

COUCH, Kenneth J. (cont)

He worked with service clubs to realize one of his dreams, Centennial Park.

He landscaped the area around St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at the top of Gilmour Hill.

He was in at the start of the Eastern Ontario Concert Orchestra, with his two grandsons, who played in it, and always was its supporter, acting as its program announcer for sometime after it was formed.

He was a councillor from 1939 to 1942, and mayor from 1947 to 1952. He was active with the Chamber of Commerce. He was mayor when William Downs, OBE, presented him with the chains of office which city mayors still use, modelled on the one worn

He was never afraid to speak his mind. In recent years letters to the editor often took a stand on some controversial issues.

When the testimonials came from civic and industrial leaders on that night in 1972, he summed up his whole outlook in one phrase, "I didn't really do anything. I was an instrument in God's hands."

That is good life philosophy. The community was richer because he was in it. It remains richer because of that. No man could have a better epitaph than the things that remain in which he had a part. We have lost an outstanding person. But his life lived to the full, and given to others. So there is really not much to lament, but rather to rejoice when looking around that "he, being dead, yet speaketh."