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Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Pike, John H. Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Ida County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27 March 1875 Iowa City, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Henrietta Nass 21 Oct 1903 Holstein, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Eastern Star

C. Profession Farmer; cattle feeder

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 39<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> 41<sup>st</sup> 42<sup>nd</sup> 43<sup>rd</sup> 44<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1921, 1923,

6. Public Offices 1925, 1927, 1929, 1931

A. Local Ida County Assessor; Ida Grove Board of education 15 years;

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

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

7. Death 14 Jan 1936 Ida Grove, Iowa - Pariah Ida Grove Cemetery Ida Grove, Iowa

8. Children Patience Louise; Hobna Waine; (Mrs. Raveret);  
Virginia Helen (Mrs. Nonermann)

9. Names of parents Benjamin Franklin and Patience (Williams) Pike

Aiken, John H.

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He moved from Iowa City, Iowa with his parents in 1876 to Adair County, Iowa where he lived until his death.
- He grew to manhood on the extensive Aiken farm properties in Great Township.
- His wife, Henrietta, born 1876, died 1959, also buried in the Dorr Cemetery, Adair County, Iowa.





# GH SCHOOLS IVE PLAYLETS

Dramatics to be  
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High Schools

ood many years Ida  
school has been widely  
successful participation  
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had little or no oppor-  
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past few years.

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which will make pos-  
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gram now presented for the Senior  
and Junior pupils. Already ath-  
letic work for both boys  
and girls and music have been  
available for Junior High  
schools.

r for the first time, pu-  
blished by the Ida Grove Junior High  
School, given the opportunity  
to participate in dramatics. A very  
flexible schedule of one-act  
plays has been arranged for the  
high schools of Ida coun-  
ty. The movement was inaugurate  
d by the schoolmasters of the  
district and the plan is for each  
high school to prepare a  
play and to present it to  
other schools in the  
district. Because Ida Grove is the  
only school in the county, it is  
required to prepare two plays. The  
titles are as follows:

GROUP 1.  
at Ida Grove.  
at Battle Creek.  
at Arthur.

GROUP 2.  
at Holstein.  
at Galva.  
at Ida Grove.

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son, auctioneers. He will sell  
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200, grey team, wt. 2500,  
bay team, wt. 3000, 6  
yearling heifer and steer calf.

## SERVED IDA COUNTY FOR SIX TERMS



J. H. AIKEN

## GREATEST DANCE BAND EVER HERE

Carleton Coon and His 14  
Artists to Fill Legion  
Hall Engagement

The people of Ida Grove and  
vicinity will have opportunity Fri-  
day evening, January 17 to dance  
to the strains of music furnished  
by the greatest and finest dance  
band ever to visit this city. Carle-  
ton Coon, in person, together with  
Dee Hermes, Tony Costello and  
Nick Snyder, organization of four-  
teen artists, will play an engage-  
ment in Ida Grove en route from  
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showmanship is concerned.

## SUDDEN DEATH OF J. H. AIKEN SHOCKS

Served Six Terms in Legis-  
lature and 15 Years on  
School Board

Few tragedies in recent years  
have so stirred Ida county as the  
untimely death Tuesday morning,  
January 14 of John H. Aiken, six  
times representative from Ida  
county in the General Assembly  
and a member of a genuine Ida  
county pioneer family.

Mr. Aiken's body was found  
hanging in the second story of the  
Pilcher garage and implement  
building, about 7:30 a. m. The dis-  
covery was made by Ralph Pilcher,  
an employe, whose work took him  
early to that part of the building.

John H. Aiken, one of the five  
sons of Benjamin Franklin and  
Patience Williams Aiken, was born  
at Iowa City, Iowa, March 27, 1875  
and was in his sixty-first year. The  
parents came of a long line of  
American descent originating in  
Vermont. The family came to the  
valley of Soldier river in 1876 and  
were pioneers in that portion of  
Ida county. One of the early be-  
lievements sustained by the fam-  
ily was the loss of a fifteen year  
old brother of John's in October  
1879. A prairie fire swept over  
the Soldier valley and in the effort  
to save some stock, the lad was  
cut off by the flames and perished.

John Aiken grew to manhood on  
the extensive Aiken farm proper-  
ties in Grant township and re-  
mained on the place after his par-  
ents moved to town. The father  
died in 1900 and the mother three  
years later.

