

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Bouska, Joseph Daniel Senator _____

Represented Howard County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 26 May 1885 Protivin, Iowa

2. Marriage (s), date place
① Julius M. Huber 18 Oct 1910 Thorney South Dakota
② Mrs. Clara Wagner 6 June 1953

3. Significant events for example:

- A. Business Director of the Protivin Bank and later president;
chairman of the Howard County Social Welfare Board
- B. Civic responsibilities Member of Protivin Concert Band;
Eels Club
- C. Profession Road contractor; manager of a telephone company;
Protivin Garage

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 45th General Assembly 1933

6. Public Offices

- A. Local Mayor of Protivin over 20 years; served Howard County
Selective Service Board 26 years; manager of Protivin, Iowa Telephone Company
Protivin city councilman; Notary Public
- B. State _____
- C. National _____

7. Death 2 Mar 1969 Cresco Iowa; buried Holy Trinity Church Cemetery, Protivin, Iowa

8. Children Clarence Joseph

9. Names of parents John and Anna (Glenc) Bouska

10. Education He was educated in the public schools of Protivin,
Iowa

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He lived his entire life in Protivin, Iowa
- His first wife, Julia, died 16 Oct 1952
- He installed the Protivin Telephone Company in 1905
- He began the Protivin Garage and Klirreast Auto Company in 1911,
a garage and a repair shop and the sale of automobiles.
- In December 1915 he organized the Electric Light Company, installed
the plant, wired the town and became manager.
- He operated a movie theater in 1915.



Joseph D Bouska

Joseph Bouska, Active Civic Leader, Dies Here; Funeral Held at Protivin

Funeral services for Joseph D. Bouska, 83, long-time Protivin businessman and mayor, were held from the Protivin Holy Trinity church this (Wednesday) morning.

Mr. Bouska died Sunday at a Cresco nursing home where he had been a resident since suffering a stroke last May.

Knights of Columbus members formed an honor guard at the funeral home and marched in a group at the funeral. Burial was in the church cemetery with the Balik Funeral home in Spillville in charge of arrangements.

Joseph Bouska was born at Protivin on May 24, 1885, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bouska. He lived his entire life in Protivin. He was married to Julia Huber at Rolette, North Dakota, on Oct. 18, 1910. The couple became the parents of a son, Clarence. Mrs. Bouska died Oct. 16, 1952. Mr. Bouska was married to Mrs. Clara Wagner on June 6, 1953.

Mr. Bouska was a road contractor until his retirement in 1947. He served as a director of the Protivin bank for a number of years and more recently became president of the bank. Illness forced him to resign the bank post.

In addition to his business interests, Mr. Bouska served as a state representative from Howard county from 1932 until 1934, was mayor of Protivin for more than 20 years, served on the Howard county Selective Service board for 26 years and was chairman of the Howard county Social Welfare board.

Mr. Bouska is survived by his wife, Clara, of Cresco, and a son, Clarence of Protivin, two stepchildren, George Wagner of Wykoff, Minn., and Mrs. Richard Janikowski of Winona, Minnesota. He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Louis (Frances) Ptacek of Cresco, Mrs. Frank (Carrie) Klimesh of Lawler and Mrs. John (Albina) Svoboda of Protivin. He was



JOSEPH BOUSKA

preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and four sisters.

Relatives and friends attending the funeral were from Winona and Wykoff, Minn., Cedar Rapids and towns surrounding Protivin.

