Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative: Roan, Philip J.  
Represented Lee County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place: 9 Dec. 1894, Marshall, Missouri

2. Marriage (s) date place: Elmer Smith, 23 June 1928, Senator, Pennsylvania

3. Significant events for example:
   A. Business: Member of the Lee County Bar Association
   B. Civic responsibilities: American Legion, VFW, Elks
   C. Profession: Attorney, Allman, Legal

4. Church membership: Catholic


6. Public Offices:
   A. Local: Lee County Board of Supervisors, Lee County Republican chairman
   B. State: 
   C. National: 

7. Death: 22 Feb. 1947, Fort Madison, Iowa; buried, Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison, Iowa

8. Children: Philip, Francis, Rosalind Antoinette

9. Names of parents: Peter J. and Mary (Segon) Roan
10. Education

Graduated from Fort Madison, Iowa High School in 1912

11. Degrees

B.A. from University of Michigan, School of Medicine
LL.B. from The Detroit College of Law

12. Other applicable information

Republican

The son of Fort Madison, Iowa, was brought up by his parents.

Military Service - World War I - U.S. Army, Tank Corps

Company A, 362nd Battalion Tank Corps

For 2 years he was a salesman for the Missouri Telephone Company at St. Louis, Missouri.

During 1916 he was a foreman for the St. Louis Railway Company.

For one year, 1926, he was connected with the legal department of the Missouri Bell Telephone Company.

In 1927 he returned to general law practice.
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Hohl property in the west part of town to their newly built home in Buena Vista addition. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morton moved Tuesday to the place vacated by the Jennings family. Mr. and Mrs. Clester Bentzinger recently purchased the McCracken property on Main street formerly occupied by the Mortons.

PHILIP F. ROAN

(Fort Madison Democrat)

Philip F. Roan, 52, 1224 Avenue B, attorney and chairman of the Lee county board of supervisors, died at 2:50 p.m. Saturday in Sacred Heart hospital following a cerebral hemorrhage suffered at 5 p.m.

Mr. Roan was born Dec. 9, 1894, in Marceline, Mo. He came to Fort Madison as a boy and graduated from the public high school in 1915. His higher education included a master's degree from the University of Detroit, Mich., and an LLB from the Detroit College of Law.

He was married to Elinor Smith, June 23, 1928, at Scranton, Pa. He belonged to St. Mary’s Catholic church. He was a veteran of the first world war and a past commander of the local American Legion post.

Long prominent in Republican politics, Mr. Roan served as Lee county chairman, state representative in the 46th through 48th general assemblies, and as a county supervisor since 1943. As an attorney he served for the defense in many of the best-known criminal cases here during the last two decades.

He is survived by his widow; two children, Francis and Rosalind; one brother; and four sisters.

Funeral services were held at 9 a.m. Tuesday in St. Mary’s church with the Rev. Rupert F. Tragesser officiating. Burial was in soldier’s plot of Oakland cemetery with military services by the American Legion at the grave.

Pallbearers were J. R. Leary, J. F. Phelan, Tom Lawse, R. N. Johnson, C. T. Hull and J. W. Napler.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Ball and Harlan Ball of Charleston visited in the H. Fred Krebill home Thursday evening.

MASONIC NOTICE

Regular meeting George W. K. Lodge No. 618, A. F. and A. M. at the Masonic Temple in Donnellson, Tuesday evening, May 23, 1939.

H. M. ROBERTSON, W. E. LATHROP, Secy

CLEMONS-KUDEBEH

(Fort Madison Democrat)

Miss Eileen Kudebeh, daugh of Mrs. Julia G. Kudebeh, Seventh Street, Fort Madison came the bride of Jack R. Cle son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cle Donnellson, Ia., at 3 p.m. St. February 23. Dr. Walter L. Tread the double ring service Union Presbyterian church altar decorations of lighted cibra and vases of white carn and gladiol.

MRS. A. D. Soechtig played “One Alone,” “Cla Lune,” “Ah, Sweet Mystery of as a prelude, “Wedding M from Lohengrin as process “Love’s Old Sweet Song” the ceremony and Mendels “Wedding March” as the rece al.

William Kudebeh, Cedar R Iowa, gave his sister in mai She wore a floor length cow ivory chiffon velvet fashioned a fitted bodice and longe sh The elbow length veil was la place by a tiara of shirred her single strand of pearls gift from the bridegroom. She ri a white Bible with garet a shower of freesia.

Miss Jean Conlee and Miss Richmond, Fort Madison, att their cousin. In identical cow hagon blue velvet pati full skirts, fitted bodice cap sleeves, they wore elbow gloves of matching velvet and ed pink carnations.