He was married to Henrietta  
Hass of Holstein, October 21, 1900.  
and a short time afterwards, they  
moved to Valley Junction where  
he worked as a commission man  
for about nine months. Next they  
resided in Battle Creek for 18  
months and then came to the home  
that had been his father's and to  
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 a head of horses, consisting of bay  
 mare, wt. 3200, grey team, wt. 2500,  
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 years, yearling heifer and steer calf.  
 The following machinery: New  
 McCormick-Deering corn planter  
 and check row wire; McCormick  
 cultivator, Moline cultivator, 2  
 Century cultivators, Deering  
 roller, Dain hay buck, McCormick  
 spreader, J. D. manure spreader, Mo-  
 re stag gang plow, John Deere  
 key plow, walking plow, 2 Can-  
 ton discs, 2-row Avery stalk cut-  
 ter, 3-sec. harrow, 2-sec. harrow,  
 potato digger, McCormick-Deering  
 gate seeder, 2 grain wagons,  
 wagon and hay rack, Fordson trac-  
 tor and plows, 5-h.p. gas engine,  
 buzz saw, 3 hay slings, hay fork,  
 100-foot rope, 150-ft. three-  
 fourth inch rope, water tank, 2  
 5-gal. oil barrels, 4 sets Concord  
 harness, 10 tons alfalfa hay in  
 barn, some yellow corn and many  
 other articles too numerous to  
 mention.

### WED BY REV. ZSCHOCHÉ

Emil A. Meyer, farmer of the  
 Little Creek vicinity and Miss  
 Mildred Christina Van Houten,  
 daughter of Battle Creek, were mar-  
 ried by Rev. Mr. Zschoche of the  
 Ida Grove Lutheran church on  
 Monday, January 6. They were  
 attended by Walter Schmidt and  
 Miss Mabel Meyer. The bride-  
 groom is a son of Herman C. Mey-  
 er and the bride is a daughter of  
 Mr. and Mrs. Lee Van Houten.

### Mrs. Anna Lingle's Sale January 20

Mrs. Anna Lingle in this issue  
 of the Pioneer Record is adver-  
 tising her closing out sale on her  
 farm, one mile south, 3/4 miles  
 west of Holstein on Monday, Jan.  
 20. Her offering includes 8 head  
 of horses, consisting of black geld-  
 ing, wt. 1750, grey gelding wt.  
 1350, black mare wt. 1500, black  
 gelding wt. 1500, grey mare in  
 foal, wt. 1500, grey gelding wt.  
 1400, grey gelding wt. 1550, grey  
 gelding wt. 1600; 64 head of cattle,  
 mostly purebred Angus, including  
 2 milk cows 9 head Angus stock  
 cows, 20 head Angus yearlings on  
 and 4 months, 12 Angus calves

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CARLETON COON

"Coonie" was sensational. So  
 sensational that the management  
 of the Pier kept the young maestro  
 and his orchestra there through the  
 entire season.

Featured with Carleton Coon  
 and his band is a versatile array  
 of vocalists and entertainers. Dee  
 Hermes, titian-haired songstress,  
 handles the 'hot-cha' songs of the  
 aggregation; Tony Costello amuses  
 the crowd with his special inter-  
 pretations of 'drunk' numbers;  
 Nick Snyder, writer of "Gultari-  
 tis," is featured in many numbers  
 on the guitar, and young Carleton  
 is heard in vocals of the ballad-  
 type songs and also sings in duets  
 with lovely Dee Hermes.

Before coming to Ida Grove,  
 Carleton Coon and his orchestra  
 were at the Totem-Pole Garden,  
 Boston; the Claridge Hotel, Mem-  
 phis, Tenn.; the Lowry Hotel, St.  
 Paul, Minn.; the Trianon Ballroom,  
 Cleveland; the Greystone Ball-  
 room, Detroit; Walled Lake Casino,  
 Michigan; and other popular  
 centers of the country.

BUYS CORNER CAFE

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 the board during the superintend-  
 ency of Ray Latham, now president  
 of Iowa State Teachers college. Mr.  
 Latham said that Mr. Aiken was  
 one of the best posted and effi-  
 cient board members, he had ever  
 served under.

In 1920 he was elected as Ida  
 county's representative to the Iowa  
 General Assembly and was re-  
 elected five times, quitting office  
 January 1, 1932. During that  
 period, he attended six regular and  
 two extraordinary sessions of the  
 legislature. He was conservative  
 in his views and a brake against  
 the enactment of hasty, ill-advised  
 and half baked legislation. He op-  
 posed with all his might the cen-  
 tralization of political power in Des  
 Moines and Washington, feeling  
 that it rightfully belonged within  
 the jurisdiction of the common  
 people who gave it.

He was appointed assessor of Ida  
 Grove city more than a year ago  
 and discharged these duties in 1930  
 and had been sworn in for similar  
 service only last week. In this work  
 he was thorough and conscientious.

