

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Scherrman, Paul J. Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Dubuque and Delaware Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27. Aug 1948

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Eileen Herbert

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Starby Commercial Club

C. Profession Vice-president of the J. P. Scherrman, Incorporated -  
Hardware, appliances, etc. in Starby, Iowa

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 77<sup>th</sup> 78<sup>th</sup> 79<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1997-1998, 1999-2000,

6. Public Offices 2001-2002

A. Local Elected chairman of the Dubuque County Democratic Party in 1995, 1996

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

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

7. Death \_\_\_\_\_

8. Children Molly; John; Michael; Rob

9. Names of parents Robert and Le Nore (Goodale) Scherrman

Scherrman, Paul

10. Education He graduated from Campion Jesuit High School in  
Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin

11. Degrees He graduated from St. Mary's University, Winona,  
Minnesota

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He was cast as a baseball player in the movie "Field of  
Dreams"

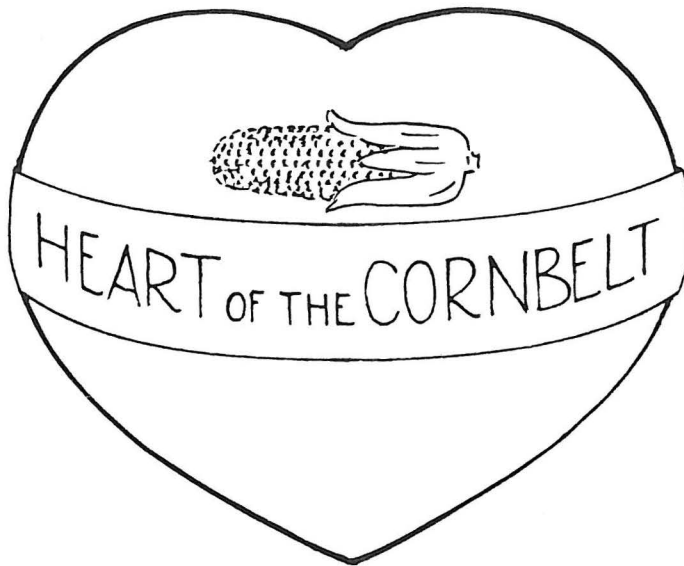
- He was a member of the Eastern Iowa Hawkeye Baseball League;  
manager of the Farley Iowa Hawks semi-pro baseball team

### Sources Log For Legislation Entries

#### Applicability

Source      Non Applicable      Applicable      Information obtained

- Iowa Official Redbook      1999-2000, p. 79  
- History of Early, Early Historical Society 1996 p. 49-51; 67,  
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# The History of Farley, Iowa

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Farley in 1915 where she built the home just east of St. Joseph's old school. She died in July 1921.

Children born to the Ronan's were: Edward, John, Charles, Nick, Mike, Mary Elizabeth, Annie, Maggie and Catherine.

Of the family that remained in this area: One daughter joined the BVM sisters - Sister Jane Francis.

John moved into a house on the west end of 1st Avenue. He never married but raised Nick and Ann Ronan's four children, who were orphaned when both parents died in 1924. The children were: Charles, Firman, Bernard and Betty.

Elizabeth married James Stratton. They farmed northwest of Farley in Section 1 of Dodge Township.

The only members of the Charles Ronan family living in this vicinity now are the descendants of Catherine. She was born in 1892 and was adopted by Elizabeth Ronan at age two. Catherine married Albert Fox and they farmed most of their married life in Section 8 of Taylor Township.

## John P. Sanner

John P. Sanner was born July 27, 1868 and was educated in Delaware Co. His parents were George and Mary Willging Sanner, natives of Germany. George and Mary had come from the old country first to Ohio, then to Dubuque and finally to Delaware County. John P. married Mary C. Connell on May 2, 1892. Mary's parents had come to Taylor Township in the early 1850's. She was the daughter of Michael and Catherine Seery Connell and born June 29, 1864. John and Mary Sanner farmed his old homestead for one year after their marriage. In the autumn of 1893 they moved to Dubuque where John worked in the shops of the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul R.R. Co. He then learned the wholesale grocery trade, being associated with John T. Hancock. In March 1899, the Sanners came to Farley and began a mercantile business, taking over the Walker Store. Upon the organization of the Farley State Bank, in 1906, Mr. Sanner was elected president. He served as a town council president and was well known throughout the area. The Sanner home was located where Mrs. Betty Boge presently lives - 205 2nd Ave. N.W. Mary died on May 13, 1929. John died July 29, 1944. They are buried at the Catholic Cemetery.

The Sanner children were: John L., Charles George, Mable F., Leo M., Addelan C., Clarence H., Thomas J. and Loyola A.

