

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator **HAMMILL, JOHN**

Represented Cerro Gordo, Franklin and Hancock Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14 October 1875, Linden, Wisconsin

2. Marriage (s) date place

Fannie Richards, (c-1879, Ill. -), 7 June 1899, Garner, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business lawyer

B. Civic responsibilities Pres. Britt Commercial Club

C. Profession _____

4. Church membership Methodist
33rd/34th GA, 1909-1912, SD 43, Cerro Gordo, Hancock, Franklin

5. Sessions served 39th/40th GA, 1921-1925, presiding as Lt Gov, Senate

6. Public Offices

A. Local Hancock Co atty; Britt School Board

B. State Lt Gov 1921-1925; Governonr 1925-1931

C. National _____

7. Death 6 April 1936, in Hotel in Minneapolis bur Evergreen Cem, Britt

8. Children none

9. Names of parents George & Mary Hammill--came to Britt 1889
George b, Dodgeville (Wis) 3 December 1848, d. 27 May 1925, bur Evergreen Cem. Britt

10. Education Britt HS, 1895 (second class of HS)
State Univ of Iowa

11. Degrees LLB 1897, Univ of Iowa

12. Other applicable information

Family moved from Wisconsin to Britt 1889. After graduating from law school he began practice in Britt, and lived there until his death, except for time he was governor.

Mason, 32d degree; Consistory of Des Moines, Antioch Commandery of Mason City, ZaGaZig Shrine DM; Past Master Darius Lodge AF & AM, Britt. Past Patron OES, & Past Worthy Grand Patron of Iowa--OES. Had been appointed to fill unexpired term of Worthy Associate Grand Patron of General Chapter.

Known as good roads governor. Unsuccessful candidate for US Senate 1930. Then returned to practice in Britt, and helped many farmers refinance their properties. Was to be delegate to 1936 Republican Convention.

Was in Minneapolis to attend ICC hearing on dismemberment of M & St. L. RR.

At time of death wife was in Jamaica, Iowa, on OES business.

Survived by wife, mother-in-law who lived with them, and a nephew.

Was member of Farm Bureau from its beginning. was active in developing dairy herds at Board of Control farms. As governor he called council of Governors to formulate a farm policy for midwestern states. n nOn Better Commission (School) of Iowa. His high school supt became State Supt of Schools when he was governor.

A big man. People of younger generation in Britt called him "Uncle John", never Jack or Johnny.

Like to garden. Favorite Music--marches, especially by Souza.

1919, Camp Dodge; Amer Legion post 77, past comm; Comml Club; Clermond Country Club; Allied Indep Exhibitors Assn; Cath Ch; Indep; hobbies: fishing, hunting, & golf; off Theater; res Kanawha.

GILLSTRAP, CHRIS: Real Estate & Insurance Agent; b Keokuk Co, Iowa Mar 25, 1877; s of John C Gillstrap-Rachel E —; ed HS; m Mate B Blakely Mar 1, 1904 Iowa Falls; s J L; d Arline (Mrs — Ravera), Carol Bobby; 1900-08 grain & livestock buyer, Crystal Lake; 1908-17 opr Crystal Lake Savings Bank; 1917- real est & ins agt, Crystal Lake; Northern Iowa Real Est Bd; Country Club; IOOF; AF&AM; hobbies: hunting, fishing & golf; off & res Crystal Lake.

GRANGE, PAUL: Manager Lumber Co; b Ruthven, Iowa Oct 21, 1894; s of Samuel S Grange-Emily Yaeger; ed Ruthven HS 1912; Gem City Business Coll, Quincy Ill 1915; m Julia Techant June 23, 1917 Garner; s Dorance Samuel; d Doris Emily (dec 1919); 1913-14 bkpr & yardman Spahn & Rose Lbr Co, Ruthven; 1914-21 bkpr & helper Northern Lbr Co, Klemme; 1921-22 ptr Webster City Dairy, Webster City; 1932- mgr Northern Lbr Co, Klemme; 1939- mayor; 1927-31 secy Klemme indep sch bd; past mbr Hancock Co relief bd; during World War enl in US army aviation Apr 8, 1918 3 months, Madison Wis, batt clk Camp Jackson S C batt F heavy field arty, disch Jan 11, 1919; Amer Legion post 625, past comm; Iowa Lbrmans Assn; exec mbr Klemme Civic Club; German Reform Ch; Rep; hobbies: hunting, boxing; off & res Klemme.

