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birthday gave a party here in a public park. He established a fund for crippled children which enabled hundreds of handicapped youngsters to gain normalcy.

Capper rose from a teen-age printer's devil to head a publishing empire.

His first job was on the Daily Capital as a typesetter in 1884. He later became a reporter and then city editor on the Topeka publication.

In 1891 he became a reporter for the New York Tribune and in 1892 went to Washington as a special correspondent. In 1893 he purchased the weekly North Topeka Mail, which he afterward combined with the Kansas Breeze.

**Purchased Newspaper.**

In 1901 he purchased the Daily Capital and always maintained a strong interest in it.

The former senator was president of the board of regents of Kansas State Agricultural college from 1910 to 1913. He was elected governor in 1914, the first native-born Kansan to win that post, and was re-elected in 1916.

In 1918 he was elected to the United States senate for the first time.

As senator he was the father of the national 4H club act and one of the key senators in the formation of a powerful farm bloc in the 1920's which sponsored most of the agricultural legislation of that decade. He was cosponsor of legislation in 1922 which led to the present commodity exchange commission act.

Throughout his political career his articles in his publications kept him in personal touch with the home folk and aware of their viewpoints. His political philosophy was the performance of the will of his constituents. He was a strong Republican but occasionally supported New Deal emergency measures.

Capper was a strict prohibitionist.

He was born in Garnett, Kan., July 14, 1865.

Of his many activities, United States Sen. Frank Carlson of Kansas said on Capper's retirement from the senate:

"His first and foremost interest has been in encouraging and helping little people. His record transcends the bounds of time. He is really a Kansas institution."

**Landon Pays Tribute.**

Former Gov. Alf M. Landon, GOP presidential candidate in 1936 and still a leader in Kansas politics, paid tribute to his dead colleague's many benefactions.

"Sen. Capper will long be remembered for his distinguished and unselfish service to his state and

nation," Landon said, "but he also will live long in the hearts of many people for his kindly thoughtfulness and his helpful work through the Capper foundation to restore children to health. He loved people."

Mrs. A. L. Eustice of Evanston, Ill., a sister, was Capper's only survivor. His wife, Florence Crawford, died in 1926.

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**MRS. ANNAH GUNN HEERING PASSED AWAY IN FLORIDA**

Mrs. Annah Gunn Heering, nearly 77 years of age, a Grand Rapids resident 50 years and prominent in the field of nursing and public health work in Grand Rapids, passed away Friday after a brief illness at St. Cloud, Florida.

She and her husband, Henry, resided at 852 Lyon St., NE, until 1935 when they moved to Port Sheldon, living there in the summer and in St. Cloud in the winter.

She was born in Lansing, Mich., January 15, 1872. Her father and mother were Orlando and Ellen Gunn. The family moved to Vermontville twp. and she attended district school, later Vermontville High school and graduated in June, 1891. About two years later she went to Grand Rapids and entered nurses training at Union Benevolent Association hospital—now Butterworth hospital—and was graduated in the 1890's.

She took a post graduate course at Bellview Hospital, New York City, served in the Spanish American war as a Red Cross nurse at Chickamauga Park base hospital in Tennessee.

An early leader in public health and social service work, Mrs. Heering entered the public health field shortly after the turn of the century. She was one of the original group that organized the Visiting Nurse association in Grand Rapids. She also worked as one of the first public school nurses. Later she conducted the first public health clinic, directed by the late Dr. A. H. Edwards, then Grand Rapids city physician. She also was assistant to Dr. Edwards until her retirement in 1935.

In World war I, Mrs. Heering was an army nurse at Camp Custer. In World war II she taught Red Cross first aid classes in St. Cloud, where she was president of the Daughters of Union Veterans organization. She was a member of Fountain St.