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NEWS OF BENCH AND BAR

The Indiana state oratorical and essay contests on the constitution have been completed. The winner of these contests will now go to the Zone contest and then to the national contest, and finally to the international contest. They will occur during the Spring and Summer. The Indiana State oratorical contest on the constitution was held at Crawfordsville on Wednesday, April 25th. James A. Van Osdol, president of the Indiana State Bar Association, presided at the meeting. The following contestants took part: Constance Frick, Evansville; Dorothy Kennedy of Columbus; Harold Lewis, of Indianapolis; Richard Bixby of Andrews, and Robert M. Ludwig of Elkhart. The contest was won by Miss Avis Goyer of Kokomo, who received a gold medal and a cash prize of \$250.00. She now goes to the zone contest at Troy, New York. Second place was won by Richard D. Bixby of Andrews with a prize of \$120.00; third place by Harold Lewis of Indianapolis, with a prize of \$65.00; fourth place by Dorothy Kennedy, of Columbus, with a prize of \$35.00; fifth place by Robert M. Ludwig, of Elkhart, and sixth place by Constance Frick, of Evansville, each with a prize of \$15.00.

At the same time that the winners of the oratorical contest were announced the participants and winners of the essay contests on the constitution were also announced. The participants in the essay contests by districts are as follows: First—Mildred Dersch; second, Eathel Killian; third, John Plummer; fourth, Mary Wickens; fifth, Pearl Snapp; sixth, Freeda M. Moore; seventh, Mortimer Presint; eighth, Claudia Wise; ninth, Iris Zinn; tenth, Sarah Pflieger; eleventh, Ruth Nees; twelfth, Lorana Fann; thirteenth, Simon Boorda. John Plummer of Bedford was declared to be the winner of the essay contest on the constitution and received a gold medal and a prize of \$250.00. Second prize was given to Freeda Moore; third to Claudia Wise; fourth to Iris Zinn fifth to Eathel Killian, and sixth to Sarah Pflieger. The cash prizes in the essay contest were the same as in the oratorical contest.

The judges for the oratorical contest were as follows: Professor James I. Osborne of Wabash College; Judge Clarence R. Martin of the Indiana Supreme Court and Everett E. Neal, newspaper editor.

The judges for the essay contest were as follows: President Robert J. Eley, Butler University; John P. Edmison, of the Indianapolis Star, and Charles Martindale of the Indiana State Bar Association.

A large and enthusiastic audience was present during the oratorical contest which gave careful attention to all of the addresses.

The Oratorical and Essay Contests dealing with the Constitution which have been so successful carried on in Indiana this year have been directed by the State Bar Association in conjunction with the local bar associations and local newspapers, under the immediate direction and supervision of the American Citizenship Committee of the Indiana State Bar Association. Of this committee James M. Ogden of Indianapolis is chairman. The other members of the committee are R. Frank Hatfield of Evansville, Eli F. Seebirt, South Send, Michael E. Foley, Indianapolis, and Isaac Carter, Indianapolis.

FIRST DISTRICT

The United States District Judge Robert C. Baltzell delivered the principal address at a meeting of the Vanderburg County Bar Association held at the Chamber of Commerce Building on Monday, April 9th, at Evansville, Indiana. Judge Baltzell spoke on "Federal Court Procedure." His address was of great interest and value to the legal profession. Nearly every member in Evansville of the Vanderburg County Bar Association was present at the meeting.

Miss Louise Hooker of Dale, Indiana, won the Spencer County oratorical contest on the constitution. A gold medal was awarded to her on the behalf of the Spencer County Bar Association by John Posey of Rockport.

Miss Constance Frick won the first district oratorical contest on the constitution on Thursday, April 19th. Miss Frick had formerly won the Vanderburg County contest. She was presented with a gold medal by the Indiana State Bar Association. Second prize was given to Harold Rich, of Gibson County, and third to Miss Wilma Boggs of Pike County.

SECOND DISTRICT

Miss Doris Russell, winner of the Sullivan County oratorical contest on the constitution, also won the Second District oratorical contest on the constitution. It was held on Wednesday, April 11th, at Vincennes.

THIRD DISTRICT

John Taggart, of Charlestown, won the Clark County oratorical contest on the constitution. He was presented with a prize of \$25 by the Clark County Bar Association. Myrtle Hawes was second, and Mary Dunlevy was third.

FOURTH DISTRICT

Miss Dorothy Kennedy, of Dearborn County, won the Fourth District oratorical contest on the constitution. The contest was held Saturday evening, April 14th, at North Vernon, Indiana. Carl Culbertson was second and David Hilekman was third.

