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FIRST DISTRICT

The Spencer County Bar Association held a most successful banquet at Rockport, Indiana, on Friday, May 4th, in honor of Judge Elbert M. Swan, the dean of the Rockport bar, who has been in active practice and has served on the bench for 54 years. Members of the local bar together with many lawyers from different parts of the state attended the meeting and the banquet. Louis N. Savage presided and introduced W. C. Mason as toastmaster. Present and past officers of the Spencer County Bar Association spoke. Among those from out of town who also spoke were Judge Oscar C. Minor, of Cannelton, Judge Kiper and Judge Youngblood of Boonville and Frank Hatfield of Evansville. Ben F. Huffman was selected to present to Judge Swan on behalf of the Spencer County Bar Association a beautiful desk set as a token of their affectionate respect. Judge Swan responded to this presentation speech and to the many other encomiums in a most eloquent manner. He spoke for more than an hour, giving a review of his long career and emphasizing particularly the great service that a lawyer can render and the great happiness which will come to him if he is truly interested in his profession and does his work to the full.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Plans have been made to hold Fifth District Bar Association at the Greencastle Country Club on June 30th. A preliminary meeting to arrange for the meeting of the Fifth District Bar Association was held at Greencastle, Friday, May 25th. This preliminary meeting was attended by Edgar Blessing of Danville, President of the Fifth District Bar Association.

The Shelby County Bar Association held a meeting on Thursday, May 24th, to arrange for the annual meeting of the Association. It was voted to invite the members of the Sixth District Bar Association to meet with the Shelby County Bar Association and to hold this meeting at the Blue River Country Club. The final arrangements for the meeting have not yet been determined. The committee for the annual meeting is as follows: Herbert Jones, Oscar L. Williams, George R. Tolen, Claude R. Henry and Emerson Brunner.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

The first annual Gridiron banquet of the Indianapolis Bar Association was held on June 5th at the Columbia Club. Thomas E. Garvin was in charge of the proceedings. Those who took part were Othenial Hicks, Chester Zechiel, Paul Rhoadarmer, Walter Myers, Alvah J. Rucker and Asa Smith. After the banquet there was represented a "general term" of the Marion County Superior Court at which five justices presided and dispersed wisdom, justice and satire to high and low among those present and among distinguished members of the bench and bar who were absent.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

The standing committees of the Muncie Bar Association for the coming year were appointed as follows:

Program—Arthur D. McKinley, chairman; Ernest L. Myers, F. C. Mansfield, Francis A. Shaw, A. C. Silverburg, Paul Leffler and Harry S. Redkey.

Committee on admission—Will F. White, chairman; Myron H. Gray, D. D. Hensel, Walter L. Ball and Joe H. Davis.

Library—Fred W. McClellan, chairman; Walter D. White, George H. Koons, J. Frank Mann, John J. O'Neill, Van L. Ogle, Paul Brady and John O. Lewellen.

Law amendments—Ray W. Clark, chairman; George W. Cromer, J. Monroe Fitch, Calvin Faris and Clarence Benadum.

Judiciary—Everett Warner, chairman; William H. Bales, Thomas E. Bracken, Robert F. Murray, William T. Haymond, Lon A. Guthrie and Claud C. Ball.

Grievances—Claude C. Ball, chairman; Calvin Faris, Joseph G. Leffler, Paul Lennington and William H. Mann.

Legal education—Chauncey L. Medsker, chairman; Rollin W. Lennington, Joseph T. Meredith, J. Frank Mann, Rollin W. Warner and John T. Walterhouse.

NINTH DISTRICT

The Howard County Bar Association held the first public meeting of the year on Tuesday, May 22nd, in the city council chamber. Miss Avis Goyer gave her prize oration on "The Constitution." The principal address of the evening was given by Conrad Wolfe, who spoke on "The World Court." Mr. Wolfe denied that the World Court was a dead issue. He gave an able and scholarly address on the origin and aims of the court. He analyzed its functions and commented on the relation of the United States to the court and its probable future usefulness.

TWELFTH DISTRICT

The Fort Wayne Bar Association held a most successful meeting on Thursday, May 24th. More than 50 out-of-town lawyers from neighboring counties were present in addition to a large representation of lawyers from Fort Wayne and Allen County. The chief speaker of the evening was Silas Strawn of Chicago, President of the American Bar Association.

OBITUARIES

Henry Clay Allen, 84 years old, a veteran of the Civil War and former judge of the Marion County Circuit Court, died on Saturday, May 5th. Judge Allen entered Asbury College, now Depauw University, in 1861, but with the opening of the Civil War he enlisted in the 16th regiment, Indiana volunteers, was seriously wounded in the battle of Sabine Crossroads in 1864. After recovering from his wound he returned to the army and served through the balance of the war. At the close of the war he returned to Depauw University where he was graduated in 1869. He then

moved to Hancock County, practicing there until 1876, at which time he returned to Indianapolis and became general attorney of the Indianapolis Street Railway Co. He was then elected judge of the Marion Circuit Court and served two terms from 1896 to 1908. He was a member of the Board of Park Commissioners during the term of Thomas Taggart as Mayor of Indianapolis. A memorial meeting of the Indianapolis Bar Association was held in honor of his memory and resolutions commemorating his service were passed.

Walther Lieber, age 33, a veteran of the World War, died on Monday, May 14th, following a very brief illness. Mr. Lieber attended Indiana University for two years and later graduated from the literary and law schools of the University of Chicago. Mr. Lieber interrupted his law studies in the University of Chicago to enter the army in the World War, becoming a first lieutenant and served over seas with the 38th division. After the war he continued his interest in military affairs and took an active part in the work of the National Guard as an officer of the 152nd infantry. At the time of his death he was regimental machine gun officer of that regiment with the rank of major. After the World War he completed his law work in the University of Chicago and became a member of the firm of Jones, Hammond and Jones, in Indianapolis. For the last five years he has been a member of the firm of Rappaport, Kipp and Lieber, Indianapolis.

Wilber G. Ryman, prominent attorney of Muncie, died on Tuesday, May 29th. Mr. Ryman had been a distinguished attorney for many years and was one of the prominent candidates for the office of Attorney General of the State in 1924. He served during the World War with the rank of major.

Earl Sample, former judge of the Hancock County Circuit Court, died on Saturday, May 5th. Judge Sample was born in Cleveland, Indiana, in 1875, and graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan in 1900. After graduating Judge Sample returned to Greenfield, where he was in the active practice of the law until 1912, when he was elected circuit judge. Judge Sample was active in politics and was a distinguished speaker on patriotic subjects.

Theodore Shockney, distinguished member of the Muncie bar, died on Sunday, April 29th, in Florida. Funeral services were conducted for Judge Shockney at Union City, his former home. These services were attended by a large number of representatives from the Muncie bar and from bar associations in different parts of the state. The Muncie Bar Association held a meeting on Tuesday, May 1st, and passed resolutions in honor of his memory. Judge Shockney had practiced in Randolph County for many years. He had been elected to the State Senate and had served as a circuit judge of Randolph County for six years. He has been active in politics for many years and had also been known as a vigorous and capable lawyer. Resolutions in honor of his memory were passed by the associations of several neighboring counties. Judge Shockney was well known not only in Muncie but in other parts of Indiana and several cities in Ohio and other states as well.