

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Bruce, Robert Senator _____

Represented Pocahontas County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 18. Mar 1875 old town of Relfe, Iowa,
Pocahontas County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Carol Mirth Ritchey 11 Oct 1899

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Banker, merchant

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 36th and 37th General Assemblies 1915 and 1917

6. Public Offices

A. Local Elected member of Relfe in March 1908 and again in 1910, but resigned in 1911 due to being "killed" by the doctor

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 28 Sept 1936 Relfe, Iowa; buried Clinton-Desfield Cemetery, Relfe, Iowa

8. Children Howard (adopted)

9. Names of parents James J and Mary J. Bruce

10. Education

Educated in the schools of Repp, Iowa
graduating 17 June 1892

11. Degrees

University of Iowa Iowa City, Iowa graduate of law school
in 1897; graduate of Iowa Business College, Des
Moines Iowa 1894

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He moved to new town of Repp, Iowa in fall 1882.
- After graduating from law school he went to work as a
bookkeeper in the State Savings Bank advancing eventually to
president. This bank closed in the depression in 1932
- He then opened a law office in Repp which continued until
he became too ill to work.
- He was not happy in politics due to hypocrisy and so never
sought public office again

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wilson and family were entertained by the A. W. Pearson family of Lohrville last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bush left on Wednesday for a fishing trip in northern Minnesota. They will be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bush of Clear Lake and Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Everson of Rolfe.

Anna Bower of Bloomington, Ill., attended at the Lee Fisher home last week. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bower are expected to come to Iowa this week and will no doubt call on their old friends at Plover.

Mrs. A. M. Simonson has been confined to her bed since last Saturday. She has been very ill and the doctor is not sure what her trouble is.

Saturday, Sept. 19, a surprise birthday party was given for Alan Harrison of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Harris in honor of his fifth birthday. He received many nice gifts, of which he was very proud. At the close of the afternoon a delicious lunch was served by his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Dixon and Raymond spent Sunday with the Kirkland family in Eagle Grove.

Mrs. George Heathman's birthday anniversary was celebrated with a party Sunday. Her brother, Le Ahlus, and her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Richter, and family and Emil Fisch, all of Greenville, were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Heathman and Janet, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Heathman and family were visitors at George Oakland home in Badger Sunday and took in the air show in Dodge in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Sanders motored to Iowa Falls, Des Moines and Iowa City Friday evening. They were accompanied by Eleanor Johnson and Helen Gilchrist. Miss Johnson visited her people near Harcourt and Mr. Gilchrist visited her sister in Des Moines. Grant Sanders of Iowa Falls accompanied them to Des Moines and then on to Iowa City, where the Sanders family met Dorothy Sanders who is attending the University of Iowa. They returned home Sunday evening.

Lila Lathrop of Des Moines spent a few days last week with her aunt, Mrs. J. W. Arnold. She also attended the Willing Workers meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Garlock spent the weekend at their cottage at Lake Okoboji, getting everything taken care of before freezing weather.

Raymond Cassell and John Polak motored to Des Moines Saturday. Raymond has accepted a position at the city and John is resuming his studies in the law department of Drake university.

A letter from Forrest Sanders tells of his arrival at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N. Y., and that he is very much pleased thus far. His address is Central Y. M. C. A., Rochester, N. Y.

Among the young people attending college we recall Ruby Strong at Cedar Falls, Dorothy Sanders, Elmer DuBois and Keith Cassell at Iowa City, Lawrence Firkins, Emmetsburg; Richard DuBois, Lorraine Henderson and Anne Houck, Ames; Elizabeth Ferguson, Raymond Schoenberger to A. I. B., Des Moines; Eugene Simonson to Waldorf college, Forest City; Forrest Sanders to Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y.; Grant Sanders, Iowa Falls. Probably there are others of whom we have not heard.

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PROGRESSIVE METHODS OF HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING

Through cooperation of County Superintendent Lulu Rose Orr of Webster county, C. W. Sankey of Wright, Mesmer of Humboldt, A. L. Calhoun of Maize, Alice Cole of Pocahontas, and A. J. Steffy, region- al supervisor of northwest Iowa in the state department of education, a demonstration has been worked out for demonstration of progressive methods of school teaching. These demonstrations will be held at the Humboldt school on Monday, Oct. 12. This school was selected because of its central location with respect to visiting teachers who do the demonstrating.

Teachers selected from the high schools in this section of the state. Demonstrations will be given in the subjects of English composition, literature, history and mathematics. School pupils will be used in demonstrations, and an effort will be made to have an actual class setting. Visiting teachers will see the demonstration of the subjects which they are teaching. Each demonstration will continue about two weeks and will be followed by a dinner period of about the same length. Therefore an all-day session is necessary.

