

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Kline, John A. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Davis County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 15 Mar 1873 Wapello County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Susie Daniels 4 Sept 1901

3. Significant events for example:

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

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Printer; newspaper editor

4. Church membership Christian

5. Sessions served 42<sup>nd</sup>, 43<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly 1927, 1929

6. Public Offices

A. Local City councilman; Chairman of the Davis County central committee

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

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

7. Death 8 Oct 1929 Bloomfield, Iowa; buried I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Bloomfield, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents John T. and Elizabeth Kline

10. Education Educated in country schools of Itapella County, Iowa

11. Degrees Attended Brothers Iowa Normal College, Bloomfield, Iowa;  
attended Highland Park College, Des Moines, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He taught country schools in Itapella and Davis counties
- He moved to Davis County in spring 1896.
- After marriage, they moved to Bloomfield where he lived until  
his death except for part of 1910 when he lived in Newton  
where he was owner and publisher of The Newton Herald.
- He was a member of the Kline Brothers firm of grocers,  
wholesalers and retailers of feeds and flours.
- He was editor of The Bloomfield Democrat for about one year.



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BLOOMFIELD, DAVIS COUNTY, IOWA, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1929

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John F. Kline.

## JOHN F. KLINE DIED TODAY

Representative for Davis Co. Expired Shortly Before Noon Tuesday

John F. Kline, died at his home in Bloomfield shortly before noon, Tuesday, October 8.

Mr. Kline had been in ill health for a number of months. His condition grew serious a few weeks ago and he was taken to the University Hospital at Iowa City, from where he was brought to Bloomfield one day last week, after the hospital authorities were unable to give him assistance.

Mr. Kline has been one of the leading citizens of Davis county, and the state of Iowa, for years. He served with distinction in the forty-second and forty-third general assemblies, as the representative from Davis county. He was appointed a member of the special tax commission this year by Governor Hammill, in recognition of his fine service in the legislature, and his ability along legislative lines.

Mr. Kline was a member of the Kline Brothers firm of grocers, and wholesalers and retailers of feeds and flours. The store is a member of the Briardale organization, and Mr. Kline had served as an officer of that large organization of retail grocers.

He was a member of the Bloomfield Christian church, and had served on its church board for many years. He was prominent in local fraternal organizations, and was one of the real leaders of the city and county in every progressive movement that has been sponsored within the past quarter of a century. He had served the city as a councilman, and was chairman of the Democratic county central committee through several campaigns.

He was born in Wapello county March 15, 1873. He attended the country schools and the Southern Iowa Normal at Bloomfield, and Highland Park college at Des Moines. He taught in the country schools of Wapello and Davis county, after his college course was completed. He moved to Davis county in the spring of 1896. He was married to Miss Susie Darnelle, of Fabius township, September 4, 1901, and soon afterward moved to Bloomfield, where he resided the remainder of his days, except for a portion of a year 1910, when he lived at Newton and was owner and publisher of the Newton Herald.

Mr. Kline is survived by his wife, three brothers, Frank, Will and Ernest, and a sister, Mrs. Curtis McAvoy. Funeral arrangements had not been announced this afternoon.

### WARNER HONORED

Local Man Elected Secretary-Treasurer of New National Organization.

## FELLINGER TO HEAD LEGION

Verne O. Reed Post Elected Officers for Coming Year at Meeting Last Thursday

C. W. Fellingner was elected to lead the Verne O. Reed Post number 78 for coming year at the election held by the local members of the American Legion at their regular meeting last Thursday night. Fellingner succeeds V. L. Heskett who has been post commander for the past year.

A large percentage of the membership of the post was in attendance at the meeting last week and were on hand for the feed that was a part of the meeting.

J. T. Tunnell and Herbert Arney were elected to the offices of vice-post commanders. D. M. Rowe will serve as adjutant. W. J. Brown was chosen finance officer. S. J. Bohl was elected Sgt.-at-Arms, Victor Swartzendruber was named historian, R. C. Brown, service officer, and C. S. Martin and J. R. Hinkle members of executive committee.

### PARENT-TEACHERS ASS'N

Permanent Organization Formed at Troy Meeting last Thursday Night.

