# Annual Hennepin County Bar Memorial Services

Convening of the Special Session of Hennepin County District, Probate and Municipal Courts

> Presiding The Honorable Eugene Minenko, Hennepin County District Court Chief Judge

Invocation The Honorable Patrick W. Fitzgerald, Hennepin County District Court Judge

**Introduction of Special Guests** 

**Recognition of Deceased Members** 

**Musical Selection** 

Mr. J. Kenneth deWerff, Chairman Bar Memorial Committee

Mr. C. Blaine Harstad, President Hennepin County Bar Association

Main Address Mr. Clyde F. Anderson, Partner in the firm of Meagher, Geer and Associates

**Musical Selection** 

**Memorials Presented to the Court** 

**Presentation Accepted** 

**Court Adjourned** 

Wednesday, February 15, 1978 Minneapolis City Council Chambers

Presented by the Hennepin County Bar Association

# IN VOCATION

In Your Presence, Heavenly Father, we assemble once more to express our devotion to the memories of our honored colleagues, friends and family.

Now they shall know, forever, in the fullest measure, Your goodness and love; may we, for our part, feel the same undying faith, have the same confidence in Your goodness, without which our lives must always be empty, and without which we cannot hope to meet the challenge of Your love.

Remind us that life is short; that the perplexities of our profession are for naught, unless they help us to help others; that law, being nothing itself, can exist only so long as it serves goodness, in which case it is eternal and we are renewed.

Lead us always, and in the memory of these same colleagues, friends and family, to seek after what we may never obtain; or having obtained it, know it not: justice.

Help us through our moments of doubt; guide us through the maze of our decisions; confirm us in our "better judgments".

And then, when the business of the day presses in upon us, again; and when our disappointments, our successes — even our sorrow at the loss of our dear friends — deludes us with their urgency,

Then shall we remember them and honor Thee.

Then shall we remember Your love.

This we pledge to You, in Your name, Our Lord. Amen.

JUDGE PATRICK W. FITZGERALD

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# A BAR MEMORIAL ADDRESS

### ANNUAL HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR MEMORIAL SERVICES

### **FEBRUARY 15, 1978**

## By CLYDE F. ANDERSON

### Partner in the firm of Meagher, Geer & Associates

During the year 1977, 22 members of the Hennepin County Bar Association died. Some had lived to an old age and had an opportunity to see and experience nearly all that this world has to offer. Others, such as one of my law partners, after completing their working years, had just begun to enjoy a period of retirement when death intervened. And still others were taken seemingly at the very peak of their lives with their professional careers opening into full bloom and with young ones in the family still needing their guidance and assistance. And no matter for how many generations mankind has felt the loss and sorrow that death brings, when it strikes close to us, as with our brothers before the Bar who have left us, most of us cannot help but ask the ageless questions. Why? Why now? Why to him? And some of us are forced to re-examine the very purpose of our lives.

They were all lawyers — they studied and practiced long and hard to learn their profession — some with great devotion and distinction. Some won many notable battles in the courtroom. Some drew the documents that made possible great property transactions and business ventures. Others just devoted their lives to helping their friends and neighbors out of the ever-increasing entanglements that modern society's laws seem to bring. But is that enough? Does our Creator reserve a place for us on the basis that we have practiced our profession diligently and well? Are there still lessons to be learned by us who are left behind?

Many of us at this point will seek to find answers from our ancestors, from the wise and famous persons of the past, from the Holy Scriptures (for none of these are new questions — only, perhaps, new to us because of the immediate circumstances).

We sometimes speak of one having "the wisdom of Solomon". It was he who was recorded as observing,

"What does man gain by all the toil at which he tolls under the sun? A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. The sun rises and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises. The wind blows to the south, and goes round to the north; round and round goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns. All streams run to the sea. but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow. there they flow again. All things are full of weariness: a man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. What has been is what will be. and what has been done is what will be done; and there is nothing new under the sun. Is there a thing of which it is said, see, this is new? It has been already, in the ages before us."

