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NEWS OF BENCH AND BAR

FIRST DISTRICT

Henry B. Walker, Evansville, Chairman of the Membership Committee, and James F. Ensle, President of the Evansville Bar Association, Charles Tighe, Chairman of the Third District Bar Association, and Richard McGinnis, Vice-President of the Evansville Bar Association, visited Vernon on May 26th to secure new members in the Indiana State Bar Association. They received a number of applications for membership in that city. Then they proceeded by motor to Madison with a view to receiving more applications there.

Judge Herdis F. Clements of Mount Vernon was a member of the party of lawyers of whom Henry Walker was the chairman that toured the second district in the interests in the increased membership for the Bar Association.

SECOND DISTRICT

At a meeting of the Daviess County Bar Association held Friday morning, May 6th, a committee of the State Bar Association explained the purposes of the Indiana State Bar Association and requested the lawyers present to apply for membership in the State body. The members of the visiting committee were Henry Walker, Chairman, Judge Clements of Mt. Vernon, and W. H. Hill of Vernon.

THIRD DISTRICT

A special meeting of the Corydon Bar Association was held on Tuesday, May 31st. The Bar Association were hosts to a visiting committee of the Indiana State Bar Association that had come to urge upon the members that they apply for membership in the Indiana State Bar Association. The members of the visiting committee were Henry Walker, Chairman, of Evansville; Richard McGinnis and James Ensle of Evansville; and Charles P. Tighe of New Albany.

SIXTH DISTRICT

At a meeting of the Shelby County Bar Association it was decided to hold the annual fish-fry on Friday, July 8th. On that occasion the members of the association will meet together for a fish dinner and a general outing. Mr. Gordan Thurston has been made a member of the committee on the ground that he ate more than any other two members and should be required to contribute in labor as well as consume the food. E. W. McDaniel and Charles A. Hack have been reappointed to their former positions of honor as official onion peelers.

The Hancock County Bar Association held a banquet on Saturday, May 21st, at the Masonic Temple in Greenfield, Indiana. About 125 lawyers from Hancock, Marion, Henry, Madison and Shelby Counties were present. Judge A. C. VanDuyn of the Hancock circuit court presided. The chief speaker was William Dudley Foulke of Richmond, Ind. Samuel Lewis Shank of Indianapolis made some humorous remarks that were well received. There was a delightful musical program provided for the banquet.
NINTH DISTRICT

The Howard County Bar Association held a very successful meeting on Tuesday evening, May 17th, at Kokomo, Ind. The chief speaker of the evening was Franklin McCray of Indianapolis, who spoke on Alexander Hamilton. Mr. McCray traced the remarkable career of Alexander Hamilton, showing the many ways in which the nation is indebted to his labors. Mr. McCray pointed out that if we consider actual service rendered, it would not be unfair to call Hamilton “father of his country.”

TENTH DISTRICT

The Tippecanoe County Bar Association will hold its annual meeting at Flint on the Wabash River on June 22nd, according to the announcement of W. C. Mitchell, President. It was announced that the meeting would be for members of the bar and their guests only.

The Gary Bar Association held a most successful meeting May 19th when delegates from LaPorte and Michigan City attended the meeting of the Gary Bar Association to hear Judge Burr W. Jones of Madison, Wisconsin. W. W. Miller, President of the Association, presided. A delegation of attorneys from East Chicago and Hammond also attended the meeting.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

The Huntington County Bar Association will hold its annual picnic on June 22nd. Burr Glenn is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

TWELFTH DISTRICT

The Allen County Bar Association invited the Huntington County Bar Association to be its guests at a meeting held at Fort Wayne on Thursday, May 26th. A large number of attorneys from both counties was present. Henry M. Bates, dean of the law school of Michigan University was the speaker.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

The St. Joseph County Bar Association held a successful dinner at the Oliver Hotel on Tuesday, May 17th. Len J. Oare, president of the association, presided. Judge Dudley Wooten, of Notre Dame University, and Roland Obenchain of South Bend, were the principal speakers. Judge Wooten commented on the relief of the Mississippi flood sufferers in connection with his reference to the present tendency in interpreting the federal constitution. He deplored the tendency in breaking down the protections that are now given to the individual. Mr. Obenchain discussed the legislation passed by the 1927 session of the legislature. At the June meeting of the association, Dean Paul V. McNutt of Indiana University School of Law will speak and Walter Arnold of South Bend will discuss the new Indiana statutes pertaining to declaratory judgments.

James J. Farnam was re-elected President of the LaPorte County Bar Association at the monthly dinner held on Tuesday, May 17th. Fred R. Liddel was elected Vice-President and Leonard Henoch was chosen Secretary-Treasurer. At the meeting Judge William Reidelbach of Winimac spoke on the laws passed by the 1927 session of the legislature.
Nathan Levy of South Bend won the Indiana Oratorical Contest on the Constitution on Saturday, May 14th. He received a gold medal and $400 offered by F. C. Ball of Muncie. Victor Hood of Marion was second, receiving a silver medal and $250. Harold Rich of Princeton was third, receiving a bronze medal and $150. Dick James of Portland and Ruth Morgan of Greensburg were fourth and fifth, receiving $100 and $50 respectively. Mr. Ball donated the money for all the state prizes. The judges were Professor Otto of Shortridge High School; Carl Wilde of Indianapolis; Edward Elliott, President of Purdue University; Professor Edward L. Morris of Earlham College, and Dr. L. C. Bentley of Kokomo.

OBITUARIES

George L. Grey, age 65, former judge of the 37th judicial circuit and former prosecuting attorney of the same circuit, died at the Robert Long Hospital on Monday, May 2nd. Mr. Grey was a graduate of Indiana University. He practiced at Connersville for many years, where he was a leader of the Democratic party.

E. C. Martindale, for over fifty years an able member of the Marshall County bar, died at his home in Plymouth at the age of 77 years on Tuesday, May 3rd. In his early life, Mr. Martindale practiced law in Argos and later moved to Plymouth where he served as county prosecutor.

Finley A. McNutt, 66 years old, member of the firm of McNutt, Wallace and Randel, of Terre Haute, Indiana, died at his home on Thursday, May 12th. Mr. McNutt was one of the most prominent attorneys at the Vigo County bar, where he had practiced for nearly half a century. In addition to the heavy burdens of active practice in which he represented a number of large corporations, Mr. McNutt took a keen interest in political affairs and was regarded as one of the leaders of the Democratic party in the State, although he never held a public office. He was an active member of the Indiana State Bar Association and the Fifth District Bar Association. He was President of the Vigo County Bar Association at the time of his death. Mr. McNutt was a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, class of 1882, and had recently been appointed by President Coolidge as a member of the Naval Board of Visitation, whose duty it is to inspect the national naval academy at Annapolis. The Vigo County Bar Association and a number of neighboring bar associations attended his funeral. Prominent lawyers from different parts of Indiana and elsewhere also attended the funeral among whom was Everett Saunders, Secretary to President Coolidge, a former associate of Mr. McNutt. Newspapers in different parts of the State published editorials in honor of his memory and in recognition of his high character and worthy leadership.

William Allen Wood, Indianapolis attorney, age 52, died at the Robert Long Hospital on Sunday, May 8th.