

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative KELSO, Joseph, Jr. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Served from Jackson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 21 September 1875, Bellevue, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place \_\_\_\_\_

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business banker, florist

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession \_\_\_\_\_

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 34 & 35 GA, 1913-1916

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State member State board of conservation

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

7. Death 13 January 1956, Youngstown, NY (bur. Bellevue, Ia.)

8. Children \_\_\_\_\_

9. Names of parents Joseph Kelso (b. Ireland c. 1820 - Bellevue, 1898  
(2d wf) Sophia F. Shaw (of Maquoketa, b. NY 3 Dec. 1836 - ), in 1870.

10. Education Bellevue schools; Coe College

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11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Other applicable information Associated for some years with his

father's bank in Bellevue. Member State Board of Conservation; Iowa State Florists Assn.

~~In 1910 held world's record in 20-foot speed boat competition. Outdoors man, was active in baseball, hunting and fishing, and was expert gardner.~~

~~Mason, Elks, Democrat~~

Lived with sister in NY for a number of years after leaving Bellevue; and in 1950 moved to Youngstown, NY, to live near niece.

Father, Joseph Kelso Sr., son of minister of Church of Sededers of Scotland, was b. northern Ireland; came to US 1840, lived in VA 1 yr, then to Pike Co Ohio where he clerked, taught school, and started study of law. Finished study in Galena, Ill., was admitted to Ill. bar, practiced in Galena 2 yrs, then moved to Bellevue. IN Jackson Co he was county judge 4 years, and prosecuting atty; then mayor of Bellevue. In 1868 started his bank, which continued for many years (a sonndying 1922 was banker in BV). He married Eliza Cressy (Of Mass.) 1858. She died 1867. Two sons of first marriage; Joseph Jr and two daughters of second marriage.

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Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Stork/Clingan, Legialators		x	swessions served
Bellevue Herald, Thur Jan 19, 1956		x	death; obit
House Journal 1957		x	memorial
WPA death records		x	father (yas 1896 as death)
1900 and 1920 Iowa census	x		not found in Soundex
History Jackson Co. 1989	x		
Hist Jackson Co. 1879		x	bfo father
Port & Bio Album Jackson Co 1889		x	bio father
Ellis, Hist Jacison Co 1910		x	bio father

When exercising his right of franchise Mr. Skov does not consider himself bound by party ties but casts an independent ballot. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, with which his wife is also identified. He is numbered among those who left the fatherland to identify themselves with American life and institutions, who have pushed their way to the front and who are a credit alike to the land of their birth and that of their adoption.

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HON. JOSEPH KELSO.

There was no dissent to the opinion that Bellevue had lost one of its most honored, prominent and valued citizens when Joseph Kelso was called to his final rest on the 29th of March, 1898, at the age of eighty-four years. His life history was closely connected with the annals of Jackson county and the nature and variety of his public service, his identification with professional interests and above all, his pleasant and cordial relations with his fellowmen made his loss one that was deeply and widely felt. He was born in County Antrim, Ireland, a son of the Rev. Joseph and Rebecca (Johnston) Kelso, who were also natives of Ireland but were of Scotch descent. The ancestors migrated from Scotland to the north of Ireland at the time of the rebellion. The Rev. Joseph Kelso was a Presbyterian minister and spent his entire life in the country of his nativity. Unto him and his wife were born the following named: John J., a physician, who died in Ireland; Robert, who was also practicing medicine in that country until his demise; Joseph, of this review; Dr. James Kelso, a physician, who died at Ackley, Iowa; William Henry, who practiced medicine at Sterling, Canada; Mrs. Jane Armstrong, who died in California; and Mrs. Maria McKinstry and Mrs. Sarah Armstrong, who died in Ireland. There were also two half-brothers; the Hon. David Kelso, of Kansas, who served in the state legislature there and was prominent as attorney for the Kansas & Texas Railroad; and Thomas, who followed merchandising, at Belleville, Canada.

