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## NEWS OF BENCH AND BAR

A joint meeting of the committees of the Indiana State Bar Association on Legislation, Jurisprudence and Law Reform, Legal Education, and Re-Organization of Supreme and Appellate Courts was held at the State House in Indianapolis on Friday, March 5. The joint meeting of these committees was called by President George O. Dix of the association to effect a legislative program for the next meeting of legislature which would receive the support of the Indiana State Bar Association. A very large attendance of these committees was present. President Dix appointed the following committee to coöperate with a committee of the Chamber of Commerce in forming a joint legislative program. The members of the committee representing the state bar association are Dan W. Simms, Elmer E. Stevenson, James M. Ogden, and Joseph H. Shea.

Among other things this conference of bar association committees pledged its hearty support to the new "Uniform Admission Rules" which aim to limit admission to the bar to those who can pass a written examination testing their legal knowledge. The Indianapolis News for Monday, March 8, printed an editorial in vigorous endorsement of this movement of the state bar association to raise the standards of the legal profession in the state through requiring written examinations for admission to practice.

### THE ORATORICAL CONTESTS

The County contests for Indiana in the Third National and First International Oratorical Contest on the Constitution have been about completed. Now will follow the District, State, National and International competitions.

The subjects suggested for the orations under these contests are the following:

- "Washington and the Constitution"
- "Franklin and the Constitution"
- "Hamilton and the Constitution"
- "Jefferson and the Constitution"
- "Marshall and the Constitution"
- "Madison and the Constitution"
- "Webster and the Constitution"
- "Lincoln and the Constitution"
- "America's Contribution to Constitutional Government"
- "The Constitution"

It was announced by Mr. James A. VanOsdol who is chairman of the Committee of the state bar association which has charge of this work that the following had been appointed chairmen for the respective units in the carrying on of the Third National and First International Oratorical Contest on the Constitution:

The managers for the several Congressional districts are:

- First district, Richard Waller, Evansville, Ind.
- Second district, John C. Chaney, Sullivan, Ind.
- Third district, Chas P. Tighe, New Albany, Ind.
- Fourth district, Edward S. Roberts, Madison, Ind.
- Fifth district, John M. Fitzgerald, Terre Haute, Ind.
- Sixth District, Gath P. Freeman, Richmond, Ind.
- Seventh district, Wm. P. Evans, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Eighth district, Harry Orr, Muncie, Ind.
- Ninth district, W. H. Parr, Lebanon, Ind.
- Tenth district, Jos. G. Ibach, Hammond, Ind.
- Eleventh district, Robert H. Van Atta, Marion, Ind.

Twelfth district, William Ballou, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Thirteenth district, I. S. Romig, South Bend, Ind.

The county chairmen are:

Adams county, Jesse C. Sutton, Decatur, Ind.

Allen county, Samuel D. Jackson, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Bartholomew county, A. T. Conner, Columbus, Ind.

Benton county, Ernest M. Hawkins, Fowler, Ind.

Blackford county, Robert Bonham, Hartford City, Ind.

Boone county, Edward C. Gullion, Lebanon, Ind.

Brown county, Grover Brown, Nashville, Ind.

Carroll county, John L. Hanna, Delphi, Ind.

Cass county, B. C. Jenkins, Logansport, Ind.

Clark county, James E. Taggart, Jeffersonville, Ind.

Clay county, J. M. Rawley, Brazil, Ind.

Clinton county, William Robison, Frankfort, Ind.

Crawford county, Samuel A. Lambdin, English, Ind.

Daviess county, Josiah Allen, Washington, Ind.

Dearborn county, Chas. A. Lowe, Lawrenceburg, Ind.

Decatur county, Thos. E. Davidson, Greensburg, Ind.

DeKalb county, W. D. Stump, Auburn, Ind.

Delaware county, Donald Hensel, Muncie, Ind.

Dubois county, Albert Rumbach, Jasper, Ind.

Elkhart county, Aldo J. Simpson, Goshen, Ind.

Fayette county, Raymond Springer, Connersville, Ind.

