

Their active work as representatives of our people has terminated, but their contribution to the science of representative government will be ever remembered.

We present this tribute to their memory."

The President of the Senate recognized the Senator from St. Louis County, Mr. Butler.

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

We are today paying tribute to Clarence A. Dahle as a citizen, our former Senator, representing the 57th Legislative District, and as a friend.

He was born January 22, 1894, at Spokane, Washington, the son of Nels K., and Julia Dahle. At the age of 4 years he moved with his parents to Minnesota and since that date continued a resident of this state.

His education was received at Brownsdale, Minnesota, Pillsbury Academy at Owatonna, a Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Minnesota. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta and Phi Delta Chi fraternities. Following his admission to the Bar in 1920 he entered the practice of law in Duluth, Minnesota.

He was associated with John Jenswold and John D. Jenswold under the name of Jenswold, Jenswold and Dahle; in 1942 the firm became Jenswold, Butchart and Dahle.

January 4, 1950, the Bar Association held a memorial service at the opening of the January Term of Court in Duluth for Senator Clarence A. Dahle and I quote from their record of that meeting:

"The members of this Bar always respected his ability both as a trial lawyer as well as a counselor of law. He was an astute student of the facts and the law of a case. His sense of justice in either a civil or a criminal case was beyond reproach. He never resorted to histrionics or oratorical persuasion, but proved his point in a case by his sincerity. We all know that his word was his bond.

"The people of this State, this Community and this Bench and Bar are proud of the fact that our colleague so ably represented them in his 16 years of service in the House and Senate of this State. His counsel and human understanding on all vital questions affecting legislation was respected by his fellow solons. This is evidenced by his appointment to the following committees and positions requiring ability and judgment for the year of 1949.

'In the 1949 Senate he was chairman of the Public Highways Committee, and a member of the Motor Vehicle and Motor Tax Laws, Rules, Taxes and Tax Laws, Towns and Counties, Game and Fish, Judiciary, Labor, Committee on Committees, and Cities of the First Class Committees. He was also chairman of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Commission which functioned throughout the year.

'He firmly believed in conservation of all natural resources and the greatest of these was human life, and devoted much of his personal time to this end.

'Daily we are reminded of his presence in the legislative halls because of the laws he sponsored and had enacted into laws, which are the tools of our work. His name and spirit will be constantly with us as long as these laws remain as our statutes. Especially he will be remembered because of his work in helping to establish the Duluth Branch of the University of Minnesota.

'While he appreciated the honor of being called an attorney or Senator, yet, the humanity in him loved the nickname of 'Whiff'.

'Whiff' saw service in France during World War I as a Battalion Sergeant Major in the 313 Supply Train, 88 Division, serving from February 8, 1918, to April 15, 1919.

In 1922 he married Helen C. Jenswold. They were blessed with two children, Natalie and John N. Dahle.

He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Masonic Order, American Legion, Northland Country Club, Duluth Athletic Club, Chamber of Commerce, Elks, and various other organizations.

The Viking spirit of his forebearers was revitalized in him. He was an ardent devotee of all out-door sports and activities. He enjoyed nothing better than to spend several days each year with the commercial fishermen along the North Shore of Lake Superior. He died, as he lived, by accidentally drowning while on a fishing trip with fellow legislators at Kabetogama Lake on July 26, 1949.

His pride and joy, as well as that of his neighbors, was his flower and vegetable garden at his home at 4505 McCulloch Street. He was loved and respected by his neighbors. They knew his human qualities. No man no matter how humble was denied his assistance.

He was a devoted husband and father.

The people of the State of Minnesota, and especially the people of the District of Duluth have been enriched because of your sojourn with us. So, 'Whiff', this is not 'goodbye' but 'till we meet again'."

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Dakota County, Mr. Gillen.

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

Senator Sam Dennison, a most distinguished member of this body, died on March 24, 1950. His unexpected demise at the age of 80 followed apparent recovery from two operations. Our community of Dakota County was deeply grieved and has continued to feel and more and more appreciate our great loss of leadership.

Senator Dennison was born in Carleton, Ontario, July 7, 1869, and came to the United States in his early youth. He married Miss Grace Mae Clough of Rolling Prairie, Wisconsin, and they made their home for a time in Chicago.

There he was associated with the National Packing Company for six years prior to joining Swift & Company in that city in 1912. He came to South St. Paul for the latter company in June, 1913, and served as credit manager until his retirement on July 31, 1934.

He took an active interest and prominent part in civic, municipal and public affairs, serving as president of the old South St. Paul Commercial Club and for many years was secretary of that organization. When the Civic and Commerce Association supplanted the Commercial Club, he was made an honorary member of the new organization.

Senator Dennison was elected alderman in South St. Paul in 1931. It was his first public office. He served three successive terms as mayor of South St. Paul from 1933 to 1937.

In 1942 Mr. Dennison was elected state senator for the twentieth district and in 1946 he was reelected. He was active in several sessions of the state legislature and served on many important committees.

Senator Dennison had long been an active member of the Clark Memorial Church and served in various offices and on committees and boards of that church.

The family for a number of years past had spent a portion of their summers at the summer home they maintained on McKenzie Lake, near Spooner, Wisconsin.

Besides his wife, who recently joined him in death, and his son and daughter he was survived by four grandchildren.

It has been an unusual honor accorded me this afternoon, to participate in a memorial service honoring Senator Sam Dennison, for I was a guest in his home on many occasions, having been a schoolmate of his son, Stewart.

Our community has lost a leading citizen and the state an unusual Senator; all things will go on, but all things will not be the same."

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Chippewa County, Mr. Child.

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

The year 1875 dates the birth of the late Senator Edward Hagen of Milan, Minnesota.

He was born of Norwegian immigrant parents in Big Bend township on the farm which has remained in the family for three generations.

As a young man he graduated from the state agricultural college, and for several years taught rural schools in Chippewa County.

Nearly fifty years ago, he took over the parental farm home and tilled the soil in Big Bend township until his health failed.

He quietly passed away in his home on November 5, 1950.

In addition to the multitude of friends and admirers, he leaves to mourn his loss his son Norman, of Milan, and his daughter Mrs. Earl R. Ettesvold of Morris, Minnesota. His wife, Ida preceded him in death by exactly three months, to the day.

Senator Hagen was a devoted husband, a kind, loving father, and an understanding and friendly neighbor. He was affectionately known by everyone as Eddy.

During the depth of the depression, when the farmers in western Minnesota were losing their homesteads and were burning corn instead of fuel in their furnaces, Edward Hagen recognized the need for sound reform in government and fiscal policies. Because his neighbors looked to him for leadership, he was literally catapulted into public life. In 1932 he was elected to the House of Representatives, where he served with honor and distinction for ten years. During his second term he was chairman of the important Committee on Taxes.

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