

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Branson, Clayton Edward Senator

Represented Black Hawk County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1 Sept 1881 near Raymond, Black Hawk County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Nina Hanger 6 Oct 1910

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was interested in several manufacturing enterprises in Waterloo

B. Civic responsibilities Elks Club; Commercial Club;

C. Profession Insurance agent

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 36th General Assembly 1915

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 28 Jan 1935 Waterloo, Iowa; buried Calvary Cemetery, Waterloo, Iowa

8. Children Stephen; Louis; Clayton, Jr.; Esther Jean; Lawrence

9. Names of parents Lymon H. and Frances (Butterfield) Branson

10. Education Educated in schools of Iowas, Iowa
graduating from Est. High School in 1903
after having attended country schools

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He moved to Iowas with his parents in 1889
- After graduation from high school he entered the insurance
business which his father had established. This was
under the name of L. H. Bronson & Son. This was a
general insurance business.

Board Changes Road Employees

Following out a resolution passed a week ago, members of the Black Hawk board of supervisors Monday considered as a group the maintainer operators, truck drivers and other road employes customarily hired by the supervisors in whose district they work.

In only three instances were those employed Jan. 1 not rehired. James Carnes, maintainer operator in district No. 1 (John P. Biller) was not rehired; George Thomsen, extra maintainer operator in No. 5 (C. V. Kline) was not rehired, and no maintainer operator was named in district No. 7 (Frank W. Beck), where P. C. Wittinger is now maintainer operator.

Maintainer operators named by districts and special county employes approved Monday afternoon by the board were:

- No. 1—Harry Paul, Harry K. Owen, Harry E. Turner.
- No. 2—Bernard Asink, Harold Nielsen.
- No. 3—A. W. Bottine.
- No. 4—G. R. Wyatt, Ed Remling, I. A. Ke.
- No. 5—Ray Thomas.
- No. 6—Arnold Apel, Nick Ahles, J. E. Oes; John Phillips, truck driver.
- Others—Floyd Fordyce, Fay Bartholomew, W. L. Dumire, truck drivers; Jack Eeman, E. W. Neidart, relief foremen; C. Newfield, A. H. Beaumont, bridge men; B. A. Koloc, mechanic; E. J. Bronson, blacksmith.

Day Funeral Rites Held at Oelwein

(Courier Special Service)

Oelwein, Ia.—James R. Fay, 79, died Sunday at the home of his son, William, four miles southeast of Oelwein. Mr. Fay started to eat his dinner at noon and suddenly fell backward in his chair, dying immediately.

One son survives. Mr. Fay had served as city trustee, traffic policeman, and secretary of Oelwein Sacred Heart building commission.

Funeral services were Tuesday morning at Sacred Heart church. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

LOCK OF ROBINS SPENDS THE WINTER IN CASTLE HILL

The first robin controversy for 1935, it would appear, already has been settled—disposed of by such judicial arbiters as District Judges George W. Wood and A. B. Lovejoy. The judges report that while hunting rabbits recently they saw, not one robin, but a flock.

The birds were in natural shelter covered by evergreen trees near the home of Dr. Frank Haffa in Castle Hill. Dr. Haffa had been putting out food for them, and the robins spent the winter here.

Judge Wood also reported that a flock of meadow larks is spending the winter in the north at a farm near Grundy.

RITES WEDNESDAY FOR C. E. BRONSON, INSURANCE MAN

Member of State Legislature
from Black Hawk County
in Years 1915-16.

Funeral services for Clayton Edward Bronson, 53, manager of the Bronson Insurance agency, 317 First National building, and Black Hawk county representative in the state legislature in 1915-16, will be conducted at 2 p. m. Wednesday at the O'Keefe & Towne chapel by Rev. N. J. Lentz, pastor of St. John's Catholic church, with burial in Calvary cemetery.

Mr. Bronson died Monday afternoon at his home, 132 Alta Vista avenue. He had been in ill health for a year.

Son of Pioneers.

Bronson, son of Lyman H. Bronson and Frances Butterfield Bronson, Iowa pioneers, was born on a farm near Raymond, Black Hawk county, Ia., Sept. 1, 1881. He moved to Waterloo with his parents in 1889 and was graduated from East High school in January, 1903. He then entered the insurance business which his father had established.

He married Nina Wangler Oct. 6, 1910. Elected as a Republican to the state legislature he served in the Thirty-sixth general assembly. He was a member of Waterloo lodge, No. 280, B. P. O. E.