Floyd county, Chas. P. Tighe, New Albany, Ind.

Fountain county, O. W. McGaughey, Veedersburg, Ind.

Franklin, Roscoe O'Byrne, Brookville, Ind.

Fulton, G. W. Holman, Rochester, Ind.

Gibson, Marsh T. Lewis, Princeton, Ind.

Grant, Julien Lett, Marion, Ind.

Greene, Allen T. Pate, Bloomfield, Ind.

Hamilton, C. M. Gentry, Noblesville, Ind.

Hancock, Waldo C. Ging, Greenfield, Ind.

Harrison county, Lem M. O'Bannon, Corydon, Ind.

Hendricks county, Thad S. Adams, Danville, Ind.

Henry county, W. O. Barnard, New Castle, Ind.

Howard county, Donald F. Elliott, Kokomo, Ind.

Huntington county, Mart J. O'Malley, Huntington, Ind.

Jackson county, Harlan P. Montgomery, Seymour, Ind.

Jasper county, Kope J. Hanley, Rensselaer, Ind.

Jay county, James J. Moran, Portland, Ind.

Jefferson county, S. J. Bear, Madison, Ind.

Jennings county, John Clerkin, North Vernon, Ind.

Johnson county, Wm. Featherngill, Franklin, Ind.

Knox county, Clarence Kessinger, Vincennes, Ind.

Kosciusko county, F. E. Bowser, Warsaw, Ind.

Lake, Jesse Wilson, Hammond, Ind.

LaGrange, Herman Haskins, LaGrange, Ind.

LaPorte, R. F. Liddel, LaPorte, Ind.

Lawrence, Robt. L. Mellen, Bedford, Ind.

Madison county, Wade H. Free, Anderson, Ind.

Marion county, William P. Evans, Indianapolis, Ind.

Marshall county, J. W. Kitch, Plymouth, Ind.

Martin county, Frank Gilkerson, Shoals, Ind.

Miami county, Edgar P. Kling, Peru, Ind.

Monroe county, J. B. Wilson, Bloomington, Ind.

Montgomery county, Chase Harding, Crawfordsville, Ind.  
Morgan county, W. H. Pigg, Martinsville, Ind.  
Newton county, Hume L. Sammons, Kentland, Ind.  
Noble county, Glenn Thrapp, Kendallville, Ind.  
Ohio county, Scott Thompson, Rising Sun, Ind.  
Orange, county Arthur McCart, Paoli, Ind.  
Owen county, Willis Hickam, Spencer, Ind.  
Parke county, John M. McFadden, Rockville, Ind.  
Perry county, Herbert Patrick, Tell City, Ind.  
Pike county, Sam Dillin, Petersburg, Ind.  
Porter county, Grant Crumpacker, Valparaiso, Ind.  
Posey county, James Kilroy, Mt. Vernon, Ind.  
Pulaski county, James A. Dilts, Winimac, Ind.  
Putnam county, C. C. Gillen, Greencastle, Ind.  
Randolph county, A. L. Bales, Winchester, Ind.  
Ripley county, Paul V. Wycoff, Batesville, Ind.  
Rush county, Russell B. Titworth, Rushville, Ind.  
Scott county, Lawrence Mace, Scottsburg, Ind.  
Shelby county, James A. Emmert, Shelbyville, Ind.  
Spencer county, L. N. Savage, Rockport, Ind.  
Starke county, James C. Fletcher, Knox, Ind.  
Steuben county, D. R. Best, Angola, Ind.  
St. Joseph county, C. R. Montgomery, South Bend, Ind.  
Sullivan county, J. Hurley Drake, Farmersburg, Ind.  
Switzerland county, Chester Callis, Vevay, Ind.  
Tippecanoe county, Dan W. Simms, Lafayette, Ind.  
Tipton county, Frank B. Russell, Tipton, Ind.  
Union county, Chester Roberts, Liberty, Ind.  
Vanderburgh county, Isidor Kahn, Evansville, Ind.  
Vermillion county, Barton S. Aikman, Newport, Ind.  
Vigo county, Frank R. Miller, Terre Haute, Ind.  
Wabash county, Walter Bent, Wabash, Ind.  
Warren county, H. D. Billings, Williamsport, Ind.  
Warrick county, Union W. Youngblood, Boonville, Ind.  
Washington county, Emmett Mitchell, Salem, Ind.  
Wayne county, Clarence M. Brown, Richmond, Ind.  
Wells county, Elmore D. Sturgis, Bluffton, Ind.  
White county, George W. Kassebaum, Monticello, Ind.  
Whitely county, J. Bloom, Columbia City, Ind.