GROSSHUESCH, CALVIN: Clergyman; b Sheboygan Co, Wis Apr 5, 1893; s of J W Grosshuesch-Sila Muehlmeier; ed East Green Bay Wis HS 1912; Mission House Coll, BA 1917; Mission House Seminary 1920; m Alice Kuhlmann June 22, 1920 Minno S D; s Reuben G, Calvin W, Ewald W, Edward O; d Gertrude Sila; 1920-26 pastor, Reform Ch, Stratford Wis, 1926- Klemme; mbr bd of edn Iowa Synod; hobbies: gardening & baseball; off & res Klemme.

HAMILTON, CECIL VIRGIL: Physician & Surgeon; b Cainsville, Mo Jan 24, 1903; s of James Peter Hamilton-Calista Sexton; ed Gravity HS 1921; U of Iowa, BSc & MD 1928; Alpha Kappa Kappa; m Rita Helen Clark Dec 25, 1927 Council Bluffs; s James Clark; d Ruth Kay; 1928-29 interne Lucas Co Hosp, Toledo Ohio; 1929-31 prac med, Gravity; 1931- prac med, Garner; mbr med staff Mercy Hosp, Mason City; 1932- health ofcr; pres Hancock-Winnebago Cos Med Soc; Iowa St Med Soc; AMA; C of C; Lions, pres; AF&AM 319; United Presby Ch; Rep; hobby: flower garden; off & res Garner.

HAMMILL, MRS FANNIE BRYANT: Farm Manager; b Jo Davis Co, Ill; d of John Henry Richards-Frances Fannie Bryant; ed Garner; Phi Omega Pi; m John Hammill June 7, 1899 Garner (dec Apr 6, 1936); 1897-99 rural sch tchr, Hancock Co; 1899-1924 homemaker, Britt, 1924-30 Des Moines, during this time husband was Gov of Iowa; 1930-36 homemaker, Britt, 1936- since husband's death mgr 3 farms Hancock & Kossuth Cos, Britt; past mbr Iowa Suffrage Com; past mbr Fact Finding Com, Republican Fact Finding Com; past pres & hon pres Iowa Legislative Ladies League, IFWC, past dist dir 4 years; Britt's Womens Club; Note Bene; Lest Ye Forget Us Club; ch mbr Iowa League of Women Voters; PEO, ch G F, past pres 1 year, 1st pres; mbr 4-H Girls Club; Girl Scouts; OES 318, past worthy matron, past grand matron of grand ch of Iowa, past mbr several coms of gen grand ch, 1926- pres bd of trustees ednl fund, 1925- 8th dist com mbr & loan fund; Meth Ch; Rep; hobbies: gardening, politics; off & res Britt.

HANSON, NEIL: Bank President; b Drammen, Norway Oct 30, 1868; s of Edward Hanson-Anbjor Arnegaard; ed Humboldt Co; Red Wing Seminary, Red Wing Minn 1885-87; Decorah Business Coll, 1889; m Tina Otson June 19, 1892 Thor; s Edward Julian, John R, Alvin O, Elmer George; d Alice (dec), Erica Gertrude (Mrs Albert H Tracy); 1888-89 clk in gen store, Eagle Grove, 1889-91 Tacoma Wash; 1892-95 owner & opr groc store, Eagle Grove; 1895-1905 farmer, Humboldt Co; 1905-08 lbr & grain dlr, Thor; 1908-10 part owner gen store, Thor; 1910-11 bkpr Thor Savings Bank; 1911- pres Farmers State Bank, Kanawha; past mbr city coun; past mbr sch bd; past mayor, Thor 2 years; 1907-10 Humboldt Co supvr; Iowa Bankers Assn; Comml Club; 1930- treas North Iowa Experimental Assn; Luth Ch, 1912-treas; hobby: travel; off & res Kanawha.