Judge Kelso, whose name introduces this record, spent his youthful days amid the refining influences of a cultured Christian home in his own land. He emigrated to America in 1840, settling first in Virginia, and subsequently he removed to Pike county, Ohio, where he engaged in teaching school, devoting his leisure hours during that period to the study of law. In 1845 he entered upon a regular course of law studies under the direction of the Hon. Thomas Corwin, while later his preceptor was John M. Douglas, who afterward became president of the Illinois Central Railroad. Following his admission to the bar he came to Bellevue in 1849, locating here for the practice of his profession. From that time until his death he remained an honored and valued citizen of this county and was widely recognized as one of the foremost members of the bar of this part of the state. In the early '60s he became associated with W. L. Redmond in the banking business, under the firm name of Kelso & Redmond. The partnership was maintained

*Common letter  
for the record  
by Henry*

until 1868, when Mr. Redmond withdrew and Mr. Kelso remained alone in business as proprietor of a private bank up to the time of his death, when he was succeeded by his sons, Walter C. and Joseph Kelso. His law practice and his banking business, however, by no means comprised the field of his activity. He was prominently connected with public affairs in an official capacity at different times. Early in his practice here he was elected prosecuting attorney and served very acceptably in that office. In 1857 he was elected county judge of Jackson county and remained upon the bench for one term, his strictly fair and impartial decisions winning him "golden opinions from all sorts of people." He also held the office of mayor and was elected to other official positions within the gift of the city and county. He regarded a public office as a public trust—no trust reposed in him was ever betrayed in the slightest degree. It is said that while he was prosecuting attorney he prepared his cases so carefully and prosecuted them with such zeal that no person indicted by him escaped conviction. His political allegiance was originally given to the whig party and upon its dissolution he joined the ranks of the know-nothing party. Later he became a supporter of the democracy and affiliated with that organization until his demise. His position was never an equivocal one and he stanchly advocated at all appropriate times and places the views which he held.

Judge Kelso was married twice. In 1858 he wedded Miss Eliza Cressy, of Beverly, Massachusetts. They traveled life's journey happily together for about nine years and were then separated by the death of the wife, who died in Bellevue in 1867, leaving two sons: Walter C., who is now a banker of Bellevue; and William, a grain dealer and banker of Hallock, Minnesota. In 1870 Judge Kelso was again married, his second union being with Miss Sophia F. Shaw, of Maquoketa, who was born in Ellisburg, Jefferson county, New York, December 3, 1836. Her father, John Shaw, was born in Palmer, Massachusetts, in 1790. He was a son of David and Elizabeth (McMaster) Shaw. In 1794 the family left New England and removed to Otsego county, New York, where John Shaw was reared to manhood on a farm. While he early became familiar with agricultural pursuits, he believed that other business lines would prove more profitable and congenial, and engaged in merchandising until he came to Iowa. It was in the spring of 1839 that he made his way to Dubuque, where for one year he engaged in the drug business. He then came with his family to Bellevue, where he remained two years, during which time he engaged in merchandising and also filled the position of postmaster. On the expiration of that period he located on land which is now a part of the present site of Maquoketa and there he spent his remaining days. He had secured this tract as a squatter's claim about 1836 and he bought the land from the government as soon as it was placed on the market. Thereon he remained up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1853. He married Sophia Fisk, a native of Massachusetts, who removed with her parents in 1820 to New York, where she resided to the time of her marriage. Her father was Dr. William Fisk. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were born the following children: Sophia F., who is now the widow of Judge Kelso; John C., deceased; Laura, who is the widow of J. C. Brocksmitt and

lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Carrie E., who is the widow of Dr. W. H. C. Moore and is living in Essex, Iowa; Mary C., of Maquoketa; and Austin F., who died in 1890. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were very public spirited and were actively interested in the advancement of educational and religious matters in this community. They gave all their children a good education and thus were they well equipped for life's practical and responsible duties.

Mrs. Kelso, largely reared on the old homestead farm which her father had taken up from the government, began her education in the country schools and afterward attended the seminary at Rockford, Illinois, now known as Rockford college. She then took up the profession of teaching, which she followed in this county at intervals for sixteen years, the last year being spent as a teacher in the schools at Bellevue. Unto Judge and Mrs. Kelso were born three children: Carrie, now the wife of the Rev. Daniel Russell, a Presbyterian minister who has occupied pulpits in New York and Pittsburg; Joseph, cashier of a bank at Bellevue; and Jennie, the wife of W. B. Guthrie, a professor in a New York city college.