#### FIRST DISTRICT

At a meeting of the Vanderburgh County Bar Association held on Monday evening, March 1st, at the Chamber of Commerce at Evansville, it was announced that the association had founded a scholarship in honor of Russell Ray Judd, senior law student at Indiana University School of Law. Although totally blind Mr. Judd has maintained the highest grades of any student in the law school. He not only leads the senior class in scholarship but he has the highest average of all the classes. This is an extraordinary record; and the lawyers in Vanderburgh County were anxious to give recognition and encouragement to such a student. Mr. Judd is a resident of Evansville. A sum of \$500 has been raised for this scholarship and advanced to Mr. Judd for his use during his last year in law school. After graduation he will repay the loan and the money will then be held in trust by the Vanderburgh County Bar Association for the use of other deserving students from that county who may attend Indiana University School of Law in the future.

Mr. Frank Hatfield of the Vanderburgh bar interviewed Mr. Judd before the scholarship was raised and reported that in his judgment Mr. Judd was exceptionally deserving of such an award. Mr. Judd is already a graduate of Indiana University, receiving the A.B. degree with highest honors. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the honorary fraternity for scholarship.

It has been announced by Mr. Paul A. Pfister of Mt. Vernon, chairman of the Oratorical Contest on the Constitution for Posey County, that the sum of \$55 had been raised by the Posey County Bar Association for local prizes in the contest among high schools students. It is expected that there will be representatives in the contest from every high school in the county.

In connection with the efforts of the Indiana State Bar Association to secure admission to the bar in Indiana on a basis of written examinations to test the legal knowledge of the applicant, there has arisen a very interesting case in Vanderburgh County. The bar association in Vanderburgh County has been trying to enforce the "Uniform Admission Rules" as prepared by a committee of the Indiana State Bar Association under the direction of James M. Ogden. Recently Mr. William Axton, a real estate agent of Evansville, who had not had thorough legal training, applied for admission to the bar before the circuit court of Vanderburgh County as a matter of constitutional right. He represented merely that he was a man of good moral character. The Vanderburgh County Bar Association objected to Mr. Axton's admission to the bar alleging that he did not have the requisite knowledge to qualify him for practice as an attorney at law and that it would be tantamount to the practice of fraud upon the public for an attorney without legal training to practice the profession of the law. Mr. Axton through his attorney, Ollie C. Reeves, contended that he had a constitutional right to practice law in this state upon a showing of good moral character regardless of his legal training. Mr. Frank C. Gore is named as the plaintiff in the bar association's petition against the admission of Mr. Axton and attorneys Paul Schmidt and George Heilman handled the case for the bar association.

The question of Mr. Axton's fitness for admission to the bar was submitted by Judge Charles P. Bock to a jury on Thursday, March 18. The jury returned the verdict that Mr. Axton was not fitted to be a member of the bar but in answering a special interrogatory the jury found that Mr. Axton was a man of good moral character. The bar association interprets that as a finding in their favor. Mr. Axton's attorney still has the privilege of filing various motions on this verdict. There are no future reports in the case for the month of March.

## SECOND DISTRICT

The Sullivan County Bar Association held its quarterly meeting at Sullivan, Indiana, on Tuesday, March 30. Honorable Zach. T. Dungan, Clerk of the Supreme and Appellate Courts of Indiana, was the principal speaker. He addressed the association on "Appellate Procedure and Duty of a Lawyer to his Community." Mr. Dungan gave an eloquent address exhorting the members of the bar to regard the enforcement of the criminal law as part of their duty since they were officially officers of the courts. He pointed out that if lawyers generally would undertake aggressive activity in enforcing all laws there would be far less crime than there is now.