A Parent-Teachers meeting was held at the Troy Consolidated school gymnasium last Thursday night, October 3. This was the first meeting of its kind in the county. The organization will meet every month in the future. The meeting last Thursday night

### A. L. BECKLEY DEAD

Former Bloomfield Man Dies at Bay City, Mich., Last Friday Afternoon.

A. L. Beckley, for many years a resident of Bloomfield, died last Friday, October 4, at his home in Bay City, Mich. Mr. Beckley was born April 17, 1861, and he lived in Bloomfield until 1916 when he moved to Michigan. He has been in poor health for the past year.

Surviving him are his wife, Mollie Beckley, four sons, Glen of Bay City, Fred of Des Moines, Arthur of Chicago, and Charles of East Orange, N. J., and one daughter, Mrs. Grace Hull, of Ottumwa.

Funeral services were held in Bay City last Sunday and interment was made in the Oak Ridge cemetery of that city.

### BARNETT BROTHERS VISIT PARENTS

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barnett, of Fabius township left Tuesday of this week, after a week's visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barnett, of Fabius township, and with other Davis county relatives. The visitors were Albert J. Barnett, who is a train dispatcher for the Southern Pacific, and is stationed at San Luis Obispo, Calif.; and Julius P. Barnett, who is assistant city treasurer of the city of Los Angeles. Both of the boys have been gone from this county about ten years, and each of them has made good in his chosen line of endeavor.

### WON AT WATERLOO

V. G. Warner Flocks Win Many Prizes at Blz Show.

## MILTON TIED GAME 7-7

Misunderstanding of Time Allowed Milton to Score Against Second Team

In a football game typical of all Milton-Bloomfield games, the two eleven's battled to a 7-7 tie at Milton, Friday afternoon. Both teams played an excellent brand of football and if it had not been for a misunderstanding concerning the amount of time left of the game Bloomfield would have been the victor.

The game was played almost entirely in Milton territory and time and time again the Sandmen threatened to score but Milton braced to defend their goal. Finally in the third quarter, Bloomfield recovered a Milton fumble for a touchdown, but referee Haines ruled it differently. After the game he thought probably he should have ruled it a touchdown, but it was then too late.

Again in the fourth stanza, Bloomfield scored a touchdown with Graham carrying the ball. York carried it over for the extra point. Bloomfield was threatening again when Coach Sands inquired of the umpire the time yet to play. He was informed that there were three remaining minutes. Thinking the game was on ice, Sands rushed in the most of his second team. This was a signal for Milton to start an offensive which netted a touchdown. The time keeper had made an error, probably unintentional, when he told the coach three minutes yet to play.



Senator I

## CARROLL FOR

Retail Merchants Elects Office Held Thursday

Senator Herbert elected president of the Retail Merchants Association at the regular monthly meeting of the Thursday evening.

Senator Carroll charter members. He is a member of the Retail Merchants Association, who also store in the city. He was merchant to deny of the organization are J. H. C. lor, O. L. Rector and Other officers of Merchants Association were:

Vice-president—H. Secretary—Ray Treasurer—C. E. Directors—K. F. Tunnell, Gordon H. and A. B. Welch.

The Association meeting Wednesday 6th.

### MOULTON M

Alvin Cornett in Construction Car After

Alvin Cornett of the road construction on primary road in Bloomfield and Wednesday afternoon while driving trucks. One of the trucks came overbalanced, the ground and it thrown against the north fence. The truck was unbalanced.

Dr. H. C. Young called and an ambulance to the St. Joseph's hospital. The injured man is unconscious. His condition is improving and it is thought he will recover.

### REVIVAL MEETING

A two weeks revival progress at the Troy meeting opened Sunday and will run week with services at 7:30 o'clock. The past week the evangelist, Mr. H. C. Young, assisted by Mr. J. V. Scott of the meeting is having a successful time.