HARVEY, WALTER CHARLES: Dean & Registrar Junior College; b Lohrville, Iowa Oct 3, 1901; s of Albert R Harvey-Helen K Miller; ed Lohrville HS 1920; Iowa St Coll, BSc 1924, MA 1925; grad work Colo Agrl Coll; summer 1929 Iowa St Coll; 1936 summer U of Iowa; m Pearl Hoskins July 8, 1925 Sac City; s Jerry Dale, James Edwin; d Mary Jane; 1925-28 chemist for Colo St Dairy Commission, Fort Collins Colo; 1928-29 chemistry, science, biology & physics instr Britt HS & Britt Coll; 1929- chemistry instr, dean & registrar Britt Jr Coll, also HS science & biology tchr; ISTA; NEA; County Councils of Midland Schs; Comml Club; Bapt Ch; Rep; hobby: amateur motion pictures; off & res Britt.

HATTEN, EDWARD LAWRENCE: Drainage Contractor; b Pulaski Co, Ind Aug 17, 1878; s of Edward Hatten-Catherine Burkett; ed Pulaski Co Ind; m Wilda Lucille Clark June 27, 1906 Columbus City Ind; s Edgar Eathen; 1893-95 worked on farm, Pulaski Co Ind; 1895-1902 driver for drainage co, A V Wils & Sons, Pittsfield Ill; 1902-07 ptr of I O Florence & Samuel Mutti in drainage business Ind Drainage Co, Culver Ind; 1907-08 with I O Florence owner & opr Ind Drainage Co, Thompson; 1908-12 indep drainage contr, E L Hatten Drainage Contr, Thompson; 1912-15 ptr of E W Burgett, Britt; 1915-34 drainage contr, Britt; 1934- ret, Britt; 1933- owner & opr Hatten Beverage Co, whol co, covers 9 counties, off Spencer & Britt, 1936- son ptr, opr Spencer off; past mbr city coun 4 years; past pres Britt indep sch bd 4 years, bd mbr 7 years; Iowa Wholesalers Beer Assn, dir; Comml Club; Rotary; AF&AM 431, past York Rite; 32°; El Kahir Shrine, Cedar Rapids; Congl Ch; Dem; hobbies: hunting, fishing; res Britt.

HEACOX, FRANCIS EUGENE: Dentist; b Morris, Ill Apr 25, 1873; s of Charles Edwin Heacox-Harriet Adelaide David; ed Sugar Grove Ill 1895; Northwestern U, DDS 1898, grad work 1913; m Martha Adeline Bailey June 15, 1904 Britt; s Edwin Francis, Maynard Lucien; d Martha Adeline; 1898- dentist, Britt; Mason City Dist Dental Soc; Iowa St Dental Soc; ADA; Comml Club; Yeoman; Homesteaders; OES; AF&AM 319, past master; Meth Ch, SS tchr, past SS supt; Rep; hobbies: boys work, collecting old archeology; off & res Britt.

HEALY, MRS E P: Homemaker & Business Woman; b Britt twp, Iowa Apr 11, 1877; d of R S Rasmuson-Augusta Clausen; ed Britt HS 1895; Capital City Comml Coll; m Edwin P Healy July 12, 1911 Owatonna Minn (dec Aug 24, 1934); 1898-1911 steno & asst cash, later cash Citizens Bank, Britt; 1911-34 homemaker, Britt; 1928-30 bkpr Shelby Poultry Co; 1930 did census work of 2 rural twps; 1934- ins agt, Britt; 1935-37 secy Britt Creamery Assn; 1938- secy Hancock Co Safety Coun; 1940 1 month abstracter under Han-

cock Co recorder; 1921-25 treas Iowa Ladies Legislative League; executrix of fathers estate; was one of executors of the estate of Rodney Hill; during World War chmn womans com Hancock Co 3rd, 4th, & 5th Liberty Loan campaigns, chmn div of ARC, Britt, given award for 1400 hours of work; mbr Social Art Club, oldest club in Britt; Britt Womens Club, pres 1939-40, past secy, past dir, past VP & past treas, county dir since 1940; Kings Daughters, co pres 1924-29; ch mbr OES; Congl Ch, 1935- clk; Rep, secy Britt unit Womens Rep Club since 1939, 1940- Britt twp Rep committeewoman; hobbies: collecting old coins & stamps; husband was mbr House of Rep from Hancock Co 1921-25, was cash Comml State Bank, Britt 1911-31; res Britt.