The *Bloomfield Democrat* of Bloomfield, Indiana, printed a verbatim report on March 26 of the address that Mr. Seymour Riddle of Vincennes, Indiana, delivered at the annual meeting of the Knox County Bar Association on January 29, 1926. The address by Mr. Riddle is a very careful and detailed analysis of the situation involving the enforcement of the criminal

law in this country in view of our historical background. Mr. Riddle pointed out particularly that the protection of society against the attacks of crime was the main object of the criminal law and that the various means of protecting one accused of crime were subordinate features. In other words the protection of society comes first and the protection of the one accused of crime comes afterwards. Mr. Riddle made an eloquent plea for the arousing of public indignation over violation of the criminal law and a general public insistence that criminal law be enforced vigorously in all kinds of offenses.

Paul V. McNutt, Dean of the School of Law of Indiana University, has been appointed chairman of the Indiana committee of the American Legion to coöperate with a sub-committee of the Peace and Foreign Relations Commission of the American Legion. This Indiana committee together with similar committees from other states, will work under the direction and in coöperation with the Fidac Council, an international alliance of World War veterans' organizations.

In Daviess County the money for the county prizes in the Oratorical Contest on the Constitution has been raised by the Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, Business Men's Association and the Daviess County Bar Association.

### THIRD DISTRICT

At least a temporary victory has been scored by the Indiana State Bar Association in its effort to require candidates for admission to the bar to pass a written examination testing their legal knowledge. Mr. Joseph Harrington of Jeffersonville applied to the supreme court of the state for a writ of mandamus compelling James W. Fortune, Judge of the Clark County Circuit Court, to permit him the privileges and rights of practicing law in Clark County. William A. Pickens, Vice-President of the Indiana Star Bar Association and James M. Ogden, Chairman of the Association's committee on Legal Education and Uniform Rules for Admission to the bar, spoke in behalf of Judge Fortune before the Supreme Court when the case was argued. On Tuesday, March 9, the Supreme Court refused to issue the writ against Judge Fortune.

A. T. Rumbach, Chairman for the Oratorical Contest on the Constitution in Dubois County, announces that the county bar association has raised \$50 for local prizes. A large number of the high schools in the county have already engaged to take part. The *Birdseye Signal* published an editorial on March 18 very strongly commending the Oratorical Contests in that county.

### FOURTH DISTRICT

John W. Morgan, President of the Bartholomew County Bar Association had his eightieth birthday on Tuesday, March 30. The Bartholomew County Bar Association passed resolutions in his honor and sent a bouquet of flowers and messages of cheer to him in Indianapolis where he is now staying in the sanitarium. Mr. Morgan has been ill for nearly two years. Recently when he was unable to attend court when some matters in which he was interested were up for decision, the judge and those interested in the cases took the necessary evidence at Mr. Morgan's home.

Mr. Henry C. Barnett is now publishing a series of articles in the *Evening Star* of Franklin, Indiana, in which he deals with the early legal history of Johnson County. On March 26 the tenth of this series of articles on the Johnson County Bar was published. These contributions by Mr. Barnett have proved of great interest not only to the older members of the bar but to young lawyers and the public generally.

The Bartholomew County Bar Association held a meeting on March 1 at which a new constitution and by-laws were adopted. Mr. Fred A. Eldean, the Secretary of the Association, organized the work in preparing the constitution and by-laws. The association appointed a committee to act in coöperation with the state bar association in promoting the Uniform Admission Rules for Admission to the Bar in Bartholomew County. The committee consists of Frank S. Jones, Charles S. Baker and George W. Long.

#### FIFTH DISTRICT

The officers and members of committees of the fifth district bar association for 1926 are as follows:

President: John S. McFaddin, Rockville.

Secretary: George I. Kisner, Terre Haute.

