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Mary DeForest of Newburg was the winner of the Warrick County Oratorical Contest on the Constitution which was held on April 15th in the circuit court room at Boonville. Ruben Bierbaum, Boonville, was second and Mabel Whitaker, Chandler, was third.

It is reported that a lengthy legal contest is likely to result from the present plan to hold a city manager election at Evansville. The first con-
test has involved the efforts of those wishing an election for a city manager to compel the city clerk to certify their petition to the city council for an election.

Bernard Frick, of Evansville, won the Vanderburg County Oratorical Contest on the Constitution. Charles Weckesser was second and Calpurnia Anderson was third. The district contest will be held at Princeton on April 29th when members from all the counties in the district will compete.

Harold Rich, of Princeton, won the Gibson County Oratorical Contest on the Constitution. Paul Pollard, of Owensville, was second and Mildred Halbig was third.

Fannie Bell Cox, of Wadesville, won the Posey County Oratorical Contest on the Constitution at New Harmony April 15th. Damian Ofer, of Mount Vernon was second and Arvin K. Ewing, of Cynthia, was third. Attorneys O. C. Reed, Paul Schmidt and Richard R. McGinnis, of Evansville, were the judges of this contest.

The Vanderburg County Bar Association held its regular meeting at the Vendome Hotel at Evansville on Monday, April 4th. James F. Ensle, president of the Bar Association, presided. The Oratorical Contest in the district was the chief matter for consideration.

Robert C. Baltzell, Judge of the United States district court for Indiana, was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Gibson County Bar Association which was held on Saturday, April 9th, at Princeton, Indiana. Judge Baltzell was former circuit court judge for Gibson County.

SECOND DISTRICT

Arnold J. Padgett of the Knox County Bar was the principal speaker at a dinner given at Washington, Indiana, in honor of the birthday of Judge M. S. Hastings. The dinner was given by the Daviess County Bar Association. Judge C. K. Tharp presided. Visiting attorneys were Arnold J. Padgett, Dave Padgett and William P. Dennigan. The occasion was the sixty-fifth birthday of Judge Hastings.

The second congressional district Oratorical Contest on the Constitution was held at Sullivan April 28th. Margaret Williams, of Bloomington, won first place, Henry Broksmith of Freelandsville, was second and Wilbur Johnson, of Farmersburg, was third.

The Greene County Oratorical Contest was held at Jasonville on April 20th. First place was won by Grace Parker, of Jasonville, and second and third place resulted in a tie between Kenneth Eddy, of Linton, and Glenora English, of Worthington.

The Monroe County circuit court suspended its meeting for fifteen minutes on Thursday, April 28th in respect to the memory of Albert J. Beveridge. Robert W. Miers, Ira C. Batman and Jesse B. Fields made brief addresses.

Rose Ida Foster won the Morgan County Oratorical Contest on the Constitution which was held at Morgantown on Wednesday, April 20th. The Orange County Bar Association was organized at Paoli on Wednesday, April 22. At this first meeting the following officers were elected:

Henry Heil, Orleans, President.
Harry A. Carnes, French Lick, Vice-President.
Will J. Buskirk, Paoli, Secretary.
Arthur McCart, Paoli, Treasurer.
The officers plan to draw up a scheme of organization and a program for future meetings which will be mailed to every attorney in the county. Several committees will be appointed to take care of the different activities of the association. A constitution and by-laws were adopted by the members. It was voted that all the lawyers in the county would be given thirty days in which to join the association as charter members.

The Jeffersonville Bar Association adopted a resolution which was submitted to Judge George C. Copp of the circuit court requiring that when a change of venue occurred to a different county that the judge suggest three counties and that the attorneys for the respective parties be allowed to disapprove any one of these counties. Thus if each side objected to a different county, the case would be sent to the third county. It was the opinion of the Bar Association that such an arrangement would more nearly meet the proper interests of litigants.

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The Dubois County Oratorical Contest on the Constitution was won by Frank Hackett, of Jasper, Indiana. Eugenie Norman of Jasper, won second place and Clara Pfaffenberger won third place. Wm. F. Dudine, Chairman of the Contest in this county, presided. The judges were Carl Gray, Thomas Fortune and R. C. Bullington.

