

MEMORIALS

CLARENCE L. CLARK

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Clarence L. Clark, begs leave to submit the following:

Honorable Clarence L. Clark was born at Corydon, Wayne County, Iowa, on the 6th day of October, 1877, and died February 8, 1958. He was one of the most industrious and best informed men the State of Iowa has ever produced. After graduating from the public schools of Wayne County, he entered Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, and was graduated from the College of Liberal Arts. He was married to Bertha Sproatt at Corydon, Iowa, on the 2nd day of January, 1902.

Senator Clark spent his entire life in Corydon, Iowa, where he was actively engaged in business, first with his father and later as an abstracter of titles in Wayne County. He was always interested in community activities and was responsible for many improvements. He was a member of the Board of Governors of the Iowa Gladiolus Society; a director in the Iowa State Horticulture Society and the Wayne County Agricultural Society. He was a past president of the Iowa Title Association and president of the Corydon State Bank. He served on the Corydon town council, the park board and was a member of the Legislature for six years, serving in the lower House until he was elected to the Senate from the Wayne-Lucas District in which capacity he served in the Forty-ninth, Fiftieth and Fifty-first General Assemblies.

He was instrumental in the formation of the Corydon Rotary Club, served as club president and was an active member at the time of his death. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and received his Fifty Year Certificate from the Corydon Lodge A. F. & A. M. in 1951.

He was a presidential elector and helped cast the vote of Iowa in the electoral college for Dwight D. Eisenhower for President in 1952.

His interest in agriculture and his work in 4-H activities, Gladiolus Societies and the Wayne County Fair led him to acquire one of the widest known and most remarkable public careers in the community. During his service in the Legislature, he was recognized as one of the outstanding men in the service of the State of Iowa, and throughout his life he enjoyed the respect and confidence of his fellowmen.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly: That in the passing of the Honorable Clarence L. Clarke the State of Iowa has lost a valuable and honorable citizen and a faithful public servant whose counsel will be missed.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread on the Journal of the Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the surviving widow, Mrs. Clarence L. Clark, Corydon, Iowa.

W. C. STUART,
GENE L. HOFFMAN,
J. LOUIS FISHER,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.