

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Garner, Alva Lucille (Adair) Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Butler County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 6 Feb 1882 Shell Rock, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Frank Garner 1 Jan 1904 Shell Rock, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Rebekah Lodge

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 45<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1933-1934

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

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

7. Death 16 Jan 1963 Shell Rock, Iowa

8. Children George; Vernon

9. Names of parents George and Ella (Mason) Adair

Garner, Ada Lucille (Adair)

10. Education Educated in the public schools of  
Shell Rock - graduating 7 June 1901

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- She taught school in Butler County.
- They moved to a farm after marriage and lived there  
until moving into Shell Rock in 1942. Dept for 2 years  
1915-1916 spent in California and Alaska.
- She was the first woman to ever preside in either the  
House of Representatives or the Senate



# MURCH NEWS

**FAITH LUTHERAN**  
 Clifford C. Taylor, pastor  
 9:00 Church Service  
 10:00 Sunday School

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 H. F. Stuckle, Pastor  
 Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.

Youth Meetings, 7:00 p.m.  
 Evening Service, 8:00 p.m.

**PEACE LUTHERAN**  
 Harold Roschke, supply pastor  
 Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.  
 Sermon topic: "A Song By The Well," Isaiah 12, 1-6.  
**FIRST METHODIST**  
 Carroll Usher, Pastor

Wednesday, June 26, 8:00 p.m., E.M.V. visitors training meeting.  
 Sunday, June 30, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 10:45 a.m., Church Worship (Loyalty Sunday).

1:00 - 1:30 p.m., E. M. V. visitors meet at church for assignments.  
 6:30 p.m., 50-50 Class picnic at Waverly park.

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## OBITUARY

### ADA ADAIR GARNER

Ada Lucille, granddaughter of the founder of Shell Rock, and only daughter of Goerge and Elia Mason Adair was born in Shell Rock February 6, 1882, and died at her home here Sunday, June 16, 1963.

Her oration on graduation from the Shell Rock High School, with the Twentieth Century Class, June 7, 1901 was entitled "Stepping Stones." With emphasis on English, following graduation, she taught in the schools of the Butler County.

She was united in marriage to Frank Garner, January 1, 1904 in Shell Rock by Rev. O. H. L. Mason, pastor of the Congratational Church.

They lived on the Balesline farm near Janes Ile, following their marriage. They moved to the farm near Shell Rock 19 1907 this continued to be their home until they retired and moved into their town home in 1942. They had lived in or near the Shell Rock community all their lives except for two years, 1915 and 1916, spent in California and Idaho. Both Mr. and Mrs. Garner were most active in community activities.

Mrs. Garner, a Democrat, was elected to the Iowa General Assembly and served in the House of Representatives in the session of 1933 and the special session of 1934. In a most historic event Ada Adair Garner became the first woman to preside in either the house or senate.

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Other legislative matters that were given important consideration by Mrs. Garner were the "Cement probe and the Beer Bill." She was recognized to a "Resolution asking for an appropriation of \$1,

past session of the Iowa General Assembly.

Profoundly interested in historical events, Butler County, and Shell Rock history, Mrs. Garner became acquainted with much local history from her father, George Adair. He had also been a candidate for the Iowa Legislature on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Adair made his home during his final years with his daughter. As a member of the Butler County Historical Society, and an honorary board member Mrs. Garner had given much assistance to the observation of the Butler County and Shell Rock Centennials and during the Civil War Centennial had contributed many facts about local activities of that period.

She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge for 62 years and was honored indeed when her son Vernon headed the I.O.O.F. of Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, a brother Alta who died in infancy, and brothers Allen, William and Claude. She is survived by her two sons, George of Longville, Minn. and Vernon who resides on the Garner farm. Her six grandchildren were present for the memorial. There are eight great grandchildren.

### GERHARD HENRY HARMS

Gerhard Henry Harms, eldest child of Henry and Tolka Harms was born near Allison, Iowa on June 19, 1894.

He was confirmed in the Peace church near Coster in 1909.

His entire boyhood was spent on the farm where he was born and attended school at the little country school in Jefferson Twp.

On December 27, 1916 he was united in marriage to Elma Coster at the home of her parents near Shell Rock.

They established their home at Norton's Corners and lived there for 23 years, then moved to the present home in 1940.

Their home was blessed with the birth of two sons and two daughters.

Mr. Harms was an active member of the I.O.O.F. and

thers, Claus of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Edward of Spencer, Iowa who passed away 7 weeks ago.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Elma Harms, sons Vernon of Allison and Weldell of Parkersburg, daughters Norma, Mrs. Howard Laubscher of Rockford, Illinois, and Maxine, Mrs. Vernon Madson of Alden, Iowa, and fourteen grandchildren, two brothers, William of Allison and Henry of Spencer, Ia; five half brothers, Walter of Shell Rock, Paul of Olds, Ia., John, Albert, and Jams of Allison; four half sisters, Mrs. Justin Winkey and Mrs. Dan Jerolamen of Shell Rock, Mattie Harms of Waverly and Mrs. Donald Rowe of Loansport, Indiana.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in New Hartford with Rev. P. C. Matthias officiating. Casket Bearers were, Donald Madson, Fred Everts, Robert Yarcho, Robert Moore, Roy Veneng, and Calvin Elliott. Miss Glenda Masters was the organist and Mrs. Lawrence Plingham Vocalist. Flower Committee members were Mesdames Clarence Shannon and James Rogers. Interment was made in Riverside Cemetery and Halverson Funeral Home was in charge.

### NANCY SUE NOEL

Nancy Sue Noel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vancil Noel of Waverly, was born June 15, 1947 in Waverly and passed away June 18, 1963 in a Waterloo hospital of injuries suffered in an auto accident a week earlier.

Nancy leaves to mourn her absence, her parents, two brothers, Vancil, Jr., Waverly, and Terry at home; her paternal grandfather, Frank Noel, Waverly; her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Luitjens, Shell Rock; a great grandmother, Mrs. Anna Dean, Shell Rock; several aunts and uncles and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by a sister.

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Her name was one of the signers to a "Resolution asking for an appropriation of \$1,000, to be used in continuing and investigation into state cement lettings made by the highway commission!" This resolution was followed by sharp debate and a detailed report was promised for the special session which followed during the summer. Mrs. Garner supported the "Ditto Bill" a measure to permit the sale of 3.2% beer in the state. Mrs. Garner at that time foresaw the enactment of liquor laws that transpired during the

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Mr. Harms was an active member of the I.O.O.F. and Rebekka lodges at New Hartford.

He suffered a heart attack four years ago. He made a fairly good recovery but suffered another attack last fall. Since then his strength had been failing and he had been hospitalized several times.

He passed away suddenly at his home Saturday morning June 15 at the age of 68 yrs., 11 months, and 26 days.

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