

Obituaries

Carl O. Wegner, former legislator

Carl O. Wegner, 88, who practiced law on Central Av. NE. for 56 years and was a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives for six sessions, died Friday at his home in northeast Minneapolis of complications from diabetes.

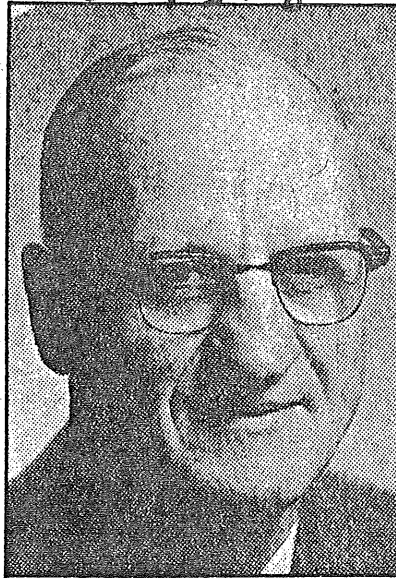
Wegner was raised on a farm near Carroll, Iowa. He graduated in 1927 from the University of Minnesota Law School and set up his practice on Central Av. NE. the next year.

Wegner practiced law on the same block for 56 years before retiring in 1984, his son, James, said Saturday. "As a matter of fact, one year he was 'Mr. Central Avenue,'" he said. "He liked it . . . It was small townish. He was born and raised in a small town. He thought a lot of the people . . . good people northeast."

He served as a representative from the 29th legislative district, which included parts of southeast and northeast Minneapolis and St. Anthony Village, in 1943, 1945, 1947, 1949, 1951 and 1955.

"He ran as a conservative from northeast Minneapolis, which is a liberal DFLer area," his son said. "Just to get elected from this area was a real credit."

Wegner served as chairman of several committees and was known for his work on behalf of the University of Minnesota, the youth conservation committee and the mentally handi-



Carl Wegner (1958 photo)

capped. He was an avid hunter and fisherman who served on the Minnesota Game Protective League for many years and as its president in 1963.

"He wanted to see to it that the animals were put back," his son said. "See to it that there was habitat for pheasant and duck and that there was reasonableness in the kill."

Wegner was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, the Northeast Kiwanis and Lions Clubs, Order of the Eastern Star No. 38, Scottish Rite and Zuhrah Temple of the Shrine. Besides his son, Wegner is survived by his wife, Harriett; a daughter, Mary Nelson of Minneapolis, and six grandchildren. Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Washburn McReavy-Northeast Chapel, 2901 NE. Johnson St. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Trinity United Methodist Church of the American Diabetes Association.