

We do this to show our respect for those former members whose voices are stilled forever; to express our sympathy to their loved ones; and in recognition of their public service.

This Memorial observance is in their honor. It is Minnesota's farewell.

It is the Senate's final tribute to—

Sen. Peter Ahles of the 46th District
 Sen. H. N. Benson of the 15th District
 Sen. William Michael Boylan of the 61st District
 Sen. O. J. Finstad of the 10th District
 Sen. Ralph B. Goodhue of the 18th District
 Sen. Arthur A. Hahn of the 21st District
 Sen. Victor Lawson of the 25th District
 Sen. Sumner T. McKnight of the 31st District
 Sen. Peter J. Memmer of the 41st District
 Sen. Phillip Palm of the 26th District
 Sen. Samuel A. Rask of the 16th District
 Sen. Charles F. Serline of the 55th District
 Sen. H. H. Sullivan of the 45th District
 Sen. F. M. Wrabek of the 17th District

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Stearns, Mr. Harren, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

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

Central Minnesota on November 25th, 1959 lost one of its most colorful and prominent residents when Senator Peter Ahles passed away at the age of 75.

The son of Stearns County pioneers, Mr. Ahles was born near the site of the first granite quarry in Stearns County on June 4, 1884.

Before becoming a great trial lawyer in the 30's and 40's Mr. Ahles taught school for several years in Hancock and Clarissa, Minnesota. He was admitted to the Bar in 1916 and for the next twenty-three years practiced at Albany. His son, Vincent Ahles, was admitted to the Bar in the late 30's and father and son opened an office in St. Cloud, where the son continues to practice.

Mr. Ahles served in the 1923 and 1925 sessions of the legislature from the 46th District.

An ardent hunter and fisherman, he taught his five sons and three daughters the same love for the great outdoors.

He served as village attorney for many of the small towns in Central Stearns County. Always an active politician, he served for several years as Stearns County Democratic Chairman.

The deceased Senator is survived by his wife, Leonora Henne-mann Ahles, and the following children: Lloyd and Lewis of Albany, Vincent of St. Cloud, C. O. Ahles of Seattle, Washington, Anthony of Wanatchee, Washington, Mrs. Theodore Cameron of Hayward, California, Mrs. James Reddy, Chicago, and Mrs. William Croft of Glendale, California.

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Sibley and Nicollet, Mr. Kroehler, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

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

Henry N. Benson, Sr. departed from this life May 10, 1960 at the age of 87 years. He served in the Senate from 1910 to 1922. Later he served as Attorney General from 1929 to 1932. For more than 40 years, he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Gustavus Adolphus College. Through the courtesy of Dr. Edgar Carlson, President of Gustavus, who spoke at Mr. Benson's funeral, I am using some of Dr. Carlson's remarks.

"When we stand at that sacred moment where the mortality of all men is revealed, there is nothing that we can say about the life that has come to a close which can compare with the glorious things which can be spoken about the life that is to come. The single, salient fact which we set against the proud boast of death, as it lays its imperious hand upon those we love, is that death itself has been conquered by Him Who is our Lord. He has indeed 'abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.'

"But having said this, we should also acknowledge with gratitude what this Lord, of life as well as of death, has accomplished with a man. We can put together the statistics about Henry N. Benson and they will be impressive: his length of years, the responsible posts which he held in church and state, the associations to which he belonged, the number of people he knew well, the court cases which he tried or processed, the honors that came to him—yes, the summaries would be impressive indeed. But these would not tell the really important thing, the quality of the man.

"For quality there was! There was integrity that would have hurled back as insult any unworthy approach or offer. His knowledge of the law was more than legal competence; it was code of conduct and pattern of action for him and for every man. And, though the law must have its due, there was kindness, cordiality, warmth which penetrated that whole vast web of personal relationship which he developed and which he so carefully maintained.

"I suppose it would not be possible," Dr. Carlson went on to

Ahles, Peter