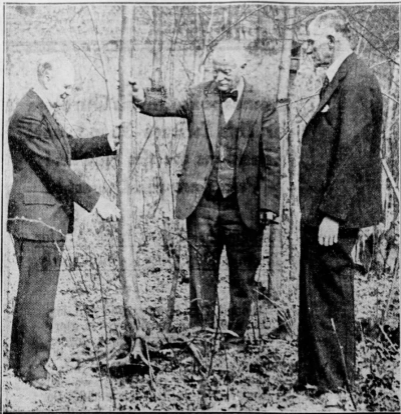


# TREES MADE MEMORIAL TO MISS BUTLER



This tree-planting ceremony planned for Friday afternoon by members of the Minneapolis park board memorialized the late Eloise Butler, botanist, who founded the flower gardens in Glenwood park. The gardens have been renamed for Miss Butler. Left to right are Alfred F. Pillsbury, president of the park board; Theodore Wirth, superintendent of parks, and Francis A. Gross, vice president of the board.

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## Honor Paid Memory of Miss Butler

Pin Oak Planted, Ashes  
of Park Curator Scatter-  
ed at Glenwood.

Curious seekers there were none. In the little group of perhaps less than 100 were men and women who were former botany students, friends, out-door enthusiasts who had come to pay a last tribute to the woman they had admired, the late Eloise Butler, curator of the wildflower garden at Glenwood park which bears her name.

It was a group that spoke in whispers Friday afternoon as the board of park commissioners in official proceedings gathered near the curator's cabin among the wildflower growths to plant a young pin oak tree in Miss Butler's memory—and to scatter her ashes in accordance with her last wish.

### Pillsbury Speaks.

Theodore Wirth, superintendent of parks, launched the ceremonial. He stood beside the pin oak, already set in the ground, and told the gathering that the board had come to do honor to Miss Butler. He nodded to two shovels and announced that board members would begin to fill in the dirt about the base of the tree. A woman in the audience raised her handkerchief to her eyes, and another suppressed a tear with the back of her hand.

One by one board members tossed in a shovelful of earth. Board mem-

bers were followed by members of the administration staff. The address was given by President Pillsbury:

"Friends and associates of Miss Eloise Butler," he said. "We have gathered here today to do honor to one who was the moving spirit in the establishment and care of this unique and interesting garden. Being a great lover of nature, and especially of wild flowers and plant life, it was her desire that one part of our park system should be left in its natural condition, devoted to the wild flowers and birds of our state. Under her loving care for many years this garden has become famous and given pleasure to many.

### Ashes Scattered.

"In the presence of her friends and to her memory we have planted this rare tree, and in accordance with her wishes, we now with respect and admiration, distribute the ashes of Miss Eloise Butler over the ground she loved so well."

Mrs. W. H. Crone, successor to Miss Butler, brought from the little cabin that serves as garden office, a card board box. She handed it to President Pillsbury.

He put in his hand and as it came forth the white powdery substance that was the last earthly remains of the garden founder went scattering about the base of the tree. Then he proceeded to encircle the cabin. Some of the ashes fell direct to the soil, some was wafted farther by the breeze. The audience looked on in silence. The only sound was that of Mr. Pillsbury moving through the growths.

### Last Report Read.

When the ashes had been scattered Mrs. Crone read the last report by Miss Butler. It told of new plans and of achievements with old growths. It told of the prospects for the witch hazel. It told of the little mill-pond and the tamarack bridge. It told of the numerous growths that had been planted in the year before

her death and of the hopes for the new year.

The ceremonial ended when Mrs. Crone and Mr. Wirth explained plans to organize Miss Butler's former students and friends for the purpose of erecting a bronze tablet on a stone at the base of the pin oak.

That ceremonial will take place in a year—May 8, 1934.

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