The death of Judge Kelso occurred March 29, 1898, and thus was terminated a long and useful life. He was a man of the strictest integrity and honesty, who loved the truth in all things and abhorred falsehood. Though advanced in years he continued in active business until his last illness and his name was a synonym for integrity in all commercial and financial transactions. He held friendship inviolable and was a valued and progressive citizen, but his best traits of character were reserved for his own home and fireside. At the time of his demise one of the local papers said: "By the death of Judge Kelso his town has lost a sagacious and energetic man of business; his fellow citizens a pattern of fidelity and industry; his friends a safe counselor; his family a kind husband and indulgent father; but he has left them a legacy richer than his wealth in the memory of one who above all things hated falsehood and loved the truth, whose integrity was never doubted, who never failed in the fulfillment of a promise and who never broke his word."

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#### REV. N. J. BIES.

For more than a quarter of a century Father N. J. Bies has ministered to the spiritual needs of the Catholic parish of Bellevue and in this capacity has not only made a place for himself in the hearts of the community but has proved himself a man of great business ability and a strong factor in the moral progress of his locality. He was born in the grand duchy of Luxemburg, May 20, 1852, his parents being Francis and Susannah (Gauché) Bies, the former also a native of Luxemburg, the latter of Belgium. They crossed the Atlantic and came to Jackson county, Iowa, in 1853, locating on a farm near St. Donatus, where Francis Bies carried on agricultural pursuits successfully throughout the remainder of his active life. Later he retired to the village of St. Donatus and there his death occurred July 27, 1907, when he was eighty-five years of age. His widow still lives

His skiff is in form, a model, in material, sheet-iron, and its equipment is "Lyman's Patent Oars," whereby the oarsman is enabled, like other travelers, to "face forward, march." His rifle and shotgun are polished pets of first quality, and in his hands seldom fail to send the missile to the mark, whether it be the fleet game or the professional target. He is still chief salesman in his own store, and retains the customers who first gave him their patronage thirty-five years ago. Although plain spoken, his candor does not offend. Strict conformity to the law of rectitude is the duty of all men, but his neighbors and patrons declare that he is "peculiar;" and one peculiarity is that his "word is as good as his bond." His claim to unassuming honesty is unquestioned, and 'tis a pleasure to remind the reader that poetry and philosophy crown the "honest man" as one of the "noblest works of God."

**JERRY JONAS**, farmer, Sec. 12; P. O. Bellevue; he was born Nov. 15, 1809, in Somerset Co., Penn.; in 1818, he came with his parents to Perry Co., Ohio; in 1834, he came to what is now Jackson Co., and settled on his present location; he at first entered about 400 acres land, and has since sold all but 145 acres; he is one of the oldest settlers of the county. He married Sarah Howe in 1847; she was born in Kentucky; have five children—Edwin, Byron, Franklin, Daniel and Sarah E.

**CHARLES JUSTMAN**, P. O. Bellevue; born in Prussia Nov. 21, 1826; was a farmer in the old country; also in the regular army of Prussia, under the command of Gen. Wangei three and a half years; came to this country in September, 1851, to Milwaukee, then to Illinois; worked on the Illinois Central Railroad; enlisted in the 2d I. V. I.; served nine months; was discharged and engaged in farming in Jackson Co., and is the owner of 213 acres of land in Section 36. His wife was born in Ohio, and moved to Illinois; they were married in Jonesboro, Union Co., Ill., May 1, 1852, and have twelve children—Charlie, Rosa, Lewis, Henry, Fred, Lena, George, Frank, Mary, Clara, Carl, William. Democrat.

**JOHN N. KASS**, saloon and restaurant, corner of Front and Market streets, near the wharf boat, Bellevue; born in Luxemburg, Germany, Sept. 29, 1842; learned the trade of gardener; he traveled throughout the old country considerably; came to this country May 6, 1867, and settled in Bellevue; employed part of the time as storekeeper; he owns town property, and was President of St. Joseph's Society in 1871. His wife was born in Luxemburg in 1841, and came to America and located at the same place. They were married May 6, 1867, at Galena, Ill. Members of the Catholic Church; they have six children—Lizzie, Maggie, Nick, Mary, Francis, Josie.