**FOURTH DISTRICT**

The Ripley County Oratorical Contest was won by David Hickman, of Batesville. Virginia Hunter was second and Paul Busteed was third. Charles S. Royce presided and the judges were: Mrs. J. S. Bilvy, William Bishop and Peter Holzer.

Ward Van Briggie, of Zenas, won the Jackson County Oratorical Contest on the Constitution. Charles P. Finnerty was second and Maud Perry was third. The judges were: R. M. Plaskett, Coulter Montgomery, and James H. Tatlock.

Judge Hugh Wickens, Greensburg attorney, was honored by the Bartholomew bar association recently as the only living former judge of the Bartholomew County circuit court.

**FIFTH DISTRICT**

It is announced that the annual meeting of the Fifth District Bar Association will be held at Turkey Run on Saturday, June 25th. Arrangements for the annual meeting were determined on Thursday, April 28th, by a meeting of the Executive Committee under the chairmanship of John S. McFaddin. It is expected that lawyers and their families from all the counties of the district will attend. Dan W. Sims, of Lafayette, former president of the Indiana State Bar Association, and prominent lawyer of the state, will give the chief address. Among the invited guests will be William A. Pickens, of Indianapolis, President of the Indiana State Bar Association; James A. Van Os dol, Vice-President of the Indiana State Bar Association; Joel A. Baker, Secretary-Treasurer of the Indiana State Bar Association; Colonel Paul V. McNutt, Dean of Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington; and Paul L. Sayre, Bloomington, Editor of the Indiana Law Journal. Members of the Executive Committee are: John S. McFaddin, President; George I. Kisner, Terre Haute, Secretary-
Laymon Cammeron, of Terre Haute, won the Vigo County Oratorical Contest on the Constitution on Tuesday, April 19th. Hugh Dowell won second place and Mary Robbins took third place.

Claire Jeffries won the Putnam County Oratorical Contest on the Constitution at Greencastle. Mr. Jeffries also received a cash prize. William C. Spencer took second place and Barbara Duncan was third. The judges were Professors Bartlett, Williams and Manhart, of Depauw University. C. C. Gillen, of the Putnam County Bar Association presided.

The Vigo County Bar Association held a meeting at Terre Haute on Tuesday, April 5th for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year and making arrangements for the Oratorical Contest on the Constitution. The new officers elected were: James P. Piety, President; Frank S. Rowley, Vice-President; Linus Evans, Treasurer; Bert Beasley, Secretary. The new directors are: James C. Stimpson, Clarence A. Royse, and Benjamin F. Small. Finley A. McNutt is retiring president and Charles E. Piety is the retiring secretary.

SIXTH DISTRICT

Clarence R. Redd, of Liberty, won the Sixth District Oratorical Contest on the Constitution on Friday, April 29th. Imo McFall, of Connersville, was second and Robert Wyatt, of Centerville, was third. Roscoe C. O'Byrne, of Brookville, district chairman, presided. The judges were: Judge John W. Craig, Frank Hamilton, and Rollin Turner, of Greensburg, and Henry M. Dowling and Floyd J. Mattice, of Indianapolis.

Imo McFall, of Connersville, won the Fayette County Oratorical Contest on the Constitution on Friday, April 22nd. Violet McKee was second and Lowell Powell was third.

Mildred Franklin representing the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, won first place in the Rush County Oratorical Contest on the Constitution. Rebecca Allen, of Rushville, won second and Russell Perrigo, of Milroy was third. Russell Titsworth, County chairman, presided.

The Hancock County Bar Association held its annual meeting in the circuit court room on Monday, April 25th. Judge Arthur C. VanDyusn is President and William E. Russell is Secretary. A resolution was adopted in favor of having no session of the local courts on Saturday afternoon and in favor of closing their offices on Saturday noon.

The Henry County Oratorical Contest on the Constitution was held on Tuesday, April 19th. Ralph Watson, of Middleton, won and Orville Johnson was second. N. Guy Jones and Paul Benson, of Newcastle, were the judges.

Hans Schultz, of New Palestine, won the Hancock County Oratorical Contest on the Constitution. J. Edwin Avery, of Greenfield, was second.

