

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:

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

I am privileged today to honor the memory of the late Senator Fay George Child. Fay Child served the people of his constituency, and the state of Minnesota for 14 years as a member of the State Senate.

Fay Child was born in Wabasha, Minnesota in 1908 and eventually made his way to Western Minnesota where he was to begin a distinguished career in the newspaper business, advertising field and in public affairs. He edited the Maynard News for many years and served as Clerk of the school board as well as Mayor of Maynard. From 1942 to 1947 Fay Child served as Administrative Assistant to Congressman Harold C. Hagen in Washington, D. C. He was first elected to the State Senate in 1950 and was re-elected in 1954, 1958 and 1962.

Senator Child, a good friend of mine and many of you here today, was to become one of our key legislators in welfare matters—his long service on the Finance Committee gave him keen insight into the area of welfare. He served as Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee. He was a dedicated worker for his district and state and will long be remembered as a man who got things done.

Senator Child collapsed and died of a heart attack shortly before 10:00 a. m. Friday, April 2, 1965 while speaking on a bill before the Senate Education Committee here at the State Capitol. Although he had suffered two previous heart attacks in 1954 and 1963, Senator Child remained a tireless legislator and devoted worker right up to his death. As witness to the high respect and esteem held by his colleagues, the senator's body lay in state in the Capitol rotunda the following Monday, the first time a state official has been so honored since the death of Governor Floyd B. Olson in 1936.

Senator Child is survived by his wife, Sylvia, a daughter, Mrs. Joseph Hamilton; a grandchild, a sister, Mrs. Doris Davids; and a brother, Donald Child.

To the family we extend our sympathy and express appreciation for having known Fay G. Child, beloved and respected by his colleagues and all who were privileged to know him.

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Carver, Scott and LeSueur, Mr. Metcalf, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

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

William L. Dietz was born at Montgomery, Minnesota, April 28, 1898, a son of Mrs. Mary R. (Kuchynka) Dietz of Montgomery, Minnesota, and the late John J. Dietz. He died May 18, 1965, at the age of sixty-seven years, at the Masonic Hospital, Minneapolis, following a prolonged illness.

"Bill", as he was familiarly known, spent his entire lifetime in LeSueur County. He attended rural school in Lanesburgh town-