

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Criswell, William, S. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Boone County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 23. Dec 1869 Boone County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Ettal Brown 11 Feb 1894

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Vice-president of the Iowa Farmers Grain Dealers Association as well as member of board of directors many years; president of the Kansas Cattle Company of Luther, Iowa

B. Civic responsibilities I.O.F.E.

C. Profession Farmer; raised livestock

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 39<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1921, 1923

6. Public Offices

A. Local Director and officer of the Boone County Farm Bureau and Luther Farm Bureau, Luther, Iowa; secretary of Luther Consolidated Schools, Luther, Iowa

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

C. National National director of the Elevator Guide (an official publication of the company; grain buyers for several years)

7. Death 11 May 1931 Boone, Iowa; buried Linwood Cemetery, Boone, Iowa

8. Children Mrs. Bernard Myers (died in 1920); Lulu (Mrs. Van Arda); L. W.; Mrs. Oscar Bask

9. Names of parents Mr. and Mrs. Levi N. Criswell

Criswell, William S.

10. Education Quitted in rural schools in his neighborhood,  
attended Boone High School, Boone, Iowa

11. Degrees Attended Highland Park College, Des Moines Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He was a resident of Boone County, Iowa all his life.
- He grew to manhood in Jackson Township of Boone County, Iowa
- After college, he taught school for several terms
- After marriage, they lived for a short time in Boone and then  
they moved to a farm in Jackson Township where they remained  
until they purchased a farm in Colfax Township around 1910  
where he lived until death.



# Madrid Register-

MADRID, BOONE COUNTY, IOWA, THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1931.

## Crisswell Afternoon

### BOONE MEN ARE SENTENCED TO PEN

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### Indianola Man Heads



W. S. Crisswell

### GARFIELD OPENS MAY TERM COURT

Began May Session in Boone on Monday—Grand Jurors Not to Report But Petit Is

Equity Matters Keeping Court Busy This Week—Petit Jurors Reported Tuesday

Judge Garfield of Ames opened the May term of the Boone county district court in Boone Monday. Equity matters were assigned to cover the week's work, generally. The petit or trial jurors reported Tuesday.

The grand jury was not called for this session.

#### First Damage Suit

The first damage case of magnitude this term is an automobile collision case in which the Sanders

### POPULAR YOUNG MAN IS CALLED

Lloyd Bosworth Died Saturday in Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines

Had Been Operated on Week Previously—Funeral Services Held Monday

A death which came as a shock to the family and the large number of friends was that of Homer Lloyd Bosworth of Des Moines, formerly of Madrid, which occurred about 2:10 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the Iowa Lutheran hospital in Des Moines. He was operated on for appendicitis about a week previously and appeared to be getting along nicely until peritonitis developed. For a day or so previous to his demise it was known that he could not recover.

Lloyd was born in Madrid April 22, 1905, and was 26 years and 17 days of age. He grew to manhood here and four years ago moved to Des Moines where he has since resided. On April 21, 1928, he was united in marriage to Miss Edna Buttler of Des Moines, and to them one child, Ronald Eugene, was born.

In addition to the bereaved widow and baby son, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. W. J. Jenkins of Des Moines; his father, C. D. Bosworth of Florida; one brother, D. LaVerne, of New Haven, Conn. and his two grandmothers, Mrs. C. L. Warden of Madrid and Mrs. C. C. Bosworth of Tingley, Iowa.

#### Funeral Held Monday

Funeral exercises were held from the Dunn funeral home in Des Moines at 10 o'clock, and at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. C. L. Warden in Madrid at 2:30 on Monday. Rev. William Knight pastor of the Highland Park Church of Christ was in charge of

# Funeral W. S. Criswell in Boone This Afternoon

## DIED MONDAY IN BOONE HOSPITAL

Death Caused by Blood Clot on  
Brain and Was Entirely Un-  
expected by Everyone

Apparently in Splendid Condi-  
tion Evening Before, Rally-  
ing from Minor Operation

This afternoon from the home east of Luther at 1:30 and from the First Methodist church in Boone at 2:30 are being held the funeral services of W. S. Criswell, former representative in the legislature and prominent citizen of central Iowa, whose death occurred suddenly in the Moore county hospital in Boone Monday morning about 3 o'clock.

Mr. Criswell's death was directly due to a blood clot which had formed on his brain and not as a result of the operation for hernia to which his presence in the hospital was due. The operation was performed Saturday morning and from it he rallied splendidly. His wife and other members of his family who left him Sunday evening had every reason to believe that his evidence of recuperation would soon result in a restoration of normal strength and health.

Just what time the clot formed is unknown. A nurse entering his room sometime after 2 o'clock found him in a semi-conscious condition. She immediately called a physician and summoned members of the family. Before those living in Boone could reach his bedside he had passed away.

