

He continued to serve as mayor and a member of the council until November, although illness handicapped him in performing his duties.

Mr. Mercer was an acknowledged leader of the Democratic party in the legislature during his service in Des Moines and more than once was suggested as a candidate for higher office.

Mr. Mercer was associated with Economy Advertising, and its sales subsidiary, Bankers Advertising, Iowa City's oldest major firm for more than a half-century. The firm had been founded by his father, S. W. Mercer in 1895 and incorporated in 1904, six years before Leroy Mercer joined it. He became a vice president in 1920, president in 1956 and chairman in 1962.

He also was charter member and a past director of the Specialty Association of America, the trade association. In 1962 this association honored him at its national convention.

A member and past senior warden of Trinity Episcopal Church, he was a former president of the University Young Men's Christian Association. He also was president of the Iowa City Rotary Club and the last surviving charter member of the local club.

Other memberships include Masonic bodies, the Kaaba Shrine temple of Davenport, Elks and Moose lodges and Jesters. He also was active in Boy Scouts and Y.M.C.A. for many years.

Leroy S. Mercer died after a long illness on April 6, 1965, in Iowa City, Iowa, and is survived by his wife Isabelle, and two daughters, Dorothy and Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. John Dawson).

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-first General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of Leroy S. Mercer, the state has lost a valuable, loyal and honored citizen, and by this resolution tenders its sincere sympathy to the members of the 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 instructed to forward an enrolled copy to each member of his family.

ROBERT J. BURNS, *Chairman,*
GEORGE E. O'MALLEY,
LEO ELTHON,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

GLEN E. WHITEHEAD

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

Glen E. Whitehead was born on a farm in Marshall County, Iowa, on August 11, 1892. He passed away on October 21, 1964, at the age of 72.

His early education was received in rural schools in Marshall County and Marshalltown High School. After a two year commerce course, he entered the newspaper field in 1914. He was associated with the Nevada

Evening Journal, the Des Moines Capital, Iowa Homestead and the Newton Daily News. In 1926 he became publisher of the Perry Daily Chief, a position he held until his death.

He was married on December 28, 1932, to the former Shirley Hildahl of Greenbush, Minnesota, who survives along with a son, Stephen.

His legislative experience came with his election to the Iowa House of Representatives from Dallas County in 1942. He served in that capacity in the Fiftieth and Fifty-first regular sessions and the Fifty-first Extraordinary session. On November 3, 1948, he was elected to a four-year term in the State Senate and was re-elected to the Senate in 1952 representing Dallas, Guthrie and Audubon Counties.

Mr. Whitehead was a delegate to the National Republican convention in 1932 and served as publicity director for the Iowa Republican Central Committee in 1934. He was a lifelong worker in the Republican party.

He served as a commissioned officer in the Navy during World War I.

In his capacity as president of the Iowa Press Association in 1944-1945 he was invited by the British government to visit that country and liberated European territory in the closing stages of World War II. In 1951 he was appointed to the 11-member Iowa Development Commission by Governor William S. Beardsley and was re-named by Governor Leo A. Hoegh. In 1947 he was elected a director of the Iowa-Nebraska Press Association and in 1952 was awarded the Iowa Press Association's coveted "Master Editor-Publisher" award for service and achievement in the newspaper field.

Glen E. Whitehead was a man of strong personal conviction and opinion. Many honors came to him because he worked hard and followed a predictable path of integrity. The impression made upon his community and state by his years of constructive public service provides a true tribute and fitting memorial to his life, character, and personality.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-first General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of Glen E. Whitehead, the state has lost a valuable, loyal and honored citizen, and by this resolution tenders its sincere sympathy to the members of the 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 instructed to forward an enrolled copy to each member of his family.

ALAN SHIRLEY, *Chairman,*
EUGENE M. HILL,
DARYL H. NIMS,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.