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NEWS OF BENCH AND BAR

Since the publication of the June issue the Indiana State Bar Association has held its thirtieth annual meeting and four district bar associations have held their annual meetings. The district bar association meetings are reported under the several districts while, of course, we have already had the annual proceedings of the State Bar Association published as the October number of the Journal. It does not seem fair to make no further reference to the annual meeting even though its entire proceedings are in the hands of our members. These proceedings alone do not comment upon the nature of the meeting and the significance of its work.

Our records show that over three hundred lawyers attended the annual meeting at Michigan City July 8-10. They were met at the station in automobiles provided by the Michigan City Bar Association and conveyed to the hotel where the first session was held. After that there was a matter of business sessions for most of the day with banquets and sight-seeing tours the rest of the time, during a large part of which we were the guests of the Michigan City Bar Association. Here was an annual meeting held in the most delightful surroundings with the largest attendance in history and with a report of the membership committee showing a list of new applications for membership four times as large as that of the largest number of new members ever obtained in any previous year. Added to all of this was a varied and interesting program with addresses by distinguished men on subjects both interesting and informative. The annual meeting made a fitting climax to the work of the Indiana State Bar Association during the year 1925-26, when it is fair to say the greatest record of accomplishment was made of any year in the history of the association. Under the leadership of President Dix and the other officers, members of the Board of Managers, and committees the Law Journal was founded and successfully published; especially through the efforts of Vice-President Pickens. The number of new members obtained during the year was over six hundred while the largest number ever obtained in any previous year was 160; the work in support of court admission in the state was carried on in a greatly increased scale; and the first developed plan for requiring examinations for admission to the bar was worked out by the Board of Managers under the particular direction of James M. Ogden. Surely this is a record of useful work well done. Those who carry on the work this year have inspiration for further accomplishments and those who have completed their particular official responsibilities have every cause for just pride in the accomplishment.

FIRST DISTRICT

Members of the Princeton Bar Association and their out-of-town guests met on Thursday, July 8th to tender a banquet to Lucius C. Embree in recognition of the esteem in which they held him. The particular occasion for the banquet was the appointment of Mr. Embree to be a member of the Pueblo Lands Board by Appointment of President Coolidge. Thomas R. Paxton who presided at the banquet showed a document dated the 30th of May, 1826 and signed by the members of the Supreme Court of Indiana which authorized the admission to the bar of Elisha Embree, grandfather
of the present Lucius C. Embree. Mr. Embree's father, James T. Embree, was also a practicing lawyer in Princeton and Mr. Lucius C. Embree has practiced at the Princeton bar for forty-nine years. This makes a record of one hundred years of honorable and respected practice at the bar of one city by members of one family in the line of direct descent. It was pointed out that such a record was unusual in this country and that it testified to the high character of this family.

Other speakers at the banquet were Judge Iglehart of Evansville, John W. Bradley of Evansville, Thomas Duncan at Princeton, W. A. Cullop of Vincennes and Judge Smith of Princeton. In reply Mr. Embree thanked his associates and the out-of-town guests for their expression of commendation and respect. He spoke most interestingly of his associates at the bar some fifty years ago and of the character of men and the methods of practicing law which then obtained.

The Pueblo Land Board was created by act of Congress in 1924. It consists of three members: The Secretary of Interior, Attorney General and a third member to be appointed by the President. Mr. Embree has been appointed as this third member. His tenure is during the pleasure of the President of the United States. Mr. Embree left for Santa Fe, New Mexico on July 10. His son, Morton C. Embree, will continue the practice of law under the firm name of Embree and Embree during his father's absence.

Russel Judd who graduated from the Indiana University School of Law with the highest honors last June has opened a law office at 217 South Fourth Street, Evansville, Indiana.

Charles P. Bock, of Evansville, refused to approve the new examination for admission to the bar under the plan instituted by the Indiana State Bar Association. A committee of the Evansville Bar Association had prepared sixty questions for an examination to be held on July 5th and gave the questions to Judge Bock for his approval. Judge Bock answered that the questions were "unpractical" and stated that admission to the bar would be on the same basis as hitherto. Judge Bock would not approve the requirement that the candidates be able to answer a majority of the questions and he did not approve the $10.00 fee which goes to the Bar Association.

William H. Axton was heard by Judge Charles G. Bock on Saturday, July 3rd. By his attorney, Ollice C. Reeves, Mr. Axton had requested a new trial on the question of his admission to the bar. This new trial was denied. It was indicated that an appeal would be taken to the supreme court.

Clyde McGary, of Princeton, was appointed City Judge by Mayor W. S. Ennis. Judge McGary qualified for office on August 13.

Mr. Edward P. Richardson, of Petersburg, has recovered from a severe accident which occurred several months ago. Mr. Richardson is the dean of the Petersburg Bar Association.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Hinkle C. Hayes, President Sullivan County Bar Association, has been appointed a member of the Committee on Legislation of the Indiana State Bar Association for the coming year.

Dean P. V. McNutt spoke at the association meeting of the State Bar Association on "The Triumverate of the Profession of the Law". Among other things he said: "I am confident that the legal triumverate is equal
to the problems and tasks which confront it. I solemnly pledge the entire resources of your state Law School to the successful discharge of our joint responsibilities. Nothing is more important than the efficient administration of justice. It is the foundation on which civilized society rests."

At the meeting of the Knox County Bar Association, held on Monday, October 4th, the following officers were elected: Arnold J. Padgett, President; W. S. Hoover, Vice-President; Lyle E. Miller, Secretary; Wilfred McFarland, Treasurer; Harry R. Lewis, First Marshall; John Ramsey, Second Marshall.

Indiana University School of Law has the largest enrollment it has had since the war. There are 106 in the school with a Freshman class of fifty.

Roy Robinson, who pleaded guilty in the Federal Court to the charge of conspiracy to violate the Federal Liquor Law, has been disbarred by the Knox County Circuit Court. This action was taken on the recommendation of a committee that had been appointed by Judge Coulter to investigate the matter last December. The members of the committee were: J. W. Kimmel, Harry R. Lewis, W. H. Hill, Floyd Young and W. A. Cullop.

Mr. J. B. Fields, of the Bloomington bar, gave an address before the Rotary Club of Bloomington on June 9th. Mr. Fields gave an account of a recent visit to Bardstown, Ky., which is distinguished for the famous paintings in St. Joseph's Church as well as for the residence where Stephen Foster wrote "My Old Kentucky Home".

The Daviess County Bar Association held its regular meeting on September 7th in the St. Simon's School Building. President C. G. Gardner presided. Peter R. Wadsworth was elected to membership.

Chester G. Vernon and Mrs. Pearl L. Vernon have opened an office for the practice of law in Bloomington. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon graduated from the Indiana University School of Law with high honors last June. Mrs. Vernon is the first woman to practice at the Bloomington bar.

Mr. E. S. Shoemaker, on behalf of the Anti-Saloon League, made a statement at a Methodist Conference held at Evansville which was criticized by the Attorney-General, Arthur L. Gilliom. Mr. Gilliom wrote a letter to the President of the Indiana State Bar Association asking them to take cognizance of the activities of the Anti-Saloon League in this regard, stating that he considered Mr. Shoemaker's activities "a menacing threat to the Indiana Supreme Court as an independent and trusted instrument for justice". The Board of Managers of the Indiana State Bar Association at a recent meeting voted not to pass any resolution in the matter one way or the other on the ground that it was not an appropriate matter for the State Bar Association officially to take cognizance of. So far as our reports go the District Bar Associations have not taken official action up to this time.

THIRD DISTRICT.

The Third District Bar Association was organized at a dinner-meeting held at the Tavern at New Albany, Indiana, when eight of the ten counties in the district were represented. The presiding officer for the evening was Judge Thomas J. Wilson of the Harrison County Court. The following officers for the coming year were elected:

Walter B. Bulleit, President, New Albany.
Blaine Hays, Secretary, Corydon.

Vice-Presidents of the eight counties represented were as follows: Floyd, Walter Bulleit; Clark, Claud McBride; Scott, Samuel E. Wells; Orange,
Henry Heil; Dubois, William E. Deedina; Crawford, Henry Mock; Harrison, R. S. Kirkham; and Lawrence, William F. Brooks.

It was stated that while Washington and Perry Counties were not represented at the meeting the attorneys from those counties were anxious to join the organization and a Vice-President from those counties would be elected at the next meeting.

On Thursday, July 2, the attorneys of Scott County organized the Scott County Bar Association. Scott County had a Bar Association a number of years ago but recently it has been inactive. A committee was appointed to draw up by-laws covering the association. The officers elected were:

- President, Mark Storem.
- Vice-President, Lawson N. Mace.
- Secretary, J. A. MacHatton.
- Treasurer, Blucher M. Owens.

George H. Voigt and Claude McBride, of Jeffersonville, who have had libelous suits against each other pending in the courts for over a year have decided to drop these contests.

FOURTH DISTRICT

Professor Hugh E. Willis, of Indiana University School of Law, addressed the regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club at Columbus on Monday, September 20. Albert W. Phillips was chairman of the meeting. Professor Willis is widely known for his articles and books on legal subjects.

Mr. Thomas E. Davidson, of the Greensburg Bar, addressed a meeting of the Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, September 14. His topic was the constitution. The speaker made a strong plea for a better understanding of the basic principles and practical workings of our Federal Constitution.

A mandate was issued by the clerk of the Circuit Court of Johnson County, the heading of which was as follows:

"State of Indiana,
"Johnson County, ss:
"In the Court of Hill's Camp,
"July Term, 1926.
"Leibert J. Miner,
"Chester P. Spears,
"vs.
"The Bench and Bar
"County Officials et al.,
"All of Johnson County, Indiana."

The mandate itself is so long in its detailed requirements as to the production of food by the several lawyers and their families and the engaging in various athletic games that it cannot be reproduced here in full. Suffice it to say that the Johnson County Bar Association had a most enjoyable picnic at its meeting on Tuesday, September 28.

The Edinburg Courier published an editorial on July 15 commending the State Bar Association for adopting the resolution against indeterminate sentences. The editorial took the view that such laws were due to politicians, not to lawyers.

A number of newspapers of the state have printed editorials in commendation of the recommendation of the Legislative Committee of the State Bar Association which recommended that prosecutors throughout the
state should be paid a fixed salary rather than receive their compensation in fees incidental to the particular case handled.

The Ripley County Bar Association held a most successful meeting at Miwogco on Saturday, October 2. The principal address was made by Judge Lowe of the Dearborn Circuit Court, who pointed out various ways in which delays in legal procedure could be avoided. Other speakers of the evening were Judge Karney and Prosecutor Waltermier of the Ripley Circuit Court and Attorney James Connelly, of Milan.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

The first annual meeting of the Fifth District Bar Association was held at Turkey Run State Park on Saturday, June 26. Ninety-four lawyers with members of their families and guests attended the meeting which lasted most of the day. Following the dinner at one o'clock the formal meeting was opened by President John S. McFaddin. Rev. Smith, of Rockville, offered the invocation. Mrs. Harry Shores, of Rockville, sang. Frederick Van Nuys, of Indianapolis, was prevented by a business engagement from coming to deliver the principal address. Addresses were made by George O. Dix, President of the State Bar Association, and William A. Pickens, Vice-President. The officers and standing committees for next year was as follows:

**Officers and Committees for 1926**

Chairman—John S. McFaddin, Rockville, Indiana.
Secretary—George I. Kisner, Terre Haute, Indiana.
Vice-Chairmen:
  - Gilbert Gambil, Terre Haute (Vigo).
  - Judge B. S. Aikman, Newport (Vermillion).
  - Edgar M. Blessing, Danville (Hendricks).
  - Judge James P. Hughes, Greencastle (Putnam).
  - Peter T. Luther, Brazil (Clay).
  - Howard L. Hancock, Rockville (Parke).

**Committee on Membership**

L. B. Marshall, Terre Haute.
Judge George E. Bingham, Clinton.
C. C. Gillen, Greencastle.
John C. Taylor, Danville.
Otto Englehart, Brazil.
C. Ray Collins, Rockville.

**Committee on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar**

P. B. James, Dana.
B. F. Corwin, Greencastle.
A. J. Stevenson, Danville.
H. L. Fischer, Brazil.
Forest W. Ingram, Rockville.

**Committee on Legislation**

Charles A. Crawford, Terre Haute.
Mark E. Nebeker, Clinton.
John H. James, Greencastle.
John T. Hume, Danville.
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A. W. Knight, Brazil.
Benjamin F. Stephenson, Rockville.

COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCE

Charles E. Piety, Terre Haute.
Edbert P. Zell, Clinton.
John H. Alee, Greencastle.
Ernest Owens, Danville.
B. C. Craig, Brazil.
J. M. Johns, Rockville.

COMMITTEE ON COUNTY ORGANIZATION

Frank R. Miller, Terre Haute.
W. Bert Conley, Newport.
Charles McGaughey, Greencastle.
Carey Gaston, Danville.
John W. Baumunk, Brazil.
R. C. McDivitt, Rockville.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

L. R. Hilleary, Terre Haute.
J. W. Carithers, Newport.
Andrew E. Durham, Greencastle.
Virgil Sears, Danville.
S. W. Lee, Brazil.
John M. McFaddin, Rockville.

A number of editorials appeared in the newspapers of the Fifth District in high commendation of the President's (George O. Dix) address, delivered at the annual meeting of the Indiana State Bar Association and entitled, "The Progress of the Law".

The Putnam County Circuit Court arranged to have no meeting of the court on Thursdays during the months of July, August, and the first half of September, 1926. The members of Greencastle Bar Association voted to close their offices on Thursdays during the same period.

The Vigo County Bar Association held its first meeting since the summer recess, Tuesday, September 7th. President Finley McNutt announced the following committees:

Legal and Education—Clarence A. Royse, P. O. Colliver, James A. Cooper, Chester Y. Kelly and E. F. Williams.
SIXTH DISTRICT

Shelby County Bar Association held its annual picnic on July 8th at Camp Joy, near Boggstown. The Committee on Arrangements were Claud R. Henry, George Tolen, and Oscar L. Williams.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

A most successful meeting of the Indianapolis Bar Association was held at the Athletic Club on Wednesday, October 20th, at 6:00 o'clock. Dan W. Sims, of Lafayette, and Donald Fraser, of Fowler, gave most interesting and entertaining talks in which they recounted their early experiences at the bar.

On October 9th the Indianapolis News printed an editorial in favor of specific penalties rather than indeterminate sentences for criminals. The gist of the editorial was that such indeterminate sentences allowed prison wardens and persons of no legal training or special capacity to determine the duration of a prisoner's sentence, while it seemed fairer to the prisoner and the state, as well as in compliance with justice according to law, to have the judge and the jury determine the extent of the prisoner's sentence finally.

Raymond F. Murray, candidate for prosecuting attorney in Marion County, recently attacked the "fee" system now in vogue for compensating attorneys in liquor cases. He said the system was ineffective and that it was exceedingly burdensome to the taxpayer.

On July 22nd, Mr. William A. Pickens, President, The Indiana State Bar Association, wrote a letter to the Indianapolis News speaking of some assertions which he had recently found in the News. Among other things, he pointed out that while an attorney may occasionally do rather sharp things in court, it must be remembered that in every case some layman was behind it urging him to do it and that in many instances the lawyer refuses to do as his client improperly requests. In comment on this the News printed an editorial on July 23rd.

The Indianapolis Star, on July 19th, printed an editorial strongly in favor of the present procedure bill in congress and in confirmation of the action of the American Bar Association in support of Procedural Reform. It stated that Senator Walsh, of Montana, had been designated as the chief obstructor of this bill and as such the editorial had deplored his attitude.

Thirty-three members of the Senior Class of Indiana Law School received their degrees at the Commencement Exercises on June 9th. James W. Noel, Indianapolis attorney and graduate of the school, delivered the commencement address. His subject was "Law and Justice". The degrees were conferred by the Rev. M. L. Haines and the candidates were introduced by Dean James H. Rohback.

William H. Remy, prosecuting attorney from Marion County, has instituted the policy of requesting the court to require bond of $5,000.00 in the appeal of conviction for violation of liquor laws. Mr. Remy feels that such a policy would deter the present practice of bootleggers by which they often remain at liberty although they have been convicted of three or four violations of legislative laws and appeals in these cases are then pending.

Charles T. Hanna was elected President of the Lawyers' Club of Indianapolis at a dinner given Friday night at the Indianapolis Country Club. The dinner followed the annual picnic of the club. Milton Mangus was
elected Vice-President; Irving Powers, Secretary, and Volney T. Brown, Treasurer.

The annual picnic of the Indianapolis Bar Association was held on July 3rd at Walnut Gardens. The entertainment committee was composed of Earl R. Cox, Othneil Hitch, E. O. Snethen, Russel Duncan and Isadore Wulfson. James M. Ogden, President of the Bar Association, was in general charge.

Raymond F. Murray, candidate for prosecuting attorney, addressed letters to the Indianapolis Bar Association, the Indiana State Bar Association and the Lawyers' Club for suggestions for the administration of the office of prosecuting attorney. The tenor of Mr. Murray's letter was that lawyers should take a more active part in determining the methods which the prosecutor's office should employ.

Paul V. McNutt, Dean of Indiana School of Law, was elected Commander of the American Legion at the annual convention of the American Legion held at Marion, Indiana, August 31st. Dean McNutt was a colonel of artillery during the late war and is now a colonel in the Indiana National Guard.

Codification of election laws at the next session of legislature was urged by W. W. Spencer, a member of the Election Board.

Thomas James Norton, of Chicago, widely known attorney, addressed the meeting of the Indianapolis Bar Association at the Indianapolis Athletic Club on Wednesday, September 15th. Mr. Norton spoke on the constitution. Mr. Norton is known for his recent book on the constitution and his address before the American Bar Association in Denver last summer.

Recent records show that 2,800 women are now practicing law in the United States. Prominent in the legal profession among women are Florence Allen, Justice of Supreme Court of Ohio, and Mabel Walker Willebrandt, Assistant United States Attorney-General.

At a recent meeting of the Delaware County Bar Association the question of increased divorces was discussed. It was the opinion of Judge Clarence W. Dearth, of Delaware Circuit Court, that many actions for divorce were filed hastily and that if attorneys made it a practice of charging a minimum fee of $50.00 for acting for the plaintiff in such an action divorces would be reduced.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

At a meeting of the Madison County Bar Association held on Wednesday, September 29th, a reorganization of the association was effected and a schedule of fees was drawn up. Among other provisions in the schedule of fees was that the fee for defense in all homicide cases should be not less than $300.00, in kidnapping and robbery cases not less than $200.00, and in violation of liquor law cases not less than $10.00. For all other misdemeanors the fee should be not less than $25.00. It was provided further that if an attorney appeared in court outside of Madison County he should receive $50.00 a day and actual expenses while trial work in Madison County should be at the rate of $25.00 a day.

At a meeting of the Muncie Bar Association held on Friday, October 8th, Fred B. McClellan, of Muncie, read a paper on "The Origin of Contracts". Wilbur Ryman, former deputy prosecuting attorney of Delaware County, addressed a recent meeting of the Delaware County Bar Association on "The History of Criminal Law and Procedure". Mr. Ryman reviewed the various phases of recent crime waves in the country.

Fully two hundred residents of Winchester attended a reception in honor of the eightieth birthday of Judge J. S. Engle on Wednesday, September 15. Members of the County Bar Association came in a body.

NINTH DISTRICT

The annual meeting of the Ninth District Bar Association was held at the Kokomo Country Club on Saturday afternoon, October 2. Judge O. B. Ratcliff, of Covington, was elected President, and Forrest Livengood, of Covington, was elected Secretary. There was an excellent representation at the meeting of every county in the district. In addition to the members of the Ninth District Bar there were present three members of the Supreme Court and four members of the Appellate Court. Justices Myers, Ewbank and Travis of the Supreme Court and Justices McMahon, Emloe, Nichols and Remy of the Appellate Court made brief addresses. Addresses were also made by Judge John Marshall, J. C. Herron, John B. Joyce, Judge B. F. Harness and C. H. Wills. Mr. Herron paid an impressive tribute to the late Judge Lex J. Kirkpatrick.

The principal address of the day was delivered by Conrad Wolf of the Howard County Bar Association, who spoke on the Constitution. His address so impressed the members that they take the unusual action of voting that a copy of it be made a part of the permanent records of the association. Among other things, Mr. Wolf suggested that the present clamor for depriving the supreme court of some of its powers would result in increasing the power of congress and it was fear of the power of congress which was constantly in the minds of the framers of the Constitution. James Madison was especially concerned lest congress arrogate to itself the supreme power. He pointed out that if the power to interpret laws was also given to congress the right of minorities would be left unprotected.

Homer R. Miller, prosecuting attorney of Howard County, delivered the principal address at the meeting of the Howard County Bar Association at the Cortland Hotel at Kokomo on Tuesday, September 21st. He spoke on "Contempt of Court".

The Fountain County Bar Association held its regular meeting at the Chamber of Commerce at Covington, Indiana, on Thursday, August 26. It was announced that the annual meeting of the association in the future would be held on February 12th, Lincoln's birthday.

The following officers were elected:
Robert A. McKinney, President
Forrest Wallace, Vice-President.
Lindly P. Little, Secretary.
Forrest Livingood, Treasurer.
The principal address of the Howard County Bar Association meeting on Tuesday, June 15th, was delivered by Judge Joseph Cripe. He spoke on “Character Evidence in Criminal Causes”. The address was considered of especial value by all members present and the hope was expressed that it might be found in permanent form for future reference.

TENTH DISTRICT

The annual meeting of the Tenth District Bar Association was held at the country estate of George Ade on Saturday, September 18. One hundred twenty-five lawyers of the Tenth District Bar Association were present. Dan W. Sims, of Lafayette, first President of the association, which was organized last fall, presided. There was a business meeting first at which by-laws were adopted. It was decided that there should be a Vice-President for every county in the district. Addresses were made by Joseph G. Ibach, of Hammond, on “Organization”, and Donald Fraser, of Fowler, on “Tolerance in the United States”.

Mr. George Ade gave a cordial invitation to every member of the bar association for the day. He was a most gracious host to his one hundred twenty-five guests at his country home.

As a result of the recent examination in Lake County for admission to the bar the following twelve of the twenty applicants who took the examination were successful: L. L. Brickland, Lowell; Ward S. Lowe, Crown Point; Paul S. Vermante, Indiana Harbor; John M. Rohrback, Crown Point; David T. Stanton, Gary; John E. Kennelly, Hammond; J. A. Bailey, Crown Point; Paul T. McCain, Crown Point; Jack M. Neglin, Whiting; G. J. Huffey, Gary; Harry O. Cripten, Hammond, and George L. Hitesman, Valparaiso.

Members of the examining committee were O. A. Wildermuth, of Gary; Daniel J. Moran, of Hammond, and Frank Pattee, of Crown Point.

W. W. Miller, President of the Gary Bar Association, has announced the following splendid list of speakers for meetings of the Gary Bar Association this fall and winter. It has been remarked that no more stimulating list of speakers has ever been proposed for a series of bar association meetings in Indiana:

- Dean H. M. Bates of Michigan University Law School — October 21
- Professor Oliver S. Rundell of the University of Wisconsin — November 17
- Daniel W. Sims of Lafayette — December 16
- Dean John H. Wigmore of Northwestern University Law School — January 19
- Professor Summers of the University of Illinois — February 16
- Professor Edward W. Hinton of the University of Chicago Law School — March 16
- Judge Burr W. Jones of Wisconsin — May 19

Judge Virgil S. Reiter, of the Hammond Superior Court, was elected President of the Lake County Bar Association at a meeting held Monday, September 20. The other officers were:

- Wilbur VanHorn, Indiana Harbor, Vice-President.
- Henry Peterson, East Chicago, Secretary.
- Frances Galvin, Hammond, Treasurer.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

Zach T. Dungan, Clerk of Appellate and Supreme Court of Indiana, was endorsed for re-election by the Huntington County Bar Association. Of course this is somewhat a political matter since Mr. Dungan is running
on the Democratic ticket for re-election, but the Huntington County Bar Association members having known him for many years were anxious to take this unusual step.

Carl Bonewitz, C. K. Lucas and Milo Feightner were appointed by Judge Kenner, of the Huntington County Circuit Court, to act as a committee on admission to the bar.

At a meeting of the Huntington County Bar Association held at a picnic in Memorial Park, Arthur H. Sapp was elected President, succeeding George M. Eberhart. Other officers were Carl Bonewitz, Vice-President, and Wilbur Whinery, Secretary-Treasurer.

Dean Paul V. McNutt, of Indiana University School of Law, delivered the principal address at the semi-annual meeting of the Cass County Bar Association on Monday, June 21. Dean McNutt's subject was "Some Problems of Law". At the meeting, Frank McHale was elected President, George A. Custor, Secretary, and Merl M. Wall, Treasurer. Former President D. C. Arthur refused to accept re-election.

TWELFTH DISTRICT

The Allen County Bar Association held a most successful meeting on Thursday, October 14th, at Fort Wayne. James M. Barrett, Sr., was elected President. The other officers were E. G. Hofman, Vice-President; William A. Ballou, Second Vice-President; C. Byron Hays, Secretary; Carl A. Osterman, Treasurer; Howard L. Townsend and O. N. Heaton, Trustees. Dan W. Sims, of Lafayette, delivered the principal address.

The Allen County Bar Association has adopted a new schedule of minimum fees to be charged by the members of the association.

On June 17, the Allen County Bar Association were hosts to several members of the Supreme and Appellate Courts at a most successful banquet held at the Shrine Club House, at Fort Wayne, Indiana. Professor Edson A. Sunderland, of the University of Michigan Law School, gave a scholarly paper on "English Procedure".

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

The Thirteenth District has been the scene of the greatest bar association activity during the vacation months since it was there that the annual meeting of the Indiana State Bar Association meeting was held. It was the universal opinion of those who attended the annual convention at Michigan City, July 8-10, that the generous hospitality of the Michigan City Bar Association was beyond all praise. They surely gave us a royal time. We hesitate to think of the expense which they bore and they seemed determined not to let us think of it since they carried through the whole delightful program in a manner of lightheartedness. Everything was done for the comfort and enjoyment of those who attended the annual meeting. All the details and connections were worked out with great efficiency and it seemed without regard for expense.

The opinion was often expressed by lawyers after the meeting that the two outstanding accomplishments of the convention had been the resolution recommending the standardizing rules and regulations covering admission to the bar and the resolution favoring the proposed reorganization of the Supreme and Appellate Courts by constitutional amendment. As for the meeting itself, it had the largest attendance and the most complete program
and provisions for entertainment of any meeting of the Indiana State Bar Association in its thirty years of work.

A resolution recommending the election of Julius C. Travis to the Supreme Court of Indiana was adopted at a meeting of the LaForte Bar Association Tuesday, September 28. This resolution was the more unusual since it was passed during the political campaign and was supported by lawyers regardless of usual party affiliations.

The Michigan City Bar Association held a banquet on Wednesday, October 3rd, in the Vreeland Hotel in Michigan City.

The Elkhart County Bar Association held a meeting on Saturday, June 19th, at which the following officers for the coming year were elected:

- President, Judge H. B. Tuthill.
- Vice-President, Lewis E. Kunkel.
- Secretary, Robert E. Glasscott.

OBITUARIES

Ralph G. Buhler, a member of the Indianapolis Bar and long in active and honorable practice in that city, recently died while traveling in West Virginia. The Indianapolis Bar Association passed a resolution in honor of his memory.

Edward W. Felt, Judge of Municipal Court of Indianapolis, was fatally injured on Saturday, June 4th. Memorial services were held by the Indianapolis Bar Association on Tuesday, June 8th, at which the many friends of Judge Felt assembled to do honor to his memory. Moses B. Lairy was chairman of the Resolution Committee, which was appointed by the Indianapolis Bar Association, to draw up a memorial. Judge Felt had a long and honorable career as a member of the Appellate Court of Indiana and the Circuit Court of Marion County as well as Judge of the Municipal Court of Indianapolis. In his professional work he was industrious, efficient and honorable; in his private life he was a devout Christian.

Thomas Edwin Glascock, age fifty-four, died suddenly Tuesday, October 19th. He had practiced law in Greenfield since 1896. In the course of his practice he had served three terms as county attorney. The Hancock Bar Association passed memorial resolutions in his honor.

David W. McKee, eighty-one years of age, died at his home at Connersville on Monday, September 27. Until a few years ago Mr. McKee had been in the active practice of the law in his section of the state. He had served as city attorney for several terms and he had been the Democratic candidate for a member of congress. He was universally regarded as an able lawyer and a patriotic citizen.

William Personett, Bailiff of Circuit Court of Greenfield, recently died at his home. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 11. The Hancock Bar Association passed resolutions in honor of his memory.

Elmer Elsworth Stevenson, one of the leading members of the Indianapolis Bar, died on Tuesday, September 21, at Cleveland, Ohio. He had gone there several weeks before to have a surgical operation performed. Mr. Stevenson was born in Rossetta, Illinois, in 1861, and received his A. B. degree from Franklin College in 1883. He came to Indianapolis in 1899, where he has continued in the successful practice of the law. For several years Mr. Stevenson was a partner of J. W. Fesler, of Indianapolis, and later practiced alone with offices in the Fletcher Savings and Trust Building. Mr. Stevenson is a past president of the Indianapolis Bar Association.
for the year 1917 and of the Indiana State Bar Association for the year 1920. He served with distinguished success in both positions. He gave freely of his time and ability in service as a member of the Board of Directors of Franklin College. Memorial resolutions in his honor were adopted by the Indianapolis Bar Association and the Indiana State Bar Association.