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NEWS OF BENCH AND BAR

FIRST DISTRICT

The Vanderburgh County Bar Association held its April meeting Monday evening, April 1st. Senator Bruce Cooper and Representatives French Clements, Victor Ahrens, and Philip Lowenthal discussed laws passed during 1929 session of the State legislature. It was decided at the meeting to give \$50 in prizes to the county winners of Vanderburgh County in the state oratorical contest on the "Constitution" which is sponsored by the State Bar Association.

FOURTH DISTRICT

Thirteen of the eighteen members of the Johnson County Bar Association attended a dinner meeting Tuesday evening, April 16th. The preliminary draft of the constitution and by-laws of the organization was presented by William Featherngill and each point was discussed. The final draft will be presented for adoption at a called meeting to be held within the month. Henry C. Barnett, dean of the Johnson county lawyers, presided at the session.

The by-laws of the bar association for the most part, are concerned with the admission of new members. It is provided that a standing committee of members consider each application. Graduates or students of a recognized law school will be considered as eligible for membership if they meet the constitutional requirement "of good moral character." Applicants for admission to the bar who have not studied law will be subjected to an examination by the committee to determine their fitness to practice law.

FIFTH DISTRICT

At a meeting of the officers of the Fifth District Bar Association held at Terre Haute May 17th, it was decided to hold the annual meeting of the association June 22nd at Turkey Run, and Attorney General Ogden was invited to deliver an address on "The Constitution, if Changed, Why?" A fried chicken dinner will be served at one o'clock. The officers of the state bar association will be invited along with the editor of the Indiana Law Journal. C. C. Gillen of Greencastle is President and George I. Kisner of Terre Haute is Secretary-Treasurer; Vice-president, C. V. Sears, Hendricks county; Glenn H. Lyon, Putnam County; G. Urban Harrison, Vermillion county; Frank R. Miller, Vigo county; Howard Hancock, Parke county. The vice-presidents will make a special effort to have one hundred per cent attendance at the annual meeting.

Frank R. Miller was elected president of the Terre Haute Bar Association for the coming two years at the meeting held Wednesday, April 3, 1929. He will succeed the retiring president, James Piety.

Harry S. Wallace was elected vice president; Chester Y. Kelley, secretary; and George I. Kisner, treasurer. The directors will be Josiah T.

Walker, Clarence A. Royse and Ben Small. Small is the only new director and he is taking the place of Raymond Kerns. Judge Frank Rawley is the retiring vice president, and Ernest M. Causey, retiring secretary.

The Henry County Bar Association met Saturday April 20th. Judge W. O. Barnard, who recently returned home from California, spoke on the California courts. The Association decided to close all law offices on Saturday afternoons during the summer months.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

The Muncie Bar Association held a luncheon meeting Friday, April 19, 1929. A. E. Needham presided at the meeting.

NINTH DISTRICT

The Howard County Bar Association held its monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, April 23rd at the Courtland Hotel. C. H. Wills gave a most interesting and instructive talk on the life and work of Thomas Addis Emmet, famous Irish patriot and lawyer.

Short talks were made by Judge Joseph Cripe, Judge John Marshall and J. C. Herrin. President Lloyd McClure presided at the meeting.

The Kiwanis Club of Noblesville entertained as their guests Wednesday, April 24th, the members of the Appellate court and the Hamilton County Bar Association. The speaker of the evening was Judge E. L. Lockyear of the Appellate court who was introduced by Judge Noel C. Neal, also of the Appellate court. Judge Lockyear spoke on the subject "Our Boy." Judge Nichols expressed the appreciation of the members of the Appellate court for the evening's entertainment.

