

"The civic record of Samuel A. Carlson characterizes him as a City-Statesman in the ancient Athenian sense," he continued.

"His early interest in the affairs of his native City resulted in his election as an Alderman in his 21st year. Then he became a member of the Board of Public Works by appointment of the Mayor. He was a factor in the building of the City Hall, in which he was destined to spend more than 30 years of his days (and many nights) in attending the several bodies of the City Administration."

Mr. Cawcroft said Mr. Carlson is the youngest man to be named on the dedication tablet in the vestibule at City Hall and he is not survived by any of the other leading citizens named thereon.

He lauded Mr. Carlson as "a Republican in national politics, but a non-partisan in the administration of the City system of government." "He believed in pure water, not party water," he added.

Spears Without Edge

"He asserted that the production of power was the proper subject of a board named without reference to party affiliation," he said. "His campaign spears were without edge or enduring point. His immediate adversaries were invariably available by his personal appointment and not by their respective applications," he said.

"Thus by early study, continuing insight, and long devotion to civic duties, he provided an administration for this municipality marked by efficiency and freedom from corruption."

Council observed a moment of silent tribute to the former Mayor. It was also announced that flags will be displayed at half mast on all public buildings until after Mr. Carlson's funeral Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the First Covenant Church.