There are some 56 high schools in these five counties, about 100 teachers are expected at these demonstrations. Similar demonstrations will be held in eight other centers of northern Iowa, thus every teacher in this section of the state will have an opportunity to see the actual practice of better methods of teaching. The demonstration method has proved successful in elementary schools, but this is the first attempt to apply the technique to high school subjects on such an extensive basis. Boards of education are requested to excuse all high school teachers to attend their sessions.

Faculty and further details of the demonstration at Humboldt will be announced in next week's paper.

THE HIGHWAY THRU ROLFE

Excavation of primary road No. 10 construction work on the road between Gilmore City and Rolfe will be through Rolfe. The road will be set this week which we formed near the highway north of Gilmore City past the Randall place to the Rolfe-Bradley road then west on this road thru to the hill north of town, where the Rolfe-Havelock road to No. 17 east of Havelock, picking up No. 10 south of the N. W. railway. This will make a detour, as the road is traveled and the mileage is increased but little—only a fraction of it. If the weather remains good on No. 10 will be completed by fall. This is a thru road from the state from Dubuque and ought to throw considerable traffic through Rolfe.

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COUNTY LEGION TO MEET

Next meeting of the American Legion of Palmer will be on Monday, Oct. 5, at 8 p. m. at the county organization at the home of Mrs. A. D. Diggins. The meeting is to keep this meeting in mind.

CONTROL

Control over the poor-house.

DEATH ANGEL CALLED ROBERT BRUCE MONDAY

Robert Bruce passed away at his home in Rolfe Monday morning, Sept. 28, 1936, at 8:30 o'clock from cancer, after an illness of several weeks' duration. His trouble was diagnosed as cancerous three months before his death, but he did not give up hope, forcing himself to believe that the doctors might be mistaken. A month before he passed away he visited the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minn., and the previous diagnosis was confirmed and the information given that the cancers were inoperable. It was stated that an operation meant sure death. The neck glands, oesophagus and lungs were involved. The end came thru a gradual filling up of the lungs. Upon his return from Rochester he hastily disposed of his law practice and arranged his business affairs, went to bed and remained there until the end came. Everything possible was done to alleviate his suffer-



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ing, his every desire was granted. His devoted wife was within call by sound or touch night and day during the last weeks of his life. With her life partner she bravely faced the ordeal that both knew was coming. Mr. Bruce seemed to have a premonition of events as they came. Tuesday of last week he told Mrs. Bruce a change for the worse was coming. That day he had a sinking spell and gradually weakened thereafter. Sunday he told his son, Howard, he wouldn't be here tomorrow, and he wasn't. He died strong in the Christian faith and had no fear of the hereafter, in fact expressed himself ready and anxious to go. He slipped from this life easily, a few gasps for breath and he was gone to that bourne from which no traveler returns. He had been a patient, uncomplaining invalid, appreciating everything that was done for him.

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BUILD SEVENTY-TON SILO FOR SEVENTY DOLLARS

Dubbert Bros., who operate a farm a short distance southeast of Laurerens on No. 10, have just completed what they term a "temporary silo," to help take care of their corn crop, which they think will be more valuable this year as silage than in any other form. The silo is 25 feet high, built of telephone poles, woven wire, truss rods and a specially treated tough paper, and will hold 65 to 70 tons of silage. Cost of materials was \$70 and the Dubberts did the work themselves, turning out what looked to an Arrow representative like a first-class job. To fit the silo for use a second season, it might be necessary to replace the paper, but the wood and metal should stand for years.

Dubbert Bros. are extensive feeders of beef cattle and are considering erection of another structure of the same type.

FERDEN-BRADLEY

Miss Avis Ferden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Ferden, and Garland Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley of Gilmore City, were united in marriage Tuesday, Sept. 29, 1936, at 9:30 a. m., at St. Margaret's Catholic church of Rolfe, Rev. Father D. A. Tewell officiating. They were attended by the bride's sister, Mrs. Helmer Kaiser, and the groom's brother, Walter Bradley. The bride wore an informal dress of rust crepe and the groom a dark suit.

Mrs. Bradley was a graduate in the class of 1935, Rolfe high school, and Mr. Bradley graduated from Gilmore City high, since which time he has been operating his own farm east of Gilmore City. The young couple and their relatives gathered at the Art Ferden home after the ceremony for a wedding breakfast.

Their many friends in the Rolfe and Gilmore communities wish them all the luck in the world and a happy and prosperous married life.

