

all of Crookston; the Kem Temple Shrine at Grand Forks and the Scottish Rite.

Mr. Spokely was a charter member of the Crookston Eagles Lodge and also belonged to the Elks Lodge.

Surviving are his widow, Minnie; a son Rolland; one brother, Alex; and one sister, Sophie; both of Nielsville; and three grandchildren; Four sisters and five brothers preceded him in death.

Members of the Minnesota State Senate from Northwestern Minnesota served as honorary pallbearers at the funeral.

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Mille Lacs, Kanabec and Sherburne, Mr. Mitchell, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

IN MEMORIAM

(FAY CRAVENS)

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

Fay Cravens died at Milaca, Minnesota, on the 14th day of February, 1955, at the age of eighty-two years. He was born at Princeton, Minnesota, on November 20, 1872. Mr. Cravens was the son of William J. Cravens and Lucinda McFadden Cravens. He spent his boyhood years at Princeton and received his early education in the Princeton school. During the years of 1887 and 1894 he operated his father's farm in that area and from 1894 to 1895 he was a printer on the Mille Lacs County Times at Milaca, Minnesota. In that same year he became editor and publisher of the Mille-Lacs County Times and held that position until 1943.

On September 20, 1894, Mr. Cravens was married to Amanda Plude. He is survived by two sons, Guy Cravens and Albert Cravens, both of Milaca, and a daughter, Mrs. Thomas Davies of San Rafael, California.

From 1915 to 1922 Mr. Cravens was a member of the National Guard and served with the Guard in the Mexican Border war in 1916. He was a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives in the session of 1933, and was elected state senator from the 55th legislative district for the four-year term from 1935 to 1939. Mr. Cravens was a member of the Minnesota Editorial Association and had the distinction of being a member of the 50-Year Editors Club. In 1943 Mr. Cravens disposed of his interests in the Mille Lacs County Times to his son Albert, but he continued his love of newspaper work by writing various articles for publication. He was not only active in state political circles but took an active interest in community affairs. He was a member of the Milaca Chamber of Commerce and charter member of the Milaca Fire Department which he served many years. Mr. Cravens was also a member of the Masonic Order.

During his term in the Senate, Mr. Cravens served with high

honor and distinction. He sponsored considerable legislation in the interests of agriculture and dairying, and was noted for his strong opposition to measures tending to promote the sale and use of butter substitutes. His colleagues knew him as a very capable and conscientious legislator.

This bare and incomplete recital no more describes the life of Fay Cravens than a silhouette could picture his colorful and vital personality. In mind and in heart, in imagination, fancy, sentiment and friendship he was ever young, but with the wisdom which comes of knowledge, experience and years. He was a fine example of a man who had himself strictly in hand and in steering his course through the sea of life never deviated from what he believed was the right course. He leaves a fine record of accomplishments in which all who knew him will always take much pride. In his death the community in which he lived and the state as a whole has sustained the loss of an honorable and useful citizen.

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Wadena and Todd, Mr. Heuer, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

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

It is indeed an honor for me on this day to pay tribute to one of my predecessors in this body, the Honorable Richard Gardner, of Staples.

He was elected to the State Senate in 1930, representing Todd and Wadena Counties, and served in that capacity until October 1st, 1943, when he resigned to take a position as referee in bankruptcy with the federal government and served in that capacity until his resignation and retirement July 1st, 1951.

Richard Gardner was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, September 11th, 1882, the son of William and Martha Gardner. When a young man his family moved to Minnesota, settling at St. Cloud. It was while a resident there that Mr. Gardner studied law at the University of Minnesota, graduating from the Law School in 1906.

In 1907 the family moved to Staples and Mr. Gardner purchased the law business of the late Arthur B. Church and continued to practice law in this city until 1943.

During his residence in Staples he served for fourteen years as city attorney; was a member and president of the Staples school board for many years; was a past president of the Staples Rotary Club, which he helped to found. He assisted with the organization of the Staples Cooperative Creamery and served as its president for eighteen years. He organized the Peoples State Bank, now the Staples State Bank, and served as its president continuously until the time of his death.

