

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Rawlings, Edward Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Monona County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 4<sup>th</sup> May 1870 Plattville, Wisconsin

2. Marriage (s) date place

Effie Miller 1 Apr 1896 Castana Iowa or  
Mapleton, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of Monona County Farm Bureau; treasurer of Monona  
County Mutual Fire Insurance Association; secretary-treasurer of  
Missio Central Elevator Company

B. Civic responsibilities Onawa Community Club; president of  
the Monona-Harmon Central Coal and Fire Co.

C. Profession Farmer; dealer in hay and feed; livery business

4. Church membership Methodist

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 Monona County sheriff 7 years; Onawa board of education  
member;

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

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

7. Death 20 Oct 1955 Sioux City, Iowa; Corral Creek Cemetery, Onawa, Iowa

8. Children Raymond A.; Richard C.; Maurice E.; William

9. Names of parents Joseph I and Mary A. (Carhart) Rawlings

10. Education Educated in the common schools until age 17  
in Monroe County, Iowa.

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

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He came with his parents to Monroe County, Iowa in 1875  
from Grant County, Wisconsin.
- He was raised at Plattville, Wisconsin and Cretan, Iowa.
- After his father's death in 1887 he began to work as a farm laborer  
until 1896 when he became a tenant farmer.
- Later he was engaged in the livery business in Cretan, Iowa but sold out in 1902.
- He was Monroe County sheriff 1903-1910.
- He then went back into the livery business at Osawa 1911-1912.
- His wife, Effie, died 8 Jan 1929.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Iowa Official Register			1933-1934, p. 100
And the History and the Journal Citizens			1916, Vol. II, p. 260-261
- Obituary -			The Des Moines Democrat, Des Moines, Iowa Nov. 27, 1955, p. 1, col. 3
- Obituary -			The Des Moines Sentinel, Des Moines, Iowa Nov. 27, 1955, p. 6, col. 6, 7

Government Material Yards  
South of the Floyd Monument  
South of Sioux City, Iowa

Franklin R. Beedle, 28, Sloan was killed about 7:20 a. m. Thurs day when the car he was driving was struck by a southbound Chicago and North Western passenger train about a half mile south of the Floyd Monument on a dirt road crossing.

Beedle's car was dragged about 1,025 feet by the impact and then tossed into a ditch. Beedle's body was behind the wheel of the battered vehicle when found.

Dr Thomas L. Coriden, Woodbury county coroner, said that Beedle suffered fractured legs, a crushed chest and right arm. Dr. Coriden said that Beedle was killed instantly.

Beedle, who apparently did not see the approaching train, was headed west toward the government material yards, where he was employed. The yards, located on the banks of the Missouri river, are a short distance from the crossing.

Beedle was driving an old model car which evidently was hit broadside by the diesel engine of the passenger train.

The train was traveling about 20 minutes late and had left Sioux City, about 7:12 a. m., a railroad spokesman said. It was held up about 45 minutes because of the accident. The train crew was composed of John Medsen, engineer, Alvin Glidden, Fireman, and Chas H. Sloan, Conductor.

The cars of sightseeing motorists were parked along highway 75 Thursday morning for about a half mile parallel to the ditch where the Beedle automobile was thrown by the collision. Many persons left their cars to surround the wrecked vehicle while the body was being removed. Sioux City police aided in handling the traffic on the highway.

W. J. Hennigan, assistant superintendent of the railroad, said that an investigation will be launched to determine the cause of the collision. He said that apparently the train's operation was normal, that there were no obstacles marring right of way vision at the crossing and that the weather was clear.

**OBITUARY**

Franklin Robert Beedle was born February 18, 1930, at Onawa Iowa and passed from this life in Woodbury County, Iowa on October 20, 1955, death came at the age of 25 years.

Following his graduation from the Onawa High School, Frank nesday served in the Armed Forces of the United States in Korea; upon his discharge he went to work in this community as a farmer. In 1953 he was employed by the

**WELL KNOWN  
POLITICAL FIGURE  
DIED THURSDAY**

**EDWARD RAWLINGS, 85, FORMER STATE REP, AND COUNTY SHERIFF, DIED AFTER LONG CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE.**

Funeral Services Were Held From the Pearson Funeral Home in Onawa on Monday afternoon. Burial was Made in the Onawa Cemetery.

The death of Edward Rawlings, brings to our mind that the men of yester-year who played an important part in political, civic and religious life of the community are passing from the scene and younger men are taking their places and carrying on, and perhaps will accomplish greater things than their forefathers ever thought could be possible. It has been so since the beginning of time.