The bridegroom and best John Schick, Iowa City, his ol were attired in business s boutonnieres were carna Richard Dobson.
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political affairs, and has served two terms as
police judge of Ottumwa, and in December, 1921,
was appointed police judge for the third term.
Mr. Ramsell is an out-door enthusiast, and is
particularly fond of hunting and fishing.
On September 11, 1912, at Ottumwa, Iowa, Mr.
Ramsell was married in marriage with Miss Alma
Ethel Glew, who was born at Creston, Iowa,
a daughter of Henry G. and Lucy (Hawcock)
Glew, of Washington, D. C., natives of England,
who came to the United States in 1880 and located
in Iowa. Mrs. Ramsell graduated from the
Ottumwa High School and for a time taught in
the Ottumwa public schools. As a loyal Republic-
ian she is actively interested in politics, takes
a prominent part in her first charge, at Mingo, where
the present time one of the beloved priests
at Creston.
He was born at Winterset, Iowa, November 22,
1862. His parents were Edward and Catherine
(Mayo) Malone, the former a native of Ireland
and the latter of New Orleans. His mother now
resides at Valley Junction, Iowa. His father
who died in 1906, was an Iowa farmer, coming
to this state about 1850. He owned a farm in
Folk County. Both parents were devout Catho-
lics. His father was a Democrat and served as a
director of his home school district. Of their
four children eight are living. The parents en-
couraged their eldest son, Henry, to enter the
priesthood, and his education from early boyhood
was directed with that in view.
After the local schools he went to Dubuque, in
1880, and there he was one of the first students to
enroll in St. Ambrose College at Davenport,
where he remained one year. In 1888 he was
graduated from Creighton University at Omaha
and completed his theological training in St.
Mary's Seminary at Baltimore. On December 19,
1891, he was ordained a priest by the late
Cardinal Gibbons. He returned to Iowa and
was assigned to the parish of Creston, where
he remained two and a half years. For thirteen
years he labored faithfully at Dallas Center, and
at Granger, where he built the church. In 1904
he became pastor at Woodbine, remaining there
eight years, and in February, 1912, came to the
People of Creston as pastor of the Immaculate
Conception Church. Since coming here he has
seen his work prospered, resulting in the building
of a parish house, the paying off of the church
debt, and he now has a congregation numbering
five hundred. Father Malone is a fourth degree
Knight of Columbus and has been chaplain of
the council and has worked on the degree team.
Since 1923 he has, in addition to his parochial
duties, held the office of dean of the Creston
Deanery.

PHILIP F. ROAN, an Iowa attorney practicing
law at Fort Madison, grew up in that town, was
the salesman and business man until after the
World war, in which he saw service overseas,
and has made an excellent record in his pro-

He was born at Marceline, Missouri, December
9, 1892, son of Peter H. and Mary (Fagan)
Roan, both of whom were born in Iowa, his
father at Burlington. The parents live in Fort
Madison. His father has spent all his active life
as a railroad man, an engineer with the Santa
Fe Company, and was living at Marceline on that
road when his son Philip F. was born. The other
children are: Leo, of Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs.
Cecilia Riley, of Marceline; Mrs. Rosanna Frees-
meier, of Detroit, Michigan; Miss Margaret, of
Fort Madison; and Peter F. Jr., of Ontario.

Philip F. Roan grew up at Fort Madison, and
attended public schools there, graduating from
high school in 1914. For two years he was a
salesman for the Missouri, Iowa Car Company at
Saint Louis, and during 1916 was a timekeeper
for the Santa Fe Railway Company.

Mr. Roan in December, 1916, enlisted with an
ambulance corps for service in the French army,
had training at Saumur near Paris, and was in
active service eight months, and was
awarded the Croix de Guerre. After being re-
leased from this service he returned to America
and joined the Tank Corps, being stationed at
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, with Company A of
the Three Hundred Second Battalion, with the
rank of sergeant. He again went overseas, was
stationed at Langres, and for six months after
the armistice was in Germany.

After his honorable discharge in September,
1918, entered the Detroit College of Law, which
he attended three years, getting his LL. B. de-
gree in 1924. During the summer vacations he
carried on his studies at the University of
Michigan, and after graduating he spent a year
in the University of Detroit, where he won his
Master's degree in 1925. For one year he was
connected with the legal department of the Michi-
gan Bell Telephone Company, and in 1927 re-
turned to Fort Madison to engage in a general
law practice, and has accumulated a very prom-
ising business in his profession.