These were the comments of one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all history who had tested and experienced every physical and material happiness the world had to offer. Solomon's words are recorded in the Old Testament. There are many today who disregard this portion of the Holy Bible as being only a collection of unreliable folks legends. It must have been particularly puzzling to such people to have observed on world-wide television a few weeks ago two of the world's foremost political leaders affirm their belief in those Old Testament scriptures. I refer to Menachem Begin, Prime Minister of Israel, and Anwar Sadat, President of Egypt, each affirming his common ancestry through the Jewish patriarch Abraham — Mr. Begin through Abraham's son, Isaac, and Mr. Sadat through Abraham's son, Ishmael. And again, it was this same Solomon that we spoke of earlier out of the Old Testament who, as he neared the end of his life, had these conclusions for us,

"The sayings of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings which are given by one Shepherd. My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh. The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil."

One of the most important functions of the legal profession in this country is the safeguarding of our cherished freedoms. One of the most highly regarded of those freedoms is the freedom to worship God and it has been so since the origin of our nation.

The Mayflower Compact, that first document of the new world, begins in this way: "Having undertaken for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith. ...."

At the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787, Benjamin Franklin arose and addressed George Washington in the chair with these words:

"Mr. President, the small progress we have made after five weeks is melancholy proof of the imperfection of human understanding. We. . . feel our own want of political wisdom since we have been running all about in search of it. We have gone back to ancient history for models of government. . . and we have viewed modern states all around Europe, but find none of their constitutions suitable in our circumstance.

I have lived a long time, and the longer I live the more convincing proof I see. . . that God governs in the affairs of men . . . We have been assured, sir, in the sacred writings, that 'except the Lord build a house, they labor in vain that build it'.

I firmly believe this and I also believe that without this concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the buildings of Babel; we shall be divided . . . our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and byword to future ages. . . I therefore beg leave to move:

That hereafter prayers, imploring the assistance of Heaven and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business . . ."

From that moment, the assembly began to make progress in the framing and adoption of the Constitution.

The great jurist Oliver Wendell Holmes is quoted as saying, "We have a right to be proud of our Pilgrim and Puritan fathers. They were ready to do and to suffer anything for their faith, and a faith which breeds heroes is better than an unbelief which leaves nothing worth being a hero for."

Woodrow Wilson cautioned, "A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we came from or what we have been about."

And so down through the 200 years of this country's history, the great and wise men have reaffirmed their faith in and reliance on Almighty God — Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Wilson, Ford, Carter and so many more.

Certainly as we lawyers and our predecessors have worked for the preservation of freedom in this country — including the freedom to worship Almighty God — we have been engaged in a worthy work.

And although I would not think of imposing my views on any of you loved ones, it is my personal belief that the God whom we as a nation have so long proclaimed has once and for all abolished the threat of death for those of us who believe in His unique begotten and resurrected son, Jesus Christ. To the families and friends of those of our 22 brothers and sisters who share this faith, a memorial service such as this, or the recent service for Senator Hubert Humphrey, is not a funeral service but a commencement exercise. They have received the fulfillment of God's promises to them. We need not worry. There was an eternal purpose to the work that they performed as lawyers as there is for us. We need not worry. His provision is more than adequate. Praise God.

#### JAMES D. BAIN

#### July 4, 1894 — October 13, 1977

James D. Bain was born in Oxford, Wisconsin. He attended Carleton College and received his law degree from the University of Minnesota in 1921. He practiced law in Minnesota for more than fifty years, retiring in 1972 as a sole practitioner. He served in the United States Navy in World War I.

He was married to his wife Myrtle, who with their son James S. Bain and three grandchildren survive him. Mr. and Mrs. Bain celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on June 11, 1977. Travel, reading and bridge were his hobbies. He was a life member Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. He was a charter member of the Christ Presbyterian Church of Edina.

