

Educationally he rose to places of eminence as president of the Willmar Board of Education and a member of the Board of Directors of Gustavus Adolphus College.

He served his home city of Willmar as mayor for several terms.

In the political realm he was one of the builders of the liberal movement in Minnesota, served as State Senator from 1927 to 1939—was a candidate for Governor and the choice of the late Governor Floyd B. Olson for United States Senator.

He was also great as a churchman. In the Bethel Lutheran congregation he held positions as deacon and trustee, was president of the Minnesota Brotherhood, served on the Board of Directors of the Augustana Book Concern.

As a journalist he became president of the Associated Press of Minnesota and was the last of the pioneer editors of the West Central area.

He was a born historian. Note his authorship of the Illustrated History of Kandiyohi County, the outstanding county history in Minnesota, his presidency and life membership in the Minnesota Historical Society and the one credited with acquiring the State Society Building at the Capitol.

Mr. Lawson married Minnie Nelson of New London in 1894 but the young wife passed away seven years later. In 1908 he married Julia Shellstrom who was his great helpmate until her demise in 1947. There were no children by either marriage.

He retired as head of the Tribune in 1947, assuming the position of the Chairman of the Board of the Tribune Company but continuing his interest in the affairs of the newspaper he founded 65 years ago. Ill health came to him during the past decade but such maladies never dimmed the latent interests that were always his.

He passed away quietly at his home in Willmar Saturday evening, March 19, 1960 on practically the eve of his 89th birthday.

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

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

Among the outstanding leaders who have served in the Minnesota Senate is Sumner T. McKnight. Mr. McKnight served for only one session in the Senate, but his public service includes three terms in the House of Representatives and fifty two years as a business leader in Minneapolis and Minnesota.

Mr. McKnight was born in Milwaukee. He entered the Minneapolis business community upon his graduation from Yale University in 1907. In 1908 he became president of the S. T. McKnight Co. He remained as president of that real estate company

for forty six years, then moved up to chairman of the board, which position he held until his death June 2, 1959.

Sumner T. McKnight also served as president of Baker Properties, Inc., Pere Marquette Building Company and the Produce State Bank. He was vice-president of Langworthy Lumber Company and a director of Minneapolis Moline Company, Northwest States Portland Cement Company, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, First Security State Bank, First National Bank of Minneapolis, Minneapolis Steel & Machinery Company and New England Furniture Company. He also served as a trustee of Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank.

Among Mr. McKnight's extensive community services were: president of the Minneapolis Council of Social Agencies, president of the Family Welfare Association, Legal Aid Society, American Legion Hospital Association, World War II War Chest Drive of Minneapolis, and Hennepin County, and the Minneapolis Foundation. In 1958 Mr. McKnight was honored by the Community Chest and Council of Hennepin County "for many years of devoted, selfless service to the community".

These outstanding public services and business activities should not today eclipse Mr. McKnight's legislative role. As a member of the House of Representatives he became chairman of the Hennepin County delegation. As a senator he served on the committees on: Banks and Banking, Civil Administration, Elections, Game and Fish, Markets and Marketing, Military Affairs, and the University. He brought to these committees the same intelligence and skills which made him a leader in all his efforts.

In recent years Mr. McKnight lived at Ferndale, Lake Minnetonka. During his years in the legislature he lived at 2200 Park Avenue.

During World War I he served as infantry captain, serving overseas for 10 months.

Surviving Mr. McKnight are: his wife, his son, Henry Turney McKnight of Maplewood; his daughter, Mrs. William H. Moore of New York; his stepson, George C. Beckwith, Jr. of Palm Beach; and three stepdaughters, Mrs. George B. Case, Mrs. John S. Gage, and Mrs. Richard S. Davis, all of Wayzata. To them we extend our sympathy.

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

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

Peter J. Memmer was born December 17, 1886 at St. Paul, Minnesota. He was the third of seven children born to Peter and Rosa Memmer. He was born in the Dayton's Bluff area of St. Paul, a part of the 41st legislative district, which he later represented as State Senator. Peter J. Memmer was educated at Sacred Heart Parochial School and as was customary at the turn