# INJURED ON ROAD JOB

## Men-Knocked Off Highway Service Truck on Highway 63 Last Thursday

Harry von Sprecken, 25 years old, William Burke, 28 years old, were killed last Thursday afternoon when they were knocked off a service truck belonging to the McCarthy Construction Co., four miles south of Ottumwa on the newly paved highway 63 between here and Ottumwa. Both men were riding on the truck when it was struck by a car. The truck was carrying empty creosote barrels that had been used on the paving job. They were standing on top of the truck when it was struck by a car. The driver of the car was immediately behind the truck when it was struck. The driver of the car was immediately behind the truck when it was struck. The driver of the car was immediately behind the truck when it was struck.

# PEN NEWSPAPER HOME

## Iowa Daily Herald Announces Formal Opening of Modern Newspaper Home

The Oskaloosa Daily Herald, one of the oldest daily newspapers in southern Iowa, announces the formal opening of its new home which has recently been completed. The new building and presses can be inspected by the public. The new building and presses can be inspected by the public. The new building and presses can be inspected by the public.

# SENIOR EDITOR VISITS HERE

Quarter of a century ago J. W. Johnson was the editor of the Bloomington Republican. Today he visited the paper office and resumed acquaintanceships in the city formed when he was a local publisher in 1904.

# ANNUAL MEETINGS AT DUNNVILLE

There will be revival meetings at Dunnaville church, beginning Monday, October 14. The meetings will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Jarnagin, tells someone of the life and work of this eminent editor.

# EXTRA LARGE POTATOES

Cliff Duffield who lives one half mile east of Bloomington has an unusually good patch of potatoes. He believes that the patch will yield about 75 bushels. The potatoes are extra large.

# DRAWS CENTURY FINE

## G. B. Martin Fined \$100 and Costs By Justice Baumgarten

Glenn B. Martin, of Bloomfield, was arrested Saturday night on charges preferred by D. E. Brooks, local produce buyer. Martin was charged with pilfering a case of eggs from the Brooks Produce Company. The eggs were found at the L. E. Goode Produce House, soon after their disappearance was discovered by Mr. Brooks.

# Martin Makes Statement

I make to the public the following statement regarding the charge of larceny of a case of eggs. I bought the case of eggs that resulted from a person whose name I did not know, because I could buy them at \$2.00 less than the case of eggs was actually worth. When I took the eggs to Goode's I told Dale that I had bought them of a party and that I did not know whether they were candied or not. When the charge of larceny was filed against me by Justice Baumgarten, I was unable to get the name of the party from whom I had bought the case of eggs, and not having the evidence to show that I had bought them, I plead guilty to the charge, thinking that was the best and only thing I could do. I did not steal the eggs, but bought them because I thought I was getting a bargain. I am waiting to meet the man who sold me the eggs. I am not blaming Ed Brooks for my arrest, because I know the eggs came from his place on that date.

# NEW CIGAR FACTORY

## Ed Jones Starts New Factory in Bloomfield Called Iowa Cigar Factory

Ed Jones has started a new cigar factory in Bloomfield. The factory name is the Iowa Cigar Company, and it is located at 306 East Locust street. The cigar to be first manufactured is called the "Iowa." Other brands will be added from time to time. Mr. Jones is an experienced cigar maker. He was employed for about thirty years by James A. Dunn, in the Hawkeye Cigar factory, and by Mr. Dunn and his later associates, J. L. Shelton and Roy Murphy.

# CORNETT IS IMPROVING

Alvin Cornett, of Moulton, a member of the construction gang employed on primary road No. 3, between Bloomfield and West Grove, who met with a serious accident while engaged in work Sunday, Oct. 6, is reported by Dr. H. C. Young to be getting along fine. He is convalescing at St. Joseph hospital at Centerville.

# ATTEND LIBRARIAN CONVENTION AT DES MOINES

Mrs. Mary Hinkle, Bloomfield librarian, and Mrs. H. L. Sprowls, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Steckel and Mrs. Virgie Lorenz are in Des Moines attending the Librarian convention.