The regular monthly meeting of the Henry County Bar Association was held on Saturday, March 26th. Inheritance taxes and new rules for admission to the bar were the main subjects discussed.
SEVENTH DISTRICT

On Monday, April 25th, the Supreme Court dismissed the petition of George R. Dale, Muncie lawyer, requesting the writ of certiorari issued to the Indiana Supreme Court for a review of its decision covering his sentence for contempt of court. On the advice of Mr. Dale's own counsel, the United States Supreme Court held that no federal question was involved and hence the case could not be reviewed in the United States courts.

At a meeting of the Indianapolis Bar Association held on Wednesday, April 27th, a discussion occurred of the proposed commission form of government for Indianapolis which will be submitted to the voters on June 21. Claud H. Anderson and Charles F. Coffin spoke in favor of the commission form of government while the plan was opposed in speeches by Lew Shank, Lewis B. Ewbank, William Bossom, Isadore Wulfson and Samuel Ashby.

William H. Remy spoke before the Parent-Teachers Association in Indianapolis Wednesday, April 20th. He discussed the enforcement of the criminal law in Indiana and emphasized that most criminals now are decidedly younger than formerly.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

The Oratorical Contest on the Constitution in Jay County was won by Richard James, of Muncie; Mildred Adams was second, and Emma Stump was third. The judges were: Hugh N. Donald, Wheeler Ashcraft, Byron Jenkins, M. T. Jay, and E. E. Chenoweth.

The Madison County Oratorical Contest on the Constitution was won by Joy Anson.

Donald Dekl, of Selma, won the Delaware County Oratorical Contest on the Constitution on Monday, April 12th. Virginia Campbell was second and Dorothy Kirk was third.

NINTH DISTRICT

A special meeting of the Carroll County Bar Association was held in the circuit court room on Saturday, April 22nd. Due to the Act of the General Assembly creating separate circuits for Carroll and White Counties, Judge B. F. Carr concluded his term of office at that time. It was the unanimous vote of the members of the Carroll County Bar Association that resolutions in honor of Judge Carr's long and distinguished service be adopted. At the adjournment of court on Saturday, Judge Carr was presented with an appropriate gift and a committee of the bar association tendered him the resolutions. The members of the committee drawing up the resolutions were: C. R. Pollard, James P. Wason, John L. Hanna, and George W. Julien.

At a regular meeting of the Howard County Bar Association on Tuesday, April 19, Carl J. Wild, of Indianapolis, spoke on the practical application of the bankruptcy act. Mr. Wild gave a most interesting and instructive address covering the historical development of bankruptcy law in this country as well as the present workings of the Federal Act.

Gretchen Kemp won the Tipton County Oratorical Contest on the Constitution. Anna Scott was second and Betty Compton was third.
TENTH DISTRICT

The Law Journal is fortunate in receiving an account of recent meetings of the Gary Bar Association from W. W. Miller, President of the Gary Bar Association. An account of these meetings is given here. It may be said parenthetically that our members would be grateful if other bar associations would send in accounts of their proceedings so that they could be published accurately and fully. These activities are of interest to the lawyers of the state but they cannot be fully reported in the News of Bench and Bar unless the several bar associations send in reports each month of their own meetings. In any case we should be glad to receive and publish the officers and committees of every bar association in the state.

On March 16, 1927, the Gary Bar Association held a meeting at the Gary Commercial Club at which there were present forty-three members. The address of the evening was given by Professor George G. Bogert of the University of Chicago, and the subject announced was "Uniform Laws." The subject was discussed in a most interesting manner and was exceedingly enlightening to the members present. It dealt to a considerable extent with the adoption of uniform laws as revised by the committee on uniform laws of the American Bar Association. It will be remembered that Professor Bogert is the Secretary of this committee.

On April 20th, the Gary Bar Association had another meeting at the Gary Commercial Club at which there were sixty-four members present, together with the visiting judges from Lake County. The address of the evening was given by Professor Walter L. Summers of the University of Illinois. The subject of the evening was "Rights of a Life Tenant to Dispose of the Fee." The discussion was of unusual interest in that it was prepared especially for this meeting and was a discussion of the Indiana Decisions applicable to this question. Professor Summers is a graduate of Indiana University and later of Yale University, after which he practiced law in Gary from 1912 to 1915. At that time he accepted a professorship of law at the University of Florida and later at the University of Kentucky, and for the last six or seven years has been at the University of Illinois.