The funeral this afternoon is in charge of his pastor, Rev. Harold H. Stark of the Luther Methodist church, assisted by Rev. Grigsby, pastor of the First Methodist church in Boone. The services are being held in Boone in order that a larger number of friends wishing to attend the obsequies may be accommodated.

### Was 61 Years of Age

Mr. Criswell was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi N. Criswell, pioneer residents of Boone county, and was born in the county on Dec. 23, 1869. His death on May 11, 1931, came at the age of 61 years, 2 months and 18 days. He was the last surviving member of his father's family. He has been a resident of Boone

## Fair Crowds Enjoy Class Play Here

"Mrs. Temple's Telegram" Presented  
by Seniors Thursday and Friday  
Evenings

Fair sized and delighted audiences witnessed two presentations of "Mrs. Temple's Telegram" by seniors of the Madrid schools Thursday and Friday evenings. The play, a comedy in three acts, afforded abundant opportunities for laughter, and the audience seemed to take advantage of them. The cast was well balanced and every character was ably presented. The general sentiment seemed to prevail that the play was one of the best Madrid high students had ever presented.

The play was coached by Mrs. Wilda Spencer-Good of Des Moines. The Madrid high schools orchestra delighted everyone with numbers between acts.

### Cast of Characters

The cast of characters was as follows:

Jack Temple—Emery Leaming.  
Frank Fuller—Austin Miller.  
Captain Sharp—Walter Dyer.  
Wigson—Armand Perrier.  
John Brown—Roy Martinson.  
Mrs. Jack Temple—Effe Wignall.  
Dorothy—Elizabeth Reese.  
Mrs. Frank Fuller—Leola Bowers.  
Mrs. Brown—Bernadcan Berry.

## AMES CHORUS TO SING IN MUSICAL

Program Will be Given Monday  
Evening in the St. John's  
Church Auspices League

Miss Edna Bower, Formerly  
Musical Instructress Here,  
Is Directing Chorus

The special May feature for the Luther League of the Lutheran church will be an evenings musical. This will take place next Monday evening when they present to the music loving public of Madrid the Ames chorus singing A Capella, under the direction of Miss Edna L. Bower. This is the high school chorus which has won considerable renown with its sacred music sung

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## Indianola Man Heads Iowa Press Asso.

Don Berry of Indianola President of  
Organization of Iowa's News-  
paper Men

Indianola Press publisher of the placed at the head of the Iowa Press Association at the annual convention of the organization in Des Moines last week. Mr. Berry was vice-president the preceding year. Other officers elected were, Vice-president—J. M. Beck, Cen- Recording secretary—E. S. Tennant, Colfax. Managing secretary—G. L. Cas-

days. He was the last surviving member of his father's family.

He has been a resident of Boone county his entire life. He grew to manhood in Jackson township, Boone county, securing the educational advantages the schools of his neighborhood afforded and then attended Highland Park College. Afterwards he taught several terms.

On Feb. 11, 1894, he was united in marriage to Miss Elta Brown of Jackson township. They first located in Boone but remained there for a short interval only. Later they moved onto a farm in Jackson township where they remained until they purchased the farm in Colfax township, 21 years ago, where the family home has since constantly remained.

To Mr. and Mrs. Criswell were born four children. One of them, Mrs. Bernard Myers, died in 1920. The others are Mrs. Lulu Van Anda of Wakonda, S. D., L. W. Criswell of Boone, and Mrs. Oscar Bark, at home. The sympathy of all goes out today to Mrs. Criswell and the other members of her family, to whom his death came with prostrating unexpectedness. He had not been in rugged health for around a year but continued his activities. Hernia bothered him considerable but it was not until lately that he became reconciled to an operation. The operation is not considered as having a direct bearing on his death, but it is thought the shock may have contributed through a disarrangement of his nervous and physical systems:

#### Legislator and Farm Leader

Mr. Criswell was elected to the legislature twice and served in one special session which was called during his tenure. He was first elected in 1920 and was reelected in 1922.

A farmer by profession he early became interested in farm organization and co-operative marketing affairs. At the time of his death he was vice-president of the Iowa Farmers Grain Dealers Association and had served on the board of directors of this organization for a number of years. A year ago he resigned as one of the national directors of the Elevator Guide, the official publication of the co-operative grain buyers, a position which he had held for many years.

The last year he became known over the state and middle-west as the leader in the group supporting the federal farm board and the agricultural act. His belief was that while the legislation was not perfect and the board may have made some mistakes, that it was a move in the right direction which was capable of being strengthened, and that if the movement failed in the camp of its friends that the hope of the farm for federal sympathy and assistance would be dimmed for many years. As a result of this position he found himself successfully pitted at the last meeting of the Iowa Farmers Grain Dealers Asso-

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L. Bower. This is the high school chorus which has won considerable renown with its sacred music sung A Capella. Also, the fact that Miss Bower is a former music instructor here at Madrid gives this appearance of her chorus special interest.