**A. G. KEGLER**, dry goods, Front street, Bellevue; he was born in 1843 in Nassau, now Prussia; in 1853, he came to Jackson Co., and engaged in farming for about ten years; in 1863, he engaged in the dry-goods business, and, in 1870, he commenced this business on his own account; has held the office of Township Clerk three years. He married Catharina Lenkuhl in 1869; she was born in 1848, in Germany; died in 1873; have one child—Katie B. Second marriage, to Catharina Herbst, in the fall of 1873; she was born in Germany; have three children—August T., Wm. C. and Harry C.

**HON. JOSEPH KELSO**, banker, Bellevue; a native of Ireland; at the age of 20, he came to America and first settled in Virginia. In 1840, he went to Pike Co., Ohio; engaged in teaching school and reading law; in 1845, he commenced a regular course of law studies, under the supervision of N. K. Clough, and afterward with John M. Douglass, who is now a resident of Chicago; after being admitted to the bar, he removed to Bellevue, in 1849, and practiced his profession; he also joined himself with W. L. Redmond, of Bellevue, in the banking business, under the firm name of Kelso & Redmond; this connection continued till 1868, when the firm was dissolved, since which time the business has been carried on by Mr. Kelso, alone. He was elected Prosecuting Attorney, and served very acceptably in that office; in 1857, was elected County Judge of Jackson Co., which office he held for one term; he has held the office of Mayor and many other places of trust, within the gift of the citizens of this city and county. He is a man of strict integrity, and a shrewd business financier, and is held in universal esteem by all who know him. He married Miss Eliza

Cressy, who was born in Beverly, Essex Co., Mass.; she died in Bellevue in 1864; they had two children—Walter C. and William. His second marriage was in 1872, to Miss Sophia F. Shaw, of Maquoketa; she was born in Dubuque; they have three children—Carrie, Joseph and Jennie.

**W. M. KEISTER**, retired farmer; P. O. Bellevue; born in Virginia in 1840; came to Iowa in 1847 and engaged in farming thirty-two years, six miles from Bellevue; moved into town and built a red brick residence on the bluff back of the town, commanding a fine river view. As a public man, he has the confidence of the people; has been elected to all the offices in the township; is a member of the City Council. His wife was born in Germany and came to America at the age of 1 year; they were married at Andrew, Jackson Co., May 16, 1864, and have two children—Hattie C. and Myron B.

**G. KEMPTER**, dealer in furniture, Bellevue; born in Wurtemberg in 1826; came to America in 1854; settled in Bellevue in 1860. Secretary of St. Joseph's Society three years; was Treasurer three years, and since re-elected as Secretary. He married Mary Gnegler, born in Austria in 1839; came to this country in 1853; married at Galena July 22, 1861, and have six children—Lizzie, Annie, Josephine, John, Paul and Mary.