**EDWARD RAWLINGS**

Edward Rawlings, 85, was such a man, beginning his life as a farm boy, on his father's farm near Castana he grew to manhood, was married and started farming for himself.

He became a leader in his own community as a civic and political advisor and office holder, and it was not long until his talents along this line were recognized, and he was elected to the position of ticket for County Sheriff. It was then that his popularity was re-

Will Play Manilla Here This Morning.. Friday.. Evening..Manilla Downed Woodbine Last Week to the Score of 21 to 7.—Last Game of the Season at Mapleton.

The Onawa Bulldogs and the Tekamah Tigers battled to a 6-3 tie game last Friday night on the local field. Displaying a hot and cold performance, the Bulldogs scored first on a 35 yard run by Halfback Jim Johnson. A pass on the try for point was ruled no good and Onawa entertained a brief 6-0 lead. In the second quarter Tekamah's quarterback Simons found halfback Don Breckenridge behind Onawa's secondary and hit him with a 35 yard pass that tied the game at 6-6. A plunge off tackle for the extra point failed and it remained a tie game the rest of the way.

Onawa failed to capitalize on two breaks in the final half, and with less than two minutes to play in the game, they marched down to Tekamah's eight yard line and it appeared as if they were going to pull the game out of the fire but they bogged down and lost the ball on downs.

This week the Bulldogs entertain Manilla. The Hawks have a fine club this year and boast plenty of size in their unbalanced line single wing attack. Heading their attack are two tackles, Behrend (175) and Grage (234). Also their center Jones, at 200 pounds, Grage also totes the ball from the fullback slot when needed.

Last week Manilla downed Woodbine quite easily 21 to 7 and have disposed of Dunlap 21 to 6 earlier in the season. Two weeks ago the Hawks up ended Odebolt 14 to 7 and last week Odebolt trounced Sac City. The Bulldogs have their work cut out for them this week but spirit is high and the boys have been working hard this week getting ready for the last home game of the season and will be ready for Manilla.

Next Wednesday, Nov 2, Onawa travels to Mapleton for the last football game of the 1955 season. Mapleton has a big team this year that has shown improvement each week. Last week they upset Coon Rapids, 19 to 6 and Coon Rapids had tied Manilla earlier in the year, 12 to 12. This should be another Onawa-Mapleton thriller this year as these two rivals clash in the final football game for this year.

Thirteen Seniors will be wearing the purple and gold of the Bulldogs for the last time in the Mapleton game. They are: John Arndt, Bob Carlson, Dave Hanson, Jim Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Phil Olsen, John Murphy, Jim Weaver, Cecil Rowland, Tom Whitmore, Roger Peterson, Phil Torticill and

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Following his graduation from the Onawa High School, Frank served in the Armed Forces of the United States in Korea; upon his discharge he went to work in this community as a farmer. In 1953 he was employed by the Corps of Engineers.

On February 8, 1953 he was united in marriage with Bonnie Kirk at Sloan, Iowa, where he has made his home since.

Frank was a member of the David McNeill Post of the American Legion of Onawa.

Survivors are his wife, Bonnie and infant daughter Kathy Joline of Sloan, Iowa; His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Beedle, of Onawa; grandfather, Nick Miller, of Onawa; one brother, Kenneth J. Beedle of Onawa; three sisters, Mrs. Willis Merritt, of Whiting; Miss Mildred Beedle and Mrs. Francis Reed, both of Onawa. There are a number of other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 22nd at 2 p. m. at the First Christian church in Onawa. Rev. Everett Epperson conducted the services. Mrs. Dorothy Ferris gave comfort in song accompanied by Mrs. Nancy Linden.

Bearers were Tom Solien of Sloan; Dwight Brown, John Ankerstjerne, Dick Reynolds, Gene Black and Robert Clayton.

The David McNeill Post of the American Legion with Joe Watkins as Commander attended the services in a body and conducted Military Rites at the Onawa cemetery. Arrangements by the Pearson Funeral home.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Baeth were in Moorhead Sunday morning where they attended church services at the L. D. S. Church, and later Mr and Mrs were dinner guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mann.

## MITTEE PLANS YS PROGRAMS FOR ONAWA

The Onawa Chamber of Commerce, met on Tuesday, October 24th, to discuss tentative plans for a package program on Holidays.

A package program be set up which will cost \$10.00. This will cover the cost of new flags and flag brackets, which will be fastened to the front of the car. There will be two flags to each bracket. By purchasing a package, the merchant will also be contributing to the Christmas program for the children of the streets for Christmas, the Annual Appearance of Santa with his genuine appearance on December 17th, and the cost of the program given to the children.

