

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Yentzer, Raymond A. Senator _____

Represented Johnson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 17 Aug 1887 Offord, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Elizabeth Rose Flannery 24 Nov 1915 Cosgrove, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Vice president and director of the Merchants Mutual Banking Company in Des Moines; member of both Polk County and Iowa Bank Association

B. Civic responsibilities Elks Club; American Legion, VFW
Mason, Eagles

C. Profession Lawyer; real estate; investment; abstractor

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 39th, 40th, 41st General Assembly 1921, 1923, 1925

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State Iowa Commissioner of Insurance 1926-1931; special assistant to the Iowa Attorney General 1955-1957; deputy state auditor 1958-1964 and 1966-1967

C. National _____

7. Death 24 Oct 1979 Iowa City, Iowa; buried St. Joseph's Cemetery, Iowa City, Iowa

8. Children Mary Louise (Mrs. McCreedy); Geraldine Anne

9. Names of parents Albert and Susan (Whittington) Yentzer

Yenter, Raymond A.

10. Education Graduate of Oxford Iowa High School, 1907

11. Degrees Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana
LLB in 1919; he also attended Cedar Rapids Business College;
post graduate work in law for one year at Indiana University

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - retired major general in the Iowa
National Guard, 113th Cavalry - Mexican border
detachment, World War I - Battery F, 126th Field Artillery
- Practiced law in Iowa City, 1919-1926 and 1931-1941
- He headed the Korean Bond Board
- His wife, Elizabeth, born 12 Feb 1891, died Oct 1969, Iowa City, Iowa
- He organized Ball Abstract Company in Iowa City, 1911-1914
- In 1914-1916 he was employed by Farmers Foreign Bank at Oxford, Iowa,
but left that position in 1916 to enter the military



deaths

Raymond A. Yenter

Raymond A. Yenter, 82, of 8999
Rochester Court, a former member of the Iowa House of Representatives from Johnson County, died this morning at Beverly Manor Nursing Home after a long illness.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the George L. Gay Funeral Home, with burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday beginning at noon.

Memorial donations may be made to the University of Iowa College of Law.

Mr. Yenter was born Aug. 17, 1887, in Oxford, a son of Albert and Susan Whittington Yenter. On Nov. 22, 1914, he married Elizabeth Rose Flannery in Cosgrove.

He attended at Valparaiso University in 1910.

He served in the Iowa House from 1921-1925; as Iowa Commissioner of Insurance from 1926-31; and was a retired major general in the Iowa National Guard, 113th Cavalry.

Mr. Yenter served as a captain in the cavalry during the Mexican border dispute, was a captain in the field artillery during World War I, and was a special assistant to the Iowa attorney general from 1955-1957.

He headed the Korean Bonus Board; was deputy state auditor of Iowa from 1958-64 and 1967-77; was active in the Republican Party and practiced law in Iowa City from 1919 to 1926 and from 1931 to 1941.

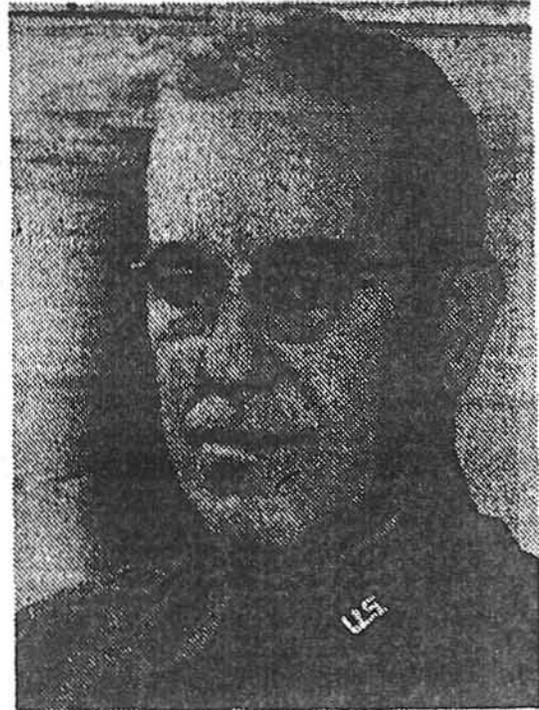
He was vice president and director

Nora S. Walters

Nora S. Walters, 82, of Route 1, died at Mercy Hospital this morning after a short illness.

Services will be Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, with burial in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Friends may call beginning at 9 a.m. Thursday at the George L. Gay



RAYMOND A. YENTER
1941 photo

of Merchants Mutual Bonding Company in Des Moines; a member of the Iowa City Elks Club, a past commander of the Argonne Post of the American Legion in Des Moines and a member of the VFW.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Mary Lou McCreedy and Gwen Yenter, both of Iowa City; a brother, Hubert of Weslaco, Texas; three sisters, Martha Baumer of Lone Tree, Mrs. Dorothy Connell of West Branch and Mrs. Orpha Kruse of Mount Vernon.