The program planned for the evening will be rendered in conjunction with the regular Luther League meeting under the auspices of its officers. It follows:

Song leader—Helen Seaberg.  
Devotionals—Milton Lundahl.  
Business session—In charge of president, Ruth Peelstrom.  
Topic, "God Speaking to us Through Music."—Ferné Monasmith.

Feature, A Capella Chorus—Ames high school. Edna L. Bower, director.

The numbers to be sung are:  
"Salvation is Created"—Tschesnokor.

"Send forth Thy Spirit"—Schuetky.

"Were You There?"—Burleigh.

"Beautiful Saviour"—CHRISTIANSON.

"Lord, Our God Have Mercy"—Lvorsky.

(A Russian church song)  
"A Joyous Christmas Song"—Gavaert.

The above concert, or evening's musical is sponsored by the League but is open for the public without admission charge. A free will offering will be lifted to help defray the expense of transporting the chorus. After the concert refreshments will be served by the committee from the League, with Ruth Peelstrom as chairman.

## Mrs. Joe Geddes Is Slightly Improved

Ill in Broadlawn Hospital, Des Moines, Suffering from Pneumonia and Diphtheria

Mrs. Joe Geddes of Des Moines, formerly of Madrid, is seriously ill in the Broadlawn hospital in Des Moines suffering from a double illness, pneumonia and diphtheria. She has been very low for several days but yesterday was reported slightly improved and her chances for recovery are not hopeless. In some manner the report gained circulation that Mrs. Geddes had succumbed but this was entirely wrong.

Her many Madrid friends are sincerely hoping that she will continue to improve.

#### Woodward Decoration Day Plans

Special Correspondence  
Woodward, May 13.—Rev. J. H. Nightengale of Valley Junction will deliver the Decoration Day address in Woodward this year. Services will be held in the high school gym. Rev. Nightengale served in the Canadian army during the World War.

Recording secretary—E. S. Tennant, Colfax.

Managing secretary—G. L. Caswell, Des Moines.

The convention convened Thursday and concluded its sessions at noon on Saturday. Banquets were served the visiting newspaper men at the Waukonda club by the supply men of Des Moines Thursday evening. The association banquet was on Friday evening in the Fort Des Moines hotel.

Mr. Berry succeeded J. G. Lucas of Madrid as the president of the organization.

## RESIDENT HOME DIED ON FRIDAY

John Peter Bengtson, 77, Died Friday, Buried in Gowrie Monday Afternoon

Came Here from Gowrie Around One Year Ago—Survived by Distant Relatives

John Peter Bengtson, a resident of the Lutheran Old Peoples Home of this city the preceding year, died Friday after a short illness. His heart action was bad, and there were other complications.

Mr. Bengtson was a native of Sweden where he was born Jan. 22, 1854. He emigrated to the United States in 1881 and for many years resided in the Gowrie neighborhood. He was married twice but so far as known no members of his immediate family are living. He was 77 years, 3 months and 16 days of age.

Funeral services were held at the home here Monday forenoon at 9 o'clock in charge of Rev. Nelson, pastor of the St. John's Lutheran church, and the remains were then taken to Gowrie where services were held in the Lutheran church in the afternoon in charge of the pastor there, Rev. Swanson. Interment was made in the Gowrie cemetery.

Distant relatives from Omaha and Des Moines were present during the funeral exercises in Gowrie.

#### Headed for South America in a Canoe

Two Iowa City youths are on their way to South America in a canoe. They left Iowa City with provisions for 25 days planning to follow the Iowa river into the Mississippi river to New Orleans and then around the shore of the Gulf of Mexico to their destination. Stops will be made at river cities to obtain work and provisions, but they plan to make the trip in six months. They plan to remain in South America indefinitely.

The casket was opened at the cemetery and many relatives and friends who were unable to be at the funeral exercises viewed the body there.

### Was Born in Moingona

Ruth E. Miller was born June 1, 1881 at Moingona, and was a daughter of Benjamin and Caroline Wheeler. She was married in October, 1878, to Josephus Miller, at Adel, and to this union nine children were born, three of whom with the husband, have preceded her in death. Those who survive are Robert J., Fred L., Michael Delbert, Mrs. Albert Olson, Mrs. Audrey Jagers, all of Des Moines, and Mrs. J. O. Lemieux of Huntington, Indiana, all of whom were present at the funeral. She also leaves eight grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Miller was converted early in life and united with the Methodist church. She was a patient sufferer, a faithful wife and loving mother.