HIGDON, RAYMOND HOWARD: Insurance Agent; b Paxton, Ill Mar 1, 1895; s of Benjamin Franklin Higdon-Mary Jane Vanscoyck; ed Prep Sch, Eureka Coll 1916; Eureka Coll 1916-18; m Blanche Irene Stringer Mar 20, 1918 Paxton Ill; s Kenneth Raymond; 1919-30 farmer, Hancock Co; 1930- ins agt, Britt; 1933-35 ofcl corn sealer in Hancock Co; during World War ent Feb 1918 268th air squadron, Chanute Flying Field, O/S until Dec 1, 1918, disch Camp Grant Ill Dec 24; Amer Legion post 315; Rotary; 1938-39 VP; Comml Club, chmn amusement & comm service com; Meth Ch; hobbies: tennis, hunting & athletics; off & res Britt.

HOUGHTON, HOLM G: Editor; b Goodell, Iowa May 18, 1913; s of J D G Houghton-Rose Elizabeth Goodridge; ed Marshalltown HS 1930, won scholarship to Marshalltown Jr Coll, certificate 1932; U of Iowa, BA 1934, mbr edit bd of Frivol magazine & Daily Iowan paper, mbr Uni Players; Sigma Delta Chi; Delta Psi Omega; prior to 1935 during summers emp in groc firm, wholesale & retail, Marshalltown; 1935-36 city editor The Daily Times, Cherokee; 1936- asst editor & mgr of advertising The Garner Leader Signal Herald, Garner; C of C, dir; Rotary, pres; 1938- chmn ARC roll call drive of Garner ch, del to natl conv 1940; 1938- publicity chmn Hancock Co Tuberculosis Assn; Cath Ch; Rep, 1940- program chmn Y R League; hobby: photography; off & res Garner.

JOHNSON, OSCAR EMMANUEL: Drugist & State Representative; b Dayton, Iowa Mar 22, 1894; s of August Johnson-Emily Fohlin; ed Dayton HS 1912; Highland Park Coll of Pharm 1914-15; m Nora Johanna Nelson Dec 28, 1927 Garner; s James Owen, William Roger; 1912-14 emp in Cole Drug Co, Dayton; 1914-15 while att coll emp part time at Dayton & Eagle Grove; 1915 passed state bd of pharm; 1915-17 registered druggist for L F Greiner Drug Co, Kanawha; 1917-19 owner half int in O E Johnson Drug Co, Kanawha; 1919- ptr of brother William H R in drug store, O E Johnson Drug Co, Kanawha; 1930- dir Norway Rural Tele Co; 1922-34 mayor; 1934- mbr Iowa House of Rep from Hancock Co; 1925- opr farm, Hancock Co; chmn Hancock Co Welfare Bd; during World War ent U S army Aug 1917, Camp Dodge, 338th field arty, med corps until Aug 1919, O/S until Apr 1919, disch Apr 1919, Camp Mills N Y; Amer Legion post 77, past comm; Mason City Dist Pharm Assn; Iowa St & Natl Pharm Assns; Hancock Co Farm Bur; Comml Club, dir; AF&AM 623, past master; Za-Ga-Zig Shrine; Luth Ch; Dem; hobby: fishing; off Drug Store; res Kanawha.

JORGENSEN, RAY A SR: Editor & Publisher; b Garner, Iowa Mar 24, 1895; s of Jens Jorgenson-Marie Rasmussen; ed Garner HS 1915; m Mary Jane Davis June 25, 1919 Lincoln Neb; s Ray A Jr; 1911-15 while att HS emp at Hancock Co Democrat, Garner; 1915-16 mgr booking for

JOHN HAMMILL OF BRITT

BY: Velma Patrick
Britt, Iowa

John Hammill (no middle name or initial) was born near Linden, Wisconsin in 1875. With his parents, George and Nancy (Brewer) Hammill, he came to Iowa in 1889. They lived on a farm south-west of Britt. There were three other children: Clara (late Mrs. C. D. Welty), Abe, and George Jr. (Judd).

It is interesting to know that John spoke on "Good Citizenship" at his High School Commencement in 1895.

After receiving a law degree in Iowa City, he practiced law making in Britt. He married Fannie E. Richards of Garner in June 1899.

He served as County Attorney 1902-1904, State Senator in 1908, Lieutenant Governor 1920-1924, and three full terms as Governor 1925-1931.

