

Vols of Janesville; and two deceased children, Mrs. R. J. Wondra and Mary Ann Traxler.

Senator Traxler received his education in rural schools in LeSueur County and at St. John's University. He selected farming as his life's work and lived most of his adult years on his farm 2½ miles east of LeCenter.

Senator Traxler devoted much of his lifetime effort to public service and to aid his family, his friends and neighbors, and his community. He served as sheriff of LeSueur County from 1904 to 1910 and was a member of the Minnesota State Senate from 1928 to 1932.

Senator John Traxler was one of the pioneers of our area. His contributions to his community and his state have been numerous. He served ably and well as a member of this body and will long be remembered in his home community as one of its leaders.

→ The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Mower and Dodge, Mr. Holand, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

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

The late Honorable Werner E. Wuertz, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wuertz, was born the 8th day of October, 1904, in Waltham Township, Mower county. He passed away on March 26, 1964, after a lingering illness, at the age of 59.

He was a life long member of Trinity Lutheran Church at Waltham, Minnesota. He served his church as Chairman of the Congregation, as Elder, Trustee, Treasurer, Sunday School and Bible Class teacher and Zone President of the Lutheran Laymen League. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod for 15 years.

Senator Wuertz received his education at Trinity Lutheran Parochial School and Public School District No. 93 in Waltham Township.

He was united in marriage to Miss Laura Jackel on August 31, 1927, at Claremont, Minnesota. This marriage was blessed with four children, two of whom preceded him in death.

Senator Wuertz owned and operated a farm near Waltham, Minnesota until the time of his death.

Senator Wuertz was a well known community leader in Mower county and was always interested in promoting the welfare of the people of that area. He served on the Township Board for eight years, the Creamery Board for six years and the A.A.A. Board.

Mr. Wuertz was elected Minnesota State Senator from the 5th District, Mower and Dodge counties, in 1946 and served in the sessions of 1947 and 1949. He was elected Mower County Commissioner in 1960 and served this office until the time of his death.

Senator Wuertz attended legislative sessions on numerous occasions since leaving the State Senate. He always had a high regard

for the members of the Senate and session.

Surviving are his wife, Laura, one law, Carol, of Richville, Michigan; Huxhaus (Barbara) and son-in-law, Minnesota; three grandchildren, Hol and Jonathan A. Huxhaus. Mr. Wue er, Adolph, of Rochester; two sisters and Mrs. Wollenburg of Long Prair

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Funeral services were held in Trinity Lutheran church in Austin.

Mr. McKnight moved that the memorials and personal tributes as presented and read, be approved and spread upon the pages of the Journal of the Senate. Which motion prevailed.

Mr. McKnight moved that the Secretary of the Senate be, and he is hereby instructed to send enrolled copies of the memorials and personal tributes, as presented and read, to the widows of deceased Senators or their next of kin. Which motion prevailed.

Mr. McKnight moved as a further tribute to the memory of these former Senators that the Senate do now adjourn until 10:00 a.m., tomorrow. Which motion prevailed.

H. Y. Torrey, Secretary of the Senate

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