press, Des Moines, Dec. 10, 1946, p. 1, col 8</u> <u>and p. 6, col 4, 5, 6, 7</u>

Funeral of House Speaker Harold Felton Held Tues.

Norma Mills Is Sweetheart of Red and Gold

Norma Mills, Indianola, freshman at Simpson college, was introduced to basketball fans Friday evening as "Sweetheart of the Red and Gold."



Norma Mills

girls. These five were chosen from an entry list of 19 college coeds by the men on the campus.

Miss Mills, dressed in white and seated on a throne on wheels, all covered with white, was escorted into the gymnasium by four men, Tom Scott, G. H. Hoffman, Bob Tillford and Bob Day.

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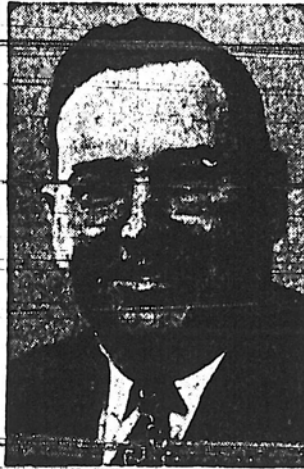
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HIGH TEMPERATURES

October, November and the first 10 days in December have been exceptionally warm months in Indianola, which it didn't take an official statement from Dr. F. I. Meats, government weather observer, to prove. Sunday the temperature reached an all-time high of 69 for that date. The lowest reading for the day was 52. Tuesday morning the temperature was 32 at 7 a. m.

Other readings are: Dec. 2: lowest was 7 above, the highest 34, Dec. 3: 25 and 55, Dec. 4: 30 and 66, Dec. 5: 30 and 56, Dec. 6: 30 and 66, Dec. 7: 42 and 58, Sunday, Dec. 8: 52 and 69, Monday, Dec. 9: 52 and 62.



Harold Felton

Largely Attended Services Tribute To Legislator

Dies of Heart Attack In Ft. Des Moines Hotel Lobby

Harold Felton, representative of Warren county in the Iowa house of representatives, died suddenly of a heart attack about 15 minutes past noon in the lobby of Hotel Fort Des Moines Saturday, Dec. 7. As The Tribune goes to press his funeral service is in progress in the Methodist church in Indianola in charge of the Rev. Edwin W. Frohardt, minister. The address is by Dr. Walter M. Scheuermann, former minister of this church, now superintendent of the Burlington district.

Mr. Felton had opened the session of the preliminary conference of the members of the incoming legislature at 10 o'clock, in the ball room of the hotel. After opening the meeting he had turned the gavel over to Senator G. R. Hill of Clarion in order that it might not appear that he was using the conference to further his own candidacy for re-election to the position of speaker of the house.

After breakfast he had gone to his room to rest until the meeting of the conference. Upon leaving the conference he was returning to his room. He had just shaken hands with a friend and was waiting for the elevator when the friend heard him groan, looked and he had collapsed on the lobby floor. He died in a few minutes.

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Life Sketch

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Legion Auxiliary Is Sewing For Hospital

The Indianola Legion Auxiliary will meet on the second Tuesday of each month to sew carpet rags and for needed sewing for the Veterans hospital at Knoxville. Today they met with Mrs. W. H. Mahlstadt. Dec. 17 the members will make candy for the hospital at Knoxville.

At the meeting held Tuesday evening, Dec. 2, a group of college young people furnished the program, under the direction of Prof. Don Ecroyd. Rosario Iannelli was master of ceremonies. Shirley Benedict played a flute solo, accompanied by Jeanne Warren. Roberta Starry gave a Christmas reading and Mary Ecroyd sang three solos. Kenneth Smith spoke on rehabilitation.

Community Night At Martensdale Church

Martensdale, Dec. 9—The Martensdale Community church will have a Community Night program Wednesday, Dec. 11. A potluck supper will be served at 6:45, followed by a program of entertainment, in charge of Mrs. Arthur Frazier and Mrs. Bud Frazier.

Raymond M. Wallace On Terminal Leave

Raymond L. Wallace, A.M. 1/c, and Mrs. Wallace are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Wallace. Mr. Wallace is on terminal leave until Dec. 11. He has been in the service six years. Mrs. Wallace has been living in San Francisco.

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Church Passing? Is at Medora

to their churches and then brings them back to the college.

Miss McConnell began her work organizing the young people and resting them in religious life. Officers of the new Youth Fellowship were installed at a campfire meeting about two miles west of Medora a few weeks ago. Wendell Stone is president, Mary Alice Nine, worship chairman, LaVere Burchett, secretary, and Lyle Williams, treasurer.

Liberty Center Service

Miss McConnell, although not an ordained minister, was given special permission by Bishop Bra-shares of the Iowa area of the Methodist church to baptize the new members at Medora last Sunday.

