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NEWS OF BENCH AND BAR

THIRD DISTRICT

The Orange County Bar Association met at the Mineral Springs Hotel Friday, May 10, at a noon luncheon and business meeting. The association had as its guests: Robert Mellon, of Bedford; Fabe Gwinn, of Shoals; William E. Cox, of Jasper; Charles T. Brown, of English, and Oscar Ratts, of Indianapolis.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Henry Heil, president; Harry Carnes, vice-president; Will J. Buskirk, secretary; Arthur McCart, treasurer.

Judge James L. Tucker, who is an honorary member of the association, was also present. A report of the committee appointed to pass on the application of Arthur L. Dillard as a member of the Bar Association, reported favorably on his appointment and he was duly admitted as a member of the association.

SIXTH DISTRICT

Shelbyville attorneys, members of the Shelby County Bar Association, at a meeting of the association held in the Shelby circuit court room this morning, voted to close their offices on Wednesday afternoons until the opening of the October term of the Shelby circuit court.

Two young attorneys who are practicing here were admitted to membership in the bar association during the meeting. They are John J. Gould and Lawrence Rinehart.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Governor Harry G. Leslie spoke at a dinner meeting of the Indianapolis Bar Association Wednesday evening, June 6th. The governor urged a complete reorganization of Indiana penal institutions along humanitarian lines. The Governor stated in part: "I propose to substitute understanding, fellowship and friendship for discipline in the prisons and reformatories. Everything is discipline. It is all wrong. We are making penitentiaries out of our reformatories." The Governor also urged the disbarment of unethical and "petty" attorneys from practice in Indiana, saying: "Many persons practicing law in Indiana do not have the requirements to appear as attorneys. They get a couple of law books and a copy of the Indiana statutes and start out. We should discriminate between those attorneys who take their profession seriously and the petty shysters. There are too many people in prison because the lawyer was looking for a fee rather than working for a principle." The Governor advocated the establishing of a clearing house by the bar association to keep a check on new attorneys and to lend a helping hand to accused persons without funds to employ an attorney.

Earl Conder, Howard Young, Earl R. Cox, William P. Evans, Samuel Ashby, John K. Ruckelshaus and James E. Deery were appointed members of a special crime committee to present to Congress suggestions regarding the revolver in crime as outlined by Judge Harry O. Chamberlin of circuit court in a recent address before the association.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

At a recent meeting of the Jay County Bar Association it was decided to ask the Board of Commissioners to repair the law library at the court house, and also to purchase additional book racks and law books. The Bar Association will also urge the Commissioners to make an appropriation for the repair of the interior of the court house.

A large number of members of the Muncie Bar Association attended a dinner meeting of the organization held May 31st. Only routine matters came before the meeting. At the next meeting of the Association there will be a general discussion on "What is the purpose of the bar association?"

NINTH DISTRICT

The Howard County Bar Association held its regular banquet meeting at the Hotel Courtland Tuesday evening, May 21st. The Honorable James M. Ogden, Attorney General of Indiana, discussed the new laws enacted by the last General Assembly.

TENTH DISTRICT

At a meeting of the Gary Bar Association held May 31st, preliminary plans were discussed for the entertainment of five hundred visitors expected to be attracted by the state convention of the Indiana State Bar Association to be held July 11th and 12th. Mr. Frank N. Gavit predicted that this year's convention would draw the largest attendance in the history of the state body.

Willard Lowe, Noel R. Beddoe, and Frank H. Sparber were elected to membership in the association. After their application had been favorably reported by the membership committee.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

With every member present the Cass County Bar Association celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Cass circuit at a banquet held in the Barnes Hotel at Logansport Tuesday evening, May 21st. After the banquet the program was as follows: "The Bar of the Cass Circuit Court During the First Decade", by Don Douglas; "The First Criminal Trial of the Local Court", by R. C. Hillis; "Organization, Territory and First Officers of the Cass Circuit Court," by W. T. Wilson.

Mr. Ben Long was chairman of the program committee and President Frank McHale presided at the meeting.

Members of the Huntington County Bar Association held their regular monthly meeting at the Hotel LaFontaine Monday evening, May 20th.

Twelve members attended. A banquet was served in the Hotel dining room at 6:30, after which a round table discussion was held concerning new laws of the state legislature and the program of the county organization for the new year. No addresses were made at the meeting.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

The Michigan City Bar Association held a very interesting business meeting Tuesday, May 21st, in the Spaulding Hotel following a dinner served at 6:30 o'clock.

The entertainment committee discussed the joint annual picnic of the Laporte and local Bar Associations. A golf meet to be held was discussed and will include the St. Joseph and Lake County Bar Associations. Due to the absence of President Louis E. Kunkel, Robert E. Glasscott, vice-president, acted as chairman.

The Acts of the 1929 Indiana State Legislature were discussed and the local bar took a definite stand in favor of the amendment to the State Constitution regarding the practice of law.

Attorney Frank J. Conboy was elected president of the Laporte Bar Association for the coming year at the banquet meeting of the organization Monday, May 13th, in the Rumley Hotel. He succeeds Attorney Fred R. Liddell. Other officers chosen were: Wirt Worden, vice-president; and Isadore Levine, secretary-treasurer. A report of the association's finances showed the treasury in good shape.

OBITUARIES

James M. Barrett, Sr., died at his home in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Wednesday, May 1, 1929. Mr. Barrett was one of the oldest and most distinguished members of the Allen County bar. He was prominent in financial and utility circles and was formerly president of the Fort Wayne and Northern Indiana Traction Co., predecessor of the Indiana Service Corporation. At the time of his death he was senior member of the firm of Barrett, Barrett & McNagny.

C. D. Carr, age 63, member of the Wells County Bar Association and justice of the peace at Ossian for the past twenty-six years, died April 27, 1929.

Henry D. Pierce, 81 years old, Indianapolis attorney and world traveler, died Thursday, May 23rd, 1929, in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Mr. Pierce studied law with his uncle, Vice-President Thomas A. Hendricks, and was at one time associated in the practice of law with David Turpie. He was a member of the Nicaragua Canal Commission and served a term as member of the National River and Harbors Congress. He was a classical scholar and possessed one of the finest libraries in the middle West.

John H. Spencer, age 67, died at Washington, Indiana, Tuesday, May 21, 1929. At the time of his death Mr. Spencer was city attorney of Washington and had been at one time mayor of the city.