**NATHANIEL KILBORN**, miller and farmer, Bellevue; was born May 24, 1821, in Coshocton Co., Ohio; his father, Benjamin Kilborn, died in 1826, leaving the mother without resources and with four dependent children. Struggling in the school of honorable poverty, the children early learned the lesson of self-reliance, which possibly has been the key to his subsequent success. In 1830, his mother married again, and, two years afterward, removed to what is now Effingham Co., Ill., and settled on the National road, twenty-four miles east of Vandalia, then the capital of the State. Here, twenty-four miles from schoolhouse or post office, the family lived until 1836, when the mother died, leaving the four children to battle for themselves in a new country and among strangers. Under these circumstances of pioneer life, the subject of our sketch received his early education; in this vicinity, he labored at various occupations until 1841, when he went to Galena, Ill., where he worked two years as a smelter in a lead furnace, his first visit to Jackson Co. was in 1841, but he did not settle there until after his Galena experience. In company with David Harris he happened to be in Bellevue on the 3d of April, 1843, when the real estate of the "late notorious Brown" was being sold by his administrator, Shaderick Burleson. The terms were nine months' credit at 10 per cent, secured by the property itself. Messrs. Kilborn & Harris bought for \$195 what was known as the "Brown Hotel" and which had been the rendezvous of the Brown gang of horse-thieves. This hotel had been rendered famous in 1840 as the place of Brown's death and as the principal scene of the "Bellevue war." The lot where the family of Mr. Harris now resides was bought for \$12 at the same sale, making the entire purchase \$207. In August of the same year, 1843, Messrs. Harris & Kilborn started a variety store with a joint capital of \$500. Business for a time was prosperous, the Brown property was paid for and other investments made, including the building of a storehouse, the latter of which so embarrassed the firm as to compel them in 1845 to close business. After spending the next year in the pineries of Wisconsin, he returned to Bellevue, and, in the autumn of 1846, married Miss Hannah Vanderburg, step-daughter of J. C. Mitchell, who was quite prominent in the "Bellevue war." Mrs. Kilborn has proved a worthy companion and true helpmeet and has contributed her share in achieving their present position of honorable competence. They have had five children; two only are living—James Mitchell now at home, and Hannah, married E. T. Healey and resides in Dubuque. For two years after marriage, Mr. Kilborn worked at whatever occupation would afford a livelihood; in 1849, he gathered the necessary material, and, unaided, made himself a comfortable house. The "gold fever" took him off to the mines of California one year, and, on his return in 1851, he and Andrew Woods went into business on a joint capital of \$1,600; this partnership, which was pleasant and profitable, was terminated in 1862. He spent three years of the war in Government employ with W. A. Warren,



gent and successful teacher. Of her pleasant marriage with our subject two children have been born, Luella S. and Sarah O.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Orr are valued members of the United Presbyterian Church, and they cheerfully give practical and substantial aid to all sectarian and benevolent works, and Mr. Orr has been closely identified with the Sunday School work of the church as Superintendent. He is greatly interested in educational matters, and has served acceptably as School Director two terms. He has been Supervisor of the Roads for several years, and has been very active in the improvement of the highways, and cordially lends his aid to advance all feasible schemes for the benefit of the township. Politically, he is a sound Republican.



**HON. JOSEPH KELSO.** Many of the strongest characters in American history were born and reared in the North of Ireland. This was largely due to the great social and religious conflict among the people which developed the greatest powers of the naturally strong and sturdy race. One of these distinguished citizens is the gentleman of whom we now write. He is a prominent resident of Bellevue and was born in the North of Ireland about the year 1820. His father, Joseph Kelso, was a minister of the Church of the Seceders of Scotland. He was a gentleman of splendid education and great strength of character, and under his tutorship our subject received his educational training, also attending the schools of the neighborhood. In 1840 our subject came to America, taking passage at Belfast on an American sailing vessel, which, after a voyage of forty days landed him in New York City. Shortly after his arrival in this country Mr. Kelso went to Virginia where he remained for about one year, when he went to Pike County, Ohio, and for a short time thereafter we find him at work as a clerk in a mercantile store. During this time to increase his income he taught a private school and about the year 1844, began the study of law at Piketon, Ohio. For the following eighteen months he read diligently in the office of N. K. Plough.

He then removed to Galena, Ill., where he completed his studies with J.M. Douglas, then a prominent lawyer of Galena, but now a resident of Chicago. He was examined by two of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Illinois, and it may be said to his credit, passed the critical test quite satisfactorily, and he was duly admitted to the practice of law. He hung out his shingle in the city of Galena, and for the following two years passed through that ordeal known to every young man embarking in professional life. He felt that there was a better opportunity for him across the river in Iowa, and we therefore find him, in 1848, moving his effects over to Bellevue. This city at that time was the county seat of Jackson County, and naturally offered splendid inducements to a studious and enterprising young lawyer. Here our subject entered upon a career of thirty years at the bar, and became one of the legal lights, not only of Jackson County, but of the western part of the State.

