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Senator Kingsley was an ardent adherent of Minnesota athletic teams and seldom missed a major inter-collegiate event. Fishing, especially at Lake Minnetonka, was his second major recreation, and he was an enthusiastic reader when pressure of duty would permit.

Survivors include his widow, Marie; one daughter, Mrs. Raymond G. Anderson; and two sons, Burton E., RM 3/c and Wendell H., S 1/c, with the navy in the South Pacific.

However, bare recital of the facts of his life, impressive as they are, fail to do justice to the late Senator Burton L. Kingsley.


His was a rich and abundant life, as stressed by the Rev. Phillip E. Gregory, who conducted last rites for the late Senator Kingsley at First Congregational church.

In his eulogy, the Rev. Gregory lauded Senator Kingsley for having lived a life of civic responsibility to all people; a life of devotion, love and courage.

We who were privileged to know Burt concur wholeheartedly in Rev. Gregory's tribute to him.

East Minneapolis and this Senate still mourn the loss of a spirited leader, enthusiastic booster and loyal friend. Senator Kingsley's passing is an irreplaceable loss, not only in the life of our community, but in the service of this State."

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

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

Senator Murphy was a successful business man and a successful farmer. All during his business career he was a dealer for John Deere farm machinery and in 1908 established a dealership for Ford automobiles. His agricultural, financial and business interests were varied and extensive. In 1940 Senator Murphy had occasion to commemorate, with the assistance of his numerous friends, the 50th anniversary of his business dealings with the John Deere Company.

All during the life of the late Senator Murphy he fought for honesty and economy in government. He never hesitated to call attention to a misleading or improper statement regardless of its source. He constantly fought to keep the cost of government at a minimum.

Senator Murphy is survived by two sons, D. Vincent Murphy of Blue Earth, and Lt. Cyril C. Murphy of the United States Army, and two daughters, Leone (Mrs. E. J. Murphy) of Minneapolis, and Aylee (Mrs. W. A. Foley) of Watertown, South Dakota, and seven grandchildren.

The loss to Senator Murphy's constituency at the time of his death was grave and deep. He was a very common man and distinctly interested in the welfare of the common man and the taxpayer who was not able to speak for himself. He lived a good and a full life and his example might well be emulated by many who survive.

It is a privilege for me to say a few words in connection with this memorial service and to pay a tribute to my friend, the late Senator

Daniel D. Murphy of Faribault County, on behalf of Senator Carey and myself. I know many of our colleagues in this body could perform this function much better but I do not feel that I can let pass this occasion without at least paying my personal respects to my distinguished friend and departed colleague. His fine qualities were unlimited and to review them all on this occasion would consume more time than is readily available during this period but I think it should be said that the chief quality of Senator Murphy was that he had the courage to speak and vote his convictions. The incidents were numerous, as may of you will recall, when Dan Murphy had the courage to resound a lonely "no" or to take along with him those few members of the body who also may have had the courage to stand out in opposition to a popular thing if in their opinion the action was deemed inadvisable.

Senator Murphy had lived a long and distinguished life. He was born at Burnett Junction, Dodge County, Wisconsin, March 11, 1866, and he died at Blue Earth, Faribault County, Minnesota, December 3, 1944. When a very small child he came to Faribault County, Minnesota, with his parents. He attained his education in the common schools of that county. On March 17, 1890, Senator Murphy entered the implement business at Blue Earth, in which business he continued to be interested until the time of his death. On September 19, 1893, he was married to Anne F. McNerney who predeceased him in 1934. Senator Murphy early in life became interested in politics. He was long a member of the Minnesota Democratic State Central Executive Committee, and attended five Democratic National Conventions. He was mayor of Blue Earth for three terms. He was a member of the local school board for twenty-eight years and a member of the Minnesota State Senate for over twelve years."

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

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'And when the last great scorer comes
To record against your name,
He writes: Not that you won or lost,
But how you played the game.'

How we play the game of life is the standard by which we are measured. The record of Gustaf Widell, former State Senator and outstanding civic leader, is one of having played the game of life noble and fair, clean and upright, open and above reproach, and dedicated to the service of his fellowmen. His lot was to live a span of life far beyond that of three score and ten and he filled this span with a life of usefulness, devotion and sympathetic understanding in the welfare of others.

Gustaf Widell was born at Lidkoping, Sweden, April 28, 1862, and came to the United States when 20 years of age. He started in as a day laborer and in 1886 began working for his brother in a stone quarry at Mankato. He was promoted to superintendent, and in 1894 became a partner in the business. Subsequent to the death of