

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.

He held many offices in the Democrat party and during his entire life time politics was his main hobby and interest.

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

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

It becomes my duty to present at this time a memorial and eulogy for the Honorable Samuel A. Rask, a former member of this body, who passed away on October 5, 1959, at Hudson, Wisconsin, at the age of 85 years. He was a member of the Minnesota Senate from 1917 to 1923. His home at that time was in Blooming Prairie and he was engaged in banking, being President of the First National Bank of that city.

Mr. Rask was a Spanish-American War veteran and a member of the Lions Club, Masonic Orders, and the Elks. He was state commander of the Spanish-American War veterans during 1923 and 1924. From 1935 to 1956 he was secretary and treasurer of the National Farm Loan Association, located in Blooming Prairie, and for many years was a director of the Federal Credit Administration at St. Paul.

I knew Mr. Rask very well personally. He was a pleasant, genial person who was much interested in others and in doing things for the community. As a member of the legislature he was very active and it was during his term that legislation was passed establishing the Southern Minnesota School of Agriculture at Waseca. Although it is 38 years since Mr. Rask was a member of this body, the work he accomplished here and the record he made are still remembered by all of us who knew him and of his services.

Senator Rask was survived by his wife, Harriet Rask, who has since passed away. We extend sincere sympathy to his daughter, Mrs. Johnson, and to his grandchildren and the great grandchildren who survive him.

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Mille Lacs, Kanabec, and Sherburne, Mr. Mitchell, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

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

I am indeed highly honored to be extended the privilege on this occasion to pay tribute to the memory of a former member of this body, Charles F. Serline.

Mr. Serline, a pioneer resident of the Village of Mora, County of Kanabec, died at Mora on May 14, 1959, at the age of eighty-six years. He is survived by one son, Stanton M. Serline, of Knoxville, Iowa, and two daughters, Mrs. James Quigg of Manhasset, Long Island, New York, and Mrs. Clyde Zamjahn of Waukesha, Wisconsin.