

recall to them the Promise of a reward far greater than we can give, for a duty well and faithfully performed.

Fred Bessette did not live in vain."

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

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

One of the nine men we meet in tribute to, Andrew D. Stephens represented Polk County in this Senate for eight years beginning with the 1903 session. He passed away on January 13th, 1945, nearly ninety years of age.

Mr. Stephens was born on a small farm in Carver County in 1855 before Minnesota became a state. He received his education in the rural schools of Carver County and Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter. As a young man he clerked in a store and worked as a traveling salesman. In 1880 the call to the farthest north frontier of, those days, the Red River Valley became strong and that year he settled at Fisher, where he operated a small store. Fisher was a frontier town where the railroad ended and connected with the steamboat traffic on the Red River and Red Lake River.

Mr. Stephens in 1884 moved to Crookston and engaged in the real estate and banking business. He was very successful and in 1891 became owner of a bank and by 1900 was head of six banks and interested in several more including one in Minneapolis.

Mr. Stephens had a deep interest in questions of government. He served two terms as mayor of Crookston. Was surveyor general of logs and lumber in the old district setup. He served on the State Board of Emigration and in 1902 was elected State Senator and re-elected in 1906. His service in the Senate indicates outstanding ability and devotion to the work of the body. One session he was chairman of the Committee on Banking and in the session of 1909 he was chairman of the Finance Committee.

Outstanding among his public services was when he interested the late James J. Hill to donate the large tract of land to the state, where over 35 years ago the Northwest School of Agriculture and experiment station was located. Mr. Stephens sponsored the first appropriation for the school. Seventy five per cent of the thousands of farm boys and girls who attended this institution, over the years, have returned to the farm and exemplified the best in community and home life, and have outstanding records for successful farming methods.

During his service in the Senate Mr. Stephens sponsored a bill which incorporated the new doctrine, but very humanitarian principle, of allowing prisoners at the Minnesota State Prison small wages while serving sentence, to be paid upon their release from prison.

As indicated Mr. Stephens prospered as few men. In the depression of early 1920's he sacrificed nearly his entire personal fortune to save the depositors of his large banking institution at Crookston from loss.

During these trials and sacrifices Mr. Stephens remained calm, cheerful and uncomplaining. This evoked in the hearts of all his fellow citizens deep respect, good will and friendship.

Today when we meet in Memorial service to these fine, strong men of other sessions of this Senate we feel 'They shall not pass this way again'. But Minnesota was aware of their passing. They had the distinctive honor, not always appreciated, to be singled out from among the two and a half million citizens of the state to be included within the small group of 67 men who form this legislative branch of government.

All these nine men whom we honor today, as former members of this Senate did stand out as selected leaders. Loyalty to and reverence for them, urge us to set down, while memory is clear, and events fresh, what we know of these men and the services they rendered.

'A prince once said of a King struck down:  
Taller he seems in death  
And the word holds good, for now as then,  
It is after death we measure men.'

We have gathered today, also, to express our deep feelings at their passing from us. They were our daily companions and friends. We like somewhat to ease the irreparable loss to their families and our own sorrow by believing.

'We bury here their hurt and pain  
All they loved lives on'.'

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

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

Dr. Clifford I. Oliver, a former member of this body, departed this life March 27, 1945, at his home in Graceville, Minnesota at the age of 68.

His was a life of accomplishment and of sacrifice. Born in the State of Iowa, he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Illinois in 1901. His life-work was his love and devotion for his family and friends and the practice of medicine and surgery. Applying himself in his able manner, he became a skillful surgeon and a successful doctor of medicine in Western Minnesota. Legion are those who were relieved by his kindly patience and unusual capabilities. Many are those who loved and revered him for what he did in a professional way. Countless were his business and social friends. He practiced medicine when there were no improved highways and when travel was primitive and difficult. Unstintingly he gave of his time and body to go beyond the call of duty or the tenets of his chosen profession. He is not numbered among those who either failed or refused to answer the call of the sick or the injured. He quickly rose to the pinnacle of his profession, not only in service to his patients, but rose mightily in the estimation of the members of his profession. Standing as a memorial to his work is the highly reputed West Central Minnesota Hospital at Graceville. It was built, developed and enlarged during his career. With the exception of the time he served in the medical corps as a captain in the army during World War I, all of his professional life, a period