

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Hook, Ellis Jenkins Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Winnebago County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 5 Dec 1870 Jagersville County, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place

Minnie Mae Reed 23 Mar 1898

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the Iowa bar in 1912; practiced law in Decatur from 1912 to his death; an incorporator and director of the Decatur State Bank

B. Civic responsibilities IOOF

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 38<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1919

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Decatur; county attorney; county superintendent in 1898; school superintendent 9 years

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

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

7. Death 25 Dec 1942 Decatur, Iowa; buried Phelps Cemetery, Decatur, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents George W. and Catherine (Manker) Hook

10. Education Graduate of the Hopewell, Illinois High School

11. Degrees Graduate of Bucknidge Institute, Decatur, Iowa  
Graduate of University of Iowa College of Law 1912

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His wife, Minnie Mae, died 28 Feb 1940
- He was an instructor in the Decatur Institute, school teacher
- He was a law partner with C. S. Boies 1912 - 1922
- He was instrumental in organizing the Decatur Public Library and served as a trustee.

### Sources Log For Legislation Entries

#### Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
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-	<i>Obituary -</i>	<i>The Record Journal, Des Moines, Iowa,</i>	<i>Thurs. Dec 31, 1942, p 3, col. 4</i>

There are seven patients in Decorah hospital at present all suffering with broken hips. Most of injuries, however, did not occur on slippery sidewalks. The seven times are:

Mrs. Emily Storts, 84, who fell her home last week.

Mrs. E. J. Powers, who fell in on about 10 days ago.

Mrs. Ammerman, who fell on on this week.

Martin Kirkeby, 89, of Decorah it 6, who fell in his home, a few days ago.

Mrs. Alice Kittleson of Harmony was injured in October.

Mrs. Fjelstad of Harmony who been a patient some time.

Mrs. George Hendrickson of Grand Ore., mother of Mrs. E. Ellingson of Decorah, who hurt about a month ago.

## CANOE

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Peterson, and Mrs. Henry Peterson, Mr. Mrs. Vern Kenhard, Mr. and Dan Halse and Mr. Ole Olver Christmas eve guests for per with Mother Peterson at orah.

The John Langaas family had a reunion this Christmas when their children came home to visit their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels and son Neil and Mr. Mrs. Joe Capper, all of Davenport; the Herb Lick family of Northfield, Minn., came on Christmas day; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar gaas and Arlowaync of Decorah; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Peterson, Elaine, Erla, Davon and Joel; and Mrs. A. T. Amundson; Mrs. and Marlene; Mae, John, Oran at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Peterson had a family gathering with their home folks at Amst, on Christmas day.

### Washington Prairie

The following people spent Christmas with relatives and friends of the community: Corp. and Branhagen of Waco, Texas; Branhagen, Mabel Serland, Lys and Lillian Aakre, all of Rapid; Clara Halverson and Remmen, of Davenport, Ia.; Elaine Rovang, Helen Ramsey, and Mrs. Edward Ramsey, of Paul, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. don Higbee, of Ohio; Mrs. st Lang, Phyllis and Irene ke, Wm. Harte, all of Chicago; e Bakke of Independence, Ia.; Lys Gjere of Lost Nation; Mr. Mrs. Spences Tyler of Waterloo; Lloyd Serland of Fort Bliss, Ia.; Hazel Johnson of Sheffield, and Alvin Strand of Bonham, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Lilah Clement went to Albert Lea, Minn., Friday evening to spend several days with Mr. Mrs. Willard Clement.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Martinson family of Forest City, Mrs. le Hildahl, Mr. and Mrs. Wil-Syverzon were entertained at William Dickman home Christmas eve.

Ed Everett left Thursday for wood, Ia., to spend Christmas with his parents.

## Resident Boe of Olaf Is Dead

Funeral services were held for Lars W. Boe, for nearly a quarter of a century president of Olaf's College at Northfield and of the outstanding leaders of Norwegian Lutheran church of Decorah, Wednesday.

Funeral services will be held at 8 o'clock on Wednesday, Dec. 23, when college reconvenses.

Boe was married to Miss Elizabeth Jacobson of Decorah. In 1926

Ruth Ellen Swenson, 2 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Swenson of Decorah.

Patricia Lillian Rooney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rooney of Decorah, born Jan. 27, 1942.

## E. J. Hook, Who Served City, County And State In High Offices, Died Suddenly at Home Christmas Day

Ellis Jenkins Hook, 72 years old, who served Decorah as mayor, county superintendent of schools, representative in the Iowa legislature, and county attorney, died at his home at 104 Washington St. on Friday, Christmas morning.

Attorney Hook had been cleaning the snow and ice off the front steps and walk at his residence. Returning to the house exhausted, he grasped a dining room chair, slumped into it and expired.

### Suffered From Heart Ailment

Mr. Hook had previously suffered from a heart ailment and spent some time in the Decorah hospital a year or two ago.

He was a graduate the Hopedale, Ill., high school of Breckenridge Institute in Decorah in 1898 and later of the University of Iowa College of Law in 1912.

Born in Tazewell county, Ill., Dec. 5, 1870, he was the son of George W. and Catherine Manker Hook. He was married to Minnie Mae Reed March 23, 1898. She died February 28, 1940. He then was an instructor in the Decorah Institute and a school teacher until elected county school superintendent in 1908.

### Long County Superintendent

He was school superintendent nine years and three months, resigning in 1908. Admitted to the Iowa bar in 1912, he had practiced law in Decorah since. He was a law partner of Attorney C. S. Boice from 1912 until 1922.

Mr. Hook was one of the incorporators and directors of the Decorah State Bank. While serving as mayor of Decorah he was elected state representative.

