

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative A. V. — Represented Jasper County, Iowa **Senator** Bergman,

1. Birthday and place 12 Mar 1872 near Newton, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Madge Stevens 26 Nov 1902

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of First National Bank of Newton; president of the One Minute Manufacturing Company, later called the One Minute Hardware Company, which made washing machines for many years.

B. Civic responsibilities

Elk; Mason; Shriner

C. Profession Manufacturer; implement business; farmer; banker

4. Church membership Congregationalist

5. Sessions served 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd General Assemblies

6. Public Offices 1923, 1925, 1927, 1929

A. Local

B. State Candidate for governor of Iowa in 1930, but was forced to withdraw

C. National

7. Death 2 Nov 1933 Newton, Iowa; buried Newton Union Cemetery, Newton, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents William and Louisa Bergman

10. Education

Graduate of the rural schools near
and home in Jasper County.

11. Degrees

He graduated from the Capital City Commercial College,
Des Moines, Iowa in 1890.

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He lived on the family farm until he became of age
after graduating from business college he returned to Newton
and engaged in the implement business.
- In 1893 he became interested in manufacturing band cutters
and self feeders. Seven years later he interested himself
in manufacturing washing machines and in farming.

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GIGANTIC FARM MARKETING PLAN BEING STUDIED

Washington, Nov. 3.—AP—A gigantic marketing agreement under the farm act covering the major farm commodities of the middlewest was proposed today at the conference between the administration and the governors of five states as they sought agreement on an immediate farm price lifting program.

This trend in the discussion was reached after Secretary Wallace had reported to the White House that difficulties had arisen in the effort to work out a price lifting program. He said no report could be made to the president before tomorrow. Under the new suggestion before the conference an agreement would be drawn up under which farmers would be guaranteed a fixed price for products, to be used, on a "parity level." It would be designed to give products the equivalent of pre-war purchasing power.

The farmer would agree to curtail production in future years as found necessary by the department of agriculture to fit the supply and demand situation of each commodity.

NEWS BRIEFS

New York, Nov. 3.—AP—The New York State Chamber of Commerce went on record today in strong opposition to a managed currency and demanded that the United States return to a permanent gold standard.

VIOLENCE BREAKS OUT IN IOWA

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Death Overtakes Newton Leader Thursday Night

Immediate Family is at Bed-
side as End Comes at 8:45
in the Evening.

Funeral Services Are to Be Held
Sunday Afternoon at 2:30 o'clock
at the Congregational Church

Former State Senator A. H. Bergman, 61, prominent in state, county and city affairs, died Thursday night at 8:45 o'clock at the Skiff Memorial hospital.

At his bedside were his widow; his brothers, Fred and Chris Bergman; a sister, Mrs. Bert Benjamin of Oak Park, Ill., a niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hammer and Mrs. Fred Bergman.

Mr. Bergman was removed from his home on First avenue East to the Skiff Memorial hospital Thursday, Oct. 26, for treatment to avoid an impending stroke. Paralysis set in, however, and he lapsed into unconsciousness Tuesday noon, remaining in that state until his death. The former senator had never fully recovered his health following a stroke, suffered three years ago.

Funeral Services.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the First Congregational church by the Rev. A. M. McLaughlin, rector of the St. Stephen's Episcopal church. Father McLaughlin will be assisted by Dr. W. H. Blancke of the First Evangelical Lutheran church and Dr. J. Irvine Walker of the Congregational church. Interment will be in the Newton Union cemetery.

Keenly interested in all forms of legislation, Senator Bergman's first interests lay with laws to hasten the advent of good roads in Iowa and his most important work in the state legislature concerned matters pertaining to the state highway system.

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A. H. BERGMAN

to Miss Madge Stevens of Newton.
Bank President

Senator Bergman was president of the former First National bank of this city, having been elected in 1925, at the same time his brother, W. C. Bergman, now deceased, was made chairman of the board. He was president of the former One Minute Manufacturing company, now the One Minute Washer company, makers of washing machines, for many years.

