

of our natural resources and devoted much of his personal time to this end.

Former Governor Edward J. Thye appointed Mr. Herried a member of the Small Business Men's Commission.

He was also a past president of the Minnesota Retail Hardware Association, as well as director of both the Hardware Mutual and the Hardware Indemnity Insurance Companies. He had served as President of the First National Bank of Deer River since 1932.

During his public life he made many friends and was beloved by those with whom he was associated.

Mr. Herreid was a member of Chippewa Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Deer River; and a member of the Scottish Rite, Shrine and Jesters of Duluth; a charter member of the Order of Eastern Star of Deer River, and served as Grand Patron for the Grand Chapter of Order of the Eastern Star of Minnesota 1926-27.

He is survived by his wife, Agnes A. Rouvel Herreid, one sister and three brothers."

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

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

N. J. Holmberg died on June 13, 1951 from a heart attack just as he had finished giving a very impressive talk on the merits of preserving city parks before the meeting of the Board of Education in the St. Paul City Council Chambers.

N. J. 'Nate' Holmberg was born July 24, 1878 on a farm near Renville, Minnesota, son of sturdy, early pioneer parents. He attended rural and public schools in that community. His interest in farming led him to enroll in the University of Minnesota School of Agriculture from which he graduated in the Spring of 1902. He was active in student activities, especially in 'Literary Societies' where he distinguished himself in debate. He was chosen Class Orator to deliver an oration at the commencement exercises.

After graduation Nate returned to the family farm which he operated for many years and later purchased. His interest in local and civic affairs became the stepping stone which led to his public career. For a number of years he served on town and school boards where his abilities and sound judgment were soon recognized. In May 1906, a boom was started to send him to

the House of Representatives. Newspaper support came without solicitation. He became a candidate and won the Republican nomination and was easily elected at the general election. He continued his services in the House 1907-1909, 1911 and 1913.

In 1914 he was elected to the Senate, serving in 1915-1917. During this period there was considerable activity in trying to give to the rural people of Minnesota greater help in the fields of education and finance. Holmberg's name appeared on nearly every piece of legislation in the interest of rural life. The first bill he introduced, House File No. 176 (1907) provided for the establishment of a 'Fruit Breeding Farm.' The bill became a law and the Fruit Breeding Farm at Zumbro Heights, Minnesota, stands as a monument to this effort. It is now one of the outstanding ventures of its kind in the United States.

He introduced and secured the passage of a bill providing for the consolidation of rural schools, a controversial subject. The law was the beginning of a change in the educational system in rural Minnesota. Many of the details of the law have been changed, but the fundamental principles are still in effect.

Another outstanding piece of legislation was the establishment of the County Agent system. It became a law and carried a substantial appropriation.

The teaching of agriculture in high schools was another bill passed on the strength of his activities. He had always been a strong supporter of the University of Minnesota. The State Horticultural Society made him an Honorary Life Member for outstanding support of horticultural activities in the state of Minnesota.

His legislative career was an active one. The list of bills introduced and passed is long. The Forestry School of the University, laws providing for fire control, and the state fair, were vigorously supported. He took an active part in the debate on the floors of the House and Senate. His colleagues respected his judgment and always gave him a respectable hearing.

In 1919, he was appointed by Governor Burnquist to a membership on the State Board of Grain Appeals, where he served for five months and until he was appointed the first commissioner of the newly created Department of Agriculture. In that capacity, he served for twelve years. The department was organized effectively and became one of the largest and strongest departments in the state government. The Dairy and Food Department was consolidated with the Department of Agriculture thus bringing all agricultural activities under one head to be known as The Department of Agriculture, Dairy and Food. The dairy industry was getting on its feet. Wonderful creameries were built and equipped. There were more creameries dedicated during his administration than during any other

period in the state's history. Minnesota became the outstanding butter producing state in the union. Nate called the first meeting for the organization of the Land O'Lakes Creameries. Another important concern which had its birth at this time was the Central Cooperative at South St. Paul for the marketing of livestock. Nate was a member of the National Association of Agriculture, and its President one year.

In 1931, due to a change in the political complexion of the state government, Nate Holmberg became associated with what is now known as the North Central Life Insurance Company, and Chairman of its Board of Directors.

In 1940 he was a candidate for the state Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner and won the nomination and election by a large majority. He was re-elected in 1946 to a second 6-year term. He was exceptionally well qualified for this very important post. His experience as a state legislator and Commissioner of Agriculture, together with his inherent gift of constructive and sound Judgment in rendering the decisions of the many involved cases under the jurisdiction of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission were of great value.

He was an active and conscientious member of the National Association of Railroad and Utilities Commission with a high regard for its principles and objectives. He served on its committee of legislation, the Panel of Cooperating State Commissioners, sitting as cooperator on several important rail rate cases before the Interstate Commerce Commission. He worked for the adoption of uniform regulatory laws and cooperative action by the midwest states. He later was appointed to the executive committee of this organization.

His religious life was sincere and consistent. He was vitally interested in the welfare of his church and its educational and charitable institutions, devoting much of his time, energy and means to their growth and development. For fifteen years he served on the Board of Christian Service of the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Lutheran Church, and its chairman for several years.

June 3, 1908 he was united in marriage to Hilda Marie Peterson, in the Swedish Lutheran Church of Sacred Heart, Minnesota. To this union was born a daughter Edith, now Mrs. John W. Parsons, of Valparaiso, Indiana. He is survived by his widow and daughter, three grandsons, two brothers, and four sisters.