He was the Republican nominee for state senator in the Forty-second senatorial district this year, but he lost to Ed Vrba of Cresco.

Mr. Hook was instrumental in the organizing of the Decorah Public Library and served as a trustee. He was a member of the Winneshiek County and Iowa Bar Associations, of the Onoeta Golf and Country Club, of the Odd Fellows, Auxiliary of the PEO and a member of the Methodist church.

Funeral services were held Monday, Rev. Floyd Weed officiating.

Two sisters and three brothers survive: Mrs. Jennie Ireland of Oskaloosa and Mrs. Mary Stiles, who had made her home with Attorney Hook since the death of his wife; John Hook, of Grundy Center. Roy Hook of Albion and Sanford Hook of Des Moines.

R. B. Olson and Orrie Iverson had charge of the funeral services. Burial was in Phelps cemetery.

Among those from out of town who attended the funeral were: his nephew, Charles Hook of Bismarck, N. D., his niece, Mrs. Warren McCurdy and her husband of Fremont, Iowa; his nephew Stanley Stevens of Grundy Center, Ia.; his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Hook of Grundy Center, Iowa; and his sister, Mrs. Jennie Ireland of Oskaloosa, Ia.



E. J. HOOK

## Heavy December Snow Removed by Musser and Crew

Snow and ice was removed from the business section of Decorah with five or six trucks and 15 or 16 men at work under Street Commissioner Mike Musser. The trucks and men worked Saturday, Sunday and part of Monday.

Water street and Winnebago street and the east side of Washington street were cleared before freezing weather prevented further removal of ice and snow. Removal of snow was important before melting snow flooded basements. There was no damage as a result of the melting snow, however.

Street Commissioner Musser reports that snowfall in December has the heaviest in the ten years he has been street commissioner with two snowfalls of six inches and a total of about 16 for the month. December also was one of the coldest on record with 20 below zero Sunday, Dec. 20 and 10 below the previous day.

The ice averaged three inches thick and was as much as six inches thick in some places. All street approaches to sidewalks also were opened.

With gasoline rationing, shortage of men and few trucks available it was difficult to get a force to work to clear the streets. Deep snow is a hazard to fire trucks and other traffic. All principal streets in the residential sections have been opened.

## Fort Atkinson

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Brandt have two sons in service. They write

visited here a few days with his brother Hugo Liebold and family and sister Mrs. Anton Stefes and family and his son Richard Monday. He departed for Sterling, Ill., and from there he will go to San Diego, Calif., where he will be employed in a government ship yard.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Krall and children of New Hampton and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hayek and son of Cedar Rapids were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hayek on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Kovarik of Cedar Rapids, Ia., made a brief visit Saturday enroute for Spillville to visit their home folks, Kovariks and Swehlias.

Mark M. Blong a gunner in the navy on the eastern coast is spending one week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blong and family.

John Ondrashek of Fort Atkinson and Helen Pavlovec of Rochester, Minn., were Christmas dinner and supper guests at the home of the former's brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ondrashek and family.

## Funeral Services Today for Mrs. Ben Nolte, 47

Mrs. Ben Nolte died Sunday, Dec. 27, 1942, at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Harvey of Bluffton township. Funeral services are being conducted this Wednesday afternoon at the Olson-Iverson Funeral Home in Decorah at 1 p. m. and at the Burr Oak Lutheran church at 2 p. m. with the Rev. Jorsing Thompson officiating. She was only 47 years of age but had been ill for some time with heart trouble and complications.

Mrs. Nolte was born Dec. 5, 1895, in Post township Allamakee county.

Surviving her are her husband; three children. Keith at home, Mrs. Kenneth (Joyce) Campbell of Burlington; and Mrs. Warren (Inez) Harvey of Bluffton; and the following brothers and sisters, Mrs. Amy Knowles of Battle Creek, Mich., Joe Evans of Postville, Carl Carl Evans of Monona, Albert Evans of Waukon, Einar Evans of Sioux City, and Will Evans of Rhame, North Dakota. Two children who died in infancy preceded her in death.

## SPILLVILLE

### Banns

Banns for the forthcoming marriage of Alden Sbral and Eileen Hauber were announced Sunday at the St. Wenceslaus church.

### Moved

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lentz and little daughter Eileen have moved on a farm near Decorah last week. The Thursday Night Club held their Xmas party at the home of Mrs. H. G. Haug.

### On Furlough

Pvt. Leo Barta of Virginia. Pvt. August Barta of Texas; Pvt. Eugene Hove and Pvt. Leonard Bouska, Frank Klimesh of the U. S. Navy, Jacksonville Florida, concluded their furloughs with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Woodward of West Union visited at the H. J. Cooper home one day last week. Her mother Mrs. Chandler who visited with her sister, Mrs. H. J. Cooper. Gertie Kapler and Mrs. Regina Coy returned home with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dicht and son Donnie and Lucille and Leona Fisher departed Sunday for Ne-

now is located at Eagle Point air field at Eagle Point. He enlisted in the May of 1941 and received basic training at Ft. Leavenworth, Missouri, in the medical department. He participated on Army maneuvers in Texas and Louisiana after was assigned to Fitzsimons hospital in Denver for a two-months' course, completed in December of 1941. He then returned to Fort Wood and was assigned to the Officers Training School (Warfare Service) at the Arsenal, Maryland. His brother, Kenneth, entered the service receiving training at Camp Berkeley the medical detachment.

## Circuit Pastors Families Enjoy And Christmas

The Decorah Circuit conference enjoyed a party at Luther College when a dinner was served noon. The guests included pastors and their families. Following the dinner was given in which Quill of Ridgeway gave inspiring devotions; Rev. O. O. Decorah, president gave the address of welcome; Hexom played and then Constance and gave a piano duet; and of West Union, a ju-



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