

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____

Senator

Leslie E. - Represented Clay, Dickinson, Cass and Palo Alto Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 4 Apr 1871 near Spirit Lake, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason, Shriner

C. Profession Lawyer; real estate developer

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th General Assemblies 1909, 1911, 1913, 1915

6. Public Offices

A. Local Dickinson County attorney 1895-1901

B. State Legal advisor to the Iowa Legion Control Commission 1934-1935

C. National Candidate for Republican nomination for U. S. Senator in 1922, but failed

7. Death 11 Feb 1957 Des Moines Iowa; buried Lakewood Cemetery, Spirit Lake, Iowa

8. Children Miriam Frances (Mrs. Dodge); Mervyn (died 24 Feb 1924)

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education _____

11. Degrees

Graduate of State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa Law
School in 1913

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He served in the legislature from Dickinson County through 1915
and then moved to Des Moines, Iowa Sept 1917
- After his son, Murray, died in 1924 he held services
his Des Moines home.
- He began his law practice in Spirit Lake 16 Jan 1893
- He enjoyed giving campaign speeches for Republican candidates
and took part in state campaigns for 30 years.
- When he moved to Des Moines he was a wealthy lawyer and
real estate owner
- He said he had the most complete private law and general
library in Iowa.
- When he came to Des Moines he formed a law partnership
with former Attorney General George Coe in 1912.
- He bought real estate from Canada to Mexico and Florida to
California.
- He owned 2 oil refineries in Ranger, Texas, in a wide variety
of other enterprises including a tire factory in Des Moines.

SPIRIT LAKE ROYALTY—Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Klein were chosen last week by the executive board of the Chamber of Commerce to represent Spirit Lake at the annual St. Margaret's Guild Mardi Gras in Sioux City, March 5. This is the first year a Duke and Duchess have represented this community at this pre-Lenten social affair. (Beacon Photo)

Dr. And Mrs. A. L. Klein Named Mardi Gras 'Duke And Duchess'

Will Attend Mar. 5
Sioux City Event

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Klein were chosen last week by the executive committee of the Spirit Lake Chamber of Commerce to represent Spirit Lake in the 28th annual Mardi Gras sponsored by St. Margaret's guild of St. Thomas Episcopal church in Sioux City Tuesday evening, March 5, at Shore Acres ballroom there.

Officially titled "Duke and Duchess," the well known local optometrist and his wife will be the first Spirit Lake couple so honored at the traditional Sioux City social season highlight event.

Coronation of a new king and queen will be the feature of the full evening of entertainment. As usual, the pageant of the court will be presented with elaborate costuming, attendants, announcing the dukes and duchesses from neighboring towns, trumpeters and train bearers. Following the coronation ceremonies early in the evening, those in attendance will parteciate in a gala ball for the remainder of the evening.

True Mardi Gras

Scheduled for Shrove Tuesday, this year's event will be a true Mardi Gras, with dancing starting at 8:30 p.m. and the party ending promptly at midnight. According to St. Margaret's guild members, Mari Gras will be a formal ball this year, providing a social highlight to the pre-Lenten season.

Everyone is invited to attend the affair and tickets will go on sale Feb. 18. For those interested in attending, tickets can be obtained by sending a request to Mardi Gras St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Sioux City, Iowa.

Outstanding

Duke and Duchess representatives from the honored towns are chosen for their outstanding work in civic affairs, church activities, and service work. Dr. Klein is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Kiwanis Club, a city councilman for two years, is treasurer and a

Services Wednesday For Leslie Francis, 85, Former State Senator

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Leslie E. Francis, 85, retired Des Moines lawyer and former state senator from Spirit Lake, who passed away Monday in his Des Moines home of cancer. Interment was in Lakeview cemetery in Spirit Lake.

Mr. Francis was born April 4, 1871 on the farm his parents homesteaded near Spirit Lake in 1860. He served as state senator from 1909 through 1915 while residing in Spirit Lake.

