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FIRST DISTRICT

The regular monthly meeting of the Gibson County Bar Association was held Saturday evening, February 2nd, at the Pullman hotel with a large attendance of Bar members, wives and guests. A banquet was given at 6 o'clock, followed by an interesting program of music and talks. Judge L. C. Embree gave his experience with the Indians in New Mexico during the past three years, and Judge Claude A. Smith compared the present Bar with the past.

SECOND DISTRICT

John S. Hastings, associate member of the firm of Allen, Hastings & Allen, today was elected president of the Daviess County Bar Association to succeed Charles G. Gardiner, who had been the head of the organization ever since its inception. The regular meeting of the association was held Tuesday, February 5th, at the Washington Hotel, where luncheon was served. Other officers elected are: Arthur Rogers, of the firm of Padgett & Rogers, vice-president; Fred Dobbyn, late Daviess-Martin prosecutor, secretary; Steve E. Myers, of the firm of Mattingly & Myers, treasurer.

FOURTH DISTRICT

Saturday was the 48th anniversary of the first meeting of the Jefferson County Bar Association but it is doubtful if the event was recalled by any members of the organization. Two of the 15 attorneys who attended this meeting are living today—John McGregor, of Madison and Eugene Hay, of New York City. The others have passed to their rewards, some of them years ago and others during the last few months, John W. Linck, of Seattle, being the last of the 13 to answer the call.

Hon. Eugene Hay, for many years appraiser of the port of New York, who has been preparing many of his personal papers which have a bearing on the historical and political life of the country for deposit in the congressional library, sends for publication the original minutes of the organization meeting. In sending the paper, Mr. Hay writes:

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
Division of Manuscripts

Feb. 7, 1929

Mr. M. C. Garber, Editor Courier,
Madison, Indiana,
My Dear Mr. Garber:

For some weeks past I have been here at the congressional library depositing in the manuscript division thereof the accumulated correspondence of a lifetime and other data all, of course, of a political nature, that it might be available for future historians of the period thru which I have
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passed, provided, of course, any such should want to avail themselves of it. Among other papers that I found in my files was the enclosed which is the proceedings of the organization meeting of the first bar association organized in Madison. As the date indicates this was forty-eight years ago, this present month, I thought it possible that you might care to print it in your paper and that there might be some few of the older citizens who would recall the names therein mentioned. I do not know whether any of the lawyers who became members are now living other than myself.

Most sincerely yours,

EUGENE G. HAY.

The minutes, in Mr. Hay's writing, follow:

Feb. 9, 1881


On motion—Judge Allison was made chairman of the meeting and Mr. Hay secretary. Upon motion it was unanimously decided to form a bar association.

Upon motion a committee of five was appointed by the chair to draft a constitution, prepare a schedule of prices and report permanent officers of the association. The chair appointed the following gentlemen as the committee: Messrs. Korbly, John Roberts, Walker, Linck and Friedley. Adjourned to meet at the same place on Friday immediately after the adjournment of court.

FIFTH DISTRICT

The Vigo County Bar Association held its regular meeting Tuesday, February 5, 1929, in the Superior court number two court room. President James E. Piety presided over the meeting.

SIXTH DISTRICT

The Fayette County Bar Association held its organization meeting Monday, February 11, 1929. Leroy C. Hanby was named head of the organization at a previous meeting, and Albert Heeb was elected secretary-treasurer. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and the following committees appointed: Membership, R. S. Springer, G. Andrew Golden and James A. Clifton; program, Judge G. Edwin Johnston, W. E. Sparks, and L. Layton Lydy.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

At a joint meeting of the Indianapolis Bar Association and City Manager League Wednesday night, February 6, 1929, Charles P. Taft, II, of Cincinnati discussed the city manager form of government.

Michael E. Foley, president of the Indianapolis Bar Association, announced the appointment of his committees for 1929.
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NINTH DISTRICT

Judge James A. Collins of the Marion County Criminal Court addressed the Howard County Bar Association Tuesday night, February 19, 1929. Judge Collins pointed out the benefits of our probation plan and of the indeterminate sentence law. He said that during the last thirteen years more than twelve hundred persons have been placed on suspended sentences in his court and in less than one hundred cases it has been necessary to commit the defendants to penal institutions. He showed that $60,100 has been paid to the court in fines and costs by persons in the last thirteen years on the installment basis. During this period, $30,629 has been paid to the court for the benefit of persons injured by defendants.

