

illness of nearly two years. He had been a resident of Marshalltown since 1899. He was the son of the Rev. William H. and Laura E. Scott. He was graduated from Marshalltown High School in 1902 and from Drake University in 1909. He served as County Attorney of Marshall County from 1914 to 1918. He was married to Kate Timmons in Marietta, on December 26, 1922. He was a member of Marshall Lodge No. 108 A.F. & A.M., signet Chapter No. 38 R.A.M., King Solomon Council No. 20, St. Aldemar Commandery No. 40, Central Chapter No. 67 O.E.S. He was a member of the Consistory in Cedar Rapids and the Za-Ga-Zig Shrine in Des Moines and Madon Shrine No. 38 White Shrine of Jerusalem.

Mr. Scott was a member of Central Christian Church of Christ. He served as president of the Iowa Christian Missionary Society from 1931 in 1949. He was a member of the Marshalltown Chapter of Izaak Walton League.

Mr. Scott served as a member of the House of Representatives from 1918 to 1920, during the Thirty-eighth General Assembly. He served as a member of the Senate from 1920 to 1924, the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth General Assemblies.

He is survived by Mrs. Scott, a brother, Winfield W. Scott, and a sister, Miss Lola G. Scott.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly: That in the passing of the Honorable Ray P. Scott, the state has lost one who has always been very active in public affairs and kept interested in and well informed on political matters. The Senate tenders by this resolution its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family.

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 members of the family of the deceased.

W. ELDON WALTER,
J. KENDALL LYNES,
LAWRENCE PUTNEY,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

SENATOR W. N. SKOURUP

Wilbur Nielsen Skourup, 61, former Des Moines County State Senator, died of a heart attack at his White Acres farm near Spring Grove on Wednesday, at 3:45 p.m., February 10, 1954.

He had suffered from a heart condition for about three years. During 1950 he had been hospitalized for about a month but had continued active since. He had become ill at a recent Rotary Club meeting and was

assisted home. Tuesday he had overseen work on his farm. He owned both the farm and White Acres service station at Spring Grove.

Mr. Skourup was a representative of the Standard Oil Company when the family moved to Burlington from Davenport in 1938. After living in the city for two years, the family moved to the Spring Grove farm.

From 1947 to 1951 he was Republican State Senator from Des Moines County. During the 1951 state legislature, he represented the American Automobile Association in Des Moines. In 1949 and 1950 he was sales manager for the automobile association, with his territory covering about half of the state.

In connection with his auto association work, he was active in the promotion of highway safety and highway patrol work.

Mr. Skourup was a member of the original committee which brought the potentials of Geode State Park to the attention of the state legislature and then pressed for the funds for its development.

An overseas veteran of World War I, he was a member of the Acacia fraternity, Rotary and Executive clubs, Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, 40 & 8, and the V.F.W.

He was born in Morrison, Iowa, March 15, 1892, the son of J. H. and Anna Nielsen Skourup. On July 9, 1918, he married Rembert Harshbarger in Manhattan, Kansas.

Surviving are the widow; two sons, Wilbur N. Skourup, Jr., and John J. Skourup, both of Burlington; two grandchildren; three sisters, Anna Skourup and Mrs. Marie Wilson, both of Kansas City, Missouri, and Mrs. Agnes Wilmoth of Colony, Kansas. Several nieces also survive.

Quick to see the reason for an act; quick to respond to injustice or unfairness as he saw it; quick to recognize the call to duty, Senator Skourup did not spare his energies or his interests in the pursuit of principle. He came to the state senate in 1947, and served in those busy years following World War II. He had rounded out a successful career in business; his financial interests were varied; he was a leading citizen of his county when he was selected to represent his district in the General Assembly. He had a keen and alert mind, and was one to perceive the long range effects of his actions in legislative matters. Legislation concerning motor vehicles and highway problems were among his primary interests; much of the commendable legislation concerning these topics is now upon the statute books as the result of his untiring activity and intelligent and thoughtful approach to those subjects. His opinions were firm and were defended with vigor; his friendships were strong and lasting, transcending partisan lines in his defense of what was right. His attention and his efforts were always set to the achievement of ends worthy of high and impelling motives. His inherent kindness and gentleness of spirit never failed to temper a situation or a matter otherwise difficult. He enjoyed the exercise of civic responsibility; he did not turn away from a fair and even contest so long as he believed that he was fighting for the principle of right. The Senator was vigorously loyal to

our institutions and sought to support and strengthen them in every way.

His friends respected him for his outspoken courage; he served his party and his state to the full measure of his ability. At his death, we are reminded of the words of the poet:

"No man is an island, entire of itself, every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

Senator Skourup made substantial contribution to the improvement of his county and his state; the State of Iowa is a better place to live and to worship by reason of his devotion to it.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly: That in the passing of the Honorable W. N. Skourup, the state has lost an active loyal citizen. The Senate tenders, by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to forward an enrolled copy to the members of the family of the deceased.

THOMAS J. DAILEY;
EDWARD J. MCMANUS,
CARL T. ANDERSON,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

ED M. SMITH

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable memorial commemorating the life and public service of the late Honorable Edward McMurray Smith, begs leave to submit the following report:

Edward McMurray Smith, editor of the Winterset Madisonian for 54 years, former Secretary of State, and State Senator, died at the Madison County Memorial Hospital in Winterset, October 26, 1953, after a short illness, at the age of 82 years.

A son of John M. and Jane Courtney Smith, he was born in Jackson County, Iowa, October 31, 1870. At the age of 16 years the family moved to Madison County, and he lived on the farm until he grew to manhood. He attended the rural schools, and took his higher education at Dexter Normal School in Dexter, Iowa, and Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, after which he taught school. In 1898 he became County Superintendent of Schools, and at the close of his term, he purchased the Winterset Madisonian, and remained as its editor and publisher until his death.

He was married to Evalyn Crossley of Patterson, Iowa, June 1, 1898, and they established their home in Winterset, where they resided until