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THIS WEEK:

**Iowa Governors Who Served During Prohibition
and Those Who Served During the Great Depression**

BACKGROUND:

Prohibition in the United States was a nationwide constitutional ban on the sale, production, importation, and transportation of alcoholic beverages that remained in place from 1920 to 1933.

The Great Depression (1929-1939) was the deepest and longest-lasting economic downturn in the history of the Western industrialized world. In the United States, the Great Depression began soon after the stock market crash of October 1929, which sent Wall Street into a panic and wiped out millions of investors.

This is part six in the series examining the public service history of Iowa's governors.

Nathan Kendall

Nathan Kendall, Iowa's 23rd governor, served two terms from 1921 to 1925.

Governor Kendall served in the Iowa House of Representatives from 1900 to 1909. During his final term in the House, he was chosen Speaker. Governor Kendall was also elected to the U.S. Congress prior to his time as Governor.

Governor Kendall was born in 1868 on a farm near Russell, Iowa, and died in 1936.



Governor Kendall was cremated and is buried beneath a flagstone walk between his home and the public library in Albia, Iowa.



Governor Nathan Kendall's gravesite

John Hammill

John Hammill, Iowa's 24th governor, served three terms from 1925 to 1931.

Governor Hammill served one term in the Iowa Senate from 1909 to 1913. He also served two terms as Lieutenant Governor, presiding over the Senate from 1921 to 1925.

Governor Hammill was born in Linden, Wisconsin, in 1875. He died in a hotel room in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1936. He had traveled to Minneapolis Interstate Commerce Commission.

Governor Hammill is buried in Britt, Iowa.





Daniel Turner

Daniel Turner, Iowa's 25th Governor, served one term from 1931 to 1933.

Governor Turner served in the Iowa Senate from 1904 to 1909.

Governor Turner worked in France during World War I and worked for the War Production Board during World War II.

Governor Turner was born in Corning, Iowa, in 1877 and died in 1969. He is buried in Corning, Iowa.



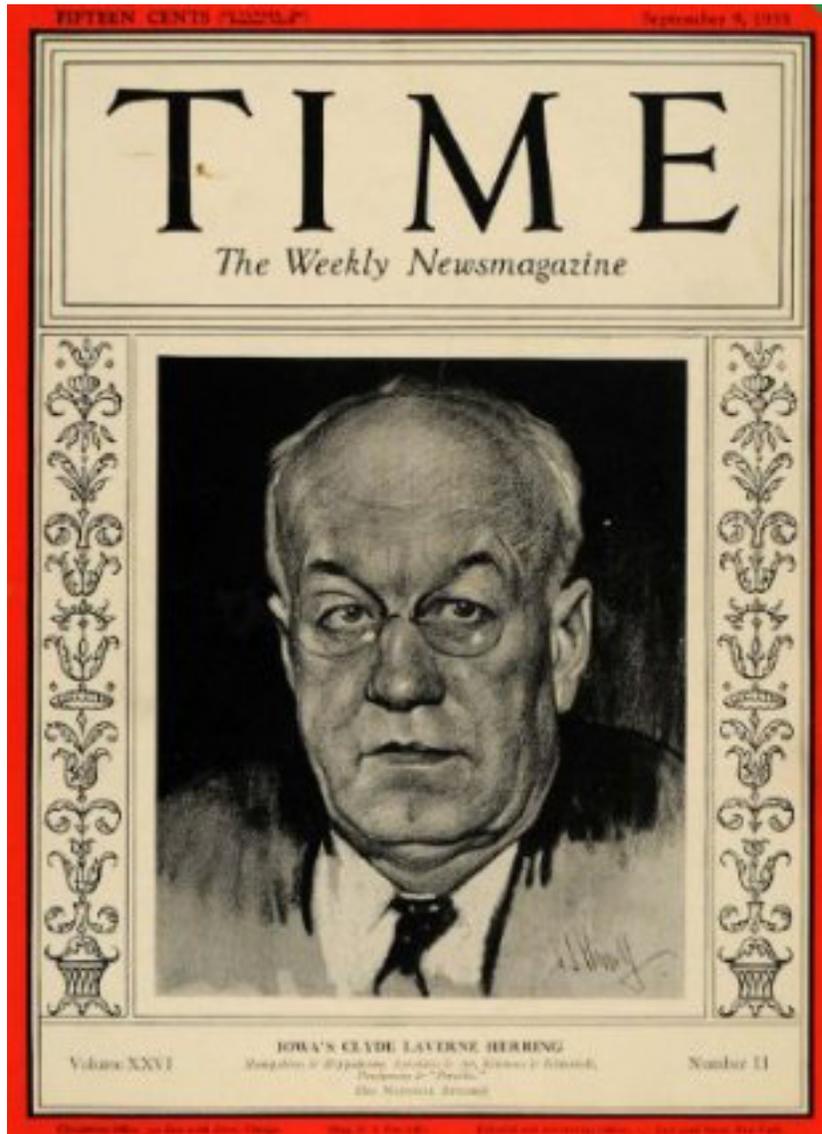
Clyde Herring

Clyde Herring served as Iowa's 26th Governor for two terms from 1933 to 1937.

Governor Herring has no state legislative history but did serve one term in the U.S. Senate after serving as Governor.

Governor Herring served as a senior assistant administrator in the Office of Price Administration under President Franklin Roosevelt.

Governor Herring was born in Jackson County, Michigan, in 1879, and died in Washington, D.C., in 1945. He is buried in Des Moines, Iowa.



Governor Clyde Herring on the cover of *Time* magazine



Governor Clyde Herring listening to the most popular news medium of the day—radio.

Nelson Kraschel

Nelson Kraschel, Iowa's 27th Governor, served one term from 1937 to 1939.

Governor Kraschel presided over the Senate for two terms as Lieutenant Governor from 1933 to 1937.

After serving as governor, Governor Kraschel became an agent for the Farm Credit Administration from 1943 to 1949.

Governor Kraschel was born near Macon, Illinois, in 1889 and died in 1957. He is buried in Harlan, Iowa.



To visit the legislative biographies of these three Iowa Governor's, click on the links below each name.

Nathan Kendall

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Daniel Turner

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