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made by wagon across the country and he cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Howard county and became one of the effective and earnest factors in the early development of this section of the state. In 1866, after the establishment of Cresco, he removed his business to the new town and remained a prominent factor in its commercial development to the time of his death, which occurred in the fall of 1899, when he was seventy years of age. His wife survived him for about ten years, dying in 1909 at the age of sixty-four years. For twenty years Mr. Strother was well known as a prominent hotel proprietor of Cresco and also engaged in the implement business. He was one of the early residents of the city and throughout the entire period of his connection with Cresco contributed in substantial measure to its growth, improvement and development. His name was an honored one wherever it was known and his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. His wife was born at Niagara Falls, Canada, and with her parents crossed the border into the United States, the family making their home in Vernon Springs township, Howard county, where her father followed the milling business. They arrived here about 1859 and Mr. Niles continued to engage in milling here until his death, after which his widow returned to Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have long been consistent and active members of the Congregational church, contributing generously to its support. Fraternally he is a Mason, is also a charter member of the Knights of Pythias and has membership with the Modern Woodmen and the Woodmen of the World. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he stands for all that is progressive and valuable in citizenship but does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his undivided attention and energies upon his business affairs. He stands as one of the leading merchants and live stock raisers and dealers in Howard county and the extent and importance of his interests indicate his marked ability and his enterprise. In all business affairs he readily discriminates between the essential and the non-essential and, discarding the latter, utilizes the former to the best possible advantage. He is fortunate in that he possesses character and ability that inspire confidence in others and the simple weight of his character and ability has carried him into important business relations.

JOSEPH D. BOUSKA.

Modern business activity finds expression in the life record of Joseph D. Bouska, who is proprietor of the Protivin Garage, is a successful dealer in automobiles and manager of the telephone company and also of the electric light and power plant at Protivin. He likewise operates a moving picture show and is identified with farming interests as the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of rich farm land, a part of which he personally cultivates. He is also filling the position of notary public and Protivin has no more active or energetic business man or one whose labors are more directly beneficial and resultant. He was born on the old homestead farm in Howard county, adjoining the present town of Protivin, on the 26th of May, 1885, and is a son of John Bouska, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume.

The son was educated in the public schools of Protivin and when twenty-three years of age was united in marriage to Miss Julia M. Huber, of Winneshiek county. He then began farming on his own account on a part of his father's land and throughout the intervening period has been identified with agricultural pursuits. Prospering in his undertakings, he has become the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land, which he purchased from his father. In 1911 he organized the Klimesh Auto Company and established a garage at Protivin and also one at Spillville. He became manager of the company and has not only done a garage and repair business, but has also engaged in the sale of automobiles. In December, 1915, he organized the Protivin Electric Light Company, which was incorporated on the 24th of December of that year with a twenty year franchise

from the town. He installed the plant and wired the town and became manager of the business. He also installed the plant of the Protivin Telephone Company in 1905 and has been manager since its installation. This plant supplies some six hundred telephones and the business has been of incalculable benefit to the district. In 1909 Mr. Bouska was made notary public and has served continuously since. He has been operating a moving picture show for the past four years and presents to the public the finest attractions of the film world.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bouska has been born one child, Clarence. The family is a prominent one socially and in all public affairs Mr. Bouska manifests a deep and helpful interest. In politics he is a democrat and is serving as a member of the town council of Protivin and as president of the school board. He is also a member of the democratic county central committee. Protivin boasts of a winning baseball team and it is Mr. Bouska who has the management of this team. He is also a member of the Protivin Band and does everything in his power to advance the interests of that organization. He likewise holds membership in the Catholic church. In fact there is no movement for the benefit of the community along business, social or moral lines or in connection with matters of public benefit that does not receive the assistance and support of Mr. Bouska, who without invidious distinction may be termed one of the foremost residents of Protivin.

WILLIAM REINHART.