## Leo Sanner

Leo Sanner, the son of John Sanner and Mary Mable, was born Nov. 4, 1898 in Farley. He was united in marriage to Ella Linderman on Nov. 3, 1920 in Dubuque. Ella was born Nov. 14, 1900. After their mar-

riage they settled in Farley where they owned the Sanner Funeral Home. Leo was a mortician in Farley from 1922 until 1960 when he moved to California. He also was assistant cashier in the Farley State Bank for 35 years. Leo died April 13, 1984. Ella died Jan. 10, 1996.

The Sanners have five children: Bill, Leo Thomas, Paul, Mary Lou and Jean. All reside in California.

The Lee Johannes home at 305 6th Ave. N.E. was the home of Leo and Ella Sanner. He later purchased the Court home at 303 1st Ave. N.W. in Farley for the funeral home. They also lived here.

## Clarence Schemmel

Clarence Schemmel (1898-1981), son of Anthony and Josephine May Schemmel, was born in Worthington. He married Mary Konzzen (1897-1962) of Farley on Nov. 24, 1920. She was born at Holy Cross, Iowa. After their marriage, they farmed near Farley.

Two daughters were born to this union: Helen Patricia Stoffel of Key West, Iowa and Kay M. Gus Thier of Dyersville, Iowa.

## Henry Schemmel

Henry Schemmel (1873-1963) was born in Worthington, the son of Anthony and Josephine Hopply Schemmel. He married Louise Arcouet at Farley on July 24, 1901. Louise was the daughter of L.N. and Margaret Arcouet. Henry operated a grinding and milling business in the Farley area until his retirement. The Schemmel's built the house north of the bank in 1900. It is now the Rave home at 103 Fourth Ave. N.E. Henry and Louise were parents of two daughters: Velma, who was born in Farley on Sept. 24, 1903, later living in New York until her retirement. She died in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in Feb. 1895. Varian, who was born at Farley on June 9, 1911. She taught school for one year in Farley and then was principal of the LeHigh School. She died at a young age at Fort Dodge Mercy Hospital.

## Louis A. Schemmel

Louis A. Schemmel was born April 12, 1871 at Worthington, Iowa to Anthony and Josephine Hopply Schemmel. He received his education in the Worthington rural schools. Louis married Julia May on April 5, 1896, in Dyersville. Julia was born in Dyersville on July 29, 1874, the daughter of Herman and Sophia Cambell May. After their marriage the Schemmels farmed in rural Farley. Julia died on April 26, 1966. Louis died May 21, 1970. They had four children: Anthony, Clarence, Florence Hawkins and LaVerne Ryder Heiden.

## John Scherrman, Sr.

John Scherrman, Sr. (1862-1939) immigrated to American from Germany about 1884, coming west to Bloomington, Illinois. There John married Mary Leins

(1862-1932). Arriving in Farley in 1905, they farmed northwest of town on Olde Fort Lane on the farm now owned by Lloyd and Marlene Till. The Scherrman's had 7 children: Katherine (Mrs. William Griffin); Joseph (opened the Scherrman Garage in 1919 - Later joined by brothers John & Frank); William (died while with American Expeditionary Forces in 1918 during the war - Scherrman-Peterson Legion Post named in his honor); John; Frank; Frances (died at age 22); and a daughter who died in infancy.

## John Scherrman

John P. Scherrman (1894-1965) was born in Bloomington, Illinois. He moved to a farm northwest of Farley as a child. After his marriage to Mildred Quirk (1896-1977) on Jan. 20, 1918 they farmed Prairie Lawn Farm west of town. In 1945 he purchased his brother Joseph's business - J.E. Scherrman Implement - which he worked in until his death in 1965. John served on the school board and Mildred on the Dubuque Co. Library Board. She was the organizer of the Girl Scouts of America in Farley. They had seven children: Robert, Richard, Frances (Sis) Cavanagh Smith, Paul, Laurence, Jack, Sharon Osterhaus.

## Frank Schmitt

Frank (1857-1938) and Maragaret Wolf Schmitt (1858-1924) farmed in the Bankston area after their marriage, later moving to Farley. They had six children: George, Mary Ann Hoefer, Kate Hess, Michael, Nicholas and Elizabeth Neuman.

## George Schmitt

George Schmitt (1885-1960) and Ida Pins (1889-1959) were married at Bankston, Iowa. They operated the Schmitt and Lawler Grocery in Farley which was located where the present Memorial hall stands. George also bought and sold cattle and hogs. He served as a town council member and was Justice of Peace in Farley and was a clerk for many local sales. Ida worked as postal clerk for many years. They had no children.