The coming into life and the ultimate leaving are events that no one ordinarily has much control over. But between these two events our departed brother practitioners of the law have made in their faithful devotion meritorious contributions to their chosen profession. This is significantly true of our departed and cherished member of our local, state and American Bar Association, James D. Bain.

He served faithfully those who trusted so implicitly in his character and great ability as litigants and clients, and yet he gave so generously and faithfully of his time and talents to his chosen life's work and these associations dedicated to the high ideals of our important profession.

Jimmy Bain, as he was affectionately known to his fellow lawyers, served so faithfully and with distinction as President of our Hennepin County Bar Association. He also served as President and in other capacities of the Minnesota State Bar Association. He was active in civic and fraternal activities. His great and wholesome sense of humor applied to his able leadership and efforts made all of us proud of such a true and able friend and associate. We will long revere his memory. As members of the legal profession we will be further motivated to emulate the great contributions of a great man.

As the poet Longfellow so beautifully wrote:

Lives of great men all remind us We can make our lives sublime, And, departing, leave behind us Footprints on the sands of time.

JUDGE THOMAS TALLAKSON

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# ALF L. BERGERUD

### February 2, 1899 — February 15, 1977

Alf Bergerud, best known for his corporate and legislative accomplishments, was an excellent lawyer. He possessed the great ability of getting to the heart of an issue quickly.

During most of his professional life he served as Vice President and General Counsel of Red Owl Stores, winding up that career as its president. In this span, the company's sales rose from 10 million a year to almost half a billion, placing it among the top 40 retail organizations in the United States. Since his responsibilities included store site selection, he was entitled to a substantial part of the credit. After leaving Red Owl he joined the Gray, Plant, Mooty & Anderson firm, with whom he was associated until his death.

There have been other instances of Minnesota lawyers becoming successful businessmen but Alf's situation was novel. Not only did his Board of Directors permit him to serve in the Minnesota Legislature but he was also uniquely appealing to voters. In 34 years as a legislator he was elected from three separate House and two Senate Districts.

Files of the Minneapolis newspapers contain hundreds of clippings concerning his accomplishments. A substantial number refer to years of fighting for reapportionment. Since this was a major issue espoused by the League of Women Voters, political writers frequently referred to him as "The Darling of the League". He thoroughly enjoyed that label. His reapportionment legislation was accomplished well in advance of the United States Supreme Court mandate, and in the face of bitter out-state opposition.

One of the reasons for his successes — a delightful sense of humor. During the 1958 election our headquarters, located at Highways 12 and 100 in Minneapolis, had a balloon roof held up by compressed air. Alf pointed out to the reporters he was one politician who openly acknowledged needing large amounts of hot air to support his campaign.

Although caucusing with the Conservatives, in many respects he defied political cataloging. He was an author of anti-pollution legislation long before the danger was recognized, constantly worked for increasing unemployment and Workmen's Compensation benefits and consistently voted to increase corporate income taxes. Alf's services as a community leader included years as head of the Multiple Sclerosis drive; consultant to the Radio Free Europe program, and a member of Plymouth Church where he served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Alf was frequently mentioned as a Republican candidate for Congress and the United States Senate but always declined. Never interested in anything that would take him away from the family and the community he loved, he was never happier than when fishing or outdoors with his sons. The huge city chaos of Washington held no appeal.

He is survived by sons Tom, John and Lee, daughter, Mary, and his widow, Helen.

We all miss him.

JUDGE NEIL RILEY

# ALEXANDER L. BEY

#### November 7, 1915 — September 25, 1977

Alex was born in Hawley, Minnesota and at an early age moved to Minneapolis. After graduating from Roosevelt High School in 1933, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Law Degree from the University of Minnesota in June of 1940. He graduated from the Minneapolis-Minnesota College of Law with a Bachelor of Law Degree in June of 1948. He was admitted to practice before the Minnesota Supreme Court on November 5, 1948.

