

## John Calvin Flenniken

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## NOTABLE DEATHS

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RANSOM JAMES BIXBY, former state legislator and agriculturalist, died in Edgewood, Iowa, November 18, 1940. The son of Reverend and Mrs. Newell W. Bixby, pioneer settlers in Iowa in 1847, R. J. Bixby was born on a farm near Edgewood, Iowa, March 29, 1854. After an early education he taught school, then attended Wilton College, in Wilton, Iowa, then resumed teaching, becoming principal of the Edgewood schools. He shortly entered the mercantile business, later the drug business, and later still retired to invest in and to manage farms, breed sheep and cattle. Actively identified with the Republican party in the county, and several times chairman of the county committee, he was elected to the state legislature as a representative from Delaware County, serving two terms from 1903-1907.

When an ice cave was discovered on his farm, Mr. Bixby made the 84 acre area into a park, which subsequently, in 1926, became the Bixby State Park when taken over by the Iowa State Conservation Commission. Long prominent in church work, he was first a member of the Baptist church, and later when that church was discontinued in Edgewood, became a member of the Congregational Church.

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JOHN CALVIN FLENNIKEN, former state legislator, died in Strawberry Point, Sunday, July 14, 1940. Born in Millville, Iowa, August 17, 1862, the son of Wallace and Gertrude Flenniken, he was educated in the public schools of Elkader and taught the jewelry trade by his stepfather, Capt. A. B. Morland. He later owned and operated jewelry stores in Traer and Strawberry Point. From 1908 to 1912, he was mayor of the latter town.

Elected to the 29th General Assembly, he was re-elected to the succeeding session. Among other measures sponsored by him was the primary election law.

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DR. THOMAS V. GOLDEN, physician, died in Des Moines, November 21, 1940, at the age of fifty-three. Trained in the Creighton University medical school, Omaha, Nebraska, he practiced medicine in Creston, Iowa, twenty years before appointment as physician and psychiatrist at the Iowa State Hospital for the Insane at Clarinda in 1932. During the World War he was a Major in the medical corps of the 90th division, seeing service in France.

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JOHN H. HENDERSON, Judge, lawyer, and former state official, died in Orange, California, September 30, 1940. The son of Col. and Mrs. P. P. Henderson, he was born on a farm in Warren County, September 16,

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