Five Children Survive.

His widow, three sons, Stephen, Louis and Clayton, Jr., all at home; two daughters, Jean, at home, and Genevieve, Jacksonville, Fla.; four brothers, Dr. I. C. Bronson and Dr. A. P. Bronson, both of Nora Springs, Ia.; Dr. A. E. Bronson, Astoria, Ill., and Dr. J. L. Bronson, 230 Second street west, and one sister, Mrs. Cora Spafford, Mohall, N. D., survive.

Two brothers, Franklin and Clarence W. Bronson, preceded him in death.

Grundy Will Grade Border Road; Black Hawk to Pay Half

Grundy county will grade the three-mile road south of Hicks, on the line between Grundy and Black Hawk, and Black Hawk will pay half the cost. Work will start as soon as possible next spring and the grade will be of the permanent type approved by the state highway commission for county trunk roads.

Members of the Black Hawk board Monday signed an agreement allowing grading, as the work can be done more cheaply in one contract than

Child Study Group Planned for City

Will Have Four Meetings in
February, March Under
I. S. T. C. Leader.

A central child study group in which members of all 16 Parent-Teacher associations in Waterloo will participate will have four meetings late in February and early in March, at the Y. W. C. A., the City Council of Parents & Teachers decided at a meeting Monday night at the Y. M. C. A.

A member of the faculty of the department of education of Iowa State Teachers college will be the leader.

Plans were discussed also for a musicale late in March at the Y. M. C. A.

Directions were given for observance of Founders' day by the individual associations during the week of Feb. 17, and by the council at its February meeting.

The council voted to contribute toward a memorial for the late Mary S. Christie, former principal of Hawthorne school and long-time member of the teaching staff in Waterloo schools.

A series of slides on "Correct Lighting," supplied by the Iowa Public Service company, was shown.

Mayer Protests City Hall Move

Protest against moves toward construction of a city hall in Lincoln park was made Tuesday by J. W. Mayer, 610 Eighth street west, who believes the city could more profitably spend its money for other purposes.

"The city park has been set aside for the people," he said. "It serves as a memorial to a president who lived and died for a people, not a class."

"The city could better spend its money in cleaning up the polluted waters of Cedar river. Our streets sadly need attention, and the condition in which we find our sidewalks is a shame."

"Perhaps I am one of the so-called nobodies, but I am urging this protest not for me alone but for the common people of this city. If we build a new city hall, each one of us must pay. It's time some of us were awakened."

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Whitten Schools Close Because of Road Conditions

(Courier Special Service)

Whitten, Ia.—Whitten schools have closed for an indefinite period. Resumption will depend upon the condition of the roads. The thick coating of ice has made it impossible for the pupils and teachers to reach school regularly. Instructors have returned to their homes to await instructions from the board.

Gasoline Price Raised 1.6 Cents

Gasoline prices in Waterloo and Cedar Falls were advanced 1.6 cents per gallon Tuesday by all companies to bring prices back to the so-called normal level that has prevailed in all towns in this area except Waterloo and Cedar Falls since last October.

The new prices effective Tuesday quote ethyl gasoline at 18.5, regular, 16.5 and competitive or third grade gasoline at 15.5 cents, these prices including the federal and state tax.

Mrs. Lena Snowden Dies in Chas. City

(Courier Special Service)

Charles City, Ia.—Mrs. Lena Snowden, 72, died in Cedar Valley hospital Monday following a week's illness. She had lived for the past few years at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Warren Berry, here.

Another daughter of Storm Lake, Mrs. Z. Z. White, also survives.

Services will be held Wednesday afternoon in Eagle Grove, where interment will be.

MINISTER WILL TALK ON FRATERNITIES' VALUE AT MASONIC RALLY

(Courier Special Service)

West Union, Ia.—The Rev. Oswald Sandbach, of the First M. E. church of Decorah, will speak on the value and benefits of fraternities in creating faith in men today, at the Masonic-Eastern Star and Rainbow assembly party. It will be in the Masonic lodge room in West Union, Jan. 31, at 8 p. m. The program will be followed by a picnic supper. All members of the orders will be welcome.

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efforts into other fields and is now financially interested in a number of important enterprises in Waterloo.

