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NEWS OF BENCH AND BAR

SECOND DISTRICT

The Knox County Bar Association held its annual meeting Monday, November 26th in the circuit court room at Vincennes. The following officers were elected: president, C. B. Kessinger; vice-president, Samuel M. Emison; secretary, Lyle E. Miller; treasurer, Norman Arterburn; sergeant-at-arms, John Ramsey, and marshal, Harry Lewis.

Mr. Kessinger is one of the veteran attorneys of the county and succeeds Curtis G. Shake as president.

FOURTH DISTRICT

At the annual meeting of the Ripley County Bar Association held the 19th of November, 1928, the following officers were elected: president, James H. Connelley; vice-president, Rowland H. Jackson; secretary-treasurer, Verne M. Vayhinger. Mr. Connelley was elected district vice-president of the Fourth District Bar Association for Ripley county.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

The monthly dinner of the Indianapolis Bar Association was held at the Columbia Club Wednesday, November 14th, 1928. At this meeting the Indianapolis Bar Association acted as host to the bar association members of adjoining counties. The main address of the evening was made by Judge Evans of the Seventh Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, at Chicago. Judge Evans spoke on the Sacco-Vanzetti case and, although he took issue with the critics who have charged that the trial was improperly conducted, the judge used the case to illustrate the need for simplification of criminal procedure.

The Young Lawyers Association of Indianapolis met Wednesday, November 7th. Judge Byron K. Elliott of the Superior Court spoke on "Preventive Law." The meeting was also addressed by the newly elected prosecutor of Marion County, Judson L. Stark.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Milo J. Bowman, dean of the Law School of Valparaiso University, has been granted a year's leave of absence to take over the teaching of Dean Paul V. McNutt of the Indiana University School of Law during the school year 1928-29.

The Muncie Bar Association met at a noon luncheon in the Y. M. C. A., Friday, November 16, 1928. Judge-elect L. A. Guthrie, of the Circuit Court spoke briefly. Judge W. A. Hough of the State Board of Tax Commissioners and Attorney Merrell of the Indianapolis law firm of Slaymaker, Turner, Merrell, Adams and Locke were guests of the Association.

NINTH DISTRICT

The Howard County Bar Association held its monthly meeting at the Cortland Hotel Tuesday, November 21, 1928. Mr. Harvey Cole of Peru, Indiana, delivered an address on "Religious Liberty."

TENTH DISTRICT

The Gary Bar Association had a dinner meeting at the Y. M. C. A. on November 16th, at 6:30, at which there were present approximately fifty members. After the dinner Professor Oliver S. Rundell of the University of Wisconsin Law School delivered an address on "Our Common Law" wherein he traced the origin and development of a common law now being formed by our own judicial decisions, which is peculiar to American life and American government. The address was exceedingly interesting, scholarly, and very unique in its application of the principles evolved.

The Gary Bar Association held a business meeting and election of officers on November 22nd. W. W. Miller was elected president of the Association for the fifth consecutive time; Frank Gavit, vice-president; Everett J. Fletcher, secretary, and T. H. Grabowski, treasurer, the two last named officers having held the same office continuously for five years. A very interesting meeting was had and a program launched for new legislation during the coming session of the legislature.

The members of the Barristers' Association of Gary, holding a bi-weekly luncheon the night of November 8th, were addressed by Frank N. Gavit of Gary who talked on "Practical Suggestions to Young Attorneys." At the meeting of November 21, 1928, Judge Maurice E. Crites of the East Chicago Superior Court spoke on the "Pitfalls of the Young Attorney."

These meetings were presided over by Ray C. Thomas, president of the Association.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

A regular meeting of the Grant County Bar Association was held Tuesday, November 27, 1928, in the superior court room in Marion, Indiana, President George M. Coon presiding.

The regular monthly meeting of the Huntington County Bar Association was held in the Elk's Club Monday, November 19th. A banquet was served at 6:30. Judge Kenner read an excellent paper on "Appellate Procedure" which was followed by a general discussion.

TWELFTH DISTRICT

The Dekalb County Bar Association held a dinner at the Auburn Country Club Tuesday, November 6th. The guest and speaker of the evening was the Hon. Walter S. Penfield of Washington, D. C., a former resident of Auburn. Judge Endicott, on behalf of the Association, thanked Mr. Penfield for some valuable law books that Mr. Penfield has presented to the court library.

A. Everett Bloom, 25 years of age, a lawyer of Fort Wayne, was elected to the lower house of the Indiana General Assembly at the last election. He is one of the youngest, if not the youngest, of the nation's lawmakers. Mr. Bloom is a Republican and is a graduate of Indiana University where he received his LL.B. degree in 1927.

At its annual dinner meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening, November 27th, the Allen County Bar Association elected Fred E. Zollars president for the coming year. Other officers elected were:

first vice-president Judge William H. Schannen; second vice-president, John H. Aiken; secretary, Lester B. Harper; treasurer, L. H. Dunten; directors, David E. Smith and Frank M. Hogan. Charles M. Niezer, president of the First National Bank of Fort Wayne, was the principal speaker at the banquet telling of his recent tour in Europe.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

At the annual meeting of the Elkhart County Bar Association, held in the Alderman Hotel at Goshen, the following officers were elected: president, Vern G. Cawley; vice-president, Wallace Mehl; secretary, Clel E. Firestone; and treasurer, C. A. Lee.

Testimonials of respect and esteem were presented to Judge James S. Drake of Goshen, who is to soon quit the circuit court bench after a service that began in 1910, and to William E. Wider, of Elkhart, who is to make his home in Los Angeles, California, before the end of the year.

OBITUARIES

Frank S. Jones, 66 years old, county attorney and former mayor of Columbus, died Monday morning, October 29, at his home at Columbus. Mr. Jones practiced law in Seymour and later formed a partnership with the late Judge Marshall Hacker at Columbus, having been engaged in the practice of the law at Columbus for 17 years.

Glenn Morrill, a graduate of the Indiana University Law School class of 1927, died Thursday morning, November 1st, at his home in Fort Wayne, of complications following influenza. He was formerly connected with Attorney Q. Austin East of Bloomington and left there last March to take a position with the law firm of Barrett, Barrett and McNagnym of Fort Wayne. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrill, and two brothers, Wayne Morrill, an electrical engineer of Fort Wayne, and Lyal, a student in Indiana University.

Paul Oliver of Warsaw died at a sanitarium at Detroit, Michigan, Saturday, November 3, 1928. Mr. Oliver was a graduate of Indiana University School of Law with the class of 1928.

Benjamin Franklin Sager died at his home at Vincennes, Indiana, Tuesday, November 20, 1928. Mr. Sager was born at Vincennes, June 24, 1890. He first became interested in the law through his work as court stenographer, in which capacity he served under the full terms of two circuit judges of Knox County. He was admitted to the Knox County Bar Association nine years ago.

Judge Mr. R. Tweedy, former judge of the Warrick County Circuit Court and retired practicing attorney of Evansville, died at his home in Evansville, Sunday morning, November 11. Judge Tweedy was born in Warrick County September 4, 1872, and with the exception of a few years lived there until 1923, when, upon the expiration of his term as circuit judge, he resumed the active practice at Evansville.