Quote from the News-Tribune, Thursday April 16, 1936-
copied from the Garner Leader:

"It was on a farm near Britt some 30 odd years ago that an old Hancock County farmer stood talking to a village school master. "What should I do with my boy?", the old man asked, "He is through his books now and he thinks he wants more schooling. My boy is a smart boy, if I do say so myself. He'll be good here on the farm, but he sort of leans to law. I want to give him a chance to make his mark." Characteristically the school master advised the farmer to let his son go away to school and learn law.

Just how well the elderly farmer's ambitions for his son were realized and how far the lad exceeded even his father's expectations are explained in one sentence: The boy was John Hammill who later served Iowa as Governor for three terms.

John Hammill was known as the "Good Roads Governor."

Quote from Britt News Tribune-April 16, 1936, which was copied from the Burlington Hawk-Eye:

"The monument to Hammill" stretches from the Mississippi to the Missouri from Minnesota to Missouri as fine a road system as is possessed by any state of the union for Governor Hammill may truly be said to have been, "the good-roads Governor of Iowa.

Hammill was an outstanding fighter for agriculture, being a land owner himself. As Governor he called a Council of Governors of several states to formulate a farm program of mid-western states.

In 1930 Hammill was an unsuccessful candidate for the United States Senate.

During the great depression, Hammill was sought out by farmers facing bankruptcy and loss of farm lands. He worked hard and was able to refinance many such. I know personally two families who said "Mr. Hammill helped us save our farms."

In early 1936, he refused to support candidates who did not support an agriculture program. He was a member of the Farm Bureau from its beginning.

Mr. Hammill was much interested in education. He served on the Britt School Board for years and Better School Commission of Iowa. His High School Superintendent, A. H. Deyoe, became State Superintendent of Schools--under his former student, John.

As Governor of Iowa, Mr. Hammill founded giving women an opportunity and appointed several on boards and departments.

He died in Minneapolis April 6, 1936 working to save the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad.

Now just a few personal memories of Uncle John; Aunt Fan and their home:

John was a big man. We of the younger generation always called him Uncle John never Jack or Johnny. I remember the day the Hammills moved from the "Vial" house, the house south of now the fire station, to this, the Ed Larson house. It was a hot summer day--my Mother and I had come to Britt from Kanawha for the day. I remember several trips in the single buggy, Fan driving Magalia Lackhart the family race horse and her pet. Magalia ran away twice--back to the old home. After a few days, she decided to accept the new barn and the pasture, now the Gene Swanson yard.

I think I remember moving day because at this time my own family was planning a move to Minnesota. Grandad G. H. Patrick and my Father Art (A.E.) planned to go to the County of Renville drawing a wagon and a hay rack. They were going to do fall plowing. Mother and I were to go to Bird Island in the spring.

In the early days the Hammills ate their meals in the dining room the table cloths and napkins were linen. In summer a certain glass pitcher (my Aunt paid 10¢ for it) was much in evidence. It held either lemonade (made from real squeezed lemons) or ice tea. I still use the pitcher--more valued than cut glass.

The Hammills liked to entertain. The round table became oval with several table leaves.

My Uncle John had his favorite foods: steak, apple pie and cheese. He liked cabbage slaw with vinegar and sugar--no salad dressing. John ate radishes with butter this he had learned from my Grandmother Richaids. He disliked mashed potatoes--always had a plain boiled potato when the rest of us had mashed.

The Hammills liked to garden and raised flowers. John gave away many of the flowers to neighbors and his friends.

Uncle John's favorite music was marches--especially by Sousa.

One of my Aunt's favorite stories about John concerned the tornado that hit the Hammill farm, now owned by Ralph and Gary Mejlik.--Seeing the distruction--Mr. Hammill said to a farm neighbor, William McDermott--"Billy there are no graves to dig."

John Hammill was a big man--one of my favorite people.

Velma Patrick
415 2 St. S.E.
Tritt, Iowa 50423

JOHN HAMMILL'S CAREER CLOSED ABRUPTLY

Was Stricken Down While
Alone in Hotel Room
In Minneapolis

Body Lies in State at Methodist
Church Until 2 o'Clock
This Afternoon.