In 1884 Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Miss Jessie L. Ayres, of Eldora, Iowa, by whom he has three children, namely: Blanche I., Gladys W. and Dorothy M. The parents hold membership in the Universalist church and Mr. Martin is a member of the Town Criers Club. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge and is a very prominent Mason, connected with all the different bodies of both the York and Scottish Rites, while upon him has been conferred the honorary thirty-third degree. His prominence in the order is indicated in the fact that he was grand master of the grand lodge of Iowa. He is also an active factor in politics and has filled a number of local offices, including that of mayor, in which he served for four years, from 1901 until 1905, giving to the city a businesslike and public-spirited administration characterized by advancement and improvement along many lines. The steps in his orderly progression are easily discernible, for from the outset of his career he has gradually worked his way upward, proving his ability in many ways. He is today regarded as a forceful and resourceful business man of Waterloo and one whose efforts have been highly beneficial along many lines.

CLAYTON E. BRONSON.

Wide-awake, alert, enterprising and at all times watchful of opportunities, Clayton E. Bronson has gained a creditable position in insurance circles, is also known as one of the leaders of the republican party in Black Hawk county and was elected state representative in November, 1914. He was born at Raymond, in this county, September 1, 1881, a son of Lyman H. and Frances (Butterfield) Bronson. The mother, who was a native of New York, passed away in November, 1912. The father, who survives, is a native of Connecticut and in 1858 took up his abode in Raymond, Black Hawk county, where he resided until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted at Waterloo in 1863 as a member of the First Iowa Cavalry, remaining at the front until the close of hostilities and rendering valiant aid to the cause which he espoused. He voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1860 and has always been a staunch republican, never failing to vote for each presidential candidate of the party since that time save in 1864, when he was on the field of battle. Following his return at the close of the war he became identified with agricultural interests in Black Hawk county and was also president for many years of the Black Hawk County Mutual Fire Insurance Company. In 1900 he came to Waterloo, where he established his present insurance business. He has now resided in this county for more than a half century and has been an interested witness of its continued growth and development. He has always taken an active interest in politics and done considerable to shape the history of the county along that line, yet he has never been an office seeker.

His son, Clayton E. Bronson, pursued a public-school education, which he completed by graduation from the East Waterloo high school with the class of 1903. He afterward became associated with his father in the insurance busi-

ness under the firm style of L. H. Bronson & Son, conducting a general insurance business. This is one of the oldest insurance firms in the city, the business having been established on the 1st of January, 1900, by the senior partner. The insurance which they write annually amounts to a large figure, for they have gained an extensive clientage by reason of their honorable business methods, their well directed persistency and the fact that they represent a number of the most substantial old line companies. Aside from that business Clayton E. Bronson is also interested in several manufacturing enterprises and other business concerns of Waterloo and his sound judgment and keen sagacity constitute elements in their continued success. He is likewise interested in real estate in East Waterloo, having made investments from time to time until he is the owner of considerable property.

On the 6th of October, 1910, Mr. Bronson was united in marriage to Miss Nina Wangler, a daughter of R. C. Wangler, of Waterloo. They have one daughter, Esther Jean. Mr. Bronson and his family are widely and favorably known in the city where they reside. He is a member of the Town Criers Club, of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of the Commercial Club and Board of Trade—associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and activities. He has always been deeply interested in politics from his boyhood days, giving his political support to the republican party, but he was for the first time a candidate for office, when in November, 1914, he was elected representative in the state legislature. Whether in office or out of it, he is loyal to the best interests of his community and belongs to that class of representative men who are constantly pushing forward the wheels of progress.

WALTER A. BRYANT, JR.

Walter A. Bryant, Jr., is the secretary of the Bryant Asphalt Pavement Company, controlling one of the chief industrial enterprises of Black Hawk county. He is a man of determined purpose, allowing no obstacles or difficulties to bar his path if they can be overcome by persistent, earnest and honorable effort. Energy has been the key that has unlocked for him the portals of success, and, stepping over the threshold, he has found broader opportunities which he is now wisely utilizing.

A native of Illinois, Mr. Bryant came to Iowa when his parents removed to Cedar Falls, at which time he was a lad of eight years. His youthful days were there spent and the joys and pleasures of boyhood divided his time with the work of the schoolroom. He was comparatively young when he put aside his text-books and began to earn his living as an employe of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, remaining in active connection with that company for five years. He then resigned his position and turned his attention to the lumber business, in which he engaged at Cedar Falls in partnership with his father. The new enterprise prospered from the beginning and W. A. Bryant, Jr., continued in active connection therewith for fourteen years, or until 1907, in which year the Bryant Asphalt Pavement Company was organized and incorporated with a capital stock of two hundred thousand dollars. Of this company