On February 16, 1942 Alex commenced his career as an adjuster with Employers Insurance of Wausau. He advanced to assistant claim manager, to trial attorney and the last nine years he was legal manager until his retirement on March 31, 1976. He served in all officer capacities in the Twin Cities Claim Association. He taught Insurance Law and Creditor's Remedies for 10 years while on the faculty of the Minneapolis-Minnesota College of Law and was elected as a corporate member of the William Mitchell College of Law. He was a lecturer in the Continuing Legal Education Program at the University of Minnesota. He was considered by many to be one of the foremost authorities on Insurance Law and Workers' Compensation Law. Alex was a member and subsequently the chairman of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Workers' Compensation; was a member and subsequently chairman of the Workers' Compensation Bar Committee: was a member of the Hennepin County Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee; was appointed by Governor Freeman as Special Legal Consultant to the Advisory Committee on Handicapped, Gifted and Exceptional Children; was a member and officer of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; was a member of the American Legion; and was a member and trustee of the Church of Christ the Redeemer, 5440 Penn Avenue South.

Alex was very active in professional and civic affairs and from those activities grew a wide circle of friends. Despite his many outside activities, he was a devoted husband and father. His primary recreational activities were playing golf, flower gardening and reading. His ability to memorize was a great asset to him throughout his illustrious career. Many of his friends and acquaintances remember his great sense of humor — never was without an appropriate story or joke.

Alex served honorably in the Army as a combat infantryman from November 18, 1942 to December 12, 1945. He saw combat in France and Germany and was separated as a sergeant. He married, Adree Larson, on June 14, 1944 in Minneapolis. He left surviving his wife and three sons, Lawrence, Sheldon, Randolph and one daughter, Sara.

Shortly after his retirement, Alex and Adree moved to Brownsville, Texas. They returned to Bloomington, Minnesota on September 3, 1977. Alex returned so that he could be with his family and friends. Unfortunately, his unexpected demise on September 25, 1977 prevented the actual fulfillment of his dream for a lengthy retirement in his community of friends. As one friend so aptly stated, "Everybody lost a friend."

**GERARD J. OCHS** 

# HARRY E. BOYLE

#### June 16, 1891 — November 30, 1977

Harry E. Boyle was born on June 16, 1891 at Merrillan, Wisconsin. He graduated from the Mitchell College of Law and upon graduation, opened a law practice at Lake Benton, Minnesota.

He was a quarterback in college during his pre-law work, and played with the Ripon, Macalester and St. Thomas College football teams.

Mr. Boyle was County Attorney for St. Louis County at Duluth, Minnesota for thirteen years, and was appointed Minnesota State Tax Commissioner by Floyd B. Olson in 1933. He served in this capacity for seven years, at which time he retired into private practice until his retirement in 1961. Prior to his retirement, he officed with John Halloran in the Minnesota Federal Building.

Mr. Boyle left surviving his wife, Olive E. Boyle, and daughter, Mrs. Kermit (Floramae) Johnson, St. Louis Park. He also left three grandchildren Mrs. Douglas A. (Patricia) Hall, Mrs. H. Blake (Mary Jo) Holman, and Dennis Boyle Johnson.

During his lifetime, besides being a member of the County and State Bar Associations, Harry was an honorary life member of the Knights of Columbus, past Exhalted Ruler of the B.P.O. Elks, Lodge #44, and was a member of St. Richards Catholic Church in Richfield, Minnesota.

During his lifetime Harry was an inveterate sports fan and during his retired years, enjoyed his lake cottage on Minnow Lake near Danbury, Wisconsin.

Harry was a skilled attorney in tax matters, particularly relating to the ad valorem taxes covering the taxing of mineral lands and royalties. He had a wonderful Irish humor, and was well-loved by his family, clients and associates.

**ROBERT L. SPEETER** 

# NAZARD M. COURSOLLE

# April 28, 1887 — July 18, 1977

Nazard M. Coursolle was born in Little Canada, the eighth child in a family of twelve, all of whom he survived. He had been a practicing attorney for half a century, and a member of the American Bar Association since 1922.

