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Courtland C. Gillen, congressman from the Fifth District, was honor guest at a banquet Thursday night, November 19th, at the Greencastle Country Club given by the Putnam County Bar Association. Silas A. Hays was toastmaster and James P. Hughes, judge of the Putnam Circuit Court, was principal speaker.

More than 100 Lake County attorneys attended the bi-monthly dinner meeting of the Lake County Bar Association at the Gary Hotel November 17, 1931. Joseph H. Conroy of Hammond was the principal speaker of the evening.

T. B. Coulter, former Knox Circuit Court judge, has been elected president of the Knox County Bar Association. William Denigan was elected vice-president, Lyle E. Miller, secretary; Norman Arterburn, treasurer, and John Ramsey, marshal.

The Huntington County Bar Association held their November meeting at the Elks Club in Huntington, Tuesday evening, November 17, 1931. State Senator J. Clyde Hoffman of Indianapolis spoke on “Taxes and Taxation.”

Franklin McCray, former Criminal Court judge, gave an address on “Alexander Hamilton” before members of the Indianapolis Bar Association in the Indianapolis Athletic Club Monday evening, December 2.

The annual meeting of the Clark County Bar Association was held at the Court House in Jeffersonville, Friday, November 20, 1931. The following officers were elected for the coming year: C. B. McBride, president; R. P. Kehoe, vice-president; C. A. Hunt, secretary, and J. W. Sweeney, treasurer.

Members of the Ripley County Bar Association enjoyed a chicken dinner Monday, November 16, 1931, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett H. Austin at Versailles.

The Porter County Bar Association at a meeting Saturday, November 13th at Valparaiso, Indiana, passed a resolution reducing the membership dues from $10.00 to $5.00. William H. Dowdell, dean of the local bar, was made a life member by unanimous vote of the members.