# FREAK POTATO VINES

T. O. Kinman Displays Potato Vines With Unusual Growth.

# FLORIS MEN ARE ARRESTED

## Three Figure in Auto Wreck Near Ottumwa on New Paving Last Saturday Night

Ellis Hale, Raymond Clark and Wallace Wilkinson, who all live near Floris, figured in an auto wreck on U. S. highway No. 63, about a half mile south of Ottumwa about 10:30 o'clock last Saturday night. The three of them were riding in a coupe model auto that crashed into a car owned by G. A. Shelton, which was parked at the side of the road, forcing it over an embankment. Wilkinson, the driver of the car, and Hale sustained only slight injuries, but Clark, who was riding in the middle, was thrown against the windshield which splintered, cutting a deep gash in his throat and badly lacerating one ear.

Clark was taken to the Ottumwa hospital where he was given medical attention, and Wilkinson and Hale were taken in to custody by Sheriff E. N. Baker, of Ottumwa. It was expected that charges alleging operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, on a county attorney's information, would be placed against Wilkinson, and the sheriff stated that he would file a charge of alleged intoxication against Hale. Clark was removed to his home yesterday morning.

# PAVING OPEN TO OTTUMWA

The paving between the Davis county line and Ottumwa, on U. S. Highway No. 63, was opened for traffic last Wednesday, a few days earlier than had been anticipated. The shoulder work is not completed, and travelers are warned to drive carefully over this stretch of concrete. The road was opened Wednesday because the heavy rains had made the detour very difficult for motor travel.

# LOCAL BOY IN CAST

## Edward Burchett Chosen to Carry Role in University Theater Comedy

Edward Burchett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burchett, of this city, and a student at the State University of Iowa, has been selected as a member of the cast of "Is Zat So?" a comedy which will open the university theater season.

# CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

## Savannah Community Club Observes Anniversary With Program and Supper.

Tuesday evening, October 8, the Community Club of Savannah celebrated the anniversary of its organization with a program and supper at the Savannah Community hall. The outstanding feature was an address by Senator H. B. Carroll, of Bloomfield, on "Community Work." The Jukes Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Walker, furnished good music for the occasion. Supper was served in the dining room of the hall.

# PLOWING DEMONSTRATION

## Several Hundred Farmers Attended Tractor Demonstration Monday

The firms of Lang & Lucas, of Bloomfield, and Harper & Small, of Mark, held a plowing demonstration at the Glen Evans farm east of Bloomfield, Monday afternoon. Lang & Lucas used two tractors and the other three plows attached. Harper & Small had on demonstration a Rock Island tractor, with three plows.

# KLINE FUNERAL HELD THURSDAY

## John F. Kline, Former Editor Of Democrat, and Representative From Davis County

The funeral of Representative John F. Kline, of Bloomfield, who died October 8, was held last Thursday afternoon at the Bloomfield Christian church.

All stores and offices in Bloomfield were closed during the hour of the funeral, following a request made Wednesday, by Mayor J. H. Leon. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Chas. W. Corn, of Brookfield, Mo., a former pastor of the local Christian church, and Rev. C. V. Allison, present pastor. A quartette composed of Mrs. Floyd Brown, Mrs. Everett Francis, Earl S. Morgan and John P. Ellenberger, sang several appropriate selections. Mrs. C. W. Corn accompanied at the piano.

The I. O. O. F. lodge attended in a body and a number of the members of the Iowa legislature were present. Honorary pallbearers were Senator H. B. Carroll of Bloomfield, Representative Howard Ballou of Appanoose county, Representative Leonard Sumner of Wapello county and Representative H. O. Battison, of Jefferson county.

The pallbearers were S. F. McConnell, E. H. Games, Floyd Brown, Z. W. Hubbard, Frank Battin, C. H. Blankinship, U. G. Johnson and K. F. Baldrige.

Interment was made at the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

The following obituary was read at the funeral service. John F. Kline, son of John T. and Elizabeth Kline, was born in Wapello county, Iowa, March 15, 1873, and died at his home in Bloomfield, Iowa, Tuesday morning, Oct. 8, 1929, after an illness of several weeks.

He was married to Miss Susie Darnelle Sept. 4, 1901, and they established their home in Bloomfield.

When but a boy he united with the Methodist Protestant church and gave it his loyal devotion. Shortly after his marriage he united with the Christian church with Mrs. Kline and has served continuously on its official board and has given himself in whole hearted and untiring service to its interests and the ideals for which it stands.