Mr. Holmberg was a Master Mason in Ancient Landmark Lodge of St. Paul. He was also a member of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota, director of the American-Swedish Institute of Arts, Literature and Science, a life member of the Minnesota State Horticulture Society, Renville County Historical Society, Ramsey County Garden Club, a director of the St. An-

thony Park Bank, and a member of Grace Lutheran University Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

N. J. Holmberg will always be remembered for his integrity, and honesty in public office. Endowed with a pleasing personality and high ideals, his influence was felt in many places. He served with distinction in whatever position he filled. His kind, calm, soft-spoken manner was soothing to a troubled soul. He always had time for his friends—his contagious humor and ready smile instinctively drew people to him. It can truly be said of him, 'He was a friend of man.'

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Pine, Mr. C. E. Johnson, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

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

History records for all mankind. 'They are born, they live, they love, they labor, they die.'

Today we pause from our usual business here to set aside a little time to men who devoted many days and years to public service. They are not here now, but in spirit we feel their presence, and in our mind's eye we see them. Not long ago they sat where you and I sit today; they walked these corridors, their voices rang through this Chamber. They lost or they won in their Legislative efforts, the same as you and I.

They are not here, but their records are inscribed in the memories of us who served with them, and in the Library of State Laws which they helped enact.

They were splendid men. They fought loyally to promote justice and democracy. They have gone, and we pause here to take stock, if you please, of our loss, and pay tribute to their memory. Expressing our loss in the words of 'Whittier.'

'How strange it seems with so much gone of life and love, we still live on.'

Another poet wrote:

'Such lives as thine have not been lived in vain, but leave an influence rare divine on lives that here remain.'

The earthly cares of all of us are laid aside some time sooner or later. It is therefore up to us to live fruitful lives, so that we,

also, may leave foot-prints on the sands of time. Foot-prints denoting wholesome constructive service.

Adolph S. Larson, of Sandstone, came to Minnesota with his parents at the age of 13, from Sweden, locating on a farm north-east of Askov.

Coming to America, as the family did during the hard times of 1893, young Larson learned early what it meant to get out and work and earn a livelihood in the woods, and at whatever opportunities arose. It was not many years before he became a clerk in a Sandstone general merchandise store. Later he became owner of the business and followed that line of endeavor most of his life, though he was also a funeral director of late years.

Senator Larson, as he was commonly known, was elected to the State House of Representatives in 1912 and re-elected in 1914 and 1916. In 1918 the voters elevated him to the Senate from the Pine-Chisago district, and re-elected him in 1922, 1926 and 1930. He was a strong and consistent dry in lawmaking, and always alert to the interests of his district.

Having served in the legislature 22 years the name of Adolph Larson was well known to all Pine county citizens—practically a household word. This was true also because he was a helpful man. Through ups and downs he maintained an unusual cheerful disposition that will be missed by his many close friends and fellow citizens.

Those of us who attended the funeral were impressed by the large gathering of friends and beautiful setting of flowers, but the words that really touched the heart strings were those of a nephew, Rev. Ernest Larson of Sterling, Illinois, who spoke kindly and reverently of 'Uncle Adolph.'

Truly Senator Larson helped to make this world a better place in which to live.

I extend my sincere sympathy to the family."

"The Lord's Prayer", sung by State Employee's chorus.

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

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

Olai A. Lende who served Yellow Medicine and Lyon counties as State Senator during the years of 1911 and 1919 was born

on a farm in Yellow Medicine county April 25, 1873. His early education was in the country school of his home community. Upon completion of the elementary and high school grades he entered St. Olaf college at Northfield, Minnesota and later transferred from there to the University of Minnesota where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1901. Prominent in his class he was recognized by being elected President during his senior year and by being a member on the University debate team which took part in inter-University debates with Michigan and Iowa Universities. After graduating from the academic department of the University, Mr. Lende entered the law school and received his degree there in 1903.

Being admitted to the bar, he moved back into his home community where he engaged in the practice of law during his entire life. At different times he was located in Cottonwood and Marshall in Lyon county and at other periods at Canby and Granite Falls in Yellow Medicine county. In the latter city he spent the last 15 years of his life. He died on September 16, 1952 survived by his wife, a granddaughter and four brothers and four sisters. He was buried in the City Cemetery of Granite Falls at a military funeral conducted by the Granite Falls Post of the American Legion.

Senator Lende was a man of great ability and strong personality. As a member of the Minnesota State Senate he was active and influential. In his profession as a lawyer he was widely known. For many years he was a member of the Board of Governors of the Minnesota Bar Association. He served as President of the Twelfth Judicial Bar Association for a number of terms. He took an active and valuable part in civic and social organizations where he was greatly appreciated for his warm interest, great ability and happy outlook on life. At the University he was a member of the Delta Sigma Rho fraternity. After World War I, in which he served, he became active in the American Legion. The Minnesota Historical Society will miss his valued contributions in the way of personal and financial support.

We have mentioned Mr. Lende's strong personality and happy outlook on life. His friends were many and those who knew him best valued him most. As a citizen and a friend, we of southwestern Minnesota valued him highly. Peace to his memory."

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

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

Senator Thomas Jefferson Magnan, a member of this body during the 1927 and 1929 sessions, died June 8, 1952. He was 67.