

Ames; Asa Lee

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Ames, Asa Lee  
Served Benton and Iowa counties

1. Birthday and place 2 Jul 1859, Buckingham Twp. Iowa County

2. Marriage (s) date place  
① May M. Thide 1882  
② Harriet Roy 4 Jul 1894

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business Organized the Good Belt Meat Producers Assoc. - served as president; later president of Cooperative Livestock Comm.  
B. Civic responsibilities Mason  
C. Profession Farmer and stockman

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1911 and 1913

6. Public Offices  
A. Local Held most township offices; mayor and councilman of Iowa  
B. State  
C. National

7. Death 7 Feb 1934 in Chicago, IL; Buried Buckingham Cemetery, Iowa

8. Children Grace; Beth; Mrs. David M. Shearer

9. Names of parents John T. and Mary J. (Reed) Ames

Ames, Asa Lee

10. Education Attended the common schools of Iowa County.

11. Degrees Attended Iowa College at Grinnell, <sup>now</sup> Grinnell College  
graduating in 1882

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His parents came from NY state to WI to Iowa County Iowa in 1854 being some of the first settlers in Iowa County.
- The covered wagon in which they made their trip is housed in the State of Iowa Historical Museum
- Operated the Ames family farm; created large groves of trees; a leading cattle and hog feeder
- Iowa County chairman of several Liberty Loan drives during WWI.
- 1st wife, Mary M., died in Aug 1892, buried in Buckingham Cem. Tracy, Iowa
- 2nd wife, Harriet, died Jan 1926, buried in Buckingham Cem. Tracy, Iowa
- A large grove known as "The Larches" created in 1870 by his father and later maintained by Asa was well known all around the Midwest.



## MORE THAN A MILLION BUSHELS CORN SEALED

Means \$550,000 in Cash for Tama County So Far — Applications Should be Made by Feb. 20

More than 66,500 bushels of corn have been sealed in the week past in this county, much the smallest week's record since the work began. The total to date is much over a million bushels, about 1,210,000. This calls for around \$550,000, which is loosening collections along many lines.

Sealers urge those who have not contracted to give them notice at once, as they hope to complete the sealing by February 20. Unless application is made by Feb. 20, there is some question whether loans can be completed by March 1, the dead line.

Following is the list of loans recorded since last week's issue: Herman Arp, 700 bushels; Wm. Burmeister, 1,000; Chas. E. Baldwin, 425; W. W. Bobsin, 3,041; William Billerbeck, 550; Harry Babr, 1,209; Fred Chervenky and Wesley Stepanek, 3,000; Frank B. Clzek, 1,000; Martin Drossen, 1,440; George H. Ebersole, 4,700; Equitable Life Insurance company, 1,345; Mrs. Viola C. Irwin, 3,000; C. M. Freet, 2,136.

John E. Hand, 1,050; Jacob B. Hand, 700; Frank J. Hala, 1,100; J. F. Kuchynka, 1,600; Louis H. Kallinay, 2,200; W. A. Kline, 875; George Kokesh, 1,000; James F. Lage, 1,400; W. H. Life Estate, 2,100; Joseph P. Laclina, 1,800; J. C. Messer, 1,450; Emma Martens et al, 2,360; John Macek, 750; Edith C. McClasky, 340; William and Minnie Nebendahal et al, 2,360; Leonard Philp, 1,000; Joseph S. Pecenka, 1,600; Claude Phillips, 1,200; Fred Powell, 1,600; Frank Pulkrabek, 1,200; N. E. Reimers, 345; Harry Seemans, 640; Wesley Stepanek, et al, 3,000; Harry Schellhorn, 770; Gertrude Striley, 1,316; A. A. Shappell, 1,282; Christine Schrader, agent, 1,000; Ralph Schuchart, 1,000; Fred Wrage, 1,800; F. E. Wilcox, 614; Wilbus Wiese, 1,550.

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Former State Senator Taken Suddenly Following Heart Attack Wednesday Night

NATIVE OF BUCKINGHAM; NATURAL LEADER OF MEN

Led a Varied and Useful Career — Funeral to Be in Traer, Time Unsettled

A. L. Ames, 74, of Traer, former state senator, a native and resident of north Tama county practically all his life and one of Tama county's most prominent citizens for half a century, died suddenly Wednesday night in Chicago at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Doris Shearer, with whom he had been visiting of late. Mr. Ames had been afflicted with heart trouble several months, although able to be up and active most of the time. Death was unexpected.

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## TRAER MAY ENTER TEAM IN NEW KITTENBALL LOOP

Efforts Being Made to Organize Sport on Nation-Wide Basis—Chicago Group Heads Plan

Traer may enter a kittenball team in a league to be sponsored by the National Softball Association of America during the coming season, if plans now under way in Iowa materialize.

E. W. Flory, of Chicago, representing the national organization, was here Wednesday outlining the proposition to local softball enthusiasts. Carl Wilson, secretary of the Traer kittenball league, will attend a meeting at Cedar Falls next Tuesday at which representatives from twelve towns will be addressed by Phillip C. Rosier, of Chicago, National Softball association president.

