

Mr. Mangan served with honor and distinction in this body during the two sessions that he was a member.

He was a lawyer, and practiced his profession continuously since 1910 until his health failed, shortly before his death.

Mr. Mangan was a member of a pioneer Stevens County family, and himself was a lifetime resident of the county, and was widely known not only in his county, but throughout western Minnesota, having obtained prominence in his profession and as a result of his participation in public affairs.

In addition to his term as a member of this body, he was city attorney of Morris from 1926 to 1930. In 1925 he was elected as mayor of his home town of Morris. Through the years, he was the leader of numerous local organizations and activities. He was a charter member of the present Civic and Commerce Association of the city of Morris, and served as its president in 1941. In that capacity, he was instrumental in securing for Morris the civilian pilot training school which continues with important functions in the field of aviation. He was a member of the Sixteenth Judicial Bar Association, and a past president of that organization.

He was married to Josephine Dixon in St. Paul, who survives him, as well as two daughters, Mrs. Clyde G. Nelson of Seattle, and Mrs. Helen Wickland of Minneapolis, and a son, Thomas J. Mangan of Phoenix, Arizona.

Of Mr. Mangan it can be said that he was an energetic lawyer and loyal to his clients, and whether in the field of litigation or legislation, he fought relentlessly and to the end for what he thought was right or beneficial to his client. During his term as a member of this body, he served diligently and well, and supported many acts resulting in statewide beneficial legislation.

Now his earthly career is ended; he has crossed the bar".

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

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

It is appropriate that we pause today for a few moments from the regular duties of our legislative session to pay tribute to those former members of this body who are today answering the roll call of our Lord and Master.

One of these, Senator Helmer Myre was my predecessor in this Senate. I am honored to be selected to pay special tribute to him.

Helmer Myre was born January 2, 1891 in Winnebago County Iowa a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Myre.

He received his education in the elementary schools of Linden County. He married Ethel Trail February 4, 1913 at Mason City and with his wife resided on a farm near Thompson, Iowa until 1918, when he moved his family to a farm near Geneva, in Freeborn County, Minnesota. Senator Myre spent the balance of his life in Freeborn County, residing on his farm and in Albert Lea, Minnesota at various times. He entered public service as a police officer in Albert Lea. Later he was elected and reelected County Sheriff until he chose to retire. His next service to the people of his adopted state and county was as a respected member of the state House of Representatives for two terms. In 1946 he was chosen by the people of Freeborn County to represent them in the State Senate. He retired from public life in 1949 on the orders of his physician because of a heart ailment. His death occurred on Saturday, Oct. 6, 1951 following an acute four-day illness with a rare blood disease.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel, two sons Herman T. of Albert Lea and Charles C. of Minneapolis, a daughter Mrs. Wilfred Knutson of Albert Lea, three brothers and three sisters.

In addition to the elective public offices Senator Myre held, he occupied many other positions of trust and honor in connection with community and civic activities. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran church of Albert Lea.

He liked all kinds of sports. He liked to hunt and fish and when on expeditions he was always playing some trick on his companions. During his younger days he was a wrestler of note. For many years he was light heavyweight champion of the world. In following these sports, as in all his public service, his primary rule was always 'Fair play and good sportsmanship'.

Senator Myre was one of Freeborn County's most prominent men, one of its best loved and honored citizens, a devoted husband, a kind and loving father, a fair and impartial statesman, a true and honored friend.

May God give us strength to live up to the ideals of Helmer Myre.'

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