The Chamber has agreed that opening nights of the Christmas program will be as follows: December 7th, 14th, 21st, 22nd, 29th, 30th, and 31st. Also, the Onawa Christmas program will be held on November 11th.

community as a civic and political advisor and office holder, and it was not long until his talents along this line were recognized, and he made the race on the Democratic ticket for County Sheriff. It was then that his popularity was recognized and he was re-elected to that important office over three consecutive times or a total of 7 years.

This was just the beginning of Mr. Rawlings' service to the public. He gave freely of his time and knowledge to such organizations as the Onawa Board of Education. He served as president of the Monona-Harrison-Crawford Counties Fair Circuit, and he also served faithfully as president of the Monona County Farm Bureau. He was chosen treasurer of the Monona County Mutual Fire Insurance company and secretary and treasurer of the Illinois Central Elevator. Although having only a common school education Mr Rawlings was given the honor of representing his county in the legislature at Des Moines for two terms, and was given the honor while serving, to be selected on the powerful Agriculture Committee. Mr. Rawlings and his family moved to Onawa in 1903 and he has since that time made his home in this city, dividing his time between farming, civic and political duties. He was a member of the Methodist church.

Mr Rawlings was born at Plattsville, Wisc., on May 3, 1870. He moved to Monona County with his parents when about 5 years old and resided in the Castana community until 1903 when he and his family moved to Onawa. He was married to Effie Miller in 1896 at Castana. Mrs. Rawlings preceded him in death in 1929.

To the union were born four children, all of whom survive the father: They are Raymond Rawlings, Monona County Engineer, of Onawa; Atty Maurice Rawlings, of Sioux City; Richard Rawlings, also of Sioux City and William of Albuquerque, N. M. One sister, Mrs. Mary Bowers of Kansas and 6 grand children. Mr. Rawlings passed from this life on Thursday, October 20, 1955 at a Nursing home in Sioux City, Iowa.

Funeral services were conducted from the Pearson Funeral home on Monday afternoon at two p. m. with Rev. E. E. Epperson officiating. Comfort in song was given by Evans Davies, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Clara Kelley.

The pallbearers were: Fred Jensen, Chris Gregerson, Walter Waples, Mike Mustard, Jackson Hanks and Charles Ross.

Burial was made in the Onawa cemetery under the direction of the Pearson Funeral home of Onawa.

at, Bob Carlson, Dave Hanson, Jim Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Phil Olsen, John Murphy, Jim Weaver, Cecil Rowland, Tom Whitmore, Roger Peterson, Phil Torticelli and Harold Ravensborg.

## Annual Fall Bazaar and Centennial Dinner Thursday, Nov. 3rd

The Methodist church of Onawa Iowa is 100 years old this fall. The ladies of the church are holding their annual bazaar on Thursday, November 3rd. The doors will be open to the bazaar at 2:00 o'clock. Many gifts for Christmas may be purchased here. The 100 year birthday celebration of the church will be started off with a Big Centennial Turkey Dinner to the public and served at the church on Thursday, November 3rd, serving will start at 5 p. m. The menu will consist of Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, and gravy, buttered corn, cranberries and a salad, rolls, coffee and pie. The price for adults \$1.00 and for children 60 cents.

## Rummage Sale at Congregational Church Saturday, Nov. 12th

The Women's Fellowship of the Congregational church will sponsor a rummage sale to be held at the church basement, on Saturday November 12th beginning promptly at 9 a. m. Remember the date and plan now to attend.

## Halloween Dance at Onawa Country Club Sunday Evening

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bond, managers of the Onawa Country Club invite all members of the club to a Halloween party and dance to be held on this coming Sunday evening between the hours of 8:30 to 12:30 p. m. Music will be furnished by the Stanley Jirovsky orchestra. Dinner will be served by reservation. Tickets are now on sale, so contact Mr. and Mrs. Bond for same. Plan now to attend this event at the club on Sunday evening.

## THANKS!

We the members of St. John's Church, wish to express our sincere thanks to all the merchants, and individuals who donated so generously to our auction sale last Wednesday. We are very grateful to all the wonderful people who have helped to build a church community.

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Thursday, October 27, 1955

## Services Held for Edward Rawlings

Edward Rawlings was born in Plattsville, Wisc., on May 4, 1870 and passed from this life after a long illness on October 20, 1955 at the age of 85 years.

He came with his parents to the Castana community when a young man, was united in marriage with Effie Miller at Mapleton in 1896. She preceded him in death on January 8, 1929.