Never has this community received as severe a shock as when the message came from Minneapolis Monday evening that John Hammill, Britt's first citizen, had died suddenly in his hotel room there about 5 o'clock. He had gone to Minneapolis to appear before the Interstate Commerce Commission in a hearing on dismemberment of the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway. Shortly before he went to his room he visited with Attorney B. B. Burnquist, of Fort Dodge. Mr. Burnquist did not detect anything serious with Mr. Hammill and said that he had been in good spirits all day. An employee of the hotel passing down the hallway heard Mr. Hammill fall and groan and upon entering the room found him lying unconscious on the floor. The house physician was summoned but life had passed.

Mrs. Hammill was at Jamaica, Iowa, and was reached at the home of Dr. A. W. Seidler, where she was a guest. She returned home immediately. The Treganza-Wilkinson ambulance was dispatched to Minneapolis to bring the body to Britt.

Funeral at M. E. Church

The funeral will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church in Britt on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock following short services at the home at 2 o'clock. There will be loud speakers installed in the auditorium, League room and basement, as well as in the auditorium and basement of the Congregational church next door and one outside speaker. This is done to accommodate the large crowd in letting them hear the sermon of the Rev. Arthur Brooks, D. D. of St. Paul's Methodist church, of Cedar Rapids. The Rev. C. N. McMillan will have charge of the service and the Rev. G. W. Eggleston, of Pearson, Iowa, a former pastor in Britt, will sing a tenor solo. The body will lie in state with a guard of honor from 10 A. M. until 2 P. M. at the Methodist Church.

Business places in Britt will close at 2 P. M. There will be plenty of cars at the



degree Mason, a member of the Consistory at Des Moines; of Antioch Commandery, of Mason City; of Zagaza Shrine of Des Moines. He was a Past Master of Darius Lodge No. 431 A. F. & A. M. at Britt.

Soon after Britt Chapter 318 O. E. S. established Mr. and Mrs. Hammill became members. Mr. Hammill is a Past Patron of this lodge. He is a Past Worthy Grand Patron of Iowa and held numerous offices in the General Grand Chapter, including that of Most Worthy Grand Patron for three years. He had been appointed recently to fill the unexpired term of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter. He also served on a great many committees where his knowledge of affairs fit in nicely and his services were valuable.

A Great Politician

John Hammill always took a keen interest in public affairs and was a great patriot. This led him into the field of politics, first as county attorney of Hancock county 1902 to 1904; then as state senator of the 43rd district comprising Cerro Gordo, Franklin and Hancock counties in 1908.

In 1920 he was elected lieutenant governor of Iowa and served with Governor Nate Kendall four years being re-elected in 1922. In 1924 he was elected Governor of Iowa, re-elected twice, in 1926 and in 1928. His administration was one of the most successful in the State's history. He was known as the good roads gov-

KANAWHA M DIES SUDI

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churches to carry folk to the cemetery who have no means of transportation.

Obituary

John Hammill was born at Linden, Wisconsin, October 14, 1875, a son to George and Mary Hammill. He died in Minneapolis, Minn., April 6, 1936, aged 60 years, 5 months and 22 days. He is the last of that family, all of whom were so well known in Britt after their arrival here in 1889 and the years following until one by one they passed away. John's father, the late George Hammill, and his sister, the late Mrs. C. D. Welty, died while he was governor of Iowa.

Graduated in Britt

John Hammill was graduated from the Britt high school in 1896 with the second class. There were eleven in that class and Supt. A. M. Deyoe, of Des Moines was proud of them. There were six girls and five boys. Of those, the living are Rev. Will Baker, Lake View, Ia.; E. A. Wilkinson, of Britt; Truman Reynolds, of St. Paul; Mrs. Valida Howell, of Chicago; Miss Susie Peterson, Estherville; Mrs. E. P. Healy, Britt. The dead are, Mrs. Kitty Way Green, Sioux City; Mrs. Alta Rogers Campbell, Denver; Mrs. Myrtle Dunsmoor Richards and Archie Butts, of Britt.

