

"It seems to me that the word "friends" has a truly significant meaning when this whole community led by some twenty-odd fraternal organizations, whose membership is made up mainly of those of Swedish birth and ancestry, gathers together to let an honored leader know and appreciate the real warmth of their friendship.

"To the world he may be the Honorable Samuel A. Carlson, Mayor Emeritus of the city of Jamestown, but to every one within the reach of my voice that warmth of friendship and acquaintance is such that he is just Sam Carlson and we use that name as a term of endearment.

"So young and old we come to pay our tribute. Many of those here have been born since he entered public service more than fifty years ago and to them part at least of his record of service is legendary. But to all his long years of public service, his leadership, stand out as a source of deep satisfaction and pride.

"There are on the list of speakers tonight men who will refer to the detail of his record. Many of them have been closely associated with him in public service at one time or another. They will undoubtedly speak of his 26 years as mayor; his many victories and his few defeats; his sponsoring of public utilities, and his successful operation of utilities through and with such able associates as Frank O. Anderson and Karl Peterson to mention only two of many; his careful study of the problems of municipal organization and government; his independence of thought and action; his integrity of purpose. All this and much more is in mind when Sam Carlson's name is mentioned.

But as the years go by, it becomes more and more apparent that Jamestown has passed through an era of growing up, and that Sam Carlson was leader during that era."

The United Male Choruses, gave a fine rendition of "America," and greetings from the following, who were unable to be present were read:

William L. Ransom of New York, first secretary to the late Mayor J. Emil Johnson.

Louis L. Thurstone, University of Chicago, formerly of Jamestown.

E. George Lindstrom of Cleveland.

Rev. Dr. Julius Lincoln of Chicago, former pastor of the local First Lutheran Church.

Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson, Washington, D. C.