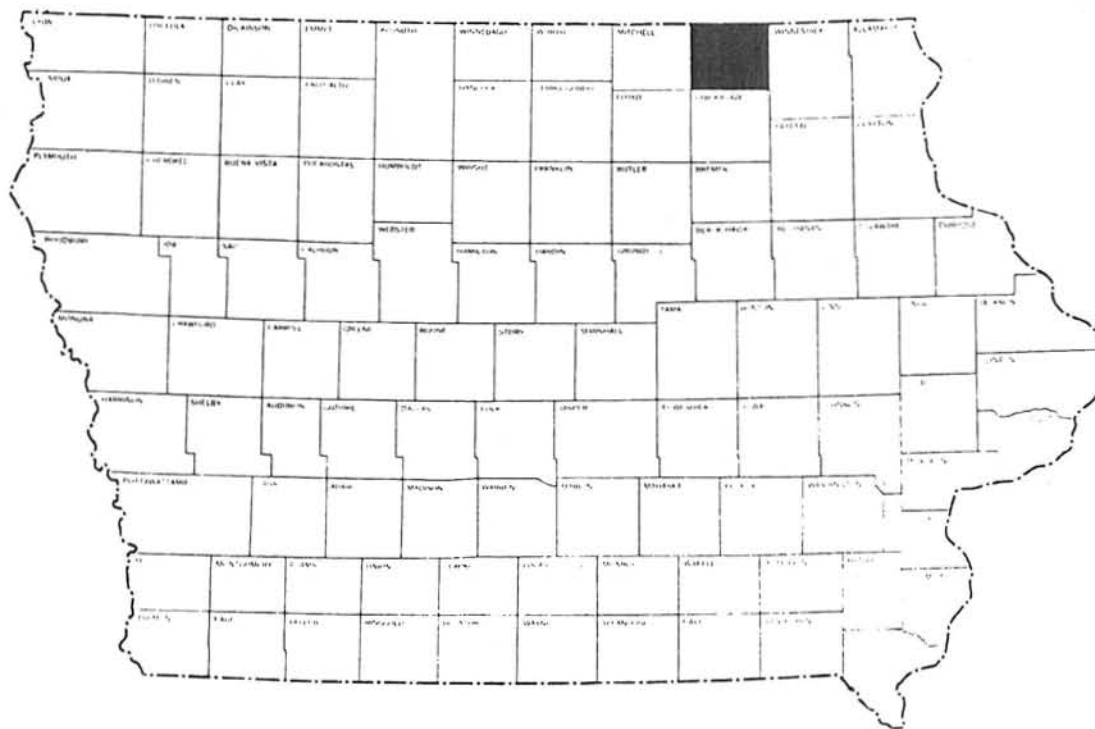
William Reinhart, widely recognized as one of the leading, progressive and enterprising citizens of Howard county, owns and operates an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 32, Vernon Springs township. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of the county, his birth having occurred in Paris township on the 26th of October, 1873. His parents, Samuel and Anna (Lehman) Reinhart, were both natives of Switzerland, the former emigrating to the United States in young manhood, while the latter came to this country with her parents in her girlhood days. Both made their way directly westward to Iowa, settling in Fayette county, where their marriage was celebrated. After two removals they came to Howard county and took up their abode in Paris township, where the father carried on general agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his active business career. His last years were spent in honorable retirement at Cresco, excepting the last two which were spent at Alta Vista, Howard county, where he passed away on the 6th of March, 1914, deeply mourned by all who knew him because of his honorable and upright life. His widow, who now makes her home with a daughter in Paris township, has also become widely and favorably known throughout the community during the long period of her residence here.

William Reinhart acquired his education in the district schools of his native township and was a young man of twenty-four years when he was married and established a home of his own. He then began farming independently, cultivating a tract of rented land in Winneshiek county for five years, at the end of which time he returned to Howard county and continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits as a renter for six years. In 1909 he purchased his present home farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 32, Vernon Springs township, the further cultivation and improvement of which has claimed his attention throughout the intervening decade. He has erected all of the buildings thereon and now owns one of the finest improved farm properties of the district. Moreover, he has won a gratifying measure of success in its operation, annually gathering excellent crops which find a ready sale on the market.

On the 26th of January, 1898, Mr. Reinhart was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Beacher, of Winneshiek county, Iowa, by whom he had six children, four of whom survive, namely: Merle C., Loel V., Virgil L. and Orvin M., all at home.

In politics Mr. Reinhart has ever been a staunch republican and he is now acting as a member of the school board, having served thereon for several years at two

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family famous in Norway in medieval times. It was a branch of the old Norwegian royal, going back to "Harold The Fair-Haired" who was the first king who ruled over whole Norway. The present king, Olaf V, is of the same family.