It is interesting to know that John Hammill spoke on "Good Citizenship" at commencement. He certainly followed out the idea of good citizenship throughout his life. It is also interesting to know that his superintendent, A. M. Deyoe, was later elevated to the office of State Superintendent of Schools largely through the urging and earnest work of his student, John Hammill. Mr. Hammill managed the campaign and fought it through a nominating convention. John Hammill and Prof. Deyoe worked hand in hand for the advancement of education in Iowa and they made a record that placed Iowa on a high plane educationally in the nation. After graduating from the Britt high school Mr. Hammill entered the State University of Iowa, taking up law. He graduated therefrom in 1897 and returned to Britt immediately to set up a law practice. With the exception of the time that he served his state as senator, lieutenant governor and governor he maintained a law office in Britt.

Married Fannie Richards

Ten years after his arrival in Hancock County we find him on June 7, 1899, united in marriage to Miss Fannie Richards, of Garner. They established their home in Britt, and except for the period of his office holding in Des Moines, this has been their home since. Their home was apparently very happy.

Besides his beloved wife, John Hammill is survived by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Fannie Richards, who had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Hammill for the past several years; and V. Charles Welty, of St. Paul, Minn., a nephew. Mrs. Grace Caldwell, of Britt, is a step daughter of Mr. Hammill's sister, the late Mrs. C. D. Welty.

Loved Lodge Work.

Mr. Hammill was a thirty-second

degree, and was outstanding as a fighter for agriculture, calling a council of governors of several states to formulate a farm program and put it into the platforms of mid-western states.

In 1930 he was an unsuccessful candidate for United States Senator.

Fought Farmers' Battles

Following his office holding he returned to his home in Britt and was immediately sought out by farmers facing bankruptcy and the loss of their lands. He worked hard and was able to refinance many such. He was popularly considered a force in the coming election. Had been recently named as a delegate at large to the National Republican convention at Cleveland to be held the coming June. In one of his last speeches he said that when he went to Cleveland he would not support any candidate for the presidency who would not pledge himself to work for a sane agricultural program.

Community Enthusiast

Mr. Hammill was a community enthusiast. He loved Britt and Hancock county. Hardly a thing worthy of mentioning that Mr. Hammill has not been interested in. He was president of the Britt Commercial Club at the time of his death. He had served for years on the Britt School board, was serving on what is termed the "Better Schools Commission" of Iowa.

He was always fighting for right, for his town, for his people. He will be sadly missed.

The Town Council Monday night passed a resolution of respect for our departed citizen, and the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges, the Britt Commercial Club and other organizations have done likewise.

Accidental Death Of Homer Johnson

Kanawha, Iowa, April 7:—The Henry Johnson family received the sad message about nine o'clock Monday night saying that Homer Johnson, son of Mrs. Thor Johnson, had died following a mine accident at Columbia, Utah. Homer was a young man twenty-one years of age, and had been employed at the mine since last September. No particulars of the accident were received.

The body will be brought here the last of the week. Relatives here are his mother, Mrs. Thor Johnson; sister, Gertrude Milnes; brothers, Oren and Henry; uncle, T. H. Thompson; aunts, Mrs. Ole Olson and Mrs. John Welch, all of Kanawha.

No Funds For Britt Waterworks

A list of P. W. A. projects which have federal approval but for which funds are not available includes a grant of \$27,272 for Britt waterworks improvement. Wesley project calling for \$7,272 for a water tank is also listed. About sixty other Iowa projects have fallen into this category—project approved but no funds available.

Stewart, Councilman of
Guy Judd, Leo Gilligan
kens and Jack Johnson
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Stewart, Mrs. Edwin J.
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A. McCorkle, Mr. and
Pfahler, Frank McCork
Mason City; Mrs. Ett
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Smith of Condon, N.
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Mr. and Mrs. Lawrer
Harvey, Ill., James F
Lake, Garrie Pfahler,
of Mason City, Mr.
Grange of Wesley, J
Geo. Amen, Sexton,
Ed. Gordon of Forest

Two Girls, Four Boys In

Saturday night as was starting home on Main Street he was by a car that had turned another car and the smashup in which two coupe and a Lafaye badly damaged.

Deibler was alone a car was Ben Smith, boys, Misses Jenny Jones Zrostlik, young southeast of town. T ed bad cuts on the f vere bruises, while a little better and c shakeup with only bruises. Merle Deil hard blow over the ri rndered unconscious also received bruises

D. E. Williams New T

The Mayor and to Monday evening to o year. Marshalls L. Lloyd Williams were was also John Pinke commissioner and Dr as health officer. D. appointed town cler M. S. Burgitt who h for several years.