Roy W. Adney was elected president of the Boone County Bar Association at the annual meeting held Friday evening, February 22, 1929, at the Ulen Country Club. Charles D. Orear was the retiring president.

J. M. Worley was elected vice-president; William H. Smith and Guy M. Voris were re-elected treasurer and secretary, respectively. E. C. Guillion was made a member of the committee which passes on admission to practice at the local bar.

Mr. Adney was in charge of the program which followed the dinner. Prohibition legislation now pending before Congress—especially the Jones bill—formed the principal topic for an informal discussion.

The annual meeting of the Fountain County Bar Association was held at Covington Tuesday, February 12th. A three-course dinner was enjoyed by the members after which a business meeting was held at the court house. The following officers were elected: President, Forrest A. Wallace of Veedersburg; Vice-President, A. T. Livengood of Covington; Secretary-Treasurer, Claude B. Philpott of Covington. Board of Control: Forrest A. Wallace, A. T. Livengood, R. H. McKinney, L. P. Little, N. M. Teegarden. The program consisted of addresses on Lincoln.

The yearly program of the Howard County Bar Association was issued January 29th by Judge George Shenk, secretary of the association.

The program follows:

February 12, "The Other Half," by Judge James A. Collins, judge of the Marion County criminal court.
June 18, "Beveridge's Life of Lincoln," by A. G. Manning.
September 17, "Dollie Madison," by Judge Joseph Cripe.
October 15, Subject to be selected. Hon. Charles M. McCabe of Crawfordsville.
December 17, 9 A.M., Annual business meeting in the circuit court room and 7 p.m., annual banquet ladies' night.

All meetings are scheduled for the Courtland hotel.
TENTH DISTRICT

Members of the Tippecanoe County Bar Association on Saturday, February 9, 1929, enjoyed their monthly dinner at the Lincoln Lodge, President Frank Kimmel presiding. Capt. W. C. Mitchell gave several violin numbers, and Attorney C. H. Robertson displayed his skill as a pianist. Roy C. Street, home from the Legislature, explained to the members the bill he and Representative Smith introduced, to permit Purdue to build a field house and complete the Memorial Union building.

Friday, February 22nd, 1929, most of the members of the Tippecanoe County Bar Association attended the Washington Day banquet at the Lafayette Club, and there heard J. W. Noel, former Purdueite and now prominent attorney of Indianapolis, give a talk on the subject: "Is the Law a Business or a Profession?" It was a scholarly effort—and was greatly enjoyed.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

The Elkhart County Bar Association, at the quarterly meeting Friday, February 22, 1929, in Hotel Elkhart, adopted among several resolutions and amendments to their constitution, one to enforce more effective action against questionable practice by members of the association. Before the dinner meeting adjourned the several resolutions and amendments were adopted by the 35 members of the association present, including several from Goshen. A long discussion concerning ways and means of more effective functioning of the bar association against questionable practice was held prior to the adoption of the resolution.

OBITUARIES

Walter R. Fertig, the oldest member of the Hamilton County Bar, died in Noblesville Monday, February 18th, at the age of 76 years. Mr. Fertig had been engaged in the practice of the law in Noblesville since 1875. A special session of the Hamilton County Bar Association paid tribute to the high regard in which Mr. Fertig was held by the members of the bar. He had belonged to the Association for more than fifty years.

Frank T. Hawley, age 64, died February 19, 1929. Mr. Hawley was a member of the Indianapolis bar. During the World War he was associated with Hugh Balison, statistician in the Department of Labor at Washington.

Norman S. Wolfe, age 53, prominent Laporte attorney and business man, died Friday, February 16th. Mr. Wolfe was long active in civic and business affairs in Laporte and was a member of the 1913 General Assembly. He was a member of the firm of Hickey, Wolfe & Dildworth.

Judge Dudley Wooten, age 70, member of the Notre Dame Law School faculty, and widely known in American jurisprudence, died unexpectedly Thursday night in Austin, Texas. Judge Wooten will be buried in Seattle, Washington, the scene of many years of his legal work. In Seattle, Judge Wooten fought the passage of the Oregon anti-parochial school law and prepared the briefs that carried the case to the United States supreme court, where it was ruled unconstitutional. He had been a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1924. He was also active in national Democratic politics for many years.