by Charlotte Borlaug Culbert

BOUSKA, CLARENCE AND WILMA (NOVOTNY) FAMILY

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Clarence was born in Protivin, Iowa on June 11, 1915. He is the only child of Joseph D. and Julia (Huber) Bouska. On June 20, 1938, he married Wilma Novotny at St. Wenceslaus Church in Spillville, Iowa. Clarence served on the town council of Protivin for four terms. He operated the Bouska Construction Co. first in partnership with his father Joseph D. Bouska and in 1947 he and his wife Wilma took over and operated the business which consisted of production of lime rock products, sand, and gravel, excavation and road surfacing projects. Wilma was the bookkeeper and office manager in the business for 16 years. Wilma served as a volunteer local chairman and solicitor for the Cancer Society for 20 years. She also served as an officer as vice-chairman on the Howard County Cancer Board for 10 years. She was a volunteer solicitor for the Heart Fund, Sister Kenny Fund, March of Dimes, Easter Seals and Cerebral Palsy Fund for many years. She served on the Advisory Board of the nursing education at Northeast Iowas Vocational School at Calmar, and on the Howard County Civil Service commission from 1973 to 1986. She also was a Democratic Committee Woman for 20 years and has worked as an election official for 40 years. Clarence and Wilma belong to Holy Trinity Catholic church of Protivin where Clarence is an usher and both belong to the church choir. Clarence has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 50 years and is a member of Davis Assembly 4th degree Knights of Columbus since 1955. Wilma served as Public Relations Chairman on the Deanery Board for two years and for six years as Public Relations Chairman of Holy Trinity Parish in Protivin., Wilma and Clarence have three spiritually adopted foster children in Dinajpur, East Pakistan (Bangladesh) since 1964 which they have helped support and put through school, namely; Lolita Elizabeth Malo, Carmen Maria Rosario, and Luci Lipi Gomes.

by Mrs. Clarence Bouska

BOUSKA, DANIEL D.

F55

Daniel C. Bouska is a retired farmer living on a farm on the west edge of Protivin, Iowa, in New Oregon township. He was born on this farm August 1, 1919, and has lived his entire life here except for a six month period that he spent in North Dakota.

On Oct. 31, 1942, he married Leone

O'Brien, daughter of Andrew and Catherine Fitzgerald O'Brien at Bluffton, IA, in St. Bridget's Catholic Church which is located in Winneshiek County.

To this union were born eight children: David Jude, Oct. 17, 1943; Mary Lee, Oct. 31, 1945; Stephen Daniel, July 26, 1947; James Edward, Oct. 8, 1948; Thomas Charles, Sept. 3, 1951; Joseph Andrew, May 3, 1954; Joan Therese, Oct. 31, 1956; and Terrence Phillip, May 26, 1961.

At this time, Daniel and his wife have 21 grandchildren ranging in ages 21 down to one year.

The farm on which Daniel and his wife live was established on land purchased by his great-grandfather, John Bouska, who immigrated from Bohemia in July, 1847. Daniel's grandfather, also named John Bouska, was 7 years old at the time of the emigration of the family to the new world. Following his marriage to Anna Fencel, who was the daughter of the Frank Fencel's who also immigrated from Bohemia in 1856. Immediately following their marriage, they moved to the farm on which Daniel and his wife reside.

Charles B. Bouska, the youngest son of this union and father of Daniel, took over the farming operation following his marriage to Christina Kobliska of Chickasaw County.

Following Daniel's marriage, he and his wife farmed with his father for a number of years when he eventually took over the farm.

In 1961, Daniel began work as an employee of People's Natural Gas in Decorah. He continued with this work until he retired after 20 years of service. His sons operated the farm during this period.

Daniel's son, James E., who is single, is the present operator of the farm. He is presently engaged in diversified farming - raising corn, beans, oats, and hay and livestock which includes beef cattle and hogs.

The other children all reside in the state of Iowa. David farms in Winneshiek County. Mary Lee McGee is employed at U.N.I. in Cedar Falls. Stephen has been in construction work since he was eighteen. Thomas is County Director of Human Services of Pottawattamie County and resides in Council Bluffs. Joseph is a C.P.A. and a partner in the firm of Hacker and Nelson at Decorah, IA. Joan Rohret lives near Conrad, Iowa. Terrence is an employee of Sara Lee, New Hampton, and lives in Protivin.

