

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Bennett,  
Olivier P. - Represented Crawford, Harrison and Monona Counties,  
Iowa

1. Birthday and place 10 Oct 1892 Elgin, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place

Helene Kirk 18 Sept 1917 Des Moines, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Practiced law in Mpls. Iowa more than 55 years; admitted  
to the bar in 1915; admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1929

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Charism; Rotary; American  
Legion

C. Profession Attorney; farmer; Brigadier General of the  
Iowa National Guard; Colonel of the Judge Advocate General Corps

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 43<sup>rd</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1929, 1931, 1933

6. Public Offices

A. Local

B. State Iowa Insurance Commissioner 1955-1958

C. National

7. Death 7 Dec 1973 Des Moines, Iowa; buried Mt. Hope Cemetery, Mpls., Iowa

8. Children Dorothy (Mrs. James Blomwell); James Louis; Kirk;  
Olivier P. Jr.

9. Names of parents James L. and Mary (Potter) Bennett

10. Education He graduated from Appleton, Iowa High School in 1911

11. Degrees He graduated in 1915 Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa with a Law degree. attended Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts 1911-1912, attended State University of Iowa 1912-1913

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came to Rodney, Iowa with his father at age 2
- He worked as a farm adjuster with New Yorks Life Insurance Company
- Military service - World War I and World War II - U. S. Army
- His parents homesteaded in Buena Vista County, Iowa and then moved to Illinois for 3 years. They returned to Iowa and settled in Monona County in 1895.
- He lived on a farm in Monona County, Iowa until 1911



## Mapleton Attorney O. P. Bennett Dies



O. P. Bennett Sr.

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He was insurance commissioner of Iowa from 1955-58 and had served two terms as state senator.

In 1968, Mr. Bennett was presented with the Outstanding Citizenship Award in Mapleton.

He was a member of Quarry Lodge 404, AF&AM, Abu-Bekr Shrine and Sioux City Consistory and was an active member of the Prairie Gold Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Dec. 10 in Walter Funeral Home, with the Rev. E.T. Lang officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Masonic rites were conducted at the funeral home at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9. Military rites were conducted at the graveside.

Mr. Bennett was born Oct. 10,

Bromwell of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; three sons, James of Des Moines and Kirk and Oliver P. Bennett Jr., both of Mapleton; two brothers, Eugene of Mt. Clair, N.J. and Gail of Chicago; nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

### \$200 WINNER DECEMBER 7 THIS WEEK'S DRAWING \$100

Judy Wright of Onawa was present for the cash drawing held in Onawa, Friday, Dec. 7th at 3:00 p.m. Friday, December 14th at 3 p.m. the drawing will be \$100.00.

You may register every time you make a purchase.

Must be present in a participating business at 3:00 p.m. each Friday to win and be 16 years of age. Can win only once.

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### BREAK GROUND SUNDAY FOR WHITING CARE UNIT

Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new nursing home at Whiting were held at 1 p.m. Sunday at the site just south of the Whiting school.

The 52-bed nursing home will be constructed by the Whiting Commercial Corp. and probably will be named the Whiting Care Center.

The \$420,000 project will be constructed by Nord Co., contractor, and is expected to be finished by late next summer. The nursing home will employ 30 to 35 persons.

The nursing home will be operated closely with Burgess Memorial Hospital at

Winters.

On November 23, the Onawa Boxing team traveled to Norfolk, Nebraska and participated in the first match of the year. Out of 17 matches the Onawa boys were involved in 9 of them.

The action started with Terry Sanderson, our smallest boxer at 48 lbs., going strong for 3 rounds.

The matches continued with all the boxers looking quite impressive. The match ended with Tom Nagel, our largest boxer at 131 lbs., handling his opponent easily.

The boys will be in action Saturday, December 15 at the Bryant Center Gym in Omaha at 8:00 p.m.

Plans are being made for a match in Onawa sometime in February.

### NEW ONAWA BUSINESS GRAND OPENING DECEMBER 21st

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The Strain company is not new to the Onawa territory as they have operated for years in the business from their home location in Modale, Iowa. The new Onawa location is in the former Onawa Standard Service at 1004 Iowa Ave. east of the Onawa Cafe.

They are dealers in Butler Agri-Builder and other farm building needs for Monona and Woodbury counties in Iowa-Dakota and Dixon counties in Nebraska. They extend a most cordial welcome to you to attend their open house. Free coffee and doughnuts will be served. Also check on their Open House Specials at this time. Check their advertisement in this week's issue of the Onawa Democrat and remember the date, Friday, December 21st.

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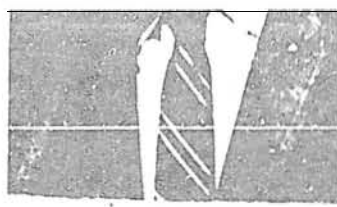
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Whether to continue my medical practice or retire and be a bum and a nuisance, is my question.

So my friend, President Nixon, and I have decided not to resign, or retire, but to finish the job. We will be here for another three years.

Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.



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Before entering the Army, he worked as a farm adjuster with New York Life Insurance Co. He served with the Army during World War I and World War II.

He was a member of the Mapleton Club, Willowvale Golf Club, Mapleton Rotary Club and the American Legion.

Survivors include the widow; a daughter, Mrs. James (Dorothy)

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Mrs. Morton Freeman, president of the corporation, Morton Freeman, Whiting mayor and Dr. John L. Garred took part in the groundbreaking ceremonies. Following the ceremony, a chartered bus took the participants to Cherokee, Iowa, for a tour of a nursing home there.

Members of the corporation board also include Don Croker, vice president; Mrs. Vincent Willey, second vice president; John Holmes, treasurer, and the Rev. Thomas Guenther, secretary.

Wishing that all your