FIFTH DISTRICT

The Vigo County Bar Association held a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 3rd, at which it elected officers for the coming year.

James E. Piety, president.

Frank S. Rawley, vice-president.

Ernest M. Causey, Secretary.

Linus Evans, Treasurer.

Ira Kisner, financial secretary.

J. T. Walker, Clarence A. Royse and Raymond Kearns were elected directors. A committee was appointed consisting of George A. Scott, Clarence Royse and B. V. Marshall to investigate and report to the Association the present status of state and federal laws regarding the filing of judgments against real estate, where such judgments were considered liens against the real estate. This investigation is undertaken for the ad-

vantage of the members of the Association and with a view to possible changes in the state law that the legislature may want to make next year.

The Clay County Bar Association held a regular meeting at which the following officers were elected for next year:

E. W. Knight, president.

K. C. Miller, vice-president.

R. V. Tozer, secretary.

B. V. Goshorn, treasurer.

Plans for the annual outing at Turkey Run were discussed.

SIXTH DISTRICT

Crystal Minneman, of Rushville, won first place in the Rush County oratorical contest on the constitution. Martha Cubel, of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, won second place.

Esther Kem won the Wayne County oratorical contest on the constitution. Naomi Osborn was second.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

George M. Barnard spoke before the April meeting of the Indianapolis Bar Association on Wednesday, April 4th. Mr. Barnard urged a more strict and vigorous enforcement of the criminal code. He doubted the validity of the maxim that "It is better that ninety-nine guilty men go free than that one innocent man be unfairly punished." He suggested that there was not enough emphasis upon the protection of society in general. Mr. Barnard was former prosecuting attorney of Henry County and mayor of Newcastle. He is now a member of the firm of Ralston, Gates, Van Nuys and Barnard of Indianapolis. Edson R. Sunderland, professor of law at the University of Michigan Law School, spoke at a dinner held by the Indianapolis Bar Association on May 2nd at the Columbia Club. Emsley W. Johnson, President of the Indianapolis Bar Association, presided. A very large number of members were present together with a number of distinguished guests from other cities. Professor Sunderland spoke upon "Reform of Civil Procedure."

EIGHTH DISTRICT

The Delaware County Bar Association held its annual meeting for the election of officers on Friday, April 20th, at which the following officers were elected:

A. E. Needham, president.

Everett Warner, vice-president.

William A. Bales, secretary.

A. E. McKinley, treasurer.

Ralph Kemper, of Bluffton, won the eighth district oratorical contest on the constitution at Muncie on Wednesday, April 11th. The winners of five counties participated in this contest. Ralph Kemper was presented with a prize of \$25.00 and a silver medal. Heedie Cobb was second and Faye Wilson was third. Evelyn Frank and Robert Heniser were tied for the fourth and fifth places. James A. Van Osdol, President of the Indiana State Bar Association, attended the contest.

NINTH DISTRICT

The Howard County Bar Association held a most interesting meeting on Tuesday evening, April 10th, at Kokomo, Indiana. C. W. Roll was the principal speaker. He read a paper dealing with conditional sales contracts. He discussed the different interests arising under contracts where the title passed to the personalty involved and where the title, under conditional sales contracts, did not pass. He pointed out that in many general aspects the conditional sales contract was similar to a mortgage. The practical difference between the sales contract and the mortgage is that the mortgage must be recorded under the statute. A most interesting and valuable discussion followed the paper. It was suggested by many that further legislation in this field was needed.

A portrait of William Garver, former judge of the common pleas court, which then included Tipton, Hamilton, Madison, Grant and Howard counties, was presented by the Hamilton County Bar Association to the Tipton County Bar Association. It has been hung in the circuit court room at Tipton where portraits of other former judges of the courts now hang.

Earnest Boyd won the Montgomery County oratorical contest on the constitution on Wednesday, March 28th. Loyal Suiter was second and Dema Kirkpatrick was third. Hugh Hornback was fourth and Henry Glouser was fifth. Judge West presided at the meeting and the judges of the contest were Charles McGaughey, C. C. Gillen and W. S. Donner.

The ninth district oratorical contest on the constitution was won by Avis Goyer of Kokomo who had previously won the Howard County contest. George Kimmel was second and Thomas Thome was third. R. H. Williams, of Crawfordsville, district chairman of the Indiana State Bar Association, in conducting these contests, presided at the meeting.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

The Eleventh District Bar Association held its annual meeting and banquet on Monday, April 9th, at Wabash, Indiana. More than sixty members were in attendance. A number of distinguished lawyers from outside of the eleventh district also attended the meeting. Members of the eleventh district bar association from the following counties were present: Huntington, Miami, Cass, Grant, Wabash and Pulaski. James A. Van Osdol, president of the Indiana State Bar Association, was the principal speaker. Following the meeting of the association the oratorical contest in the eleventh district was held at the court house. Richard Bixby took first place in the contest. John Wolman was second and Victor Hood was third.