During the period above alluded to, the Hon. Mr. Kelso served as Judge of Jackson County, during the term from 1859 to 1861. He was called upon to serve the people as their Prosecuting Attorney for the county for several terms. This position as we might reasonably suppose he filled with great credit to himself, and satisfaction to his constituents. He has also served as Mayor of Bellevue, for a number of terms, and in every public and private capacity has always had at heart the growth and prosperity of Bellevue. He has contributed a great deal toward its advancement, and to-day is known as one of the most respected and valued of the pioneer citizens of the town. The Judge is one of those sturdy self-made men we so frequently meet in our Western country. Beginning life with little or no means, by close application and great energy, guided by good common sense, he has been able to accumulate considerable property. In 1868 he went into the banking business and since then has been known as one of the reliable financiers of Bellevue.

Judge Kelso was united in marriage, first with Eliza Cressy, who bore him two children—Walter C., who is now cashier in the Merchants' Bank, at Crookston, Minn., and William, a banker

at Hollock, Minn. The second marriage of Mr. Kelso, was with Sophia F. Shaw, of Maquoketa—this county. This lady became the mother of three children—Carrie, who is now at Oberlin College, Joseph and Jennie.

It is certainly gratifying for a gentleman like Judge Kelso to look back upon a career so successful as regards his personal prosperity, and also upon the splendid advancement made by the community all about him. When he crossed the Father of Waters, the country was comparatively in its primitive condition, and where to-day thriving cities and prosperous villages are located, could then be seen the smoke curling upward from the savage's wigwam, and where the steam engine drawing its heavily laden train winds its way through the valleys, was only the trail of the red man and the home of the wolf, the deer, and the buffalo. No one has contributed more toward the magnificent transformation than has the gentleman of whom we write. He is to-day one of the landmarks of the olden time; a gentleman of ripe experience, splendid business sagacity, and sterling integrity, and no man is more deserving of prominent mention in a work like this, designed to chronicle the careers and achievements of the best people of the community, than the Hon. Joseph Kelso. He has been a lifelong Democrat and has labored diligently for the advancement and growth of the principles of that party. Although not a member of any Church, his religious faith tends toward that of the Presbyterian Church.

**HENRY FLEMING.** The thrifty German citizen found his way to Iowa soon after it was opened for settlement and assisted here as elsewhere in developing the rich resources of the country. Of that class, the subject of this sketch is a most worthy representative. He crossed the Atlantic at the age of twenty-one years, landing in the city of New Orleans, June 27, 1848; thence he proceeded up the Mississippi to Davenport, and was for some time employed as a day laborer. With genuine German thrift and prudence he managed to save enough to

justify him in the establishment of a home some five years later and was married August, 1852, in Scott County, Iowa, near the Wapsipinicon River, to Miss Elizabeth Pethan, a native of Prussia, and they commenced their wedded life together on the farm in the vicinity of Davenport.

Two years later Mr. Fleming having made good headway was enabled to purchase a piece of land on Sugar Creek, on which he operated some time. Thence he removed to Van Buren Township, where he became the owner of 320 acres. He has at the present time 129½ acres on section 35. He has been a witness of many and great changes since coming to this country, especially in the West, where, since his arrival there have been introduced innumerable improvements in the way of transportation and in the manner of cultivating the soil, the farm implements of the present day being a vast improvement upon those of the past. Instead of plodding laborously across the country with ox-teams with his produce, the farmer now simply loads it upon a car and it is quickly conveyed to its destination. Mr. Fleming, although a man quiet and unobtrusive in his habits has closely noted all these things and is proud to write himself as "A German-American citizen."

Our subject was born in the grand Duchy of Holstein, Oct. 12, 1826, and is the son of Henry and Maggie (Snolet) Fleming, who were of pure German stock and whose native place was near that of their son. The father was a soldier during the wars of the first Napoleon and at the Battle of Waterloo when the great chieftain was overthrown. He also participated in many other celebrated battles of that time, being in the army a period of seven years. Both he and his excellent wife died in their native Holstien, the father at the age of sixty-five years, and the mother when seventy-five. Their family included eight children, five sons and three daughters, of whom Henry was the third son and the fifth child. The father followed shoemaking, and our subject gained a very good idea of this business, although when approaching manhood he worked two years on a farm and later was engaged in building roads. He received a good education in the German tongue and was carefully trained in the doctrines of the Lutheran Church.