Vice-Chairmen: Gilbert Gambill, Terre Haute; Judge B. S. Aikman, Newport; Judge James P. Hughes, Greencastle; Edgar M. Blessing, Danville; Peter T. Luther, Brazil; Howard L. Hancock, Rockville.

Membership: L. B. Marshall, Terre Haute; Judge George E. Bingham, Clinton; C. C. Gillen, Greencastle; John C. Taylor, Danville; Otto Englehart, Brazil; C. Ray Collings, Rockville.

Legal Education and Admission to the Bar: Clay A. Phillips, Terre Haute; P. B. James, Dana; B. F. Corwin, Greencastle; A. J. Stevenson, Danville; H. L. Fischer, Brazil; Forest W. Ingram, Rockville.

Legislation: Charles A. Crawford, Terre Haute; Mark E. Nebeker, Clinton; John H. James, Greencastle; John T. Hume, Danville; Benjamin F. Stephenson, Rockville.

Grievance: Charles E. Piety, Terre Haute; Edbert P. Zell, Clinton; John H. Allee, Greencastle; Ernest Owens, Danville; B. C. Craig, Brazil; J. M. Johns, Rockville.

County Organization: Frank R. Miller, Terre Haute; W. Bert Conley, Newport; Charles McGaughey, Greencastle; Carey Gaston, Danville; John W. Baumunk, Brazil; R. C. McDivitt, Rockville.

Finance: L. R. Hilleary, Terre Haute; J. W. Carithers, Newport; Andrew E. Durham, Greencastle; Virgil Sears, Danville; S. W. Lee, Brazil; John S. McFaddin, Rockville.

Jas. M. Ogden, President of the Indianapolis Bar Association, addressed the Parent-Teachers' Association in Greencastle on Tuesday, March 9. He gave high praise to the younger generation of today for their frankness, honesty and independence.

At a meeting of the Vigo County Bar Association held Tuesday morning, March 2, the Uniform Admission Rules for admission to the bar were adopted. Under these rules it will be necessary for every candidate for admission to the bar to pass a written examination to prove that he has had sufficient legal training. A fee of \$10 will be charged for these examination privileges.

At a meeting of the Parke County Bar Association a resolution was adopted which put into force the Uniform Admission Rules of the state bar association. In accordance these rules, examinations will be held three times a year in Parke County. The committee of the association which will have charge of these examinations is composed of John S. McFadden, C. Ray Collings, Howard McFaddin.

At the regular March meeting of the Vigo County Bar Association on Tuesday, March 2, the charges that were made of unethical conduct by certain attorneys in the county were not pressed. It will be recalled that Mr. Randolph Mayes made allegations of unethical conduct on the part of certain local lawyer at the last meeting but at the March meeting he was not present. It seems that the charges will be dropped.

The nominating committee, as appointed by the Vigo County Bar Association at its March meeting, is composed of Frank S. Rawley, Clay A. Phillips, Leonard B. Marshall, Gilbert Gambill and James F. Piety. The application for admission to the bar association of Samuel B. Shipley was approved.

#### SIXTH DISTRICT

William E. Sparks, Fayette County, is a candidate for Circuit Judge of that county, subject to the Republican Primary. Mr. Sparks served as County Clerk of the Circuit Court for two terms as Prosecuting Attorney. He is a prominent member of the local bar.

John R. Britten of Richmond, is a candidate for Prosecuting Attorney in Wayne County, subject to the Republican Primary, May 4.

#### SEVENTH DISTRICT

James M. Ogden President of the Indianapolis Bar Association, addressed a meeting of the west side residents at the Hawthorne Community House on Friday evening, March 20. He pointed out that while citizens may not practice economy in their own homes they do wish economy in government. He emphasized that one must be more than willing and ready to accept public office in order to be a worthy public servant. He must also be competent so that his service will be efficient and result in economy for the tax-payers. He urged that government officers should take the community into their confidence and should discuss the various plans for improvement in the public administration. It is only by having an informed and interested public opinion that useful improvements can be secured.