President James A. Van Osdol presided at the oratorical contest and was the main speaker at the banquet and annual meeting. The subject of President Van Osdol's address was "Constitutions of the United States in Foreign Countries." The address emphasized the importance of the international oratorical contests dealing with constitutional government. He announced that the following countries would send representatives to the international contest: England, Canada, France, Belgium, Germany, Mexico, China and Japan.

TWELFTH DISTRICT

Judge Marcus Cavanagh, of Chicago, presiding judge of the superior court of Cooke County, Illinois, was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Allen County Bar Association held on Tuesday, April 10th, at Fort Wayne. Judge Cavanagh spoke on the criminal law and upon various ways of improving its administration and reducing the amount of crime. Judge Cavanagh was one of the three members who were sent abroad in 1923 by the American Bar Association for the purpose of studying the methods of European countries in dealing with enforcement of the criminal law. The other members were Wade H. Ellis of Washington and former Governor Charles S. Whitman of New York.

James Studer won the twelfth district oratorical contest on the constitution held at Fort Wayne, Indiana, on Friday, April 13th. Edward Mayfield was second and Alice Ringler was third. The judges were Judge A. W. Hamilton of Wells County circuit court, C. A. Mummart, President of the Huntington College, and Dore B. Erwin, attorney of Decatur.

OBITUARIES

Albert J. Bayne, 62, of Mulberry, died on Friday, April 13th. Mr. Bayne was born in Tippecanoe County, August 5, 1865, and has been an active attorney at Mulberry, Indiana, for many years. His son, Russell C. Bayne, was killed in action during the late war and now lies buried in France. Mr. Bayne was active in religious and fraternal organizations for many years. He had not been in the active practice of the law for some ten years preceeding his death. The Clinton County Bar Association passed resolutions in honor of his memory.

Thomas R. Jessup, age 87, who had practiced law in Indiana for over forty years, died on Thursday, April 26th. He had practiced law at Danville, Cambridge City and Richmond. Resolutions in honor of his memory were passed by the Wayne County Bar Association.

Edward J. Lennon, Jr., assistant attorney-general of Indiana, died on Monday, April 1st. Memorial services were held by the Allen County Bar Association and the services were attended by leading attorneys from Allen County and from all parts of the state. The LL.B. Club of Fort Wayne passed resolutions in honor of his memory. Mr. Lennon was a graduate of Notre Dame University and a greatly respected and successful lawyer.

Michael F. Mahoney, prominent attorney of Cass County, died on Monday, April 1st. Mr. Mahoney had been a much respected and able attorney of Cass County for over forty years. The Cass County Bar Association passed resolutions in honor of his memory.

Harry H. Orr, prominent attorney of Muncie, died at his home on Friday, March 30th. Mr. Orr was a graduate of Indiana University and a graduate of the Indiana Law School. He was a specialist in Insurance Law. He was active in religious and fraternal organizations. On the day of the funeral the leading banks and several of the public buildings in Muncie were closed. The Delaware County Bar Association and the bar associations of neighboring counties passed resolutions in honor of his memory.

J. Willard Sappenfield died on Monday, April 2nd. Mr. Sappenfield had been a distinguished member of the Vanderburg County Bar for many years. The Vanderburg County Bar Association appointed a special committee to present resolutions in honor of his memory.

Cassius C. Shirley, age 68, widely-known Indianapolis attorney and former president of the Indiana State Bar Association, died at his home on Saturday, April 29th. His death was due to injury suffered in an automobile accident which occurred near Kokomo on March 25th. Mr. Shirley was born at Russiaville, Indiana, November 28, 1859. He was a graduate of Asbury College, now Depauw University, and of the University of Michigan Law School. Mr. Shirley served as prosecuting attorney of Howard and Tipton counties in 1882. He was city attorney of Kokomo for six years beginning in 1889. Later he came to Indianapolis where he became a member of the firm of Shirley, Whitcomb and Dowden. He has been a distinguished member of the Indianapolis bar ever since he began to practice there. He served as special judge during the trial of John L. Duvall, former mayor of Indianapolis. He also served as special judge in the election contest suit between Benjamin H. Willoughby and George K. Denton, after Judge Willoughby had been declared winner by one vote.