Mr. Aiken was a man of intel-  
 ligence and understanding. He was  
 a very interesting conversational-  
 ist and a great reader. He was  
 prepared to defend his convictions  
 with courage. He was tender and  
 loving to his family, and consid-  
 ered it a privilege to serve them un-  
 selfishly.

Mr. Aiken was a member of the  
 Masonic order, of the Eastern Star  
 and a charter member of Sioux  
 City Consistory of 32nd degree  
 Masons.

His funeral will be held this  
 Thursday afternoon, with brief  
 services at the home at one thirty  
 and public services in the Metho-  
 dist church in charge of Rev. G. W.  
 Dunn at two o'clock. The Masonic  
 order will have charge of the  
 burial.

### MASONIC INSTALLATION

The Lodge No. 10, P. O. No. 10,  
 M., last Friday evening installed  
 officers for 1936, R. L. Butcher

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Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rohwer. He returned that night, having passed through the coldest part of the state, in the vicinity of Webster City.

A baby boy weighing 8 3-4 pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Sherk Monday night. He has been named Donald Ross. The mother and child are at the Ida Grove hospital and are getting along nicely. The Sherks now have two sons, the other little boy, Kenneth being three years old.

**Saturday Special:** We have about 40 fine Dress Shirts, slightly soiled, regular 1.45 to 2.45 Shirts Saturday, while they last \$1.00. Simon Clothing Co.

—Take care of your Feet Saturday at Simon Clothing Co.

—Local people needing foot care kindly call Saturday morning or after supper. Simon Clothing Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Horton and family drove Sunday to Lake Park taking to their home, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bamsey, the parents, of Mrs. Horton, who have been visiting here the past six weeks. When the Hortons started back from Spencer. Sunday night at 8 o'clock it was 16 degrees below zero, but they had no trouble nor discomfort and reached home about 11 o'clock and the mercury at that time in Ida Grove was 16 below.

Mrs. J. I. Hess. He was enroute to his home in Omaha after a trip to the northern part of the state.

Division 2 of the M. E. Aid society will meet Friday for a one o'clock luncheon in the church parlors. Mrs. Grover Moore and Rose Casey are the hostesses. Everyone please come prepared to sew.

R. C. Raveret and Howard Nonemann left Saturday for their homes in Niles Center and Clinton, Ill., after having been called here by the death of their father-in-law John H. Aiken. Their wives remained for a longer visit with their mother.

**FUNERAL OF JOHN H. AIKEN**

The Ida Grove Methodist church was filled to overflowing last Thursday afternoon when the funeral of John H. Aiken was held. The floral offerings were of unusual beauty. Mrs. Swanke sang two solos, Miss Walter being her accompaniste. Rev. George W. Dunn had charge of the service and the Masonic burial ritual was conducted by E. A. Bush of Washta. The pall bearers were: E. W. Pilcher, Grover Koons, Frank Plautz, W. A. Beaver, Arthur Skolas and Earl Stern.

Among those from out of town, attending the funeral of Mr. Aiken were: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wohlenberg and Clifford Crowe, Clarion; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Beckwith, Rockwell City; Gertrude Rodman, Chris Hass and daughter Henrietta, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Goetsch and Mrs. Effie Scherner, Cherokee; Gertrude Hass, Harlan; Charles Hass, Bristow; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hass, Cushing; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hass and daughter Betty Lou, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wiese, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hass, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. McGuire, Holstein, Charles Bush, Washta, James, Lou and Ed. Welsh and W. S. Young of Sioux City.

**SALE HOUSEHOLD GOODS**

August Sass will hold a public auction of household goods at his home on West Second Street, Saturday, January 25, starting at 1:30 p. m. Charles P. Tenney is his auctioneer. Look up the adv. elsewhere in this issue for further particulars.

**FEED THE BIRDS**  
During the bitter cold weather and heavy snowfall, Ida county citizens are asked to put out suet and other foods for the birds and squirrels to keep them alive until moderate weather returns.

**White Announces Closing Out Auction**

Glen White will hold a closing out public sale Monday, Feb. 3, the Hadlock farm, 6 1/4 miles south of Ida Grove on federal highway No. 59, 7 1/4 miles northwest Schleswig. He expects to move soon to Illinois and has retained McIntosh and Bielenberg as auctioneers.