Prosecutor William H. Remy spoke before the Irvington Republican Club on Monday, March 8. He said that "The law is not respected because sometimes the law is not very respectable; it is too easy to beat." Mr. Remy urged the adoption of the English system whereby it is more difficult for a convicted man to secure bail pending trial on appeal. He pointed out that if they were all confined to jail they would be anxious to speed up the trial processes but when a criminal is out on bail he has no such incentive to expedite the trial. He spoke in favor of prohibition saying that it had greatly improved conditions among laboring men and that an occasional case of drunkenness should not blind people to the very great increase in general sobriety and the extraordinary increase in savings deposits by people of small means.

Jas. A. Rohbach, Dean of the Indiana Law School, spoke on "Politics from a Legal Standpoint" at the Saturday afternoon session of the Citizenship School.

Judge Clinton H. Given of the Marion County Superior Court has announced that he is a candidate for renomination subject to the Republican primary on May 4.

Prosecutor William H. Remy has announced the appointment of William B. Miller as Assistant Prosecutor in Municipal Court No. 1.

Mr. James D. Ermston of Indianapolis has announced that he is a candidate for the office of Judge of the Criminal Court in Marion County subject to the Democratic primary on May 4.

#### EIGHTH DISTRICT

Francis Shaw was elected President of the Delaware County Bar Association at the dinner held Friday noon in the Elks' Club at Muncie, Indiana. A large and successful meeting of the association was held immediately following the dinner.

Four rare and valuable books were donated by Mr. T. C. Perdieu to the law library of the Jay County Bar Association. The books belonged to the



late Attorney John R. Perdieu father of Mr. T. C. Perdieu. The books were published in 1851 and consist of "Debates of Indiana Convention," Volume 1 and 2; "Convention Journal;" and "Revised Statutes."

Dr. A. S. Yeager of Indianapolis addressed a joint meeting of the Madison County Medical Society and the Madison County Bar Association at Anderson on Tuesday March 16.

At a recent meeting of the Madison County Bar Association approval was voted to the new "Uniform Admission Rules" which require the passing of a written examination for admission to the bar. The new officers elected for the Madison County Bar Association are Albert Diven, President; and P. B. O'Neill, Secretary. Other officers will be elected at a subsequent meeting. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution for the re-organized association and to establish the proposed rules and regulations for admission to the bar. The committee consists of P. B. O'Neill, B. H. Campbell and O. A. Armfield.

The Madison County Bar Association at a meeting here Tuesday, March 2, endorsed the candidacy of Oswald Ryan for U. S. Senator.

The *Muncie Star* printed an editorial on Thursday, March 11, heartily commending the Indiana State Bar Association for its efforts in raising the standards of the bar through requiring candidates for admission to pass written examination.

#### NINTH DISTRICT

Memorial Services in honor of the memory of the late Lex J. Kirkpatrick of Kokomo were held on Wednesday, March 24 in the circuit court room in that city. Eight members of the bar association were appointed pallbearers. They were Judge John Marshall, Earl B. Barnes, Curtis W. Roll, James L. Overton, Forest A. Harness, Fred A. Jessup, Glen R. Hillis and Clarence H. Wills. Resolutions in honor of the memory of Judge Kirkpatrick were adopted by the Howard County Bar Association. Judge C. H. Willis, President of the Howard County Bar Association, presided at the Memorial Meeting.

The Hamilton County Bar Association adopted the "Uniform Admission Rules" covering admission to practice law in Indiana. These rules were adopted at a meeting of the association held Wednesday, March 26.

James M. Ogden, President of the Indianapolis Bar Association, in an address at Lebanon, Indiana, urged practical courses in politics in our high schools. He pointed out that the present party system in its actual operation was rather complicated and that only practical instruction in the work of local politics could be of real service to our future voters.

At a meeting of the Boone County Bar Association the "Uniform Admission Rules" were adopted. Arrangements were made to provide for their enforcement.

