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NEWS OF BENCH AND BAR

SECOND DISTRICT

Under the direction of Senator Wm. H. Hill of Vincennes, arrangements are being made for a meeting of the Second District Bar Association to be held at Vincennes Tuesday, December 12th. The Board of Managers of the State Bar Association will hold its November meeting in conjunction with the Second District meeting.

The members of the Board of Managers were guests of the Monroe County Bar Association while holding their October meeting at Bloomington, Indiana, Saturday, October 5, 1929.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Frank R. Miller, president of the Terre Haute Bar Association, has appointed an Ethics Committee composed of Ernest M. Causey, chairman; George I. Kisner, Joseph P. Duffy, Russell Blair and Louis Hilleary. The committee was authorized to investigate specific charges of improper actions of members of the legal profession as well as to make recommendations for general rules governing the conduct of members of the bar. These rules will be spread on the records of the Circuit Court by Judge John P. Jeffries.

The annual meeting of the Fifth District Bar Association was held at Turkey Run on Saturday, June 22nd. Ninety-one members, some with their wives and other representatives of their families, enjoyed the abundance of fried chicken with appropriate trimmings at the one o'clock dinner. The Parke county lawyers were on hand early to welcome all comers. Every county in the district was represented. The business meeting following the dinner was presided over by C. C. Gillen of Greencastle, president of the association. After a short musical program Attorney-General James M. Ogden delivered the address of the day on the subject, "The Constitution of Indiana, Shall It Be Changed? If So, Why?" Judge Solon A. Enloe of the Appellate Court and Glen Brown of Greencastle, president of the State Bankers' Association, spoke briefly in favor of certain changes in the constitution.

Mr. W. Bert Connelly of Newport was elected president to succeed C. C. Gillen of Greencastle, and G. I. Kisner of Terre Haute was again unanimously elected secretary-treasurer. Terre Haute was selected for the 1930 meeting.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

About two hundred members of the Indianapolis Bar Association held a short farewell party for Judge Byron K. Elliott in Superior Court Room No. 4 Saturday, September 28. Judge Elliott resigned from the bench to accept a position with the American Insurance Association at St. Louis. Judge Thomas E. Garvin of the Municipal Court was master of ceremonies and after a short talk introduced Charles Martindale, Lawrence Henderson and Judge Garvin, who paid tribute to the work of the retiring judge.

Wm. S. McMaster was appointed by Governor Leslie to succeed Judge Elliott.

The Indianapolis Bar Association meeting at the Columbia Club, October 10, 1929, was addressed by Wm. S. Garber, formerly Indianapolis and Washington Court Reporter, on the subject "The Impeachment of Andrew Johnson." Wm. L. Taylor, chairman of the committee appointed to select a home for the Indianapolis Bar Association, reported that a decision would be reached within a few days. The association will have more than \$100,000 available as a result of a gift from Mrs. Susan W. Butler and Mrs. Margaret Butler Snow, her daughter. Mrs. Butler was the widow of John W. Butler, a prominent Indianapolis attorney and member of the bar association. A committee of five members was appointed by president Michael E. Foley to arrange for entertainment and luncheon for ladies who will attend the annual mid-winter meeting of the Indiana State Bar Association to be held in Indianapolis in January. The members of this committee are Howard S. Young, chairman; William A. Pickens, Donald S. Morris, Fred C. Gause and Lawrence B. Davis.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

The Muncie Bar Association met Friday, October 18, 1929, at a luncheon meeting at the Y. M. C. A. A report on the question of rules for the making of abstracts and for preparing uniform certificates of titles to be adopted by all abstractors was made by the committee which had been previously appointed to study this subject. The report was discussed and the committee authorized to continue its investigation. F. Clayton Mansfield was appointed by the president, A. E. Needham, to give a special report of mechanic's liens at the next meeting to be held October 30.

TENTH DISTRICT

The Lake County Bar Association met Monday, October 28, 1929, at Indiana Harbor, Willard B. VanHorne, Sr., president of the Association, presiding. The speaker of the evening, Professor Edward W. Hinton, of the University of Chicago Law School, was introduced by Oscar Haney of Hammond, vice-president of the Lake County Bar Association, and a former student of Mr. Hinton. Professor Hinton contrasted the American and English systems of pleading and severely criticised the procedure of the modern court in America, stating that "we have the most complex and perplexing plan of procedure." He urged a less involved court procedure and a greater measure of instructive control of juries by judges. The meeting was well attended, more than 100 members of the Lake County Bar Association being present.

The Gary Bar Association had its first meeting October 16, 1929, at which Bernard Gavit, Professor of Law at Indiana University, addressed the members of the association on the subject "Counter Claim and Joinder Statutes." Mr. Gavit made a very excellent address, which was listened to by fifty Gary lawyers and four of Lake County's judges.

W. W. Miller, president of the Gary Bar Association announced, as the program for the coming year, the following speakers: Dean Green of Northwestern University, November 21st; J. A. Van Osdol of Anderson,

Indiana, December 18th; Silas Strawn of Chicago, Illinois, January; Attorney-General James M. Ogden, president of the Indiana Bar Association, February. The numbers have not been filled for March and April of the coming year.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

The Huntington County Bar Association held its October meeting Monday evening, October 15, 1929. Gus Condo of the Marion bar addressed the meeting on the subject "Proposed Reforms of the Jury System." Following the address the members of the association held a round table discussion.

TWELFTH DISTRICT

The Allen County Bar Association held a dinner meeting Wednesday, October 16, 1929, at the Chamber of Commerce, President Fred E. Zollars presiding. Attorney-General James M. Ogden, president of the Indiana State Bar Association, spoke on the subject "What the Local Bar Association Can Do." Annual reports were made by the following: John Morris, chairman of the Committee on Law and Procedure; Clarence R. McNabb, chairman of the Grievance Committee; James H. Rose, chairman of the Legal Education Committee; Walter E. Helmke, speaking for D. Burns Douglass, chairman of the Memorial Committee; Willard Shambaugh, speaking for Otto E. Grant, chairman of the Ethics Committee, and L. H. Dunten, treasurer.

The Dekalb County Bar Association met Tuesday evening, October 1st, at the Auburn Country Club. The address of the evening was delivered by Charles Yotter of Angola on "The Trial of Christ from the Standpoint of a Lawyer."

The Stueben County Bar Association at its June meeting re-elected for the fifth term the following officers: Doak R. Best, president; Alphonso C. Wood, vice-president; Mrs. Berenice M. Harrison, secretary; Maurice McClew, treasurer.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

The annual meeting of the Michigan City Bar Association was held at Duneland Inn, Duneland Beach, Michigan City, on June 27th, 1929, following a dinner. Election of officers resulted in the re-election of President Louis E. Kunkel, Vice-President Robert E. Glasscott and Secretary-Treasurer Neville V. Williams, to serve for 1929-30.

The main item of discussion following election of officers was the State Bar meeting at Gary, July 11th and 12th, and a resolution was passed recommending full attendance by the Michigan City Bar Association.

Golf tournaments with South Bend and La Porte were discussed as well as the usual summer activities of the association.

The La Porte Bar Association elected the following officers for 1929-30: President, Frank J. Conboy, succeeding Fred R. Liddell; vice-president, Wirt Worden; secretary-treasurer, Isadore Levine.