The Lake County Bar Association held a most successful meeting at the Woodmar Country Club on Tuesday, April 26th. After an excellent dinner the members of the Lake County Bar Association and their families and guests listened to an address by James Parker Hall, Dean of the University of Chicago Law School. Dean Hall spoke about the work of the American Law Institute. His comments were of great interest to the members in explaining the significant work for the reform and improvement of the law that is now being undertaken by that body.

At a recent meeting of the Tippecanoe County Bar Association President William C. Mitchell appointed a committee to consider the present status of justices of the peace in Tippecanoe County. The members of this committee were: Mark L. Thompson, C. A. Burnett and Walter M. Friel. The doubtful question is whether justices of the peace have the right to hold over in office. This committee was authorized to bring quo warranto proceedings to determine the rights of the justice of the peace.

Josephine Hall won the Oratorical Contest on the Constitution in Newton County. Evelyn Garrard was second.
ELEVENTH DISTRICT

A most successful meeting of the Huntington County Bar Association was held on Monday, March 28th, at Huntington. An excellent dinner preceded the meeting. John R. Browne, Marion, was the principal speaker. His subject was "Police Power in Government." He emphasized the great dangers that come from the modern tendency to regulate everything by law and to increase the powers of government agencies.

TWELFTH DISTRICT

The Twelfth District Oratorical Contest on the Constitution was won by Edward K. Mayfield of Auburn, on Thursday, April 28th. Michael Rebman, of Allen County, was second and Joseph Bailey, of Columbia City, was third. An audience of over two hundred persons attended the contest. Judge William N. Ballou, manager of the Oratorical contest for the Twelfth District, presided. The judges were: Judge Sumner Kenner, Walter J. Krick, and Macabe Day.

Natalie Roberts won the Oratorical Contest on the Constitution for Noble County on Tuesday, April 19th. Judge Ballou, of Fort Wayne, presided.

The Fort Wayne L.L.B. Club will hold its annual election of officers on May 5th. The following have been nominated for office: President, Paul Fuller; Vice-President, O. R. Kuhlman; Treasurer, Andrew Perry; Secretary, Walter Helnke.

It has been announced that Henry M. Bates, Dean of the Law School of the University of Michigan, will speak at the meeting of the Allen County Bar Association to be held on May 26th. James M. Barrett, Sr., President of the Association, announces that the meeting will probably be held at the Fort Wayne Country Club.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

On Friday night, April 22d, the Gary Bar Association made a return visit to the South Bend Bar Association attending a banquet at the Oliver Hotel, at which meeting David I. Walsh, Senator of Massachusetts, was the speaker of the evening. The Gary Bar Association responded thirty-six in number and chartered a special car from Gary to South Bend and return. The meeting was of extraordinary interest and the Gary lawyers met the heartiest welcome on the part of the South Bend Bar and were most royally entertained by their host. A most friendly feeling exists between the members of the Bar of these respective cities. The Honorable Lenn J. Oare acted in the most able manner as toastmaster of the meeting. There were about two hundred at this banquet from Goshen, Elkhart, Mishawaka, LaPorte, Michigan City, Plymouth and Gary.

OBITUARIES

Albert J. Beveridge died at his home on Tuesday, April 26th. Memorial services were held in the chambers of the United States District court on Friday, April 29th. These services were in charge of the Indianapolis Bar Association. James W. Fesler, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, read resolutions in tribute to his memory. A number of bar associa-
tions throughout the state adopted resolutions in honor of his memory. Senator Beveridge was born on a small farm in Ohio on October 6, 1862. After graduating from DePauw University, he achieved remarkable success in the law at the Indianapolis bar. He was elected to the United States Senate from Indiana at the age of thirty-six and at that time was the youngest member of that body. He was re-elected in 1905 and was chairman of the Progressive National Convention in 1912. Later he became the Progressive candidate for Governor of Indiana. Perhaps posterity will consider his chief distinction to be his monumental life of John Marshall. At the time of his death he had completed two volumes of a contemplated four volume life of Abraham Lincoln. Senator Beveridge was a leading citizen of Indiana and a national figure for thirty years. His life of John Marshall is one of the greatest biographies of this generation. Regardless of his high political position, it can be said that he was one of the greatest citizens of Indiana since the civil war.

