

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

of the century, started to work for his father after he was finished with grade school. Young Peter was an active participant in sports and by the time he was twenty he had made a name for himself as a local baseball player.

Late in 1924, due to the death of the incumbent, Peter Memmer was elected Senator for the 41st district in a Special Election.

Having spent practically all of his adult life in the retail food business, in the Dayton's Bluff area of St. Paul, Peter Memmer had a wide acquaintance and enjoyed the friendship of many people. His life span covered a most interesting and active period in the growth of his home city and his native State of Minnesota.

Both as Senator and as private citizen, Peter J. Memmer was a staunch believer in progress and development. He always had a cheery smile and a friendly handshake for whoever he might meet, because he enjoyed people. His interest in legislation and political activity revealed these same characteristics. He always considered his opportunity in political life to be a chance to serve the ordinary citizens with whom he spent his lifetime.

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

I am honored today to pay tribute, in this appropriate ceremony, to a distinguished citizen of the 26th Legislative District and the State of Minnesota, Mr. Phillip J. Palm.

Mr. Palm served as a member of the Minnesota State Senate in the 1951 and 1953 sessions of the Legislature.

Mr. Palm was born in Litchfield, Minnesota on June 9, 1906 and attended public school at Litchfield. His further education was received at Hamline University which he attended for four years and he also received his degree in Journalism from the University of Minnesota.

Mr. Palm was married to the former Delzelle Longworth at Omaha, Nebraska on May 30, 1932. He passed away at Litchfield, Minnesota on May 13, 1959. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Palm was not blessed with any children but he is survived by three brothers and two sisters.

Senator Palm was active in the Lutheran church as a youth and at the time of his death was a member of the Episcopal church at Litchfield.

Politically, he was affiliated with the Democrat-Farmer-Labor party. His occupation was that of a newspaper man and he owned and operated the Meeker County News of Litchfield, Minnesota prior to entering service during World War I. Following the war he returned to Litchfield and engaged in the printing business.