# Planning Change of Evening Store Hours

A change in store hours was announced by some Bellevue stores this week. Several of the business places plan to stay open each Friday evening until 9 and close at 6 p.m. Saturday.

The change was still in the tentative stage for many of the other business firms as owners sought to make up their minds regarding the change.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce had touched on the problem briefly at their meeting Wednesday noon. The only action taken was to set a meeting of retailers for Monday, Jan. 23. The time and place of the meeting will be announced by mail to store owners, it was decided.

In the meantime, some store owners will change to the Friday night hours this week. Others have decided to wait until after the Monday meeting to announce their plans. Several store owners have said they will stay open Saturday nights, only.

## St. Joseph Parish Releases Religious Statistics of 1955

Rt. Rev. J. E. Linkenmeyer, pastor of St. Joseph's church, has released the records of the religious statistics for the parish during 1955.

There were 75 baptisms, the same number as last year. The 18 marriages of 1955 compare with the 23 of 1954. Deaths increased one over last year with a record of 17.

First communicants numbered 70 compared to the 69 record of last year. School attendance at St. Joseph school increased with 453 enrolled in comparison with 416 of last year.

School attendance during the 1955-1956 school year was 453.

old Jahr also gave a reading about the origin of the first hospital in Philadelphia. A skit, "When Ma and Pa are Sick" was acted out by Mrs. Bill Schoop Jr. and Mrs. Scott Hachmann to conclude the program.

A lunch of pineapple upside down cake and coffee was served by the Bellevue group.

## Joseph Kelso, 80, Dies in New York

Joseph Kelso, 80, of Youngstown, N. Y., formerly of Bellevue, died suddenly Friday, Jan. 13 at his home in Youngstown.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church in Youngstown on Sunday. Burial was in Bellevue at 3 p.m. Wednesday. Rev. Laurence Nelson, pastor of the Bellevue Presbyterian church officiated. The Kemper-Gallagher funeral home in Bellevue was in charge of the burial arrangements.

Mr. Kelso was born in 1875 in Bellevue and spent most of his life here. As a Democrat, he was elected in 1912 to the Iowa legislature and reelected in 1914. He served on the Iowa State Board of Conservation in 1919.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. William B. Guthrie of Bronxville, N. Y., and a niece, Mrs. Dr. Henry J. Altfillisch of Dubuque.

### CARD PARTY

The Knights of Columbus Auxiliary are planning a card party for the public Sunday evening, Jan. 22 to begin at 8 p.m.

## Msgr. J. J. Klott Dies Suddenly At Dubuque Rectory

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph John Klott, 65, pastor of St. Mary's church in Dubuque died suddenly after a heart attack about 10:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16 in the church rectory.

The body will lie in state at St. Mary's until the services at 11 a

Applicants can be made by Iowa Bonus Board Director Meyer and may be applied even though the war orphan is ready attending school. Proof the parent's death due to or service, and a birth certificate the person applying is required.

## Stroke Fatal to Fred Heinrich

Frank Heinrich, 79, died Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 1 a.m. at home of his daughter, Mrs. F. Schroeder near Sabula, following a stroke.

Funeral services will be Friday from the Allen funeral home in Maquoketa at 1 p.m. from the Andrew Presbyterian church at 2 p.m. Burial will be the Andrew cemetery.

Mr. Heinrich was born Nov 1876 at Andrew, the son of Adolph and Meta Heinrich. His wife, the former Mable Klotz, preceded him in death. He farmed Jackson county for many years and lived in Andrew for some time before moving to Sabula. He was a member of the High Commission until 1952 when he retired. The deceased was a member of the Masonic lodge.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Auzella Nienkark of vanna, Ill., Mrs. Mata Nienkark of Green Rock, Ill., Mrs. Nienkark of Andrew and Lois Schroeder of Sabula; brother Fred Heinrich of Andrew and seven sisters, Mrs. Marie Tubbs, Mrs. Anna C. Mrs. Ella Kinley, Mrs. Katharine Irwin, all of Maquoketa; Louise Schmidt of Colome, S. D.; Mrs. Dena Moles of Gallatin, Mont.; and Mrs. Lena Gisel of Andrew.