As of this date, the family hopes to keep the farm in the Bouska name for many more years to come.

by Daniel C. Bouska

BOUSKA, F. R. FAMILY

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Frank and Josephine (Koudelka) Bouska came to the United States from Borovany, Bohemia (now part of Czechoslovakia, but at that time ruled by Austria). They were one of the six original Bohemian settlers in Spillville, filing for a farm near there on April 29, 1854. This land was bought for \$1.25 per acre. They had several children, but we will follow the line down to our particular family.

Their son, Frank, was born in Borovany, and with his wife Barbara (Kular), they were

then among the earliest settlers of Protivin.

Their son, Frank R. and his wife, Grace (Slebiska) farmed west of Vernon on the Country club road for many years. Her grandparents came from Cemesnice, Bohemia in the summer of 1854; and her grandfather, Joseph, was murdered and thrown into the Mississippi from the riverboat they were traveling on between Dubuque and McGregor for a few hundred dollars in gold. His wife arrived in Spillville by oxcart with five small children and practically penniless. F.R. was a prominent farmer and business man in Cresco, being one of the founders of the United Shippers. They were the parents of Jessie, Edward J., Helen and Raymond.

Jessie married Leslie Sebastian, and they were the parents of Donald and Melvin. Donald is married to Marie Hron, and they are the parents of Lois (Mrs. Jerry) Voyna, Wayne and Gary. Lois and Jerry have one son, Jason, and they live in Oskaloosa. Wayne is married to Joan Knutson, and they have three children, Casey, Katie and Andy. Gary is unmarried. They all live in and near Cresco. Melvin married Lillie Bakken, and they are the parents of Ronald, Roger, Robert and Richard. Ronald married Janet Strathman, and their children are: Lori, Brad, Douglas and Amanda. They all live in Altoona, Iowa. Roger married Michelle Granager, and they live in Costa Mesa, California. Robert and Ricky are unmarried.

Helen married Peter Murtaugh and their children are: Helen (Mrs. George) Hoopman of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; and Grace (Mrs. Les) Forde of Strawberry, California. Helen and George have one son, David of Madison, Wisconsin; and Grace and Les have one daughter, Helen, of Strawberry, California.

Raymond married Grace Drew, and their children are: Pearl and Paul of Canton, Minnesota. Both are unmarried.

Edward J. married Susan Lusson (The Lussons came to the U.S. originally from Eischein, Luxembourg - to Lostant, Illinois, then to Remsen, St. Lucas and Cresco, Iowa). Their children are Wilma, Rose, Thomas and Francis all of Cresco. Wilma married Gordon Weinkauff, they had no children. She was employed for many years at Cresco Union Savings Bank and he at Leuthold's mens store. Rose married Leo Billmyer and their children are Kay and David. Rose and Leo were co-owners with his brother in the Billmyer Furniture Store for over 20 years. Kay is married to Terry Eckerman and their children are: Missi, Traci and Eric. Terry is a foreman at Donaldsons and Kay is an R.N. working part time at the Harmony, Minnesota hospital. David is unmarried and is a career service man with the Air Force. Tom is married to Helen Sobolik and was a career officer in the Air Force, remaining in the service after World War II, except for a few years prior to the Korean War, and he retired as Lieutenant Colonel. They have a daughter, Amy of Columbus, Ohio who is an insurance company actuary. Francis married Doris Stinson Roberts, and they have no children - he is deputy County Assessor.

E.J. was a field assessor for Vernon Springs Township for more than 30 years. They continued to live on the home farm until moving to Cresco. Like their fathers and grandfathers before them, much of the work was done with horses. He was, however, the first in the neighborhood to own a tractor and corn picker. The small grain and corn was cut

and shocked before being threshed and shredded. The grain being raised in the 1930's was corn, oats, barley, flax and some sorghum and buckwheat. Wood was cut with a gas engine. Livestock was butchered on the farm.

Everything wasn't always work. E.J. was the first in the neighborhood to have a radio - a Crosley tube radio with a horn. The neighbors gathered to listen to the Jack Dempsey-Gene Tunney fight, and to hear of the Lindbergh "Spirit of St. Louis" flight across the Atlantic. In the winter, there was reading, sledding, skating, card playing, neighborhood pot-lucks and dances. In the summer, there was soft ball and cricket, and since the Turkey river ran through the farm, there was swimming, wading and fishing. The Country Club had Interstate Power Company bring a line to the Club; and the farmers on the road west paid Interstate themselves for the lines, poles, and work to bring the line to most of the farms on the road. This was in the 1920's - prior to the REA.

