

**OBITUARY OF THE LATE**

**GEORGE M. LUETHGE**

**( November 4, 1887 - December 4, 1929 )**

**DISTRICT COURT  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**RAMSEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

**APRIL 19, 1930**

## IN MEMORY OF GEORGE M. LUETHGE

The committee chosen to prepare a memorial to be presented to the Court at this time respectfully offers the following in remembrance of George M. Luethge:

Mr. Luethge was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, on November 4th, 1889, the son of Edward S. Luethge and Augusta A. Luethge, who survive him, and was of German ancestry.

He was educated in the public schools of St. Paul and was graduated from the St. Paul Central High School in the year 1906. Following this he took commercial and stenographic courses. In the year 1908 he matriculated as a student in the St. Paul College of Law, in this City, from which he was graduated in the year 1911, and admitted to the Bar of the State of Minnesota on the 16th day of June, 1911. Throughout the time he attended law school, he also read law in the office of the late James H. Hickey, Esq., then a member of this Bar. Following his admission to the Bar, he was appointed as an assistant United States District Attorney in this district, serving under the late the Honorable Judge Charles C. Haupt, where he remained for a period of two years followed by a brief period as an assistant clerk in the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court in this district. About September 18th, 1913, Mr. Luethge was appointed an secretary to the late the Honorable Edmund W. Bazille, then the Judge of the Probate Court of Ramsey County, this State, which position he held for a period of five years when he

enlisted in the 313th United States Engineer Corps, 88th Division, and was honorably discharged therefrom at the conclusion of the World War as a Master Engineer. Upon his return to this City, he again resumed his former position as secretary to the late Judge Bazille.

In the year 1920, Mr. Luethge was elected as Justice of our local Justice Court which position he held for a period of two years when he became a candidate for Judge of our local Municipal Court, but was defeated. After this defeat, he entered in private practice of the law in co-partnership with Michael F. Kinkead, Esq., now an assistant United States District Attorney for this district, which association continued for several years and upon its dissolution Mr. Luethge continued alone in the practice of law in this City until his death, December 4th, 1929.

For recreational purposes, Mr. Luethge indulged extensively in bowling, taking part in many bowling tournaments throughout the northwest and up to the time of his demise was an outstanding bowler.

The deceased was united in marriage with Marie Esch in St. Paul on November 5th, 1921, and who, besides his parents, a sister, Mrs. Hart of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and a brother, Edward, of St. Paul, survive him.

Mr. Luethge was a good neighbor, congenial, loyal friend and a sincere believer in the rights of his fellow men. He was filled with patience, kindness and good

nature. In his legal work he was most painstaking, methodical, industrious and conscientious,

Notwithstanding that he was but a very young man at the time of his demise, he showed in a marked degree to possess an intelligence and ability to grasp the essential facts of a situation and consider them in their right proportions.

He had just begun. He had not reached the height of his usefulness to his clients and fellow men. He was taken any from us while yet an apprentice.

That his career should be ended while yet so young is one of the inscrutable things which finite minds are not able to understand.

Dated April 19th, 1930.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ John K. Keefe, Esq.,

/s/ Michael F. Kinkead, Esq.,

/s/ Henry Marks, Esq.,

/s/ John J. Sexton, Esq.,

/s/ Albert J. Mueller, Esq., Chairman

The Committee.

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