He moved to Des Moines in 1917 and embraced spiritualism after the death of his only son, Merwyn, in 1924. He held seances in his Des Moines home.

His widow and a daughter, Mrs. Miriam Dodge survive.

W. Sanders To Speak At Ike Meeting Monday

A turkey supper and meeting will be held Monday night, Feb. 18, in the basement of the Farm Bureau building in Spirit Lake by the Dickinson County Izaak Walton Chapter beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Wayne Sanders, former Woodbury county conservation officer and native of Spencer, now with the Conservation Commission main office in Des Moines will be the main speaker during the program which will follow. One of the newest films released by the National Fish and Wildlife Service will also be shown.

A few state directors and officers from neighboring county chapters will also be present.

Mail Schedule Available

A complete schedule of incoming and outgoing Spirit Lake mail is now available at the post office.

The schedule was prepared by the Spirit Lake Chamber of Commerce from information furnished by the local post office for the convenience of the patrons.

Estherville, Shirley Hawes, Harris, Betty Baldwin, Spencer; Jackie Hall, Melvin, and Penny Orr, Spirit Lake.

Dramatic Declamation: Colleen Smith, Estherville, Sue Avery, Spencer; JoEllen Harris, Lake Center; Vera Wilson, Spirit Lake; Judy Marcks, Milford; Peggy Weaver, Okoboji; Kenneth Berringer, Ruthven; Mary Sackett, Spencer; Diane Huntsinger, Estherville; Dianne Ashmore, Spirit Lake; Betty Toland, Ruthven; and Steve Maynard, Estherville.

One Act Plays: Okoboji, Arnolds Park, Hartley, Spencer, Estherville and Spirit Lake.

Original Oratory: Vera Wilson, Spirit Lake; Karen Bohn, Spirit Lake; Roberta Kraft, Terril; and Donna Jansen, Spirit Lake.

Humorous Declamation: Marilyn Dummett, Melvin; Janie Hughes, Okoboji; Joanne Schnell, Ruthven; Judy Cook, Terril; Susan Steinmetz, Melvin; Sylvia Young, Estherville; Jim Walling, Spencer; Patricia Berning, Milford; Nancy Cain, Spirit Lake; Mike Query, Spencer; Janet Miller, Estherville; Gerald Schmelzing, Arnolds Park; Mary Ann Barfoot, Estherville; Grant Polk, Lake Park; Sandy Remmers, Melvin; and Nancy Gustafson, Ruthven.

Oratorical Declamation: Linda Halquist, Spirit Lake; Barry Maxson, Spirit Lake; Barbara Hibma, Harris; Jean Sunde, Estherville; LaVonne Stueve, Lake Center; Sharon Harris, Spencer; Mary Blair, Lake Park; Leila Monke-meier, Melvin; Salley Jansen, Estherville; Wilson Forbes, Harris; Ed Purdy, Spirit Lake; and Betsy Gray, Estherville.

Extemporaneous Speaking: Grada McCurdy, Spencer; Harlan Schmidt, Spirit Lake; Michael Graeber, Spirit Lake; and Mary Ann Sigler, Spirit Lake.

Girl Scout Leaders Meetings on Propose

3 Meetings to Be
Held in Spirit Lake
February 19, 20

General development committee members for the proposed northwest Iowa Council for Girl Scouts will conduct their second over-all meeting at the Ruthven school Wednesday evening, Feb. 20, starting at 7:45.

