

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.