

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Stevens, Bigstone, Pope, Grant and Traverse, Mr. Benson who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

Mr. President, Members of the Senate and Honored Guests:

Dr. Fred Behmler, known to many of us as Senator Behmler, was born in Jordan, Minnesota, February 2, 1895. He graduated from high school in Jordan, went to college for two years at Carlton College, and then enrolled at the University of Minnesota and was graduated from the College of Medicine in 1920.

The doctor began his medical practice at Lafayette, Minnesota, and then moved to Appleton in 1923, where he practiced medicine from 1923 to 1936. In November 1936 he became associated with Dr. King, in Morris, and later was one of the founders of the Morris Medical Center.

Dr. Behmler was married to Mathilda Eidem at Jordan, Minnesota, on August 20, 1920. He was taken ill while returning home from a visit at the home of his daughter in Ohio in November of 1966 and died shortly thereafter. He is survived by his widow Mathilda, one son, Richard, of Brazil, a daughter, Mrs. Howard Hagedorn, of Lancaster, Ohio, three granddaughters, two grandsons, and two brothers, Edward Behmler of Mound, Minnesota, and Dr. Raymond Behmler of Minneapolis.

Dr. Behmler was elected to the state Senate in 1958 and served for a period of four years as the senator from the 48th legislative district.

In 1957 Dr. Behmler was appointed chairman of the Interim Legislative Commission to study the schools of agriculture and to recommend alternate goals to effectuate maximum use of these university facilities. It was his legislative commission that recommended to the 1959 Legislature the establishment of a four-year liberal arts program on the Morris campus. The Senator was one of the early, most active and most devoted supporters for the establishment of the University of Minnesota at Morris, and he worked closely with members of the West Central Educational Development Association and the University people.

Out of respect for the work he did for the establishment of the University of Minnesota at Morris, on July 1, 1966 he was honored for his long and devoted service in the cause of higher education by having the former food service building name "Behmler Hall".

The doctor was a kind, considerate individual, he was devoted to his family, to his community and to his friends. He was loved and respected by all who knew him.

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Chippewa, Lac Qui Parle and Yellow Medicine, Mr. Jensen, V. K., who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows: