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## FIRST DISTRICT

Vanderburgh County Bar Association met at the Vendome Hotel Monday evening, February 10, 1930. Professor Howard P. Legg of Evansville College addressed the meeting on "Meekness."

The association adopted a resolution expressing its confidence in T. Morton McDonald of Princeton, candidate for the republican nomination for judge of the Supreme Court of Indiana.

The Warrick County Bar Association at their regular meeting elected the following officers for 1930: President, Ora A. Davis; vice-president, S. T. DeForest; W. W. Martin, secretary; and William S. Hatfield, treasurer. The association passed a resolution endorsing T. Morton McDonald of the Gibson County bar as a candidate for judge of the Indiana Supreme Court.

The Pike County Bar Association met Monday, February 3. The candidacy of T. Morton McDonald of Princeton for nomination for judge of the Supreme Court was endorsed at this meeting.

## SECOND DISTRICT

The Greene County Bar Association at a meeting Tuesday, February 8, 1930, voted to hold a banquet at the Legion Hall at Bloomfield, Ind., March 1.

The Daviess County Bar Association met in regular session Tuesday, February 4, 1930.

## FIFTH DISTRICT

The Vigo County Bar Association held its regular monthly meeting Saturday, February 8, 1930, and decided to have their annual meeting at the Hotel Demming, Saturday, March 1.

Joseph M. Johns was appointed judge pro tempore of the Parke Circuit Court to act in the absence of Judge Howard Maxwell who is unable to perform his duties because of illness.

## SIXTH DISTRICT

The Henry County Bar Association held a dinner meeting Friday, February 7. The subject for discussion was Naval Disarmament, the address of the evening being given by P. J. Lynch.

## SEVENTH DISTRICT

Members of the Young Lawyers Club of the Indianapolis Bar held their luncheon at the Hotel Lincoln Tuesday, February 6, 1930. Plans were made

to have discussions at future meetings on the proposal to hold a Constitutional Convention in Indiana.

The Indianapolis Bar Association held a Lincoln Memorial meeting at the Columbia Club Wednesday, February 12, 1930. The Honorable Roscoe Kiper, chairman of State Industrial Board and an authority on the life of Lincoln, was the principal speaker. A short business session was held at which the membership of committees for the year 1930 was announced by Vice-President Howard S. Young, acting in the absence of William L. Taylor, president.

Founders' Day was observed by the Indiana Law School of Indianapolis, Indiana, with a dinner at the Spink-Arms Hotel Tuesday, February 25, 1930. Among the speakers were Judge Thomas E. Carvin, Judge William S. McMaster, Judge Willard B. Gemmill, Judge Frank L. Lehr, Judge James A. Collins, Judge William O. Dunlavy, Judge Joseph M. Milner, Dean James A. Rohbach, John W. Kern, United States Commissioner and Professor William G. White.

#### EIGHT DISTRICT

The Muncie Bar Association held a luncheon meeting Friday, February 14, 1930, at the Y. W. C. A. The following officers were elected: A. E. Needham, president; Thomas Bracken, vice-president; Charles H. McGuire, secretary; and Earl DeFur, treasurer. The following were chosen members of the board of directors: George W. Cromer, Chauncey Medsker, Clayton Mansfield, William W. Mann, and Joseph G. Lefler.

#### NINTH DISTRICT

The Fountain County Bar Association held its annual Lincoln Day Banquet Wednesday, February 12. President Forrest Wallace, of Veedersburg, was in charge. Judge Ratcliff reported to the association the findings of the committee appointed at the last meeting to study tax matters. Officers were elected for the year 1930 as follows: President, Forrest E. Livengood; vice-president, Lindley P. Little; secretary-treasurer, Claude B. Philpott; board of managers, V. E. Livengood, Homer McKinney and Wilbur D. Smith.

Twenty-six members of the Howard County Bar Association met in regular meeting Tuesday, February 11, 1930, and listened to an address by Don Elliott on "Inns of Court." In the course of his address Mr. Elliott gave a comprehensive review of the English system of education. President Forrest Jump presided at the meeting.

The Boone County Bar Association held its annual banquet and business meeting at the Ulen Country Club. Judge John W. Hornaday was elected president; Charles D. Orear, vice-president; Guy M. Voris, secretary; and William H. Smith, treasurer. President Roy W. Adney presided at the meeting, the program being devoted chiefly to a round table discussion, led by William H. Smith, on the subject "Constructive Criticism of Courts."