## James Scott

Born in Lorian Co., Ohio, July 15, 1827, James Scott came to this country in 1853. He was among the first to settle this area. The Scotts knew first hand the hardships, inconveniences and friendships that grew from the frequent interchange of help among early settlers. During their earliest Winter here, a house 18 x 24 feet was used by the Scott family and that of Samuel and Harriet Freeman family. Over a dozen people in all shared the abode for those months. A chalk-line was used to separate the two residents. Mr. Scott, a practical carpenter, built most structures on his property himself. He did farming, stock-raising, and bee keeping on Section 21 of

Taylor Township. James Scott married twice. To Miss Sarah Freeman of Ohio in 1847. She passed away Oct. 15, 1860. Burial was South of Epworth. He married the second time to Miss Elizabeth Wilkinson on April 24, 1862. Elizabeth was born in Pennsylvania on March 8, 1833. She died March 13, 1909. Her parents were early settlers of Epworth in 1853. Burial was at Farley.

The old Scott school house stood in the center of Section 21 where there is now corn on Pilot Grove Road. There were seven Scott children: Harriet, Elizabeth, Willma, Joseph A., Clarence, Russell J. and Aretus.

## Simon, Joseph

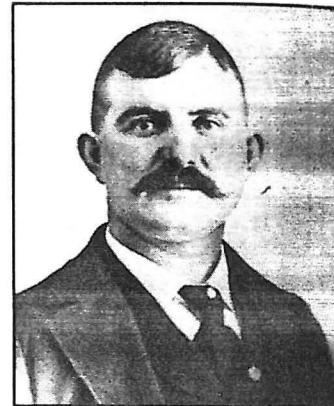
Joseph Simon (1882-1858), son of Nicholas and Mary Ann (Reiter) Simon married Anna Schmitt (1887-1938), at Holy Cross Catholic Church on April 26, 1910. Born to this union were six children: George, Ray, Marie, Florence, Frances and Joseph. They farmed in this area across from St. Joseph's Cemetery. Two sons, George and Joseph, remained in this area.

## Sanford Simpson

Mr. Sanford Simpson had a large dray business in the 1890's in Farley. He did nearly all the mowing around this area. Sanford was born in Jackson Co., coming here as the population grew.

## John Small

"John Small is dead are the words that passed from lip to lip last Saturday evening," reported the Farley Advertiser on Oct. 3, 1907. John served as marshall in Farley in 1879 & 1880 and again in 1882 & 1883. The job was part-time since the town also employed a street commissioner, so John worked as dray man during the day.



John Small  
Farley's First Marshall

John was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1825 and came to America at the age of twenty-one. He settled in Farley when the town was first laid out. He married Katherine Craig in Dubuque in 1860 and ten children were born to them. He and his family lived in the house that is on the corner of 7th Ave. & 2nd St. N.E.

John died on Sept. 28, 1907, in Duluth, MN, where he had been visiting his sons John and Frank. The Farley Advertiser reported: "Mr. Small was conscientious in carrying out his work, and esteemed as a good citizen, a worthy man, and an indulgent father."

Two of John's children, Mary and Elizabeth Frances (Fannie), were life-long residents of Farley. Mary married Robert Allen and in 1890 Fannie married William H.

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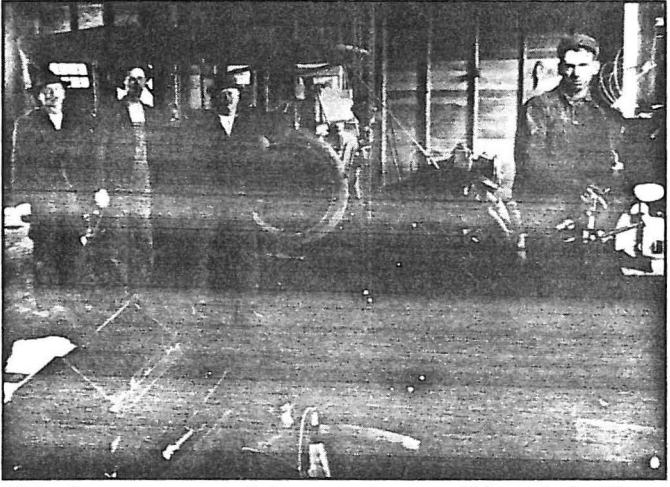
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**J. E. Scherrman**  
**Farley, Iowa**



This photo shows Joe Scherrman in one of his early buildings in the 1920's. Three men on left are unidentified. Note Model T in background.

**History of J.P. Scherrman, Inc.**

In 1919 Joseph E. Scherrman and Charles Kay opened a car and machinery shop in Farley located at 304 1st St. N.W.