#### TENTH DISTRICT

Judge Lenn J. Oare of South Bend told members of the Gary Commercial Club that crime was a successful business in America at this time. He pointed out that while financial records show 90 per cent of all business ventures fail, the percentage of persons punished for crime was extraordinarily low. He gave statistics from which he drew the conclusion that the United States was the most lawless civilized country in the world. He gave figures to show that in America there are twenty-four times as many murders as in England fifteen times as many as in Canada and twice as many as in Italy with all its vendettas.

The East Chicago-Indiana Harbor Bar Association passed a resolution at a recent meeting urging all the present members of the superior and circuit courts in Lake County to remain on the bench. The resolutions

pointed out that the judges who now sit on the bench were experienced and that since they were also competent it was important to continue their service. The Gary Bar Association took similar action in urging the voters to support the present judges.

The four judges now occupying seats in the civil courts of Lake County were unanimously endorsed for re-election at a meeting of the Crown Point Bar Association. The judges so endorsed were E. Miles Norton, Virgil S. Reiter, M. E. Christes and Charles E. Greenwald.

At a reorganization meeting of the Crown Point Bar Association held on Saturday, March 20, George Hershman was chosen President; Edward F. Knight, Secretary and Joseph Black, Treasurer.

The meeting of the Gary Bar Association which had been planned for March 16 to honor Indiana's federal judges has been postponed to May 19. W. W. Miller, President of the Association, announced that the meeting had been postponed due to the fact that Judge Baltzell of Indianapolis would not be able to attend on the former date.

#### ELEVENTH DISTRICT

Mr. A. W. Sapp addressed a meeting of the Huntington Bar Association on Monday, March 22. Mr. Sapp spoke about the purposes of bar organization in Indiana, and emphasized particularly the importance of maintaining high standards of legal ethics. He pointed out that there is a general trend toward higher ethical standards in the field of modern business and he asserted that the lawyers were partially responsible for this trend.

At this meeting of the association the "Uniform Admission Rules" were approved and arrangements were made to put them into operation in Huntington County.

A memorial meeting in honor of the memories of Judge Lex J. Kirkpatrick of Kokomo and William A. Branyan of Huntington was held in the court room at Marion on Tuesday, March 23. The committee to draw up resolutions in honor of the memory of Judge Kirkpatrick was: Samuel L. Strickler, Gus S. Condo and Robert Van Atta. The committee to prepare resolutions in memory of Mr. Branyan was: William C. Coryell, William H. Trook and G. A. Henry. Orin Dicky, Vice-President of the association, presided in the absence of the President, George M. Coon.

#### TWELFTH DISTRICT

The *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* printed an editorial on March 6 highly commending Indiana State Bar Association for its efforts in promoting "Uniform Admission Rules" for admission to the bar. It pointed out that the present constitutional provision was unfortunate but it explained that the people of the state are very slow in realizing the importance of making sure that our future lawyers are adequately trained.

Judge Dan V. White of the Municipal Court in Fort Wayne, rendered a decision on March 4 upholding that section of the Wright Prohibition Law which relates to the charge of driving an automobile when intoxicated.

Lloyd T. Bailey of Columbia City has announced his candidacy for Circuit Judge in the Whitley-Noble Circuit subject to the Democratic primary on May 4.

#### THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

Paul V. McNutt, Dean of the Indiana University School of Law, was the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Elkhart County Bar Association held on the evening of Wednesday, March 3. Other speakers were Judge Lewis W. Hammond of the superior court at South Bend, Judge L.

W. Royse of Warsaw, Judge J. S. Drake of Goshen, and Judge W. B. Hill, of Elkhart.

At a special meeting of the Kosciusko County Bar Association the candidacy of Russell Butler, Clerk of the Kosciusko Circuit Court, was endorsed for clerk of the Indiana Supreme Court subject to the Republican primary on May 4.

A special meeting of the St. Joseph County Bar Association failed to adopt a resolution recommending the continuance in office of the present superior and circuit court judges in that county. The result is that these judges will be subject to contest in some instances.