Elected to the state senate in 1922, Senator Bergman leaped into prominence during his first term with his gasoline tax bill. He was re-elected in 1926 with the bank guaranty, which he opposed, as the local issue. During his second term he was chairman of the banks and banking committee and sat on the aeronautics, agriculture, appropriation, board of control, highways, insurance, labor, manufacture and

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BUSINESS CONTINUES HESITANT — REVIEW

New York, Nov. 3.—AP—The pace of business continues hesitant but actual declines generally are being held within narrower confines, the Dunn and Bradstreet weekly trade review said today.

"With the best selling period of the year immediately ahead," asserted the review "the multiplied demands incident to Christmas shopping are counted upon to give the final impetus to the movement of any weighty merchandise accumulations.

CREAMERIES WRECKED BY WISCONSIN STRIKERS

Shawano, Wis., Nov. 3.—AP—Dynamite blasts today wrecked creameries in the villages of Kracow and Zachow where farm strike pickets have made energetic efforts to stop the marketing of milk.

CAR LOADINGS FALL OFF IN PAST WEEK

Washington, Nov. 3.—AP—The American railway association announced today that loadings of revenue freight for the week ended Oct. 28 were 636,670 cars, a decrease of 13,808 under the preceding week, but an increase of 19,390 over the corresponding week in 1932.

WINS CRIBBAGE PRIZE

Sam Linderholm was awarded first prize for winning the most games at the cribbage party and open house held at the Elks club Wednesday night. Approximately 40 members were present and refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Dr. A. E. Sterling and Attorney Hugo Schulz, local Elks, are planning to attend part of the sessions of the state convention, to be held in Iowa City Saturday and Sunday.

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Good Roads

His interest in the development of good roads was not confined to the state. Leaving his personal affairs on two occasions, he led in fights for bond issues in Jasper county for paved primary highways and was behind every project intended to result in the improvement of the county road system.

Close behind road matter in interest to him was legislation affecting banking and agriculture and through his membership on the banks and banking and agriculture committees, he was able to play an important part in these types of laws.

Senator Bergman was the first republican to announce his candidacy for governor at the primaries in June, 1930, his announcement being made in the early summer of 1929. Continued press of business affairs, however, forced his withdrawal from the race in January, 1930, and at the same time he accepted an invitation of county republican leaders to again seek his old place in the state senate.

Stricken With Paralysis

His campaign was well under way when he was stricken in March, with an attack of paralysis, which necessitated his removal from the political field as well as from the fields of business and finance.

Senator Bergman was born on a farm eight miles north of Newton, on March 12, 1872, the son of William and Louisa Bergman. He lived on the farm until he became of age, meanwhile graduating from the rural schools. He then enrolled in a business college in Des Moines, where he was graduated in 1890, and then returned to Newton where he engaged in the implement business.

In 1893 he became interested in the manufacturing field as a partner in the production of the Parsons band cutter and self feeder and seven years later interested himself in the manufacture of washing machines.

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First Hand Knowledge

Owner of a dozen or so Jasper county farms, Senator Bergman has always given them his close personal attention and directed their activities himself. He obtained a first hand knowledge of agricultural problems which served to guide him in his stand on agricultural legislation in the senate. In much the same way, through his connection with the Newton bank and with the washing machine company, he was acquainted with the problems of finance and manufacturing and was guided by them in his legislative work. His stand on labor problems won him a large following of labor in his two campaigns for the senate.

The senator is survived by his brothers, Chris, and Fred, who is chairman of the board of directors of the One Minute Washer company, and by Mrs. Lottie Schnathorst of Moline, Ill., Mrs. Bert Benjamin of Oak Park, Ill., and Mrs. Dena Maytag, of Newton, sisters, and by Mrs. Bergman. He was a member of the B. P. O. E. and Masonic organizations, including Newton Knight Templar and Za Ga Zig Shrine of Des Moines, and of the German Lutheran church in the old Bergman neighborhood north of the city.

10 BOYS HOLD BEEF MEETING

Ten boys, members of Jasper county baby beef clubs, and six fathers were present Thursday night at a meeting in the Farm Bureau office in the courthouse. County Agent Leonard H. Zahn announced today. At the meeting, he explained, it was decided to buy western Hereford calves to be raised as next year's baby beef project by Jasper county boys.

Boys attending were Walter Beard and Merle Beard of Mingo, Ted Bodley, Worthing Brock, William Brock, George Hitchler, and Delmar Emmack of Newton, Earl Stepp of Kellogg, Daniel Bartelma of Percy and John Gannon of Valeria.