His love of law was sparked while he was private secretary to Frank B. Kellogg from 1913-1917. During that four year period he attended the St. Paul College of Law at night and was admitted to the bar in 1917.

In the early 1920s Naz and Judge Charles Burke Elliot, formerly Judge of the Minnesota Supreme Court, formed the partnership of Elliot & Coursolle. The partnership continued until the Judge died in 1935, at which time Naz became associated with Wilhelm C. Preus and Helmuth E. Maag in the general practice of law in the firm of Coursolle, Preus & Maag.

In 1924 he founded Ben Franklin Federal Savings & Loan and was elected President of the association in 1945. He did not actively manage the association until 1953, at which time he retired from the private practice of law. He managed the association until 1965 when it merged with Minneapolis (now Midwest) Federal Savings & Loan. During the 12 year period he managed the association, its assets grew from 10 million to 50 million.

Throughout the years Naz was active in various civic, business, and religious organizations. He was co-chairman of the Dakota-Minnesota chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, president of the Lake Harriet Court of Honor, Boy Scouts of America, president of the Seton Guild, Chairman of the Twin Cities Savings and Loan Council, president of the Minnesota Savings and Loan League, director of the United States Savings and Loan League and Director Emeritus of Midwest Federal Savings and Loan Association. He was a member of the Minneapolis Athletic Club for 50 years and lectured at the Minneapolis College of Law for 12 years.

For many years he was a member of the Royal Society of the Arts, founded in 1754 for the encouragement of art, manufactures, and commerce. For several years he was the Honorary Corresponding Member of the Society for Minnesota and was instrumental in establishing a program at the University of Minnesota for awarding annually the society's silver medal to a worthy candidate. His keen sense of humor and zest for life was appreciated by all who knew him. He was active all his life and waited until his 87th year for his hole in one.

Mr. Coursolle is survived by his wife, Rocena (Teen), and two children, Joan and Guy, and nine grandchildren. He is deeply missed by his family and many friends.

**GUY G. COURSOLLE** 

[ A biographical sketch of Nazard Coursolle was published in Theodore Christianson, 4 *Minnesota: The Land of Sky-tinted Waters* 332-333 (1935)]

# LESLEY CAROLINE PETERSON CRECELIUS

### August 31, 1943 — April 24, 1977

Lesley Caroline Peterson Crecelius was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, and lived there until she and her unborn son became the victims of an auto accident last April. She is survived by her husband, Samuel G. Crecelius, also an attorney; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Peterson of St. Paul; and her in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Crecelius, Sr. of Panama City, Florida.

She graduated from the University of Minnesota with a political science major in 1966, received her law school degree from the same institution in 1969, and was admitted to practice In October of that year. A member of the Ramsey County Bar Association and the Minnesota State Bar Association, she worked with the Inheritance and Gift Tax Division of the State of Minnesota from February to November, 1970; then as an estate tax attorney for the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Treasury Department from November 1970 to November 1974. She joined the firm of Thomsen, Nybeck, Herbst & Johnson, P.A., Edina, in January 1975 and was employed there at the time of her death. She was also on the Mendota Heights Planning Commission and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of South St. Paul.

Lesley was a friend and business associate that will always be happily remembered. Her death came as a shock, followed by a real sense of loss not only by associates and friends, but clients.

Lesley was one of the most intelligent women I have known. She had great expertise in her area of the law, and thoroughly enjoyed working with clients. She possessed a sense of humor matched by few, and was a beautiful, caring person who brightened the day of many. We are very grateful to have known her.

Throughout the years she spent in government service and private practice, she was thorough, yet fair and friendly in her dealings. Her untimely death cut short what promised to be a very successful career in Tax Law. Both professionally and personally, she will be deeply missed.

HELGE THOMSEN

# **ARTHUR B. GEER**

### December 27, 1908 — September 20, 1977

Arthur B. Geer, eminent and distinguished trial lawyer, died on September 20, 1977.