The offering of cattle is large consisting of ten cows, 6 short horns 3 Herefords and 1 Guernsey 4 yearling steers, 1 heifer, 11 spring calves, 6 fall calves, 2 short horn bulls. He will sell five head of horses, including gray gelding 10 years, wt. 1700; bay gelding 7 years, wt. 1700; brown mare 7 years, wt. 1600; bay gelding 7 years, wt. 1200; sorrel Shetland pony. Machinery and feed consisting of the following:

McCormick Deering 15-30 tractor, Nickols & Shepard thresh 28-46 with 14-ft. Garden City feeder, all roller bearing; 2 drive belts, double box wagon, rack wagon, John Deere manure spreader, 8-ft. Deering binder, 5-ft. McCormick mower, 12-ft. hay rake, 9-ft. disc, harrow cart, John Deere 2-row cultivator, John Deere single row cultivator, 10-ft. International disc, 1 1/2-hp. gas engine, sled, Martin ditcher, set breeching harness, Hero seed corn grader, boxes seed corn testers, tank heater, hog troughs, chicken coop, good refrigerator, oak buffet, etc. Stack oats hay, stack blue grass hay, stack Sudan hay, 100 bu. corn, 400 bu. oats, test 27 lbs.; 6 dozen Rhode Island Red Pullets.

**Subscription Contest**

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to enter and compete for a prize except that no employe in the Ida County Pioneer Record or any member of their immediate family, including father, mother, sister or brother, is eligible, to compete in the campaign.

3—Children under sixteen years of age are not allowed to compete without the written consent of their parents or parent. The management reserves the right to reject any nomination.

4—The winners of the prizes to be decided by their secret ballot votes, said votes being represented by ballots issued on subscriptions.

**WEEK NITE**

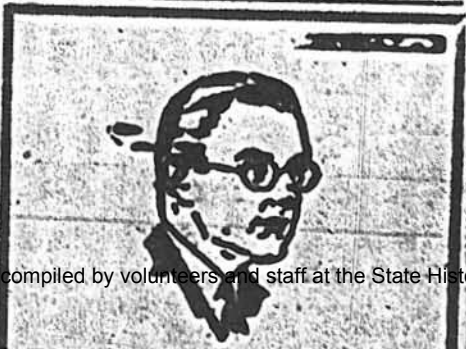
assumed at the King Theatre.

**Monday, Jan. 28**

...uling made Tuesday by the Iowa that theater Bank Nights are not a lottery statutes, this theater, in compliance of others in Iowa, will again HTS, the first being set for Tuesday,

**FEATURE FILM**

for this night only





## 1920 United States Federal Census

Name: **John H Aiken**  
 Home in 1920: **Corwin, Ida, Iowa**  
 Age: **44 years**  
 Estimated Birth Year: **abt 1876**  
 Birthplace: **Iowa**  
 Relation to Head of House: **Head**  
 Spouse's Name: **Henrietta H**  
 Father's Birth Place: **United States of America**  
 Mother's Birth Place: **United States of America**  
 Marital Status: **Married**  
 Race: **White**  
 Sex: **Male**  
 Able to read: **Yes**  
 Able to Write: **Yes**  
 Image: **387**  
 Neighbors:  
 Household Members:

Name	
John H Aiken	44
Henrietta H Aiken	43
Patience Louise Aiken	14
Thelma Aiken	10
Virginia Aiken	8

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**Source Information:**

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Note: Enumeration Districts 819-839 on roll 323 (Chicago City). Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Fourteenth United States, 1920*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1920. T625, 2,076 rolls.

**Description:**

This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1920 United States Federal Census, the Fourteenth Census of the United States states and territories, as well as Military and Naval Forces, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, and the Panama Canal census provides many details about individuals and families including: name, gender, age, birthplace, year of immigration, mother tongue birthplaces. In addition, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1920 Federal Census. Learn





## Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **John H Aiken**  
 Census Date: **1 Jan 1925**  
 Residence County: **Ida**  
 Residence State: **Iowa**  
 Locality: **Ida Grove**  
 Birth Location: **Iowa**  
 Marital Status: **Married**  
 Gender: **Male**  
 Birth Year: **abt 1875**  
 Race: **White**  
 Relation to Head: **Head**  
 Mother: **William Patience**  
 Mother's Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**  
 Father: **Benj F Aiken**  
 Father's Birthplace: **NH**  
 Marriage Place: **Wisconsin**  
 Spouse Name: **Henryetta Aiken**  
 Line: **15**  
 Roll: **IA1925\_1762**

## Neighbors:

Household Members:	Name	
	John H Aiken	50
	Henryetta Aiken	47
	Patience H Aiken	19
	Thelma L Aiken	15
	Virginia H Aiken	13
	Amy Schmidt	
	Elvira Rogers	
	Madge Vest	

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