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District Meeting Held at Spencer

A meeting of lawyers in the northern portion of the Seventh District was held at the State Park Canyon Inn, near Spencer, Indiana, on the evening of January 6, 1939, to consider the Integrated Bar. A large and interested group was present. From the character of the questions asked and the absence of any adverse criticism of the movement, it was evident the consensus of opinion was favorable to bar consolidation. Reference was made, by the toastmaster, Mr. Robert Miller, of Bloomington, to his personal knowledge of the satisfactory manner in which the Integrated Bar program has worked in Arizona. Facts are stubborn things; and the facts as they exist in Integrated Bar states are in favor of state integration.

Integrated Bar Bill in the Indiana Legislature

The present Legislature will be asked to enact an Integrated Bar bill of substantially the following character: the Legislature to integrate the bar by statute creating the "State Bar of Indiana" as an all-inclusive association: the Supreme Court to formally organize the body thus created, by adopting a set of rules governing the form of administration, election of directors, license fees, and other necessary incidents. The bill, as it will be introduced, is as follows:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the *General Assembly* of the *State of Indiana*, that there is hereby created an association to be known as the State Bar of Indiana, the membership of which shall consist of all persons in the State of Indiana now or hereafter regularly admitted to practice law in this state; which association shall constitute a part of the judicial department of the state government and act as an agency of the Supreme Court for enforcing such rules and regulations as are adopted and promulgated by said Court, under this act.

Section 2. The Supreme Court is hereby authorized to prescribe the details for the organization and regulation of the State Bar of Indiana hereby created; to adopt and promulgate, from time to time, rules and regulations concerning the conduct and activities of the association; to fix the schedule of membership dues therein, to be paid for the purpose of administering this act, which dues shall not exceed five dollars (\$5.00) per annum, non-payment of which shall be ground for suspension; to prescribe the ethical standards to be observed in the

practice of law, and regulate the discipline, suspension or disbarment of Association members.

Section 3. Subject to such regulations and restrictions as the Supreme Court may prescribe, the power of subpoena, of administering oaths and examining witnesses under oath, may be conferred by the Supreme Court upon the Association, or upon its officers and committees for the purpose of aiding in cases of discipline, suspension or disbarment.

Section 4. If any section, subdivision, sentence or clause of this act shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, such fact shall not affect or impair the validity of the remaining portions of this act.

Section 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed, in so far as they are in conflict with this act.

HOW LAWYERS CAN AID THE PENDING INTEGRATED BAR BILL

Every Indiana lawyer has a personal and professional interest in seeing that the pending Integrated Bar Bill is enacted into law at this session. He can assist in its enactment by writing, or, better still, by personally interviewing his local senators and representatives, urging their support of the measure. The prospects for passage are excellent, but "now is the time for all good men to come to the aid" of the Integrated Bar movement, as it culminates in the Legislature. Inaction and indifference may spell defeat.

DEATHS

William Wallace Spencer, age 87, Indianapolis, died Dec. 19, 1938.

Will P. Koons, age 76, Muncie, former deputy prosecuting attorney of Delaware county, died Dec. 13, 1938.

Edward Eikenberry, age 73, Wabash, former state legislator, died Jan. 24, 1939.

William McNary Lowden, age 66, Indianapolis, died Jan. 2, 1939.

Dixson H. Bynum, age 63, Indianapolis, died Dec. 4, 1938.

J. Walter McInerny age 56, South Bend, St. Joseph County Juvenile Court referee, died Jan. 9, 1939.

Milton N. Simon, age 58, Indianapolis, died Jan. 3, 1939.

Charles Pollard, age 56, La Porte, Washington, D. C. attorney, died Dec. 16, 1938.

Ira A. Brown, age 49, Brownsburg, died Jan. 13, 1939.

William J. Burke, age 45, Terre Haute, deputy prosecutor, died Dec. 25, 1938.

Joel A. Baker, age 45, Indianapolis, died Jan. 5, 1939.

Ray H. Briggs, age 41, Indianapolis, died Jan. 3, 1939.

Leonard J. Hackney former Judge of the Shelby-Johnson Circuit Court and of the Indiana Supreme Court, died in Florida, December, 1938.