STERLING RITCHEY MARRIED

Dr. Sterling J. Ritchey, who grew up in Rolfe, was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Johnson of Colfax at the Presbyterian church in Newton Monday, Sept. 21, 1936. Dr. Ritchey has been practicing at Colfax for some time, but is moving to Newton, where the home will be set up. The bride is a registered nurse. In speaking of Dr. Ritchey's move to Newton the daily newspaper there made this comment:

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FARMERS ORGANIZE TO FAVOR ROOSEVELT

An independent all-party organization of farmers has been set up in 11 states of the middle west to work for the reelection of President Roosevelt. The 11-state organization is headed by William Settle of Indiana, and includes most of the western farm leaders who have been active in the farmer's cause since the deflation of 1920.

The Iowa organization is headed by Homer Hush, Essex, who is a former republican state senator. Members of the state committee include Wilbur Hubbard, Neola, a former republican member of the legislature from Pottawattamie county; Milford Beeghly Pierson, a northwest Iowa republican farmer prominent in farmers' marketing organizations; Willard Edwards Humboldt, an active farmer well known in that section.

Robert Clark, Mitchellville, well known fruit grower, represents central Iowa; J. J. Boatman, Montezuma farm and organization leader, represents that section; Fletcher Aitchison prominent farmer, is working in the extreme eastern section, and J. E. Cundy, Cedar Falls, former member of the legislature, is working in the vicinity of Waterloo.

Offices have been opened in De Moines. In addition to the district or organization leaders mentioned above each county and township is being organized. An extreme effort will be made by every means available to present the issues of the national campaign as they relate to agriculture well being.

The men who are backing the organization might be said to be very practical in their political beliefs and actions. They feel that the interest of Iowa farmers and business men should be placed above the interests of political parties. They are convinced that if the farmers vote against the present administration, which has made an honest effort to help agriculture, no cooperation could be expected from any administration in the future.

GARFIELD FARM BUREAU

Garfield Township Farm Bureau met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Christensen Sept. 24, with about 6 people attending. Community sing was led by Howard Hanson, with Mrs. J. O. Hosier at the piano. Mari Hosier reported on the Girls' 4-H club and urged more girls to become members. Mrs. Hicks reported on the woman's home project work.

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Please keep in mind that 1937 dues are payable from now until December. However, headquarters would like to have the units paid up by Oct. 20 if possible.

Announcement of the next county meeting will be made later.—Reporter.

Presbyterian Church Notes
Walter Rothwell, Pastor

Sunday Services:
Sunday School 10:30 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:30 a. m.

Quarterly communion service next Sunday at 11:30.

Session will meet at close of service for election of delegate to presbytery. Fort Dodge presbytery will meet at Lake City Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 29 and 30. Meeting will begin at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday. Several special speakers have been secured.

Rally day services with offering for the board of Christian education will be held Sunday, Oct. 11. This will also be the forty-eighth anniversary of the church organization.

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Coming Events

Oct. 2—Woman's club to meet at the home of Mrs. Geo. O. Hauck at 8 p. m. Members urged to be present.

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Oct. 6—Tuesday club will meet at the home of Mrs. C. J. White. This will be a political meeting.

Oct. 9—Regular meeting of the Eastern Star at 7:30. The past officers will present a program. Officers will want to attend.

Oct. 10—The library meeting will be held at the library. Funds raised will be used for purchase of new books.

Oct. 13—P. E. O. will meet at the home of Mrs. John Brinkman.

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Funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon at 1:45 and at the Presbyterian church at 2 o'clock, with the McIntires in charge. Rev. J. P. Lester of Grant township, who had an intimate acquaintance with the departed, preached the sermon and was assisted in the service by Rev. H. A. Sinning. The song service consisted of two numbers by a quartet composed of Mrs. C. B. Bowen, Mrs. C. J. White, Rev. H. A. Sinning and Billy McIntire, "The Palace of Light" and "My Jesus, as Thou Wilt," and a duet, "In the Dawn of Eternal Day," by Mrs. Bowen and Mrs. White. Mrs. Bessie Boyce presided at the pipe organ. The casket bearers were A. J. Shaw, J. B. Kent, B. S. Bryson, J. T. Grant, C. W. Sierkin and Alfred Gadd. Interment was made in Clinton-Garfield cemetery.

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FONDA, HERE OCT. 6

The Rolfe seconds will play the newly organized Fonda football team under the floodlight here Oct. 6. This is the first time for several years that Fonda has organized a team. They are attempting to revive the sport and are scheduling second teams for this season. The admission charge will be 10c and 25c, which is only enough to cover the cost of lighting and traveling expenses. Season tickets will not be honored for this game.

MUSICAL

Next Tuesday morning, Oct. 6, at 8 o'clock, the Parkinson National Music Ensemble will be at the school house to entertain in a program of solos and ensemble music. Members of the ensemble have won national recognition as young artists, and highest honor at the national high school music contests. Hear these artists in beautiful color combinations of French woodwind ensemble.

Admission 25c for adults, 10c for school children, or 5c plus activity tickets.

The most enduring love is between those of the same sex.