At this time the sub-committees will report their current findings on the survey they have been conducting in the area since the kickoff meeting held last October in Spencer. The name proposed for this area council

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Aqaba area without prior
assurances against renewed
land and sea hostilities by
Egypt.
He asked the assembly for
guidance as to what he should
do next.
Dulles Sees Eban
In Washington, meanwhile,
Secretary of State Dulles was
conferring with Israeli Amba-
sador Abba Eban in an at-
tempt to persuade Israel to
withdraw her forces from the
Gaza and Aqaba areas.
But afterward, Eban told re-
porters his government con-
tinues to demand "concrete
and tangible guarantees" be-
fore withdrawing. A pledge by
Egypt's President Gamal Ab-
del Nasser, he said, would be
insufficient (Story on Page 2.)
President Eisenhower con-
ferred Monday with Dulles by
telephone on the Israeli crisis
for the fourth time since the
president arrived in Georgia
last Friday for about 10 days
of quail hunting and golf.
They talked Monday for about
20 minutes.
Power
Hammaraskjold told the gen-
eral assembly that only the
security council under the U.
N. charter has the power to
enforce sanctions. He said the
assembly can recommend
sanctions but "the recommend-
ation is not compulsory."
[The security council
dropped the Middle East prob-
lem after British and French
vetoes last fall blocked its ef-
forts to act.
[Britain's Foreign Secretary
Selwyn Lloyd told the house
of commons in London Mon-
day that Britain would not
support sanctions against Is-
rael "without the other part of
the picture [Israel's demands
for guarantees] being cov-
ered."
Hammaraskjold said that in
some cases assembly action,
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**L. E. Francis
Is Dead at 85**
**Was Lawyer, Land
Developer**
Leslie E. Francis, 85, retired
Des Moines lawyer and real
estate developer, died of
cancer Monday
at his home,
3519 Grand ave.
Mr. Francis
had been in
failing health
since Dec. 5,
when he under-
went major
surgery at
Iowa Methodist
Hospital.
Distinguished
by his dignity
of bearing, he had been ad-
dressed as "Senator" since he
was in the Iowa senate from
1909 through 1915 when he
lived in Spirit Lake.
He was born Apr. 4, 1871 on
the farm near Spirit Lake
which his parents home-
steaded in May, 1860, three
years after the Indian massa-
cre that started Mar. 8, 1857.
The only other elective of-
fice he ever held was county
attorney of Dickinson County.
He was a candidate for the
Republican nomination for
U. S. senator in the 1922 spe-
cial primary election. He ran
fourth in a field of six led by
the late Senator Smith W.
Brookhart.
Campaigns
He began speaking for Re-
publican candidates in 1894,
and took part in state cam-
paigns for 30 years.
Francis received his law de-
gree from the State Univer-
sity of Iowa in 1893, and be-
gan practice in Spirit Lake
Francis
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FRANCIS
(1935 Photo)

**Forster Has
New Setup
For Police**
By Robert H. Splegel
City Manager George For-
ster told the city council Mon-
day of a proposed reorganiza-
tion plan for the police depart-
ment, which would place as-
sistant chiefs over three major
bureaus.
Forster said he would sub-
mit details later, along with
necessary legislation.
"I've gone over the reor-
ganization with the police
chief [Howard Elde] and he
is wholeheartedly in ac-
cord," said Forster.
The manager said the reor-
ganization plan is "somewhat
in line with the Whaley re-
port."
He referred to a study made
of the Des Moines police de-
partment by Lt. Joseph Wha-
ley of the Berkeley, Cal., po-
lice department in 1951.
At present, the Des Moines
police department has only
one assistant chief — Floyd
Hartzer. Forster proposed to
add two more.
The three would super-
vise uniform, investigation
and service bureaus, and
Police—
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**Highways Slippery
In Eastern Iowa**
The Iowa highway commis-
sion Monday morning said two
to five inches of snow over
the eastern one-fourth of Iowa
Sunday left highways in an
area east of a line through
Ottumwa, Vinton and Oelwein
slippery with ice and snow.
The mid-afternoon tempera-
ture here Monday was 46 de-
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Arsonist Flees Amid Bullets

CHICAGO, ILL. (AP)—An
arsonist escaped under gun-
fire Sunday by leaping from
top of one 21-story grain
elevator to another after he
discovered setting several
fires in a Continental
C elevator.
He had accidentally tripped
the fire alarm, Chicago police
Sgt. William Madigan
arrested the arsonist, who es-
caped by leaping a 10-foot gap
the roof to an adjoining

Francis-- Continued from Page One

June 16, 1893. He was Dick-
inson County attorney from
1895 to 1901; was elected
state senator in 1908 and re-
elected in 1912.

