

Today when we meet in Memorial service to these fine, strong men of other sessions of this Senate we feel 'They shall not pass this way again'. But Minnesota was aware of their passing. They had the distinctive honor, not always appreciated, to be singled out from among the two and a half million citizens of the state to be included within the small group of 67 men who form this legislative branch of government.

All these nine men whom we honor today, as former members of this Senate did stand out as selected leaders. Loyalty to and reverence for them, urge us to set down, while memory is clear, and events fresh, what we know of these men and the services they rendered.

'A prince once said of a King struck down:
Taller he seems in death
And the word holds good, for now as then,
It is after death we measure men.'

We have gathered today, also, to express our deep feelings at their passing from us. They were our daily companions and friends. We like somewhat to ease the irreparable loss to their families and our own sorrow by believing.

'We bury here their hurt and pain
All they loved lives on'.'

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

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

Dr. Clifford I. Oliver, a former member of this body, departed this life March 27, 1945, at his home in Graceville, Minnesota at the age of 68.

His was a life of accomplishment and of sacrifice. Born in the State of Iowa, he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Illinois in 1901. His life-work was his love and devotion for his family and friends and the practice of medicine and surgery. Applying himself in his able manner, he became a skillful surgeon and a successful doctor of medicine in Western Minnesota. Legion are those who were relieved by his kindly patience and unusual capabilities. Many are those who loved and revered him for what he did in a professional way. Countless were his business and social friends. He practiced medicine when there were no improved highways and when travel was primitive and difficult. Unstintingly he gave of his time and body to go beyond the call of duty or the tenets of his chosen profession. He is not numbered among those who either failed or refused to answer the call of the sick or the injured. He quickly rose to the pinnacle of his profession, not only in service to his patients, but rose mightily in the estimation of the members of his profession. Standing as a memorial to his work is the highly reputed West Central Minnesota Hospital at Graceville. It was built, developed and enlarged during his career. With the exception of the time he served in the medical corps as a captain in the army during World War I, all of his professional life, a period

of 44 years was spent at Graceville. His efforts and ability saw fruition long before the years of his active life were consumed. Always at his side and bearing the hardships of pioneer life as only a doctor's loyal helpmate would, was his estimable wife, who was ever ready and willing and gave to him her full measure of help, love and devotion. To his satisfaction and gratification his son, Irwin L. Oliver, chose the same profession and with a similar disposition is ascending the same heights and follows in the footsteps of his able father. This permitted Dr. Oliver in later years to spend some time at a diversion, to which he was so richly entitled, and he chose the field of politics and public service. Elected to the Senate of the State of Minnesota in 1934, he was re-elected by a greater vote of confidence in 1938. Serving in this body for two terms, he won the hearts and admiration of its members through his ability and his amiable disposition. Much did he do in a legislative way, as well as in a personal way, for the public good and welfare for which he would never consider that an obligation of any kind had accrued. His was always the thought of what further good or help could be done for his fellowmen. His influence and ability in the Senate was wrought by a rare combination of statesmanship and of high personal qualities. His influence was felt in many ways, not only on the floor of this chamber, but in committee rooms and corridors as well. He was wise in counsel and a strong advocate of progressive and sound legislation. He lent his influence towards formulating and establishing wide policies for the state as a whole rather than what might be reflected in any immediate results of specific pieces of legislation. To that which was wholesome and useful, he spent himself and many times at a sacrifice; from that which was questionable or bad, he shrank, seeking always to avoid the creation of ill will. This characteristic soon marked him as a man among men in the Minnesota Senate.

At the close of the second term in this body, sensing the ailment which later became fatal and responding to a renewed call to duty in his profession, from the necessities of the present war removing many members of his medical staff, he concluded, against the wishes and urging of his many friends in and out of this body, to retire from the Senate. He again resumed the heavy responsibilities of his profession and with the attitude of sacrifice, he gave thereto more than what he dutifully owed and the ravages of his physical weakness overcame his resistance and he departed, a martyr, to the cause of duty.

Aside from these activities he truly loved the out of doors and progress of history. He traveled extensively and was interested in forward movements and building whether in government or in the economic world. Many times would he be watching, with his interest entirely captivated, the construction or repair of a building or public improvement. He received a thrill from accomplishments and results. He watched his beloved western Minnesota advance from primitive frontier days to the modern state of civilization. Proof of this progress caught his eager eye, and many years ago he started a collection of evidences of the movement of history in that region. To many of you who have seen his collection and visited his museum in the basement of his office, further description is unnecessary; but in it is found much Indian lore, relics, models and types of various implements and of the firearm and other articles' which played such a large part in the ad-

vancement of life and industry during the past century. This valuable collection has been so entrusted as to insure its full use to the public to serve as an inspiration and as proof of the real progress during that period.

In addition, the doctor was a great lover of nature and of wild life. In his earlier days he was an ardent big game hunter and there is ample proof thereof throughout his place of business. Likewise, he was a genuine sportsman, and a good hunter of small game and waterfowl. He thoroughly enjoyed fishing and several members of this body can recall many enjoyable trips with him in search of the trout or bass, or to his summer lake home near Alexandria. And, as a final gesture to this great sport he chose as his resting place a beautiful lot shaded by two oak trees on a pass between two lakes where the blue-winged teal and the wily mallard will forever unknowingly pay respects to this true sportsman and lover of nature.

His life is truly a picture of good works and of pure wholesomeness. He worked in an atmosphere of sacrifice ever-gathering with him through his course of life a host of friends and admirers. He had few equals—no superiors. Shunning publicity and avoiding credit for what he did, his reputation rose in spite of him. Modesty characterized him, notwithstanding his position in his professional and political life. He set a grand example; may we hope many will follow it.”

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

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

On this occasion it is my privilege to pay a few words of tribute to one of the pioneers of Northern Minnesota—one of the early settlers of Roseau County who has rendered outstanding service to his community and the state.

Mr. A. M. Landby was born in Jemtland, Sweden, on January 28, 1868, and grew to manhood in that country. On March 13, 1891, he married Martha Mattson, also a native of his home community in Sweden. Later the young couple decided to emigrate to and make the United States their future home. They came to Stephen, Minn., where they engaged in the bakery and hotel business for several years.

In 1898 he travelled to that part of Roseau County which later became known as the Swift Community and where he settled on a homestead. His first home was a log cabin. Like so many of the early settlers, by thrift and industry and good business management, he forged ahead and became the owner of several tracts of well developed farm land.

Mr. Landby early saw the need of good drainage, and together with his neighbors developed a system of drainage that assisted materially in the development of that part of the county.

He took an active part in the organization of the Warroad Cooperative Creamery; also assisted actively in organizing the Farmers Cooperative Elevator Company of Roseau and served on its first Board of Directors.

Mr. Landby was of the resourceful and energetic type. In 1912