Mr. Gardner was a member of the Congregational Church,

Crescent Lodge 207, A.F. and A.M. of Staples, Orchid Chapter O.E.S. of Staples, Wadena Chapter of Royal Masons, Wadena Commandry of Knights Templar, Scottish Rite Bodies of St. Paul, Zurah Temple of Shrine of Minneapolis, Royal League, and the Knights of Pythias. He was also a director of the Minnesota Federal Savings and Loan Association of St. Paul, Minn.

Friends of Mr. Gardner were shocked on December 4th, 1953, when they learned that he had passed away in St. Paul having gone to the city only a few days prior and apparently in good health. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Frank Ederington (Sadie) of Brookville, Florida.

May his memory live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

The following tribute from former Senator Harry L. Bridgeman:

Richard Nelson Gardner was born in Massachusetts, not far from Boston; "the home of the Bean and the God where the Lowells talk to Cabots, and the Cabots talk only to God."

His birth occurred in the year of 1881. While still a young boy he moved with his parents to St. Cloud, Minn., where he received his preliminary schooling. After completion of his education and his admittance to the Bar he became a resident of Staples, Minn. and represented the Fifty-first District in the Minnesota State Senate for many years. He finally resigned from the Senate in the year 1943 to accept appointment as, Referee in Bankruptcy. In this, as well as in all other positions he served with effectiveness and honest attention to duty.

It was my privilege to have known Dick as a legislator and as a private citizen. As a legislator he served his District and State with honor and distinction. His advice and counsel was sought by many and was freely given. He seldom entered debate, but when he did, he spoke with force and conviction.

As a man his friends were legion. He was very cosmopolitan and was admired and respected by everyone who came in contact with him. He enjoyed associating with his friends. As a bachelor, he usually had an apartment where he entertained a few of his particular friends with his famous beef stews.

While he and I did not belong to the same political party, our political philosophy did not vary much. Because of his wit and brilliant mind he was much in demand as a toastmaster at social and business gatherings.

I certainly cannot find words to do justice to this lovable man. Lovable is a correct definition. To know him was to love him. He had an unimpeachable character. He was truly a great American and contributed immensely to the benefit of mankind. He had an abiding faith in a Supreme Being. In his later years he contributed liberally to his church. His passing left a void in the community in which he was a vital part, and took from me a very dear friend.

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Stearns, Mr. Harren, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

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

The name of the man in whose honor I rise today is well known to nearly every member of the State Senate. Instances of a son following the footsteps of his father to halls of the Capitol are not a rare occurrence; neither are they commonplace events.

Ignatius Lemm served the 46th Legislative District from 1927 to 1931. His son, Homer F. Lemm, served the district in the 1951 and 1953 sessions.

The senior Mr. Lemm was born in Stearns County in 1888. He attended schools in that county, and in 1910 was graduated from the St. Cloud State Teachers College. He followed this schooling with a year at Valparaiso University in Indiana.

Following his return from the University he taught schools in Wright, Stearns, and Morrison Counties. For a period of three years he entered private business. But the love of serving the people was too great and he returned to public service by entering the State Senate.

After his term in the Senate, he returned to the City of Melrose to become clerk of the Water and Power Commission, as well as City Clerk. As Clerk, he was a central figure in the development of two industries in the city that are closely related to the agricultural economy of the area. He served the people of that city in these positions until his untimely death in June, 1954.

He served as Justice for the city for 21 years. He was a leader in the movement that brought electrical power to farmers of Stearns County in the '30's. During World War II he showed his patriotism and love of America by becoming a leader in the county and city War Bond Drives and assisting in other civilian projects during that period of strife.

Mr. Lemm had an ardent interest in amateur baseball in Minnesota. He played the game well, managed several clubs in the area, and when the necessity arose became an umpire for leagues in central Minnesota.

His interest in state and national politics did not lessen after his term as a Senator. He continued to work actively for his party, and for a number of years served as Stearns County chairman of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor party.

The residents of the city which he had served for so many years paid him special tribute, and I would like to read from a resolution passed by their council shortly after his death:

"The unselfish and genial character of Ignatius Lemm, together with his imagination and intelligence have to a great extent contributed to the development and character of this community and area.

"We do fully appreciate the sterling character, the public spirit and benevolent attitude of Ignatius Lemm at all times during his lifetime, and being fully conscious of his accomplishments and goodness, dedicate to his memory, our continuing efforts for the betterment and progress of our community."