The youngest descendants of F.R., living around Cresco, are the Eckerman children, Missi, Traci and Eric; and the Sebastian children, Casey, Katie and Andy. It is a sad fact that the family came from the Frank R. Bouska family will die out with Thomas, Francis and Paul - since none of them have sons to carry on the name.

by Wilma Weinkauff

BOUSKA, PROFESSOR FRANK W.

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Frank W. Bouska was born on a farm near Protivin, Iowa on October 27, 1875, a son of John and Anna (Fencl) Bouska. He married Sadie Bell of Augusta, Georgia. Their four children were: Frank J. Bouska, Sarah (Mrs. Woodrow Sanford), Cyril M. Bouska, and Anna (Mrs. Arthur F. Lukes). He attended the public school near his home after which he attended the Breckenridge Academy at Decorah, Iowa, preparatory for college A.V.R.

In 1897, he graduated from the Ames Iowa State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. At that time, there was only one agricultural course at Ames, although a student could have his choice for the branch of work he wished to specialize in.

Professor Bouska chose the branch of work in the dairy department, for which he was quite well prepared from home. He remained at the study of dairy work until 1899. He then became a dairy instructor. In the spring of 1899, he became superintendent of a large creamery in Norfolk, Nebraska. In the fall of the same year, he became instructor in the Agricultural College at Amherst, Mass. Professor Bouska was recognized by the large butter industries through his explanations and knowledge on "Butter Increases and Factors" governing moisture of butter. These earned him a Master of Science degree at Iowa State College at Ames in 1899.

For a time he was assistant Dairy Commissioner, after which he returned to Ames as instructor in dairy bacteriology where he remained until 1908. More than half of his time was devoted to progressive studies at the University of Wisconsin. One year he devoted to cheese and butter studies, to Switzerland

milk products at Leibefeld, at Friedrichshoe University, and at Haille, Germany.

There Professor Bouska's name and broad explanations on bacteriology were brought into the agricultural press, and were recorded in the *Switzerland Yearly*, published in 1903. In Haille, he devoted his time and study to medical and active bacteriology, and in 1907 his name and knowledge were recorded in the bulletin of Iowa experimental station on explanation of tuberculosis in hogs.

It was at this time that American graduates with this kind of experience were badly needed in America to which he returned in 1909 and became the Dairy Technologist of the American Association of creamery butter manufacturers. He then became superintendent of the Beatrice Creamery of Chicago. Today, Professor Bouska is known all over the progressive dairying communities of the United States.

He was one of the early, if not the first in the dairy industry in bringing out the physical bacteriological method of pasteurizing cream. In 1913, with the staff of his co-workers in the dairy industry, he discovered the cream and butter starter which was accepted by the experimental station of the University of Wisconsin in 1921. This work was highly valued and thus the Bouska-Brown method became standard in the United States and in the prosperous dairying countries in Europe. The name of Professor Bouska is known to diarymen and the dairy industry all over the United States and Canada. His knowledge and explanations in dairying were published in experimental stations of many states, the American Association of butter manufacturers, the *Journal of Dairy Science*, the *New York Produce Review*, the *American Creamery Butter Cheese and Egg Journal*, the *World's Butter Review*, *Food Journal*, the *Canadian Dairy Ice Cream Journal*, and many others.

Professor Bouska was a member of the American Dairy Science Association, Society of American Bacteriologists, Creamery Butter Association, American Association of Czechoslovak Engineers, and a Dairy Technological Club of Chicago. In his high standing, Doctor Bouska was always pleasing and friendly to all he knew. Being born and raised on the farm, he always showed a preference to country life. With this thought in mind, he retired from the Beatrice Creamery Co. and returned to Protivin, where he started to build a modern home, in which to spend the rest of his life. His untimely death prevented the completion of this masterpiece which he was trying to accomplish as his pastime for several years.