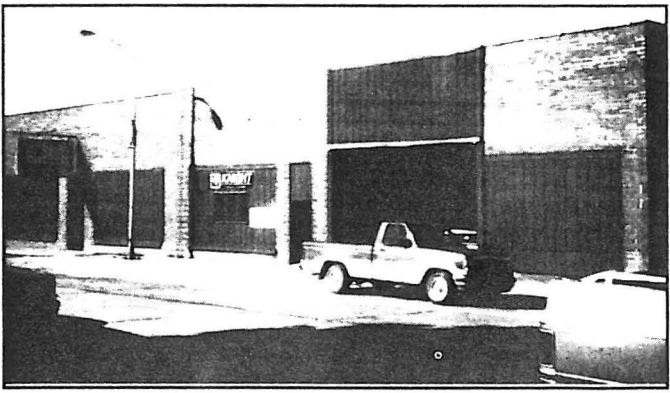
In 1922 Joseph Scherrman purchased the business from Kay and moved to its present location of 103 1st Ave. N.E.

In 1934 John P. Scherrman entered into the business with his brother and in 1945 John became co-owner.

In 1946 John purchased the business from Joseph. Since 1946 the company has carried hardware, plumbing and heating, appliances, cars, trucks and many lines of farm equipment.

Since the early 1980's the business has evolved into sales, service and rental of the Melroe Bobcat Skidsteer line.

Today J.P. Scherrman, Inc. is owned and operated by 2nd and 3rd generation Scherrman's. Current president of the corporation is Laurence J. Scherrman, son of John P. Scherrman. Bob Scherrman and son, Paul Scherrman, are also in the business. Lynn Scherrman Konzen, a daughter of Bob, is the secretary.



Picture shows J.P. Scherrman's present location

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commander adjutant and historian of the post. He was also a member of the 40 & 8 Post 632 of Dubuque. He served on the Farley Public School Board and was a member of the Lyle Knights of Columbus and the Farley Commercial Club.

He was a Democratic State Representative for Dubuque County for three terms - 1962, 1964, and 1966.

His life work was with the Dubuque County Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

The Breitbachs were members of St. Joseph Church and active in the Senior Citizen activities.

Five children were born to Alfred and Anna. They are Alfred Jr., Rita, Lyle, Darlene and Mary.

Al died January 21, 1981 and Anna died October 16, 1988.

## RAY SCHERRMAN

Ray Scherrman was born on June 19, 1930 at Farley, son of Joe E. and Marie (Carden) Scherrman. He attended St. Joseph Grade School and graduated from St. Joe's High School. He married Pearl McBride.

To this union five children were born - David, Jerry, Tim, and Kathleen.

Ray served in the U.S. Army from January 1952 through January 1954 with the 5th Regimental Combat Team in Korea.

Offices held by Mr. Scherrman were Farley Public School Board from 1955-1960, and the Western Dubuque School Board from 1960-1972. He was one of the original members of this Board and helped to organize one of the largest school districts in Iowa. He served on the Dubuque-Jackson County Mental Health Association, Farley State Bank Board and Selective Services Board.

He is currently serving on the Albrecht Acres Board, and the Democratic Central Committee. Ray served as County Supervisor from 1973 through January 1977.

## MICHAEL W. CONNOLLY



Michael Connolly was born on October 18, 1945 in Dubuque. The son of Albert and Margaret Daly Connolly. He attended St. Joseph's Grade School and High School at Farley, graduating in 1963. Mike has a BA degree from Loras College, graduating in 1967. He has an MA, receiving it in 1976. He is a U.S. Veteran. He married Martha Fessler of Farley



in 1972. They have one daughter, Maureen and one son, John. Mike is a teacher at Dubuque Senior High School for the past 20 years; is a member of St. Joseph the Worker Church, Dubuque; is a member of Dubuque Education Association, Loras Club; Dubuque County Democratic Party; Four Mounds Association; Regional Coordinating Council and Greater Dubuque Development Corporation. He served five terms in the Iowa House of Representatives and is in his second term in the Senate.

## PAUL SCHERRMAN

Paul Scherrman of Farley, was the 1994, District 33, Democratic candidate for the Iowa House of Representatives District 33 included rural Dubuque county and six townships in Delaware county. Scherrman lost the election to Dyersville Republican Joe Ertl by a total of 858 votes.



Scherrman, in 1995 was elected chairman of the Dubuque County Democratic Party. He served as Chairman until February of 1996. At that time he again announced his candidacy for the House of Representatives.

He is the son of Bob Scherrman and the late LaNore (Goodale) Scherrman. He is married and has four children.



## JOHN J. CALLAHAN

John J. Callahan was a supervisor in Dubuque County in November of 1895. (*see biography*)

## LINCOLN CLARK

The honorary Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Clark were some of the first pioneers to homestead land in this area.

Clark was a presidential elector on the Pierce and King ticket in 1852, a representative from Iowa in the thirty-second congress. He was defeated for re-election. Clark later became a Republican and was appointed by President Lincoln as first register in bankruptcy under the new law for the Northern District of Illinois.

He was forced to resign this position because of ill health. He died in 1886 at the age of 86 in Massachusetts. The Clarks had four children: Catherine, Julia Ann, Lincoln E. and Edward.