He is a member of the Sigma Nu Phi frater-
nity, the B. P. O. Elks, and was active on the
school debating team the three years he was in
law college. He has served several years as chair-
man of the Lee County central Republican com-
mittee.

Mr. Roan married, June 23, 1928, Miss Elinor
Smith, of Scranton, Pennsylvania.
Butler and Bremer counties sent him to the Senate where he served in the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Forty-first sessions of the General Assembly. He enjoyed the legislative work and was counted an able legislator.

In 1893 he was married to Miss Della Shafer. To this union four children were born, two sons who preceded him in death. There are left to mourn his passing, Mrs. Ramsey, two daughters, Mrs. Gay Jackson and Mrs. Lavon Anderson, besides four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He died February 23, 1944, at Clarksville following a brief illness.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-second General Assembly, That in the passing of John M. Ramsey, this state has lost a citizen who had labored long and faithfully for the best interest of his people.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

H. A. Moore,  
Arch W. McFarlane,  
William S. Lykes,  
Committee.

Memorial to the Honorable Philip F. Roan of Lee County

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Philip F. Roan, begs leave to submit the following report:

Philip F. Roan, who represented Lee County in the Forty-sixth, Forty-sixth Extra, Forty-seventh, and Forty-eighth Sessions of the General Assembly, was born on December 9, 1894, in Marceline, Missouri. The family moved to Fort Madison, Iowa, when he was one year old.

He was educated in the Fort Madison High School, University of Michigan and University of Detroit, LL.B., LL.M.

Mr. Roan served in France with the French Army, 1916 and 1917; and with the American Expeditionary Forces, Tank Corps, Company A, 2nd battalion, 1918 to 1919. He was a Past Commander of the local American Legion Post.

At the time of his death he was practicing law in Fort Madison, and was serving as chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Lee County.

He was married to Elinor Smith of Scranton, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1928. He died of a cerebral hemorrhage on February 22, 1947. He is survived by his widow and two children, Francis and Rosalind, all of whom live at Fort Madison, Iowa.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-second General Assembly, That in the passing of the late Philip F. Roan, the State has lost a valued and honored citizen, and the House of the Fifty-second General Assembly tenders, by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to the surviving relatives.
Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the House Journal and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the widow and children of the deceased.

THOMAS W. WELLINGTON,
ARCH W. MCFARLANE,
O. C. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

Memorial to the Honorable Wm. E. G. Saunders of Palo Alto County

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the Honorable Wm. E. G. Saunders, begs leave to submit the following report:

Wm. E. G. Saunders, who represented Palo Alto county in the Fortieth, Fortieth Extra, Forty-first, Forty-second and Forty-second Extra General Assemblies, passed away in Los Angeles, California, on January 16, 1947. Funeral services were held in the Church of the Recessional, Los Angeles, with interment in the family plot in Forest Lawn Memorial Park. The Reverend Norman McCay, former Methodist pastor of Emmetsburg, officiated at the last rites on January 18.

Mr. Saunders was born at Blairgowrie, Scotland, on July 27, 1865. At the age of 17 he came alone to America. For four years he worked on cattle ranches in New Mexico and Colorado. In 1886 he came to Emmetsburg, Iowa.

On July 1, 1889, he was united in marriage to Miss Vina Acers, a school teacher of Emmetsburg, and the couple established their first home at Blairgowrie Farm, five miles northeast of Emmetsburg.

In 1896 the Saunders family moved to Emmetsburg, building their home known as “Oakwood,” one of northwest Iowa’s beautiful mansions in its day. It was located on the west shore of Five Island Lake.

Mr. Saunders became an associate of the late banker, M. L. Brown, in the Brown Land and Loan Company, and later with the late Captain E. B. Soper, in the ownership of the First National Bank of Emmetsburg. In later years he was president of the Commercial and Farmers Savings Bank of Emmetsburg. During the Spanish-American war Mr. Saunders served with Company K, Iowa National Guard, as a captain of the 52nd regiment, Iowa Volunteers. When the war ended, Captain Saunders’ return home was delayed by an attack of yellow fever and he was a patient in the famed Chickamauga Military hospital.

From 1899 to 1908 he engaged in the development for agriculture of “Laguna de Tache,” Mexican land grant on King’s River, Fresno and Kings counties in the San Joaquin Valley, California. The tract comprised 200,000 acres upon which he built the town of Laton. Later he was president of the Fresno Canal and Irrigation Company and the Consolidated Canal firm. Returning to Emmetsburg in 1908 he took an active part in civil matters, organizing the Medium Lake Improvement Company and promoting the construction of a dredge that was to deepen the south end of the former Medium Lake. Fast turning into a slough.

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