He was a wealthy lawyer
and real estate owner when
he moved to Des Moines
Sept. 8, 1917. He often
said he had owned and im-
proved more farms in Iowa
than any other individual
or corporation; once he
had the most complete pri-
vate law and general li-
brary in Iowa.

His interest had turned more
from law to real estate when
he moved to Des Moines to
form a law partnership with
former Atty. Gen. George Cos-
son in 1918.

"False Gods"

He attributed his financial
reverses in the depression
thirties to "chasing after false
gods in the shape of land."

He bought real estate from
Canada to Mexico and from
Florida to California.

He once owned two refin-
eries, a bank in Ranger, Tex.,
and was in a wide variety of
other enterprises, including a
tire factory in Des Moines.

He was legal adviser to
the Iowa liquor control com-
mission from soon after it or-
ganized in 1934 until May,
1935.

Francis embraced spiritual-
ism in consolation for grief
over the death of his only son,
Merwyn, Feb. 24, 1924. He re-
lated in 1926 that his son "en-
tered a higher plane from

which he may and does com-
municate with friends and
loved ones here."

Mrs. Francis and their
daughter, Mrs. Miriam Francis
Dodge, who survive, were
present, the senator said in
1926, at seances in the then
Francis home at 4140 Grand
ave.

Francis bought the former
Coffee three-story stone man-
sion, recently sold by Mrs.
Grace Doane Pierce, before he
came to Des Moines.

The Coffee mansion was
built about 1905 by the late
Dr. W. O. Coffee, and long has
been a Des Moines landmark
and showplace. The Francis
family lived in it until 1939.

Active until his final illness,
in recent years he had con-
structed a number of rental
properties in Des Moines on
Thirty-sixth street near his
home and on S. W. Eighth
street.

Mr. Francis was a member
of Central Presbyterian
Church, a charter member of
Wakonda Club, a Knight
Templar and member of the
Shrine.

Besides his widow and
daughter, he is survived by
one granddaughter.

Services are being arranged
at the Dunn Funeral Home.

Bomb Scare

CHICAGO, ILL. (INS)—
Some 300 patrons were or-
dered out of the Oriental
Theater in Chicago's loop
Sunday while police searched
the movie house after a man
phoned and said he had plant-
ed a bomb in the theater that
would go off at 5 p. m. No
bomb was found.

Rites Wednesday For Mrs. Jones

Services for Mrs. Ayl-
Jones, 64, of 1336 Twelfth s
who died of a stroke Sunday
at Iowa Methodist Hospital
will be at 2 p. m. Wednesday
at the Saylorville Baptist
Church, where she was
member.

Burial will be in Highlan-
Memory Gardens Cemetery.
The body will be at the Jon-
home from Tuesday morn-
until the services.

A native of Cabool, Mo.,
Mrs. Jones formerly lived
Liberty Center and Monr-
before coming to Des Moines
about two years ago.

Surviving are her husband
three daughters, Mrs. No-
Trimble of Bagley, Min-
Mrs. Doris Peters of Spokan,
Wash., and Mrs. Helen Ke-
of Algona; two sons, Leona-
of Waterloo and Earl
Phoenix, Ariz.; her moth-
Mrs. Mary Roberts of Cabo-
and four sisters, Mrs. Cla-
Hamilton and Wanda Rob-
both of Cabool, Mrs. Har-
Collins of Vanzant, Mo., a
Mrs. Dorrine Eastman of Wa-
Plains, Mo.

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