Mr. Kline was a genuine friend to those who were privileged to call him friend and studied constantly how he might be of the greatest service to his home, his church, his friends and to those who sent him to legislative halls.

As a progressive and leading citizen of Davis county and the state he served in the 42nd and 43rd general assemblies as Davis county's representative.

His deep interest and legislative ability was recognized in his appointment to serve on the special tax commission this year.

He has held many responsible positions in the business world, fraternal organizations and civic enterprises, and was at all times a student of human affairs.

He received his education in the Southern Iowa Normal in Bloomfield and Highland Park College in Des Moines and was a teacher for several years. Later he owned and published the Newton Herald. At the time of his death he was a partner in the grocery firm of Kline Bros.

He was employed in the capacity of editor of the Bloomfield Democrat for about a year, several years prior to his ownership of the Newton newspaper. Mr. Kline is survived by his wife, two sisters, Mrs. Mary E. McAvoy of Bloomfield, and Mrs. Frank Mayhew, of Hemmingsford, Neb.; three brothers, Frank, Will and Ernest of Bloomfield.

- Spillman Jewelry Co. L. E. Goode Buckles Grocery Latimers Davies Dry Goods Co. W. H. Taylor & Son C. E. Wagler Leon Hardware Store. Lorenz Furniture Co. Daniels Lumber Co. Kline Brothers.

# BUYS HOTEL

## W. B. Shreve Purchases Hotel at Des Moines

W. B. Shreve has purchased Hawkeye hotel at Des Moines, personally conducting the hotel. The Hawkeye is located on a street, between Walnut and 13 streets. His hotel is next to the restaurant, owned and operated by Emory Peden, formerly of Floris. Mr. Shreve was formerly of Des Moines several years ago, where he accepted a position as traveling agent for a large flour concern.

# ENJOY ANNUAL GUEST NIGHT

## Officers of Auxiliary In Friday Evening. To Play in November

Members of the American Auxiliary held their annual night at the Legion Home on evening, October 11th. The with their guests enjoyed a five dinner at 6:30 in the dining-room. Following the dinner regular business meeting of the auxiliary was held in the Auditorium. Reports and treasurer's for the year were heard at the final meeting of the year.

During the business meetings for the year 1929-30 were held. Effie Roberts acting as officer, assisted by Mrs. Roberts, Sergeant-at-arms, and Mr. Terburn, pianist. The executive officers were installed. President, Mrs. Mildred Selby, 1st Vice President, Mrs. Roberts, 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Robinson.

Chaplain, Mrs. Lizzie Leach Secretary, Mrs. J. D. Leach Treasurer, Mrs. Beatrice I. Sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Leste.

Other officers elected were E. Ely as Historian and Mrs. Moore, Mrs. T. A. Goodson as O. S. Reed as members of the state committee, and Mrs. J. Young as County Chairman.

The following appointive and committees were named: Schlegel to serve for the year; Americanism Committee: Mrs. O. D. Wray, Mrs. T. A. Goodson, Cradle Roll:

Mrs. Lena Mustard Orphans World War Mrs. Edw. Shaw

Unit Activities: Mrs. Heinrich Taylor Mrs. Verne Schlegel Mrs. Ephraim Young

Memorial Committee: Mrs. Lizzie Leach Mrs. C. E. Fortune Mrs. Emory Stogdill

House Committee: Mrs. J. D. Leach Miss Ellen Taylor Mrs. Willard Brown

Pianist: Mrs. Walter Burns Section Chairman: Mrs. Jess Oswald Mrs. Bert Smothera Mrs. Verne Schlegel

Constitution and By-laws Mrs. H. C. Brown Mrs. P. T. Grimes

Publicity Chairman: Mrs. Len Heath Flower Committee: Miss Effie Roberts

Following the business session Walter Burns sang two selections. Mrs. Lena Mustard gave a reading. It was announced that rehearsal was under way for the play which the Auxiliary is sponsoring under the direction of Miss Belle Reynolds given November 16th and 27th.

# POULTRY MEET THURSDAY

## Davis County Poultry Association

DENTAL OFFICE

Compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa

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