## TENTH DISTRICT

Attorney General James M. Ogden delivered an address on "Lincoln, the Lawyer," at a meeting of the Gary Bar Association Wednesday, February 19, 1930. The meeting was attended by sixty members of the local association and guests. Mr. Ogden traced the professional career of Lincoln from the time he tried his first case to the time when he had fought his way up to leadership of the Illinois Bar through years of practice.

As an expression of appreciation for his services in behalf of the Gary Bar during the past four years, the members presented Mr. W. W. Miller, former president of the Gary Bar Association and now vice-president of Indiana State Bar Association, with a set of Senator Beveridge's works on the life of John Marshall and a double barreled shot gun, appropriate gifts for a lawyer and a sportsman. Mr. Thomas J. Hurley made the presentation speech.

The Lake County Bar Association at a meeting held Monday, February 18, 1930, endorsed the five judges who are at present sitting as Superior Court judges in Lake County. The judges are: Charles E. Greenwald and C. V. Ridgely of Gary, Virgil E. Reiter and Clyde Cleveland of Hammond, and Maurice E. Crites of East Chicago.

Members of the Gary Barrister Club met Thursday, February 13, 1930, and adopted a resolution endorsing the candidacy of Judge C. V. Ridgely of Lake Superior Court No. 4. Juvenile Referee Frank J. Sheehan was the guest speaker and spoke on the proceedings of the Juvenile Court and the problems of the court.

Jerome R. Finkle, acting dean of the Lincoln School of Law, Springfield, Illinois, will join the faculty of the Valparaiso University Law School. The following judges and attorneys have been announced as members of the lecture board of the law school: Judge E. Miles Norton, of the Lake County Circuit Court, Judge A. J. Link of the LaPorte Circuit Court, Attorneys John P. Crumpacker of Valparaiso, W. W. Miller of Gary and Daniel J. Moran of Hammond.

The Lake County Bar Association met Monday, February 24, 1930, in the East Chicago Elks Club. The speaker of the evening was Judge Andrew A. Bruce, member of the Chicago Crime Committee and Professor of Law at Northwestern University. His subject was "Why We are Lawless." Judge Bruce attributes a great deal of our present lawlessness to problems connected with the liquor traffic; but he expressed the belief that the 18th amendment would never be repealed and that it would be difficult to obtain a modification. Judge Bruce was introduced by Richard Tinkham of Hammond, a classmate of his son.

A meeting of the 10th District Bar Association was held at Rensselaer February 8, 1930. The noon luncheon meeting was followed by an address by John D. Black, president of the Illinois Bar Association. President L. D. Carey of White County presided at the meeting.

## ELEVENTH DISTRICT

Members of the Huntington County Bar Association held a "ladies' night" meeting with a special dinner and program at the Elks Club Mon-

day evening, February 17, 1930. O. W. Whitelock presided at the meeting. Milo Feightner was the speaker of the evening and spoke on "Pioneer Business in the Huntington Courts."

#### TWELFTH DISTRICT

The December term dinner of the DeKalb County Bar Association held at the Auburn Country Club a fine chicken dinner which was followed by a minstrel show given by the ladies. Mrs. H. W. Mountz, of Garrett, acted as interlocutor.

The LL. E. Club of the Allen County Bar held a dinner meeting at the Chamber of Commerce at Fort Wayne Thursday, January 30, 1930. The following officers were elected: William Shambaugh, president; Otto W. Koenig, vice-president; Walter V. Mentzer, treasurer; and H. James Flack, secretary. John C. Hoffman addressed the members on the "Eighteenth Amendment and Volstead Act."

#### OBITUARIES

John Wilhelm, age 73, of the Knox County Bar, died Sunday, February 16, 1930. Mr. Wilhelm was prominent in politics and law and had served both as mayor and attorney of Vincennes. He was admitted to the Knox County Bar in 1880.

Mrs. Gertrude Olds, age 33, a member of the Allen County Bar, died Wednesday, January 29, 1930.

Howard R. Wiley, age 28, of the Huntington County Bar and prosecuting attorney for Huntington County, died Sunday, February 2, 1930.

Judge Samuel Coombs, age 78, of the Carroll County Bar, died Thursday, February 12, 1930.

Judge Robert W. Miers, age 82, of the Monroe County Bar, died Thursday, February 20, 1930. He had served as a member of the Indiana State Legislature, judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, and was a member of Congress for four term. Judge Miers graduated from Indiana University in 1870 and from the Indiana University Law School in 1871.