*The Gary Post-Tribune* printed an editorial on Wednesday, March 10, giving unqualified approval to the effort of the state bar association in its campaign to raise the standards of the bar through requiring candidates for admission to pass written examinations.

### OBITUARIES

William A. Branyan, oldest member of the Huntington Bar Association, died on Monday, March 8 at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mr. Branyan died of pneumonia at the age of seventy. He had been Prosecuting attorney for Wells and Huntington Counties when those two counties were united. During his long career at the Bar he had been a member of many law firms. At the time of his death he was the senior member of the firm of Branyan and Wiley.

Caleb S. Denny of Indianapolis died at his home Wednesday, March 24. At a special meeting of the Indianapolis Bar Association memorial resolutions in honor of his memory were adopted. Charles Dryer is Chairman of the Memorial Committee and James M. Ogden, President of the Association, presided. William L. Taylor, former Attorney-General, John W. Holtzman, Ex-Mayor of Indianapolis, Judge James A. Collins, Judge James A. Leathers, Laurz Whitcomb, Albert Baker and Martin Hugg were the speakers at the memorial meeting.

Mr. Denny was one of the foremost lawyers in Indianapolis; but in addition to his eminence at the Bar, he was as a public spirited citizen of extraordinary courage and industry. During his long life it was his practice to vigorously advocate many good causes and to assail bad causes with equal energy. In all his long life he was universally conceded to be a man of absolute integrity. Although he served as Mayor of Indianapolis for three terms and engaged in many hotly contested campaigns, his personal character was never questioned. At the time of his death he was Secretary for the State Board of Pardons. The contemplation of his death is the more painful to his friends because they feel that his extraordinary achievement in his profession and in the public service were merely foundations for greater accomplishments in the future.

Norman Green of Valparaiso was found dead on Saturday, March 13. It is supposed that he died from a stroke of apoplexy. Mr. Green was former City Attorney at East Chicago. He was a bachelor, fifty-five years old at the time of his death. In recent years he had been inactive in the practice of the law,

Lex J. Kirkpatrick of Kokomo died at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis on March 22 at the age of 72 years. Mr. Kirkpatrick had recently returned from Florida and had been taken to the hospital for a minor operation.

At the time of his death Mr. Kirkpatrick was a member of the firm of Bell, Kirkpatrick, McClure and Elliott. In 1890 Mr. Kirkpatrick was elected Judge of the Thirty-Sixth Judicial Circuit and in 1909 he was again elected to preside over the newly formed Sixty-Second Judicial Circuit. In 1911 he retired from the bench and formed his present law partnership. Mr. Kirkpatrick was very active in Bar Association affairs, being a former President of the Indiana State Bar Association, and a former Vice-President of the American Bar Association. A memorial meeting attended by members of the Indiana State Bar Association was held at Kokomo on Sunday, March 28 in honor of his memory. Resolutions in eulogy of his long and valuable career were adopted. It would be difficult if not impossible to summarize the valuable services of Judge Kirkpatrick to the Bar of Indiana. He has served as President of the Howard County Bar Association for many years and his effort was responsible for the organization of the Ninth District Bar Association. He was President of the Indiana State Bar Association in 1924 and at the time of his death was Vice-President for the State of Indiana of the American Bar Association and ex-officio chairman of the Local Council of the State of Indiana for the American Bar Association.

Judge Kirkpatrick's lectures and speeches on the constitution and on specific government were of great service in the state.

H. F. MacCracken of Gary died on February 28 at the Mercy Hospital. Burial was at Urbana, Ohio, on Wednesday, March 3. Mr. MacCracken was fifty-five years of age at the time of his death. He was a past President of the Gary Bar Association and was prominently engaged in the practice of law in this city.

Hundreds of people of Gary, many of them pioneers and composed of men and women from all trades and professions, visited the Gary Elks' Temple on Tuesday, March 2 to pay tribute to his memory. A special meeting of the Gary Bar Association was held on Monday at which resolutions in honor of his memory were adopted. An eloquent eulogy in recognition of his character and services was pronounced by John Brennan at the meeting in the Elks' Club.