His wife, Sadie, died at Glen Ellyn, Illinois on May 23, 1928, and Frank passed away in April, 1938, at the age of 63 years.

by Mrs. Clarence Bouska

BOUSKA, JOHN AND ANNA (FENCL)

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John was born in Bohemia in July 1847, a son of Frank and Josephine (Koudelka) Bouska. He was seven years old at the time of immigration of the family to the new world in 1853. After spending six months in Cleve-

land, Ohio, the family continued their westward journey to Iowa. They took up their abode in Winneshiek County where he secured a homestead claim of 80 acres in Sumner Twp. Later, he preempted 40 acres and later purchased a tract of 80 acres thus owning 200 acres in Winneshiek County. In the 1890's, he purchased 320 acres of land in Howard County. In the same decade, he moved to his Howard County property and remained thereon to the time of his death which occurred when he reached 90 years of age. His wife died in 1908 at age 88.

In 1874, he wedded Anna Fencl, a daughter of Frank Fencl, who came to Winneshiek County from Bohemia in 1856. He owned over 1300 acres of land in Howard and Winneshiek County. He was one of the founders of Bohemian Savings Bank in Protivin, Iowa.

To John and Anna Bouska, the following family of 13 children were born: first born died as infant; Mary, Mrs. Anton Blazek; John A., married Agnes Sazma; Caroline, Mrs. Frank J. Klimesh; Frances, Mrs. Louise Ptacek; Joseph D., married Julia Huber; Louisa, Mrs. Adolph Busta; Albina, Mrs. John Svoboda; Charles, married Christina Kobliska; Rose, Mrs. John Kunt; Adolph, deceased at age 4 years of diphtheria and is buried at Spillville, Iowa; Agnes, deceased at age 22 years (single); and Frank W., Professor at Iowa State College in Ames, married Sadie Bell of Augusta, Georgia.

At the present date of September 15, 1986, all the family is deceased including spouses except Albina (Mrs. John Svoboda) who at age 94 on August 1, 1986 is still living in Protivin physically well and of sound mind.

by Mrs. Clarence Bouska

BOUSKA, JOSEPH D. AND JULIA FAMILY

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Joseph D. Bouska was born in Howard County on May 26, 1885. At age 23, he married Julia M. Huber at Rollette, North Dakota. On June 11, 1915 their only child a son, Clarence, was born at Protivin, Iowa. Mr. Bouska had 320 acres of land which he purchased from his father, John Bouska. In 1911, he organized the Klimesh Auto Co. and established a garage at Protivin and also one at Spillville. The business engaged in garage and repair business and sales of automobiles. In December of 1915, he organized the Protivin Electric Co. which was incorporated on December 25, 1915. He also installed the plant of the Protivin Telephone Co. in 1905 and was the manager. In 1909, he was made notary public. He also operated a moving picture show. He was a member of the town council, Mayor of Protivin for 20 years, President of the school board, and a member of the Democratic Central Committee. He managed a baseball team and was a member of the Protivin Band. Mr. Bouska was a Director of Bohemian Savings Bank and later was President of the Bank.

Joseph D. Bouska was a representative from Howard County in the Iowa Legislature in the early 1930's. Mr. Bouska's death occurred on March 2, 1969 at age 83. His wife Julia passed away on October 16, 1952 at age

60. Joseph D. was a son of John and Anna (Fenc) Brouska and Julia was a daughter of Anton and Rose (Strnad) Huber. Julia was born on February 16, 1892. She served as the night operator for the Protivin Telephone Co. for 30 years.

