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He served as village attorney for many of the small towns in Central Stearns County. Always an active politician, he served for several years as Stearns County Democratic Chairman.

The deceased Senator is survived by his wife, Leonora Henne-
mann Ahles, and the following children: Lloyd and Lewis of
Albany, Vincent of St. Cloud, C. O. Ahles of Seattle, Washing-
ton, Anthony of Wanatchee, Washington, Mrs. Theodore Cam-
eron of Hayward, California, Mrs. James Reddy, Chicago, and
Mrs. William Croft of Glendale, California.

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

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

Henry N. Benson, Sr. departed from this life May 10, 1960
at the age of 87 years. He served in the Senate from 1910 to
1922. Later he served as Attorney General from 1929 to 1932.
For more than 40 years, he was a member of the Board of
Trustees of Gustavus Adolphus College. Through the courtesy of
Dr. Edgar Carlson, President of Gustavus, who spoke at Mr.
Benson's funeral, I am using some of Dr. Carlson's remarks.

"When we stand at that sacred moment where the mortality
of all men is revealed, there is nothing that we can say about
the life that has come to a close which can compare with the
glorious things which can be spoken about the life that is to
come. The single, salient fact which we set against the proud
boast of death, as it lays its imperious hand upon those we love,
is that death itself has been conquered by Him Who is our
Lord. He has indeed 'abolished death and brought life and im-
mortality to light through the Gospel.'

"But having said this, we should also acknowledge with grati-
tude what this Lord, of life as well as of death, has accomplished
with a man. We can put together the statistics about Henry N.
Benson and they will be impressive: his length of years, the
responsible posts which he held in church and state, the associa-
tions to which he belonged, the number of people he knew well,
the court cases which he tried or processed, the honors that came
to him—yes, the summaries would be impressive indeed. But
these would not tell the really important thing, the quality of
the man.

"For quality there was! There was integrity that would have
hurled back as insult any unworthy approach or offer. His
knowledge of the law was more than legal competence; it was
code of conduct and pattern of action for him and for every
man. And, though the law must have its due, there was kind-
ness, cordiality, warmth which penetrated that whole vast web of
personal relationship which he developed and which he so care-
fully maintained.

"I suppose it would not be possible," Dr. Carlson went on to

say, "in this first century of the history of Gustavus Adolphus College to find another person who invested so much of himself over so long a time in the welfare of that institution. He was a child when the Old Main was dedicated and he had attended every dedication since. Together with O. J. Johnson and Mr. C. E. Sjostrand, he carried the vast burden of college administration for many years.

"To you who stood closest to him in life and thus felt the warmest rays of his glowing heart we extend our thanks for having shared him with us, and we assure you of our fellowship in your far deeper loss. Sometimes to suffer loss is the price that must be paid for having been greatly blessed. And beyond the loss is greater gain as you look forward to reunion in the Father's house.

"The world has never had men like Henry Benson to spare. We wonder whether, as they drop away, they are being replaced in our time. We pray that they may be, for we shall sorely miss them. God bless the memory of a great and good man."

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

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

I quote from the editorial page of the Mesabi Daily News for Tuesday, March fifteenth, 1960—one year ago:

"Michael Boylan, 79, a former mayor of Virginia, also a former member of the city council and for at least two terms a state senator from this district, died Sunday in the infirmary, remembered only as a name by the present electorate. It was not always thus, for in his heyday no public figure was more popular, more influential, than the late 'Mike' Boylan. He was a colorful and outspoken individual and was at his best when from the platform defending a certain course, or assailing a contrary premise."

End of quotation, although the editorial of memorial continued—telling the story of Senator Boylan's life.

I selected this quotation from the newspaper editorial commemorating Mike Boylan because it tells more, by tone and inference than by words alone. It tells the story of the spirited, newly-opened Iron Range of Northern Minnesota where men came, possessed of a spirit which is strangely absent today, the spirit of adventure and enterprise. It tells the story of a man possessed of natural qualities of leadership which inspired the confidence of others, who chose to elect him and to follow him. And these editorial words tell the story of the time of personal government, when words uttered from the public platform set the course of local and state history. Yes, there is a lesson to be learned from the background of Michael Boylan.

Senator Boylan of Wisconsin. He lived for a short time in Virginia. He was the proprietor of a contracting company, and was negotiating contracts for work under Mr. Boylan.

But in the first decade of the first decade, politics. And Mike Boylan was the science of government.

He took office as Virginia's first ward ultimately serving in 1916 he was mayor, until April.

He was elected First District in 1928. Earlier in the state Municipalities today it is a local and state government.

After 1928, Mike returned to Virginia and state senator at the age of 79.

Mike Boylan had of new opportunities he had the courage to use that gift in the newspaper have been a powerful newspaper reference.

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The qualities of and of the power. These were qualities in this Chamber today, asking for gifts, whether they

Senator Boylan of learning the was a good lesson for today to gain experience from another.

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