

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Darrak John Threlton Senator  
Represented Franklin and Hayes Counties Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 Feb 1857 Franklin County Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Kate Elliott 9 Oct 1881

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Merchant; farmer

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served

6. Public Offices Representative 36<sup>th</sup> 37<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1915, 1917 House of

A. Local County appraiser; Mayor of Hampton Iowa for 10 years

B. State

C. National

7. Death 19 Feb 1956 Belmont, Iowa; buried Hampton Cemetery, Hampton, Iowa

8. Children Gladys; Max; Merle; R. J.

9. Names of parents Robert A.

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_

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

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12. Other applicable information Republican

*His parents were from the north of Ireland, coming to Ohio at an early age. They moved to Ohio and to Franklin County, Iowa in 1856.*

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# Demonstrations Three Days Next Week

## More Than 175 Prizes Lined Up 27 Store Booths

Capacity crowds are confidently expected at all three sessions of the cooking and refrigeration demonstration which the Bureau of the Belmont County of Commerce will conduct. The demonstrations will be held at the O'Connell hall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Jewel Graham, Iowa college food specialist, has been engaged to present the demonstrations. Arrangements were made by Mrs. Geraldine Steele, county home economist.

Prizes in great abundance will be awarded during the three events, according to Dave K and Lloyd Lewis, who are in charge of the Retail Bureau of the fair that has planned it. A total of 150 door prizes will be awarded during the three days on the basis of registration. The first floor of the IOOF hall 27 business places will have to display their wares.

### DEMONSTRATIONS 2:00 TO 4:00

Women are urged to register for each of the three days and attend each of the three afternoon sessions, each of which will be concerned with different matters. In addition to the prizes, sponsors of the various plays will be giving separate prizes based on registration at the booths.

Doors of the hall will be open each day from 1:00 to 5:00. The demonstrations in the afternoon of the hall will be held from 2:00 to 4:30 p. m., women and hour before a half hour afterward to look at the booths and look at displays of merchandise that will contain.

### Home Freezer Tip

On Tuesday afternoon Jewel Graham will confine her attention to matters of preparation for storage in home freezers. Not only will she present a number of dishes that freeze admirably to preserve and freezing, but she will give useful tips in regard to the use of a freezer with a view to keeping a minimum and retaining it of the foods stored.

Wednesday afternoon will be "Broiler Meal" and Graham will have many offers regarding how to use of a broiler and how to cook it. "Pork is Preferred" will be particularly timely with the coming of the pig raising season.



**JEWEL GRAHAM**  
She'll divulge cooking secrets

## Start Those Mementos Coming

The Independent has been selected as a clearing house for old-time photographs and early-day anecdotes that might be included in a centennial booklet commemorating Belmont's 100th birthday. If such a booklet is to be published, work will have to be started on it promptly and Gus Taylor, centennial chairman, says an idea must be gained soon of what its general contents should include. Articles based on reminiscences of pioneer days may be brought or mailed to the Independent office. The same with pictures, but these should be carefully wrapped or enclosed in a manila envelope and clearly labeled as to ownership.

### ENLISTS IN USAF

Marlys Christenson, a 1953 graduate of Belmont high school and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Christenson, on Monday of this week enlisted in the U. S. Air Force. She will receive her basic training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Tex.

### CHICKEN-N-BISCUITS

Esther Circle of the Methodist church will hold a rummage sale and will also serve a chicken-and-biscuit lunch at the church basement this Saturday. Serving will start at 11:00 a. m.

## John Darrah Dies Eight Days After Reaching Age 99

Death came about 11:30 Sunday morning to John H. Darrah at Belmont Community hospital where he had been cared for since August of 1954. Mr. Darrah just eight days before his death had reached his 99th birthday. Funeral services were held yesterday at 2:00 p. m. at Greenfield Funeral Home, Hampton, conducted by Rev. Ralph E. Baker, pastor of the Hampton Methodist church. Burial was in the Hampton cemetery.

Father of the late Gladys Darrah, Belmont school teacher who died Jan. 7, Mr. Darrah was a member of one of the earliest pioneer families to settle in Franklin county. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Darrah. He was the first white child to be born in Hamilton township and only the fourth to be born in Franklin county. His birthplace was a log cabin nine miles southwest of Hampton.

He was a farmer up to the time of his retirement in 1912, when he and his family moved to Hampton. Thereafter he was engaged in various capacities by the county, including that of appraiser, and for some years was active in politics. He was state representative from Franklin county for two terms, 1915-1918, and served 10 years as mayor of Hampton.

In addition to his wife, who died in 1914, and the daughter who passed away just recently, Mr. Darrah was preceded in death by two other daughters. He is survived by three sons: Dr. Max Darrah, of Des Moines, Merle Darrah of Dallas, Tex., and R. J. Darrah of Silverton, Ore.; and by a brother, Wallace Darrah of Kanawha.

## School Election On March 12th

Nomination papers are due in to Helen McNulty, secretary of the school board, by March 2 for candidates seeking election in the balloting for two directors and board secretary that is to be conducted March 12.

Mrs. Lee Russell, who has been serving as president of the Belmont Community School district board of education, and Robert Garms are the two directors whose terms are expiring. C. C. Benson is the present secretary. Both Mrs. Russell and Mr. Garms have indicated that they

## Curtis Mennenga Wins Recognition As "Best" Pilot

Outstanding ability in flying the T-28 training craft of the U. S. Air Force recently won Lt. Curtis Mennenga a new cigaret lighter. But more significant than the gift, received personally from the commander of Marana Air Force Base, Tucson, Ariz., was the fact that the honor stamped him as top pilot in his class of 100 USAF officers.

From the entire class, just four student pilots were selected to compete in a "landing stage." This competition consisted of three landings each by the four participants. They were graded on their ability to fly the traffic pattern and land on a designated spot on the runway.

Receipt of the engraved cigaret lighter from the commander was Lieutenant Mennenga's reward for placing first. He was chosen by his flying supervisors as one of the "landing stage" contestants due to his prior demonstration of over-all flying ability.

On Feb. 7, Lieutenant Mennenga reported to Loredo Air Force Base, Loredo, Tex., to enter basic single-engine jet training. Upon graduation from Loredo, he will receive his Silver Wings as a pilot in the USAF. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Mennenga.



**LT. CURTIS MENNENGA**  
Wins Honor as Pilot