by Mrs. Clarence Bouska

BOUSKA, RAYMOND

J.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bouska

Raymond J. Bouska was a native of Howard County having been born on a farm near Cresco on October 14, 1901, the youngest child of Frank R. and Grace Slebiska Bouska. He attended rural school and then engaged in farming. On February 23, 1925 he and Grace Drew were married at the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque, Iowa. Grace was the daughter of Michael J. and Mary Jane Sexton Drew of Decorah, Iowa. She was a teacher in the area. Two children were born, Pearl Marie and Paul Anthony. Later, on moving to Cresco, Ray was employed as a harness maker and a clerk in the Kalishek Hardware store for many years, then for Howard County as a dynamiter and later on building bridges. He worked at Goodrich and Searcy and then served the City of Cresco as Street Commissioner for several years. He returned to farming in 1948. The family lived southwest of Cresco, south of Cresco, later at Ridgeway, Iowa and then moved to Canton, Minnesota where the parents, Ray and Grace, passed away in later years. Pearl was employed in the business office of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Cresco, Iowa and, having resigned there, was employed by Peter F. Kepros, M.D. in his office at the Cresco Medical Clinic until the local doctors joined together to form the Cresco Medical Center, P.C. where she is presently employed. Paul worked at the Fillmore County Nursery at Canton, Minnesota for eight years and then at HECO in Harmony, Minnesota for five years. He returned to farming at the time of his father's death, an occupation in which he is presently engaged at Canton. Raymond had one brother, Edward J. and two sisters, Jessie Bouska Sebastian and Helen Bouska Murtagh, all of whom are deceased. Grace came from a family of eight, deceased members are William Drew of Ridgeway and Francis M. Drew of Decorah, her brothers, and a sister Catherine Drew of Decorah. Living members are her sisters, Genevieve M. McCabe of St. Paul, Minnesota, who is in

excellent health at age 92, Bea Drew of Decorah, Loretta Mitchell of Lime Springs, and Lucy Drew of Decorah.

by Pearl M. Bouska

BROCKMEYER, JOHN AND CLARA

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Clara Brockmeyer

John and Clara Brockmeyer and their three daughters, Wilma, Lois and Zeida, moved to a 130 acre farm in Howard Center township, Howard County, Iowa, March 1, 1932, from Colesburg, Delaware County, Iowa.



John Brockmeyer

John was in the group that succeeded in getting REA to Howard County and his was one of the first farms on the western edge of Howard Center to be electrified.

He served on the County Farm Bureau board for many years and was among the first county stock holders in the Farm Bureau Insurance Company.

He was instrumental in getting the Howard County Experimental Farm organized and operating.

He was involved in the organization of the Farm Service Co-op (now C&H Farm Service).

He served two terms as Howard County representative in the Iowa State Legislature in Des Moines.

His first year in Howard County, when he planted corn on his farm, well meaning neighbors laughed saying he couldn't grow corn, but he had a good crop and continued to raise corn crops with proper fertilizers as recommended by the Iowa State Extension Service office.

He was a veteran of WWI serving in Europe and was a long time member of the Lloyd L. Horton Legion Post in Lime Springs, Iowa.

He served in the Lime Springs Methodist Church in various ways.

John and Clara moved to Cresco after selling their farm to Roger Foote who recently sold it to the Exchange State Bank of Lime Springs. They lived in Cresco until 1980 when they entertained the Pleasantville Care Center, Pleasantville, Iowa.

Clara died in October, 1982 and John in July, 1984. Both rest in the Howard Center township Cemetery.

For some years John and Clara were partners with their daughter, Lois and William DeJode, on the farm raising hybrid hogs. Some years later, daughter, Wilma and Harmon Hinnners, operated a grade A (bulk milk) dairy in partnership with her parents.

The daughters are now located — Wilma in Brush, CO; Lois in Pleasantville, Iowa and Zeida Clark in Mesa, AZ.

by Wilma Hinnners (nee Brockmeyer)

BRONNER, JOHN FAMILY

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John Bronner, with his brothers, emigrated from Germany in the 1850's. He homesteaded a farm in Albion Township. On June 15, 1861 he was married to Mary Dempewolf, who also emigrated from Hanover, Germany. She was born July 30, 1843, and lived until April, 1910. This young couple resided and farmed the same place all their married life. This farm is still in the Bronner family, now occupied by their fourth and fifth generation, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Bronner and two daughters, Sarah and Robyn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bronner were regular attendants and members of the original Zion Evangelical Church; which is now Zion United Methodist. It is located across the road from their farm. Their first home was a log cabin built near a spring south of the present dwelling. As their family grew, a larger home was required. Then a two-story was built nearer the road. This had to be replaced, too.