Anthony Deahl, age 65, one of the leaders of the Elkhart County bar, died at his home Friday, April 22nd. He was a leading citizen of Goshen. Mr. Deahl had practiced law at Goshen since 1890 and was a member of the firm of Deahl and Deahl since 1896. He was prominent in Democratic politics. Mr. Deahl is survived by his widow and three sons. At a special meeting of the Kosciusko County Bar Association resolutions were adopted in honor of his memory.

Thomas F. Donham, 73 years of age, died at his home near Terre Haute on Thursday, April 21st. Mr. Donham had been a member of the Vigo County Bar Association for over thirty years. He had not engaged in active practice for some twelve years before his death. He had been active in Democratic politics for many years and had served as a member of the City Council and as deputy-prosecutor. He is survived by his widow, one daughter and two sons. At a special meeting of the Vigo County Bar Association resolutions were adopted in honor of his memory. The Vigo County Bar Association voted to attend his funeral.

John T. Gardner, 79 years of age, died at his home at Clay City on Saturday, April 9th. He had been an active member of the Clay County Bar for over fifty-two years. The Clay City Bar Association adopted resolutions in honor of his memory. Mr. Gardner is survived by a widow, three sons and two daughters. John M. Rawley, an associate of Mr. Gardner, spoke at the funeral services.

Moses B. Lairy, 67, prominent Indianapolis attorney and former judge of the Indiana Supreme and Appellate Courts, died on Sunday, April 10th. Shortly before his death Judge Lairy was conferring with Mr. M. L. Fansler. He was suddenly stricken with what appeared to be acute indigestion and died shortly afterwards. Resolutions were adopted in honor of his memory by the Indianapolis Bar Association and by several other bar associations throughout the State. Special services in honor of his memory were held in the Supreme Court chambers. At these services Judge Charles F. Remy of the Indiana Appellate Court, William A. Pickens, President of the Indiana State Bar Association, and close professional associates of Judge Lairy paid tribute to his services and his high character. Judge Lairy was a nationally known jurist. He practiced law for eighteen years in Logansport when he was appointed by Governor Matthews to be judge of the Cass County circuit court in 1905. In 1910 he was appointed to the Indiana Appellate Court where he served for four years. He then
served for six years as judge of the Supreme Court of Indiana. After
his retirement from the bench he became a law partner of Clyde Jones of
Lafayette and upon returning to Indianapolis he was a member of the
firm of Ralston, Gates, Lairy, Van Nuys and Barnard. He was a member
of this firm at the time of his death. His legal work came into especial
prominence recently when he acted as one of the defense counsels for Judge
Dearth in the impeachment trial.

Charles E. Milroy, 65 years of age, committed suicide. At the time of
his death he was practicing law in Chicago and it is thought that his tragic
act was caused by the recent death of his wife and the prolonged illness
of his son.

Alfred E. Potts, 70 years old, died at his home in Indianapolis on Mon-
day, April 25th. He had been engaged in the practice of the law and in
business in Indianapolis for many years. For twenty-five years he was
engaged in the practice of the law in Indianapolis in a partnership with
John L. Griffith. This firm specialized in criminal practice. Mr. Potts
is survived by his widow and two daughters.

Edward C. Snyder, 84, the first judge of Montgomery circuit court
and a prominent civil war veteran, died at Crawfordsville, Indiana, on
Monday, April 4th. Judge Snyder retired from active practice some
eighteen years ago. He enlisted in the Union Army at the age of 18 and
served throughout the civil war, being wounded in three different battles.
He has been prominent in Republican politics for many years. The Mont-
gomery County Bar Association at a special meeting adopted resolutions
in honor of Judge Snyder's memory. The bar association voted to attend
the funeral services.

Jerome S. Stratton, brother of the writer, Gene Stratton Porter, died
at his home in Los Angeles, California. He was 82 years of age at his
death. He had practiced law at Fort Wayne for a number of years before
moving to California.

Samuel L. Stricler, 64, a leading attorney of Marion, died at the Grant
hospital on Thursday, April 7th. Mr. Stricler had been in active practice
in Indiana since 1897. He was prosecuting attorney of Grant County five
years and he served for fifteen years on the Board of Education. He
served with distinction as one of the codification committee appointed by
Governor Winfield Durbin. Mr. Stricler also served in the State legisla-
ture and was once a candidate for a member of the national congress from
the Eleventh District.