Another result of the student pastoral project was the Thanksgiving service at Liberty Center, the first such service in years, while Indianola for the first time in her history was going without a Thanksgiving service. William Miller is pastor at Liberty Center.

Warms the Church

He told the people he would be there Thanksgiving morning and if they wanted to have the church warm there would be a service. The janitor said if the minister would come the church would be warm. Twenty-five people attended the service, which is within 10 of as many as attended the Indianola service in 1945.

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She taught English in Indianola high school five years and then went to Washington state where she taught in the Everett schools for two years and in Seattle for one.

Surviving Relatives

Her daughter Anne is now a junior in the Indianola high school. She leaves, besides her mother, a brother Richard of Aberdeen, Wash., and her twin sisters, Mrs. Agnes Keeton and Mrs. Alice Palmer. Her father, Dr. R. E. Scroggs, died three years ago.

Mrs. Henderson was known as Harriet to a great many people in her home community. She first showed her initiative and ability as a teacher when, at the age of 13 she started a kindergarten in her parents' home. She was charged with the care of her small twin sisters a great deal of the time when she was not in school, and was so fond of providing entertainment for them, that she decided to invite other youngsters of their age to share in the activities.

Refining Influence

Her guidance of young minds and her unerring refinement brought her the love and respect of her students, many of whom are in business here or make their homes in Warren county today.

Her knowledge of literature and the English language probably was rarely equalled in the community.

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20 Years for Banning

Banning was sentenced to 20 years behind prison walls for bank robbery, 10 years for breaking and entering the powder magazine at the Ft. Des Moines army post, 10 years on three other breaking and entering counts and five years for larceny.

However, Judge Dewey ruled the sentences of both boys will run concurrently so that Willis will serve a total of 10 years and Banning 20 years.

Sheriff Lewis Johnson talked with Banning after he had been returned to Des Moines from Ft. Worth, Tex., where he was arrested by police and F. B. I. officers at his mother's home. He told Sheriff Johnson that it was he who persuaded Willis to rob the Carlisle bank.

Banning had had an argument with his girl friend the night before the robbery. He returned home and found Willis in bed. He told Willis that they were going to do the job the following day. Willis, he said, demurred but finally consented.

Hire a Car

They went to the Marsh Rent-a-Car ground at 410 Grand ave. Banning was asked for his driver's license. He had never taken out one and they went over to the state house and secured a license in Banning's name. They then drove to Carlisle.

Before arriving at Ft. Worth, Banning told the sheriff that he alighted from the bus and phoned his brother, inquiring how everything was at home. Being told that "they were all alright," Banning said he presumed the police

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The following sketch of Mr. Felton's life was read by the Rev. Dr. W. M. Scheuermann:

E. H. Felton was named Elmer Harold by his father and mother, Z. T. and Sara Felton, when he was born in the family home in New Virginia Nov. 11, 1890. To most of the people of Warren county he was Harold.

He was educated in the grades and high school of New Virginia. But perhaps the most important of his schooling came from association with his father who began to use him at an early age for errands and other responsibilities in his grain and coal business. He grew up accustomed to meeting responsibilities and in close touch with his father's business. By this association he acquired the rare tact, sympathy and patience in dealing with people for which his father was notable in the rural

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Former Prof. Wins In Poetry Contest

Miss Grace V. Watkins, former Simpson instructor, received top ranking honors in poetry this week when her poem "Recompense" was awarded first place in the Christmas poetry contest of the St. Paul, Minn., poetry seminar, according to word received here. The judge of the contest was Grace May, professor of English at Macalester college, St. Paul.

In addition to membership in the seminar, Miss Watkins belongs to the Minnesota League of Poets and the National League of American Pen Women. She is assistant professor of economics at Hamline university. In the criticism, the judge stated that the poem was characterized by "simplicity and beauty of thought."

Dr. Kim Takes Group To Luther

Dr. K. W. Kim, associate professor of Bible and philosophy at Simpson college, and a group of Simpson students will present a program at the Luther high school auditorium Tuesday night. The program, sponsored by the high school, will have the theme, "One World—One People."

Dr. Kim did not know Monday afternoon what students would be taken. All those who go will give a five-minute talk and Dr. Kim will summarize all that has been said.

One of Simpson's negro students will speak on the racial situation regarding Negroes at home and abroad, and one of the South American students will speak on the good neighbor policy. Support of the United Nations and the use of the atomic bomb will be the subjects of two other speakers.

for Gloria Judkins at Liberty Center in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adamson and Patty of Osceola were entertained Thursday evening in the Charley Davis home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Taylor of Lorimer were guests Sunday of their son, George Taylor, and Mrs. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Peck Hite of Liberty Center and Mr. and Mrs. Vet Williams of Indianola were visitors Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Fred Bumgarner.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Oxenreider and family spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Oxenreider's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Clevenger.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas of Kansas City spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Thomas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Sadler and family were Thanksgiving guests of Mrs. Sadler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Esler Foust of Liberty Center.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Ina L. Anderson etal to Don Squire W. D., Lot 6, Blk B Crown Point add., Indianola.
 J. F. Young to J. D. McGuire Q. C. D., Lot 5 O. T. P. M. N., Norwalk.
 Harold I. Miller to Darlene Fehrer W. D., NE 30-74-22.
 H. M. Wilson to Herbert J. Conrad W. D., \$2,000, E 1/2 Lots 5 and 6 Blk 5 O. T., Lacona.
 Anna L. McGee to Ray Douglas W. D., NE NW and NW NE 11 and SW NE and SE NW 11-75-24.
 Emma Short etal to W. H. McPherson Q. C. D., Pt Blk 2 Ackworth.