From the twelve towns to be represented at the meeting, it is hoped that eight may be secured as members of a league for 1934 competition. The twelve are Waterloo, Cedar Falls, Independence, Waverly, Oelwein, LaPorte City, Reinbeck, Grundy Center, Parkersburg, Clarksville, Ackley and Traer.

No town or city would have more than one league team, according to the plan. Thus the ten best players in Traer would be compelled to compete against the ten best in Waterloo.

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## Mrs. Ellis Stavely Cancer Victim at Home Near

Very Large Crowd Attended Funeral of 38-Year-Old Wife and Mother

WAS DAUGHTER OF

AND MRS. F. W.

Ill About a Year—Hundreds of Children and Many Relatives Survived

Death early Saturday of the suffering of Mrs. E. Stavely, 38-year-old north Tama wife and mother, at her west of Traer. A victim of the breast, she had undergone operation at Rochester, N. Y. months before, which had afforded any but temporary relief. Other hospital treatment without avail. Her condition for several weeks before and it was known that she hoped for her recovery.

A very large crowd gathered Monday afternoon at the funeral, which was conducted by the Rev. Charles E. Methodist pastor. All the Stavely residence was more than fifty people who remain outside. Burial was in Buckingham cemetery here.

The decedent, whose maiden name was Hazel Hotzel, was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Traer, and was born Nov. 18, 1895, on a farm northeast of Buckingham. Her entire life was spent in the community. She attended high school and also taught school.

Her marriage to Mr. Stavely was in 1912. Two children, James and Mary, were born to this union, with the husband's other surviving relatives, include two brothers and Roy, both of north Tama, and two sisters, Mrs. Rita Dilke, and Mrs. R. B. Welch.

Mrs. Stavely was a member of the M. E. church here, having been baptized and received into membership during the pastorate of E. C. Copeland. She and her wife and mother, who died last year, had cast a shadow over the community.

Brother of Local Pecan Grower, Milt Wiseman, Mrs. George and Mr. and Mrs. Charles called to Sigourney, Ia., in word of the critical illness. Wiseman, a brother of the decedent, died Friday. A. Wignall, Mrs. Nello A. Mrs. Harry Huck all attended the funeral on Saturday. The decedent never lived her husband in Traer many times.

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Elections of permanent township committees will be in order during the next two weeks. Several have been scheduled, namely: Geneseo, February 12, in school building; Oneida, same day; Grant, February 13, Dinsdale school; Highland, February 17, center school; Otter Creek, February 15; Lincoln, February 19, Community House in Lincoln village; Indian Village, February 17, in Montour. These are all the dates reported up to last night to the county agent. The meetings will open at 1 p. m.

In each township three men are to be selected to inspect the acreages involved in the contracts, and to see that no more hogs are raised than the contract calls for; check all contracts and approve them. The chairman of each township committee is to serve on a county board. This board will have important duties and will receive pay, which is fixed by farmers themselves. They are to settle all disputes, elect an allotment committee who must sign all contracts. All these must be farmers who have signed their individual contracts.

Between 1,500 and 1,800 Tama county farmers have entered the hog-corn contract to date. The exact number is not available.

**Petitions Seek Surfaced**

Highway to Clark's Park  
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(Concluded on page ten)

**Traer Boy's Cage Team Wins Marshall County Tournament**

Add Joe Kennedy to the long list of Traer high school graduates who have won unusual success in the athletic coaching field. One of the last of the troupe to enter the coaching profession, he has already achieved fame. His Le Grand high school team won the Marshall county championship last week in decisive fashion when it was victorious among eight quintets in the annual county tournament at Marshalltown. LeGrand defeated Melbourne in the Dunbar in the second, 45 to 14; won over the strong Gilman quintet in the semi-finals, 34 to 17, and defeated the

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The Tranquillity community contributed \$10 to the drive, all in memberships; Geneseo, \$9 in memberships and \$1.83 in donations; Clutier, \$8 in memberships and \$4.46 in donations; Buckingham, \$7 in memberships and \$5.25 in donations; Dinsdale, \$7 in memberships; Amity, \$5 in memberships and 50 cents in donations.

Dysart realized \$5.60 from donations in addition to its revenue from memberships. Gladbrook had no donations.

The North Tama chapter exceeded the South Tama record by a considerable margin in the past year's campaign. The report of W. A. Pye, Toledo, chairman of the South Tama chapter, shows a total of 237 members for 1934 and additional donations of \$48.67—a total of \$285.67 raised during the 1933 drive. Dr. C. W. Maplethorpe, Toledo, was general chairman of the roll call for the chapter, and Hugo H. Joens, Tama county clerk, was at the head of the campaign in the city of Toledo. Various south Tama committees show the following number of members for 1934: Toledo, 110; Tama, 74; Garwin, 28; Montour, 20; Elberon, 3; Toledo township, 2.

Half of all money raised in Tama county for the Red Cross each year goes to the national organization and the remainder stays at home to be used for health work within the county.

