

Devotion Of Sam Carlson To Jamestown Unlimited

Samuel A. Carlson, whose hand and mind touched the life of Jamestown as it progressed through this century more than any other man, passed away Sunday morning. That he lived to be 92 afforded him the opportunity not only to foster so much of his program of city government but to be a witness to the development of his program and to its effect on the community.

Over these many years there have been hosts of men and women who have disagreed with Mayor Carlson on ideas and plans, but none could honestly fight him on his earnest ambition to give Jamestown and its people the finest in government. That the people who were growing with the community believed in this is exemplified in the men and women who accepted responsibilities in the city government handed out by Mayor Carlson. His appointments were those best qualified to do a job and frequently included those who had opposed him.

Even those who had an innate dislike for government ownership and operation would rally to his aid in making the water and light utilities work in Jamestown. Many, however, would not go along with him to extend this field of city ownership and operation. Chief

among these disappointments was his inability to sell a municipal milk plant to the voters.

There is so much that can be said about Mayor Carlson and his love for Jamestown and the affection the people of this community held for him that it is impossible to condense such comments in an editorial about him. We are proud of the news coverage of his life among us carried in this edition of The Post-Journal and we are proud of the associations we have had with him over many of those years.

We have written over the years of men holding high office who have been dedicated to public service. For few of these could it be more earnestly said than for Mayor Carlson. At no time in his long career was it ever possible to question his integrity and honesty. The high esteem in which he was held here spread throughout the land and honors were bestowed on him by state and national and even international groups.

Fortunately, we have all joined in saying thanks to Sam Carlson for his good work for our community in his life time. But now that he has left us we again feel impelled to say, "Thanks, Sam Carlson, for your devotion to your city of Jamestown throughout your life with us. Jamestown is far better for your having lived with us."

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