He was preceded in death by his wife and four brothers.

Margaret Leonard

Margaret Leonard, 81, of 323 N. Linn St., died Tuesday at Lantern Park Care Center after a sudden illness.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will be in St. Bridget's

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Secretary Thornburg to give an administration notable for its progressiveness and its wise and constructive policies.

Mr. Thornburg has ever been a staunch advocate of the principles of the Republican party, he is a Knight Templar and a member of the American Legion, in which latter he is a past commander of the post at Emmetsburg, judicial center of Palo Alto County, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal Church, his wife having membership in the Christian Science Church in their present home City of Des Moines.

In April, 1904, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Thornburg and Miss Blanche Scholes, who was born and reared in Des Moines, where she received the advantages of Drake University and was thereafter a popular teacher in the public schools of the capital city. Mrs. Thornburg is a daughter of William S. Scholes, who was for twenty-five years retained as adjuster for the Des Moines Street Railway Company and who thereafter became traffic manager of the celebrated Cave of the Winds at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Thornburg have no children.

HON. RAY YENTER. The State of Iowa is fortunate in having in its various offices, both elective and appointive, men of such high character, their qualities not only insure efficiency and honesty in their administration of the affairs under their charge, but also reflect credit on the people themselves for their selection and support. Among these men of prominence is Hon. Ray Yenter, state commissioner of insurance, who is one of the state's leading citizens, and a man fully conversant with all of the details of his office.

The birth of Ray Yenter took place in Johnson County, Iowa, on the farm entered from the Government by the paternal grandfather in 1847, and he came into the world August 17, 1887. His father and mother, Albert and Susan (Whittington) Yenter, were born in Iowa, he on the same farm as his son, and she at Ely. Seven children were born to them, of whom Ray Yenter is the eldest, and all are living with the exception of one. The parents are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The father is a man of considerable prominence in his community. In the prime of life he, born in June, 1864, and she in 1867, they have many years of usefulness before them. While the father had only common school advantages, he has always been a great reader, and keeps abreast of the times. He is a Republican in his political faith. The grandfather, Casper Yenter, the pioneer, a native of Germany, who came to Iowa after several years spent in Indiana, took up the land already referred to in Johnson County, and died on this farm.

Given more than ordinary educational advantages, Ray Yenter first went to the country

schools, then to Oxford, Iowa, High School, and Valparaiso University, Indiana, and completed his studies in the Indiana State University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Returning to Iowa City, Iowa, he engaged in an abstract business for several years, and then entered the Farmers Savings Bank, Oxford, Iowa, as cashier, but left that position to go to the Mexican border in 1916, where he remained until August, 1917. At that time he was mustered into the regular army at Camp Cody, New Mexico, and was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and then overseas. While on the border he was captain of a cavalry unit; afterwards he was captain in the field artillery branch of the regular army. Returned to the United States, he was honorably discharged in February, 1919.

Mr. Yenter has always been a zealous Republican, and after his return from France was elected to the Iowa State Legislature, and served in the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Forty-first sessions, but resigned to accept appointment as state commissioner of insurance March 1, 1926. During the period between 1920 and 1926 he was engaged in a law practice at Iowa City, but is now devoting all of his time to the duties of his office, and he has thirty-four people under his immediate charge.

On November 24, 1915, Mr. Yenter married Miss Elizabeth Flannery, who was born in Johnson County, Iowa. She was educated in Saint Peter's High School, Colgrove, Iowa. Her father, William Flannery, is a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Yenter have one daughter, Mary Louise. He belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Iowa City, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, also of Iowa City, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Association.

HON. EDWIN THOMAS MEREDITH was a native son of Iowa who achieved conspicuous business success as a publisher and will long be remembered also for his services to the cause of agriculture both in the state and the nation.

He was born at Avoca, Iowa, December 23, 1876, and his career was closed by an early death June 17, 1928, when in his fifty-second year. His parents were Thomas and Minerva (Walsh) Meredith. His mother was a native of Ohio and of English and Welsh ancestry. Thomas Meredith was born at Dunston, England, and became a pioneer Iowa farmer. He died at Des Moines.

Edwin Thomas Meredith completed his education in Highland Park College at Des Moines and in later years, in recognition of his services and attainments, received several honorary degrees from universities and agricultural colleges. In 1896, when he was nineteen years of age, he took charge of the *Farmers Tribune*, a failing Populist and Greenback paper formerly owned by his grandfather. His six years of work with this paper was the difficult experience which