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Miss Marcella Mowery was a week-  
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urniture repair and upholstery;  
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solos by Miss Mildred Luce,  
music instructor, were a feature  
entertainment program at the  
monthly meeting of the Traer  
club Monday night at the Ox-  
otel here. Piano accompaniment  
urnished by Miss Ruth Thomas.

Sale: Beef by the quarter from  
fed yearlings.—F. E. Wood,  
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J. Dinsdale, official sealer for  
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The Martelle, Ia., high school bas-  
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Why not bring in your harness for  
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The Traer Methodists engaged in  
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n the state. The Oilers came here  
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on. The Traer high school quin-  
will wind up its regular schedule  
e Grady Center tonight in an Iowa-  
Color league game.

**Dick Southard Wins Traer  
Handicap Billiard Tourney**  
Dick Southard was winner of a  
handicap billiard tournament which  
was completed this week at the H. Q.  
Everts billiard parlor in Traer. There  
were seven contestants in the affair,  
the others being: Leonard Wilson,  
Harry Hancock, M. S. Richmond, D.  
Gaston, H. Q. Everts and Edward  
Kennedy.  
A snooker tournament, with ten en-  
tries, is now in progress.

**A. L. AMES DEAD AT HOME  
OF DAUGHTER IN CHICAGO**  
(Concluded from first page)

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Tama county for several generations,  
furnished fuel for the Ames family  
for years, and lumber for some of the  
buildings erected in later years.

John T. Ames stood near the head  
of the stock raising industry here in  
early days, and the son, Asa, who suc-  
ceeded him, was a leading cattle and  
hog feeder for years. The latter was  
a natural leader and promoter, and  
took a leading part in farmers' or-  
ganizations all his life. He was one  
of the organizers many years ago of  
the Corn Belt Meat Producers' as-  
sociation, serving as its first president  
for three years, resigning to accept  
the presidency of the Co-operative  
Livestock Commission company,  
which he served for a time as general  
manager of the Chicago house. He  
took a keen interest in public affairs  
and in politics. After holding most  
of the township and school offices in  
Buckingham, and in later years as  
mayor and councilman of Traer he  
was elected state senator in 1910 from  
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and Benton counties, serving one  
term of four years. Mr. Ames while  
in the senate was the author of the  
first "good roads" bill. In 1916 he  
was defeated for the office of state  
railroad commissioner, in which he  
might have served with distinction.

During the World war Mr. Ames at  
a great personal financial sacrifice ac-  
cepted the Tama county chairmanship  
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tivities during the war. Probably no  
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college. She died in January 1926.

Mr. Ames ranked high in the Masonic  
fraternity, and was one of the oldest  
members of Ripley Congregational  
church of Traer. His mother was one  
of the seven persons who met in the  
log cabin home of Christopher Hester  
near the site of Traer on June 22, 1856,  
to found the first church in north  
Tama county, which several years  
later had a home of its own in the  
village of Old Buckingham, and was  
moved to Traer in the first year of  
the new town.

Mr. Ames is survived by his daugh-  
ters, Mrs. Grace Keener, a teacher in  
Arizona; Mrs. Beth Herbert, Worthing-  
ton, Minn.; and Mrs. David M.  
Shearer, Chicago; and one brother,  
John, of Traer. Since the death of his  
wife Mr. Ames had spent several  
months of each year with the two  
younger daughters, but returned to  
Traer frequently.

Of the seven children of the pioneer  
J. T. Ames family, four died in early  
life. A brother Herbert, a mining  
engineer in California many years,  
died in 1921.

Mr. and Mrs. Vitus Novotny and two  
children, Mrs. Fannie Vlasak, Mr. and  
Mrs. Otto Vlasak and two children,  
Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Uleh and daugh-  
ter, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Novotny, and  
Mr. and Mrs. James Hadacek.

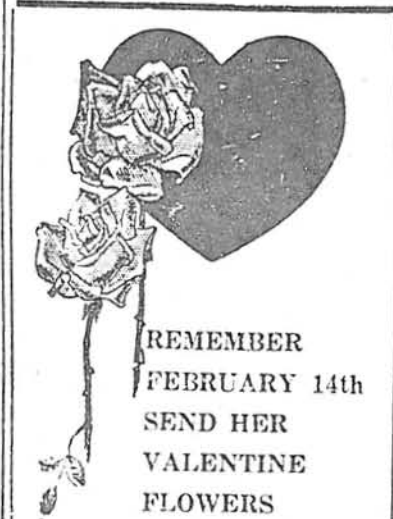
**Meeting of All School Officers**  
The county board of education is  
sponsoring a county wide school offi-  
cers' meeting for Wednesday, Febru-  
ary 14th, at the Wieting theatre in To-  
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gram is being prepared. School board  
members (town or rural) are urged to  
come, and bring with you your vexing  
school problems.—B. F. Clark, chair-  
man of county board of education;  
Victoria Slessor, secretary.

**Card of Thanks**  
We take this way to thank all the  
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ness and aid during the long illness  
and death of our beloved wife, mother  
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