Mr. Rawlings was a farmer by vocation but held several different offices in the organizations of the community. Some of the offices were: sheriff of Monona county for seven years, a member of the Onawa Board of Education, president of Monona, Harrison and Crawford counties fair circuit. He was a charter

member of the Monona county Farm Bureau. Treasurer of the Illinois Central Elevator Co. and served as state representative to the Iowa Legislature for two terms.

Survivors include his four sons, Ray of Onawa, Maurice of Sioux City, William of Albuquerque, N. M., and Richard of Sioux City; also one sister, Mrs. Mary Bowers of Kansas and six grandchildren.

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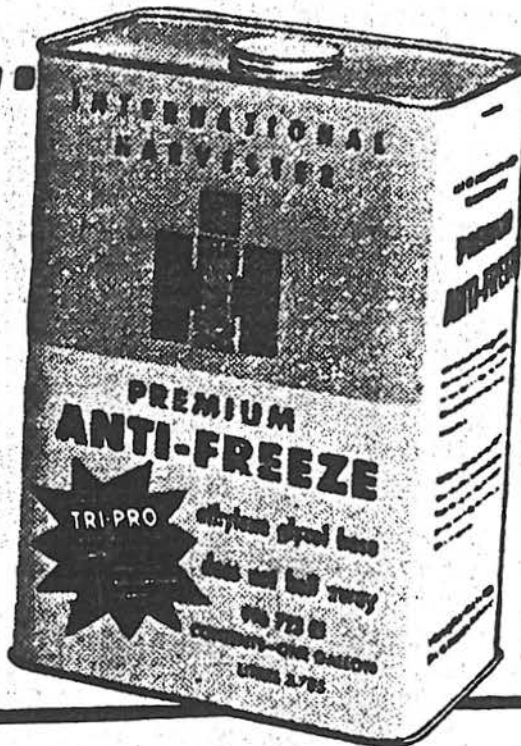
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terror to law breakers. Following his retirement from the office he engaged once more in the livery business at Onawa in 1911 and 1912. In the latter year he was nominated by the democratic party for the office of county auditor but was defeated. Since that time he has conducted business as a dealer in hay and feed, marketing the products in western Iowa and in Kansas.

On the 1st of April, 1896, Mr. Rawlings was united in marriage to Miss Effie Miller, her father being Chalmers A. Miller, a merchant of Mapleton, Iowa. Mrs. Rawlings is a devoted member of the Methodist church and by her marriage has become the mother of three children, namely: Ray A., born March 11, 1897, who was graduated from the Onawa high school with the class of 1914 and is now a member of the 1918 class in liberal arts at the State University of Iowa; Richard C., whose birth occurred on the 17th of August, 1901; and Maurice E., whose natal day was August 27, 1906.

Mr. Rawlings started out in life on his own account when seventeen years of age with nothing but good health as his capital. He has been thrifty, energetic, persistent and has accumulated a comfortable competence, while in the community he stands well both as a citizen and business man.

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#### HOMER WESLEY JOHNSON.

The record which the American public holds in highest honor is that of the self-made man who gives proof of his character worth and of his ability in fighting life's battles and winning its victories single-handed. Such is the life history of Homer Wesley Johnson, now president of the Johnson Brothers Land Company of Sioux City. Starting out without capital or influential friends to aid him, he has steadily advanced step by step until his position in business circles is a creditable and enviable one. He was born upon a farm in Clarke county, Iowa, March 16, 1859, and is descended from Scotch-Irish ancestry, although for several generations the family has been represented on this side the Atlantic. His grandfather was a native of Virginia, in which state also occurred the birth of Allison Chord Johnson, the father of H. W. Johnson. Removing westward to Indiana, Allison C. Johnson there formed the acquaintance of and wedded Emily Brenton, a native of that state and a niece of Hon. Schuyler Colfax. They left Indiana in a wagon drawn by oxen in the year 1857, with Clarke county, Iowa, as their destination, and there they cast in their lot with its pioneer settlers. Mr. Johnson became a prominent and influential citizen of that locality and for two terms served as recorder of Clarke county and for one term as county sheriff. He was filling the office of postmaster at Osceola, Iowa, at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war in 1861. His last days were spent in Armour, South Dakota, where he passed away in 1899, and his wife died in 1895.

Homer W. Johnson was a pupil in the public schools of Osceola but at the age of sixteen years put aside his text-books and became assistant to his father in the office of county recorder of Clarke county, there remaining for four years, two years with his father and two years with the succeeding incumbent. On the expiration of that period he entered the Bank of Corning at Corning, Iowa, in charge of the land loan department, spending about three years in that connection. He next