

Anthony Podgorski, 84, former state lawmaker

Anthony (Al) Podgorski, 84, of St. Paul, a former member of the Minnesota House for 22 years, died of a heart attack Sunday at Bethesda Lutheran Medical Center in St. Paul.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Agnes Church, 548 LaFond Av., St. Paul.

Podgorski, who caucused with the DFL-oriented liberals, represented the Frogtown neighborhood of St. Paul in the House from 1945 to 1966.

He was an early backer of St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center and was a member of the hospital's first governing board.

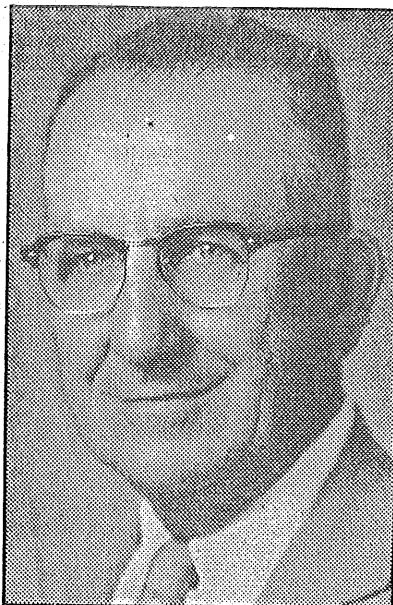
Podgorski, a St. Paul native, dropped out of grade school to help care for a

younger brother and sister after his mother died. As a young man he worked in the trucking business.

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Later he owned a St. Paul gas station for more than 40 years at the corner of Dale St. and Van Buren Av. During his years as a legislator, he worked there on Saturdays to keep in touch with his constituents. ST.

He had been a member of the University-Dale Commercial Club, the St. Paul Playground Council, the West Minnehaha Playground Association and the Mississippi River Parkway Planning Commission.

Podgorski is survived by his wife, Anna; a daughter, Lucille McCoy, and a son, Alfred, both of Roseville; six grandchildren and nine great-



Anthony (Al) Podgorski in 1956

grandchildren.