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To Whom it may be that reads these lines in years to come:

The Rea lization of a Dream

For a number of months as I walked up town from my home at 101 Clark avenue, I had a dream of a tall flag pole with a beautiful base, in the park at the head of the avenue. Now I am happy to say that that dream has come true.

However, as I dreamed, I realized that a determined effort would be necessary in order to being about a realization of this dream.

In the issue of my paper, the White Bear Press, of July 7, 1939, a copy of which is herewith, I proposed the erection of a municipal flag pole. I decided afterward to dedicate it to the memory of all American soldiers.

The response of the people of White Bear was gratifying, and the officials of the Government organization WPA (Works Project Authority) made it possible to carry out the project to success. (Armistice Day)
November 7, 1939, the pole was erected and on November 11/it was dedicated with ceremony. (See photograph herewith, also copy of The Press.

The entire complement was completed Friday, May 17, 1940, and is to be dedicated xxxxxxxx tomorrow (Decoration Day.)

The pole stands 78 feeet above the ground, set eight feet into a steel sleeve and a concrete foundation, six feet square and eight feet deep. The center-piece arounf the pole is of Kasota st stone, which once was a part of the cell-block in the original prison at Stillwater, and which held noted criminals, such as Frank James and the Younger Bros. , and which stood for 75 years before it was razwd in 1935.

It is in no small degreeof satisfaction that I have seenthe accomplishment of this undertaking--seen my dream in stone and steel, for it was practically a mone-man job. For months I had tried to interest the public and organizations but without success. I finally undertook it alone and that is why I am so deeply interested in the dedication of it tomorrow.

I wonder how long it will stand. Today Hitler threatens the world and I wonder what the conditions will be here and elsewhere when this is read.

Re spectfully submitted,

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