Art received his B. A. degree from Hamline University and his J. D. degree from the University of Minnesota. Following his admission to the Minnesota bar in 1933, Art entered the practice of law with the firm of Freeman, King and Geer. From 1945 until his retirement in 1974 he was a member of the firm now known as Meagher, Geer, Markham, Anderson, Adamson, Flaskamp and Brennan.

Art was a trial lawyer of consummate skill, a true advocate who represented each client with vigor and to the best of his very considerable ability. He had an incisive mind that went directly to the crux of the problem and a phenomenal memory that retained almost verbatim great segments of testimony. He also had a healthy respect for the value of careful preparation and, armed with the facts, an uncanny ability to appraise the strengths and weaknesses of his client's case. Courtly and soft spoken, Art was an eloquent and concise courtroom advocate of singular persuasiveness. Nor was his excellence unremarked by the bar; Art was long a fellow of both the American College of Trail Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

When the case had been tried, Art, who was an enthusiastic golfer, happily repaired to the golf course. Art was a man of many talents and whatever he did, he did well. For example, he was a photographer of considerable artistry. He loved music and was an accomplished trumpeter and organist.

The son of a Methodist minister, Art was long active in his church and he served for several years as a member of the Commission on Missions and from 1952-1957 as a Steward of the Official Board of Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church. Art was also much interested in Hamline University and was a member of its Alumni Board, serving a term as president.

Art is survived by his wife, Marie, one son, Charles, and two grandchildren. His many friends and professional colleagues will long remember not only his dedication to the law and the brilliance with which he practiced it, but also his love of life and his grace, charm, and warmth — the human qualities of the man.

> MEAGHER, GEER, MARKHAM, ANDERSON, ADAMSON, FLASKAMP & BRENNAN

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# STANLEY SLOANE GILLAM

### November 15, 1890 — February 14, 1977

My father, Stanley Sloane Gillam, was born in Windom, Minnesota, November 15, 1890. His father was a grain merchant, banker and investor in varied business interests, as well as State Senator (1914-26) and Securities Commissioner (1927-33), but Dad was the first lawyer on his side of our family. So far as I know he never expressed the slightest interest in any other occupation than the law, to which he seem to have committed himself unequivocally while still a small boy.

Dad grew up in Windom, then attended the University of Minnesota (B.A. 1912, M.A. 1913) and Harvard Law School (J.D. 1916). He was associated with Hughes, Rounds, Schurman and Dwight in New York City 1916-18, and was admitted to the New York bar in 1917. After military service in World War I he moved to Minneapolis, becoming associated with Rome G. Brown in 1919 and being admitted to the Minnesota bar in 1920. At his death on February 14, 1977 at the age of 86, Dad still would have described himself as actively engage in the practice of law.

Elinor Hudson and Stanley S. Gillam were married in Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, on December 19, 1925. Their children are Cornelius Willet Gillam, a professor at The University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, and also a member of the Minnesota Bar; Gretchen Gillam Connolly of Springfield, Virginia; and Mary Hale Gillam Bereday of New York City. There are seven grandchildren.

Elinor Hudson Gillam continues to reside at the family home, 4410 Colfax Avenue South — only their second home in 51 years of marriage. Mother and Dad moved three blocks up the street to a larger house in 1944, but lived on Colfax Avenue South throughout their marriage. Many of the guests at their golden anniversary celebration in 1975 had been guests at their wedding.

Dad was an active member of his church and of many civic, fraternal and patriotic organizations, including Plymouth Church (Clerk, 1931-43); Congregational Laymen of Minnesota (Chairman, 1936-46); Minnesota Congregational Conference (Moderator, 1942-43, Director, 1940-46); University of Minnesota Union Board (Alumnus Member, 1931-41); Deta Chi Corporation of Minnesota (Director, 1921-51); Franklin Public Hospital (Trustee and Secretary); Sons of the American Revolution; Society of Mayflower Descendants, Iron Wedge, Scabbard and Blade, American Legion, and others. In his later years Dad was an active Mason (32°, Shriner). He belonged to the Hennepin County, Minnesota State, and American Bar Associations. He was a charter member of The Grafil Club and maintained memberships in the Six O'Clock Club, the University Clubs of Minneapolis and Chicago, and the Harvard Club of New York City.