## Ernest C. Carlson Opens Store Here

Ernest C. Carlson of This City Opens General Merchandise Store in Farm Union Building

Ernest C. Carlson of this city will open a general merchandise store in the Farm Union building today or tomorrow according to information given out by him yesterday.

He formerly operated the Carlson department store of this city, later moving to Shames department store. During the past two years he has operated stores in Kelley and Slater. He is being assisted in the business by his son Gerhard. An advertisement concerning the opening of the store appears elsewhere in this issue of The Register-News.

### WOODWARD CLASS PLAY

Class Day Program of Woodward Schools on May 18th

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Woodward, May 13.—The class day program will be held Monday, May 18th, at 8 p. m. at the gymnasium. The scene is a country club terrace. Every member of the class will have a part.

The program follows:  
Hymn—Senior class.  
Dialogue, "Entrance of Father Time."  
Salutatory—Mary Tierney.  
Class History—Jack Drake.  
Song—Lutheran.  
Class Color—Mildred Greeson.  
Class Flower—Mary Jackovich.

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Mr. Criswell's association at Mason City against a movement which he believed was induced by influential old line grain firms seeking to alienate the Iowa group from the farm board's policies of marketing. Following the business session at Mason City in which he was elected vice-president he was immediately made the chairman of both the legislative and executive committees of the state association. As the chairman of the executive committee he sought legislation during the late session which would necessitate similar electric and power rates from utilities serving the various co-operative elevators of the state.

Mr. Criswell also led the fight to secure action among the various chambers of commerce of Iowa condemning the action of the National Chamber of Commerce in opposing the federal farm board.

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Mr. Criswell possessed a deep sense of public responsibility and was interested in all matters of major importance. He had a strong political bent, and his attitude was always sympathetic toward the man

Scheduled to Open Season on  
Monday Evening, June 1st

## Games Will Be Played Under Flood Lights—Band Will Furnish Music During Evening

The kitten ball league of the community will open Monday evening, June 1st, according to an announcement made yesterday by the committee in charge.

The opening game will be played between the Community Club and the Legion beginning at 7:30 and the other between the Lions and the miners will start at 8:30. After the opening two games on Monday evening the balance of the summer schedule will be played on Tuesday evening. All games will be played this year under the flood lights and this added feature is expected to draw large crowds from surrounding communities and towns. The Madrid band will furnish music for the opening games.

Approximately 120 in the community have registered to play. At a meeting of the committee in charge the first of the week, the names were divided and will appear in next week's issue of The Register-News. The teams are divided into four groups, representing four organizations of the city. A player may belong to one organization, and selected to play on a team representing an organization that he is not a member of.

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Everyone is invited to attend these kitten ball games. No admission charges will be made.

# HARVEY RISSLER DIES SUDDENLY

Was Born Here and Moved to  
Perry When 10 Years Old—  
Son of Hoyt Rissler

Nephew of Mrs. Perry Lee of  
This City—Funeral Held in  
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- Dialogue, "Entrance of Father Time"
- Salutatory—Mary Tierney.
- Class History—Jack Drake.
- Song—Senior girls.
- Class Color—Mildred Greeson.
- Class Flower—Mary Jackovich.
- Class Mottó—Leo Sturgeon.
- Class Poems—Marvel Haffman, Russell Vernon.
- Music—Senior orchestra.
- Class Will—John Vernon.
- Response—Richard Steele, president of the Junior class.
- Presentation of Keys of Success—David Martin.
- Music—Senior boys' quartette.
- Valedictory Address—Patricia Lewiston.
- Class Prophecy—Dorothy Adams, Loretta Erskin and Lola Hammand.
- Dramatization of a scene from "Beth"
- Commencement Song—Senior class.
- Class Yell—Seniors.

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He was a citizen of high type, honest, kindly and helpful in all his contacts and relationships. Few if any citizens of Boone Co. are better known over the state or have a larger number of personal friends. There are hundreds outside the family circle who feel a personal loss in his passing.

## Former Local People Prominent in Texas

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Nephew of Mrs. Perry Lee of This City—Funeral Held in Perry This Afternoon

William Harvey Rissler, 45, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rissler, died suddenly at 7:30 Tuesday morning at the home of his parents following an illness which lasted over a period of less than three weeks.

Death was due to heart failure brought on by a serious attack of influenza. During the week preceding his death he had been serious but it was thought that he would recover.

Harvey, as he was familiarly known, was born in Madrid and was 10 years of age when his parents moved to Perry. At the age of 17 he secured employment on the Milwaukee railroad as a brakeman. An accident occurred when he was a young man which resulted in the loss of one limb. For many years afterwards he was in business in Perry operating a pool parlor.

He was survived by one sister, Mrs. Ethel Overholser of Des Moines, Ia.