

memory of their courage and the fidelity with which they served this state and its people, is, and ever shall be, a constant source of inspiration to those of us, who, in our own way, carry on the trust which is given to us by the people. By their example, we are encouraged to display the same vigor, the same courage and the same integrity in the tasks that confront us while serving for and with our fellow citizens.

Today it is my privilege to pay tribute to a departed friend and adviser, the late Harold Harrison, who for ten years served as a member of this body from the 33rd District.

Senator Harrison was born at Montclair, New Jersey on December 31, 1872. He was the youngest of five children born to Edwin and May Harrison. His parents were descendents of American colonists who immigrated to this country from England in the 17th century.

He spent his youth in New Jersey. In 1892 he graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. For several years he was employed by a railroad contracting firm. He left this position to take over the management of a box manufacturing plant in Tennessee. In 1906 he came to Minneapolis, bringing his bride, the late Pauline Renwick Harrison. In Minneapolis he entered the investment and real estate business, and for a number of years he was associated with the Marquette National Bank. During these years he also managed the affairs of his sister, Mrs. Frank B. Forman, the widow of the founder of the Forman-Ford Co.

As the years went by Senator Harrison was led constantly to a deepening interest in the affairs of local and state government. He was one of those citizens who felt a keen sense of responsibility for the welfare of his community, his state and his country. In 1936 he sought his first public office. In that year he was elected to the House of Representatives of this state, where he served with honor and distinction through 1940, when he was elected to this body by the people of the 33rd district to fill the vacancy created by the death of Senator William B. Anderson.

Senator Harrison passed from this life on January 23, 1953, after a long and lingering illness. He was survived by two daughters, Mrs. Nancy Butler, London, England, and Mrs. Ruth Lindert, Homewood, Illinois.


It is unnecessary here to enumerate the many accomplishments of Harold Harrison, either political or otherwise. They speak for themselves. Neither is it necessary to detail the numerous kind deeds he so graciously performed throughout his life. Those things already have been properly noted in the Great Journal of the Upper House.

However, it is fitting to picture Senator Harrison as many of us knew him. He was a man of varied ability, and above all he was a man of sterling character; he was kind, friendly and considerate. He had a ready wit and a twinkle in his eye that endeared him to all that knew him. He is so remembered by many members of this Senate.

Harold Harrison considered it a great honor to be a member of this body and a privilege to know and work with its members. To those of you who worked with him may I say that he felt his life had been enriched by knowing and working with each of you, and in the autumn of his life he found great pleasure in recounting your many kindnesses to him and re-living his pleasant associations with you.

Senator Harrison lived a full life with his family and his friends—and he lived it graciously. Neither the infirmities of age nor the pain of a lingering illness affected his perspective of life, but rather he

‘So lived, that when his summons came to join
The innumerable caravan, which moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
He went not, like a quarry-slave at night
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, he approached his grave,
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.’”



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

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

Julius E. Haycraft was born in a log cabin on a farm in Blue Earth County, Minnesota, on August 26, 1871. He was the youngest of ten children. His father, Isaac Haycraft, and his mother, Sarah (Jolly) Haycraft, were both born in Kentucky. His father was a veteran of the Union Army.

Mr. Haycraft, although highly educated and well versed, was a self-educated man. His formal schooling consisted of the completion of the 8th grade and a few months attendance at the Curtis Business College in Minneapolis.

In 1896 he began studying law in a law office at Madelia. He was admitted to the Bar of the State of Minnesota in 1898 and

practiced his profession at Madelia, Minnesota, from 1898 to 1914. Twelve of these years he also served as postmaster at Madelia.

He then moved to Fairmont where he practiced law until 1925 when he was appointed Judge of the District Court by the late former Governor Theodore Christianson. He served in this capacity, ably and well, until August 1, 1948, when he retired because of ill health. He waived a pension which he could have had which would have amounted to some \$20,000.

In 1910 he was elected State Senator from Martin and Watonwan Counties and served in that capacity for four years. He was Chairman of the Elections Committee when our State Primary Law was passed in 1912 during a Special Session called by the former Governor A. O. Eberhardt. He was always an ardent dry advocate and worked hard for woman suffrage. Some of his contemporaries in the Legislature, who are known to you Senators, were Senator A. J. Rockne; our present Attorney General, the Honorable J. A. A. Burnquist, and also no less a person than the former and present Senator Ole O. Sageng. Senator Haycraft was then called 'The Sturdy Little Yankee from Watonwan County.' Senator Sageng was then called 'The Napoleon of Woman Suffrage'.

Senator Haycraft lived a full-balanced life. He loved reading; was an admirer of Abraham Lincoln; a great historian, being a past president of both the Martin County Historical Society and the Minnesota Historical Society. He was a Republican; a good public speaker in great demand, and he was loved and revered by all, most by those who knew him best.

Senator Haycraft passed away November 5, 1951, at the age of 80 years. He left him surviving his wife, Marie Haycraft, now residing in the Haycraft home in Fairmont; a daughter, Anna Hellickson living in Minneapolis; and a son, Howard Haycraft, a publisher and writer living in New York.

Today we Senators, serving in the 58th Session of our Legislature, pause from our labors for a purpose that has the dignity and the tenderness of funeral rites without their sadness. It is not a new bereavement, but one which time has softened that brings us here. We meet, not around newly opened graves, but in recognition of those which nature has already decorated with memorials of her love. So to nature's signs of tenderness we add our own; not 'ashes to ashes' and 'dust to dust', but 'blossoms to blossoms' and 'laurels to the laureled'.

We cannot be too often reminded that our time here upon this earth is not our own; it behooves all of us to do our best because once we are taken away, we cannot return to do our work over again.

I shall close this memorial in honor of Senator Haycraft, by reading the poem, whose author is unknown, which is entitled:

THE GREAT HIGHWAY

But once I pass this way.
And then—and then, the Silent Door
Swings on its hinges—
It opens—It closes
And no more I pass this way.

So while I may
With all my might I will essay
Sweet comfort and delight
To all I meet upon the Pilgrim's Way.

For no man travels twice
The Great Highway
That climbs through darkness up to light
Through night
To day."

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Itasca, Mr. O'Brien, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

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

Among those we honor today is the late Senator George H. Herreid, my predecessor from the Fifty-second District, who served in this Senate from 1939 to 1943, and in the House of Representatives from 1919 to 1926.

Mr. Herreid was born at Moose Lake on August 10, 1883, and died on March 27, 1952. He was a prominent business man and civic leader.

After attending St. Olaf College in Northfield and Dixon Business College, he entered the hardware business at North Branch in 1903. He moved to Deer River in 1908 where he established a general store. In 1911, Mr. Herreid established an automobile agency which is now one of the oldest in the state.

During his service in the Legislature George Herreid was especially active on school tax legislation, better roads, establishing Scenic State Park in Itasca County and North Central Agricultural School at Grand Rapids. He was also chairman of the committee which was instrumental in securing the wood processing plant for Deer River. He took a keen interest in conservation