### EARL BELK HEADS TELEPHONE FIRM

The Green Island Telephone company met Saturday at the Blake Memorial building.

Officers elected were Earl Belk, president; Mrs. Clara (Belk) Eggers, secretary; and Eldon Eggers, Art C.

Mr. Johnson served in the Spanish-American War with I Company of the Fiftieth Iowa Infantry Regiment.

He was married June 5, 1901, to Ella Kettering of Lisbon, who died in 1903. He again married December 14, 1905, to Iva M. Strong of Lisbon.

He served in the Iowa House of Representatives in the Forty-fifth, Forty-fifth Extra, Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth sessions of the General Assembly.

He was a member of the Spanish-American War Veterans, Iowa Consistory, El Kahir Shrine, Star of the West Knights of Pythias Lodge, the Chamber of Commerce, the Linn County, Iowa, and American Bar Associations, and St. Paul's Methodist Church. He was also formerly a member of Linn County Farm Bureau and the Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his widow and a daughter, Mrs. Erroll L. Miller of Cedar Rapids.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-Seventh General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Elmer A. Johnson, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful public servant, and the House, by this resolution, would express its sympathy to his wife and the members of his family.

*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

ERNEST KOSEK,  
EMIL L. NOVAK,  
A. L. MENSING,

*Committee.*

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JOSEPH KELSO, JR.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Joseph Kelso, Jr., begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Joseph Kelso, Jr., was born at Bellevue, Iowa, September 21, 1875, and passed away on January 13, 1956. He was the son of Joseph and Sophia Shaw Kelso, of Scotch descent.

Mr. Kelso attended Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and became associated with the bank of J. Kelso, founded by his father. He was also associated with the Bellevue Telephone Company.

He served as a member of the House of Representatives in the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth sessions of the General Assembly.

Mr. Kelso was a member of the State Board of Conservation, and the Iowa State Florists Association.

In 1910 he held the world's record in a 20-foot speed boat competition. Always an ardent outdoor man, he indulged in baseball, hunting, fishing, and became an expert gardener.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Masonic Order, and the Elks. In politics he was a Democrat.

After leaving Bellevue he made his home for a number of years with his sister, Mrs. W. B. Guthrie, in New York. In 1950 he went to Youngstown to make his home near a niece, Mrs. Campbell Robertson.

Mr. Kelso is survived by his sister and several nieces.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Joseph Kelso, Jr., the state has lost an honored citizen and the House by this resolution, would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to those who survive.

*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

C. J. BURRIS,  
JOHN W. ANDREWS,  
JOHN W. CARLSON,  
*Committee.*

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C. M. LANGLAND

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable C. M. Langland, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

C. M. Langland was born in Winneshiek County, Iowa, November 25, 1870. He passed away on May 8, 1955, at the age of eighty-five years.

He received his education in the rural schools and the Breakenridge Decorah Institute. He was married in 1911 to Clara Hills of Fergus Falls, Minnesota. To this union were born six sons and three daughters.

Mr. Langland was a man chosen to serve society in various capacities. He taught school for seven years. He was a deputy in the County Auditor's office for four years, and was employed in the banking business for fourteen years. The Langlands purchased a farm home in 1921 in Highland Township in Winneshiek County. At the present time the farm is owned jointly by two of his sons.

Mr. Langland contributed his services to the furtherance of the AAA in Winneshiek County and was very efficient in the capacity that he served in this organization. He was president of the Norwegian Mutual Insurance Association, an office which he held until the time of his passing. He was a member of the Winneshiek County Farm Bureau and an active member in the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Langland served as State Representative from Winneshiek County ten years, namely the Forty-fourth, Fifty-first, Fifty-second, Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth sessions of the General Assembly.

He was devoted to public interest and sought to inform himself on public problems and asserted himself with conviction in the solution of these problems. He served his constituents to the utmost of his ability which won him the respect of his colleagues.

Surviving Mr. Langland are his widow; three daughters, Mrs. Corrine Hexom, Miss Lois Langland, Mrs. Norma Bothell and five sons, Maurice, Richard, Professor Joseph Langland, Charles and Walter.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable C. M. Langland, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful public servant, and the House, by this resolution, would express