TENTH DISTRICT

The entire personnel of the Appellate Court paid a visit to Gary, Friday, April 12th. The court was met at the Commercial Club by a committee of judges and lawyers where luncheon was served. In the afternoon the judges made a tour through the steel mills under the personal supervision of Supt. W. P. Gleason, who explained the process of steel making and the history of the development of various phases to the present high state of efficiency. In the evening the Gary Bar Association met at the K. of C. Ballroom. There were 125 lawyers present. Music was rendered by the orchestra and several excellent solos rendered by Mrs. Wiltrout, the wife of Attorney Wiltrout of Gary. After dinner Judges Lockyear, McMahan, Remy, Neal and Nichols were introduced by Judge Reiter of Hammond, and each of them responded briefly. Judge Grant Crumpacker of Valparaiso then introduced Judge Enloe, who made a learned and inspiring address on the Constitution, discussing its origin, the causes of certain provisions and the need for their maintenance. The meeting was one of the most enjoyable ever held by the Gary Bar Association and the members lingered fully an hour after the adjournment discussing various points of interest to the profession.

The Barristers' Association of Gary held a luncheon meeting Wednesday, April 24th. Frank Gavit of the Gary Bar discussed the proper procedure

for cross-examining witnesses. President Ray C. Thomas introduced George H. Hulbert and Basil Clark as new members of the club.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

The Eleventh District Bar Association met Thursday evening, April 18, 1929. Judge F. O. Switzer of the Wabash bar, president of the district bar association, presided at the meeting. Justice Travis of the Supreme Court was the principal speaker at the meeting.

Following the banquet the district oratorical contest sponsored by the State Bar Association and by the superintendents and principals of schools was held.

John R. Browne of Marion was elected president and Frank Plummer also of the Marion bar was named Secretary-Treasurer.

Members of the Huntington County Bar Association held their regular monthly meeting at the Elks Club Monday evening, April 15th, at 7:15 o'clock. Judge Clyde Carlin of Angola was the principal speaker.

Judge Carlin spoke on "Indiana" presenting a verbal picture of the state, and a history of its industries, agricultural development and scenic points of an interest. The speaker concluded the address with a summary of the accomplishments of the state.

Judge and Mrs. Endicott of Auburn were among the guests. A banquet in the club dining room opened the program of the meeting. Approximately forty lawyers and guests attended.

TWELFTH DISTRICT

The LL. B. Club of the Allen County bar held its April dinner meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Thursday evening, April 4th. Oscar G. Toellinger, president, and general manager of the News Publishing Company, was the principal speaker of the evening. He was introduced by Walter E. Helmke, president of the club.

OBITUARIES

Rufus Magee of the Cass County bar died Thursday, April 25, 1929. Mr. Magee was born in Logansport, Indiana October 7, 1845. He had a distinguished record of public service in addition to his career of newspaper publisher and lawyer. He was appointed ambassador to Norway and Sweeden by President Grover Cleveland in 1885. He served as state senator from his district for eight years and at one time he was the owner and publisher of the Logansport Pharos.

Albert C. Pearson of the Indianapolis bar died Monday, April 15, 1929. Mr. Pearson was 66 years of age at the time of his death and had been engaged in the practice of the law for 20 years, having formerly practiced in Hamilton county.

Wilbur Severson, age 69, a veteran member of the Lafayette bar, died Thursday April 25, 1929. Mr. Severson graduated from Cincinnati University Law School in 1881, and was admitted to practice in the Indiana Supreme court in 1883. He was United States Commissioner in Lafayette for 17 years and later served as city judge.

Wilbur L. Stonex of Goshen, died Friday April 19. Mr. Stonex was 77 years of age and had been a practicing attorney and resident of Goshen for almost 60 years.

Larz A. Whitcomb, member of the Indianapolis bar, and former member of the House of Representatives, died Monday, April 1st, 1929. Mr. Whitcomb was former president of the Indianapolis Bar Association and was at one time associated in the practice with the late Senator Albert J. Beveridge. At the time of his death he was a member of the law firm of Whitcomb, Ewbanks and Dowden.

John A. Wiltermood of Clinton, Indiana, a member of the Vermillion County Bar Association, died Tuesday, April 16, 1929. Mr. Wiltermood was born near Newport, Vermillion County, Indiana, January 2, 1861. He was one of the pioneer attorneys of the county and was for several years president of the Vermillion County Bar Association.

George Young, age 58, of the Indianapolis bar, a member of the law firm of Young and Linder, died Sunday night, April 28, 1929. He was born in Ripley county and was a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School.