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 community where he lived.
 Enters Feed Business
 From his father he inherited also

an interest in politics, not for profit or the hope of a job, simply from concern for good government. His father was active in local and county politics throughout a long life. Z. T. Felton was the son of pioneer parents among the Virginians who settled and named Virginia township in Warren county.

Harold quite naturally joined his father in the grain and feed business in New Virginia and later opened a general store of his own in that place. In that enterprise he was highly successful.

He was married March 24, 1913, to Veida Frederick, who survives him. She was the daughter of a neighboring family. To them have been born five children, of whom four are living. They are Glendal F., manager of the Felton elevator and feed business in Indianola; Jack P., manager of the plant at Boone which Mr. Felton acquired about a year ago; Mrs. Helen Hildenbiddle of Newton; and Gordon, teacher of English and dramatics in Fairleigh-Dickinson college at Rutherford, N. J. Max died some years ago.

Besides these he leaves two grandsons, Mark Frederick son of Mr. and Mrs. Glendal Felton, and Steven Jay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Felton. He also leaves one brother, John Felton of Des Moines, and his sister, Mrs. Gerlie Murray of Eagle Grove.

For ten years Mr. Felton was republican chairman of Warren county. In 1930 he was elected state committeeman from the Fifth district. In 1931 Governor Dan Turner appointed him a member of the state board of control. In this capacity he served until 1939, having been reappointed by Governor Kraschel in 1937 as the required republican member of the board under a democratic administration. Notwithstanding distinct political differences Mr. Felton often remarked with satisfaction that he and Governor Kraschel enjoyed mutual personal confidence in a high degree.

Elected Speaker in 1945
 In 1940 Mr. Felton became a candidate for representative of Warren county in the legislature. He was nominated in the primary by a vote only a little short of unanimous and elected without opposition. He was re-elected in 1942, 1944 and 1946.

In the 1945 session he was elected speaker of the House, an honor never before attained by any citizen of Warren county.

In 1926, while still living in New Virginia, he established a feed store on the square in Indianola, a venture which proved profitable. In 1932 he moved his family to Indianola, which has since that time been his home. In 1937 he leased the site where the Farmers elevator had burned, erected a new elevator and moved the headquarters of his business to the elevator of-

ice. Shortly thereafter he closed the downtown store. With the assistance of his two sons, Glendal and Jack, he had developed a large mixed feed business besides dealing in grain. He sold his business in New Virginia soon after moving to Indianola.

Builds New Elevator

May 10 of this year the Felton elevator was burned, one of the most disastrous fires in the city's history. But the site was immediately cleared and a larger and much better elevator opened for business Sept. 27. Under the extremely difficult building material market condition, Mr. Felton personally sought out and bought much of the material and equipment needed. In this activity he perhaps overexerted himself.

He joined the Methodist church in New Virginia while still in his teens and had been a regular attendant and supporter of the church throughout the remainder of his life. His membership was transferred to Indianola when he moved in 1932.

Simpson Trustee

The community interests of Mr. Felton have been numerous and constructive. At the time of his death he was a director in the Peoples Trust and Savings bank and a trustee of Simpson college.

He was always a lover of livestock and especially of horses since his father started him out on a gray pony riding on errands in and around New Virginia. Because of

this interest he consented to give his time to the management of the Warren county fair for several years, during which time he developed one of the most successful horse shows in Iowa and always made the fair pay its bills. As a hobby he owned and exhibited some outstanding harness and saddle horses, winning some of the highest honors in the show ring.

He was a 32nd degree Mason and member of the Shrine, connections in which he took a keen interest.

Public Life Above Reproach

Harold Felton was notable for his keen and sympathetic understanding of human nature, for his patience and willingness to listen to both sides before he made up his mind. Nevertheless, when he had the facts, he made decisions quickly and courageously, and then stuck to them, even though they might not be pleasant or the easy way out.

In his business and public life he was above reproach. Many a salesman, seeking to sell something to the Board of Control, had to learn the lesson that the one condition for Harold Felton's approval was to be convinced it was a good buy for the state.

His place with the people of his native and home county, the people amongst whom he has lived his entire life, is attested by the fact that he was four times consecutively elected to represent them in the legislature, a distinction not heretofore won by any man in the 97 years of the county's history.

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