Dad was a powerfully inner-directed man, unreceptive to advice and rarely inclined to give much weight to the opinions of those who saw the world differently. A rugged individualist and always conservative in outlook, he was basically a man who in age looked to the past. His omnivorous reading in American history and other fields, combined with his loquacity and neartotal recall, made him a sage to those who shared his interests, and kept him busy as a public speaker. He became an excellent genealogist. His tenacity, his capacity for legal logic, and his self-confidence in the soundness of his closely-reasoned positions made him a very able lawyer.

**CORNELIUS W. GILLAM** 

# ARTHUR G. HALLGRAIN

# October 16, 1887 — November 12, 1977

Arthur George Hallgrain was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. At the time of his death at Santa Clara, California last November he had reached the age of 90.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mamie, who died in February, 1968. He is survived by his stepdaughter, Maxine (Mrs. Dr. R. F. Kendall) of San Jose, California, and four step-grandchildren.

Arthur Hallgrain received his legal education at the University of Minnesota class of 1925. He was admitted to practice in Minnesota in 1926 and on June 18, 1976 he was honored at a special luncheon of the Board of Governors of the Minnesota State Bar Association, along with several others, and received the association's 50 year Senior Counsel Certificate. He returned to Minneapolis for that occasion. Although he retired from practice in 1967 and moved to California in 1969 he still retained his membership in the Minnesota and Hennepin County Bar Association until the time of his death.

Arthur engaged in the general practice of law as a sole practitioner. Much of his work was related to probate and real property matters. He officed early in the Metropolitan Life Building and later, for several years, in the Midland Bank Building. At the time he retired he officed with John C. DeMoss in the First National Bank Building. During the years in the Midland Bank Building he shared a suite with Moore, White & Burd and was a familiar figure in the lower level of that building at noontime having lunch with Ralph Parker, Sr., A. J. Casey and others. A group of the building's attorneys would gather at Christmas at which time Arthur wrote what he called poems. He was given the title of Midland Bank Poet Laureate.

Arthur Hallgrain was a long time member of Lynnhurst Congregational Church in Minneapolis and his fine voice was an important part of the church choir. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite Choir for many years.

He was a member of Lynnhurst Lodge No. 317 A F & AM and in 1969 he transferred his membership to Liberty Blue Lodge No. 299 in Santa Clara, California. He received his 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite May 25, 1946.

In the nineteen sixties when he resided at 4328 Dupont Avenue South in Minneapolis, he and his wife, Mamie, were known to their neighbors as

diligent and gifted gardners. His special interest was dahlias and he and Mamie watched over the tall and colorful plants with very good results. In the recent years at Santa Clara, Arthur was again a part of his church's choir at 1st Presbyterian Church, and the choir's presence was a beautiful part of the memorial service there that followed his death.

Arthur Hallgrain was esteemed by those who knew him as a successful lawyer. And in addition those who came in touch with him seemed to be attracted by his positive and outreaching personality and accepted his warm spirit and goodwill.

PAUL BURD

# **ROBERT P. HARRIMAN**

#### November 15, 1917 — May 9, 1977

Robert P. Harriman was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was educated at the University of Minnesota, Harvard University and William Mitchell College of Law. After admission to the Minnesota State Bar in 1950, he practiced law in Minneapolis for one year, and then established his practice in Hopkins, Minnesota in 1952 and continued there as a dedicated sole practitioner until his death.

He had a strong sense of civic responsibility. Some of his accomplishments include a municipal judge from 1958 through 1960, Hopkins Councilman from 1960 to 1970, Hopkins Library Board, Suburban Chamber of Commerce and various other activities. He devoted countless hours to each of these activities and never seemed to tire of doing constructive things for other members of his community. Many times after spending late hours at meetings, he would still be at his desk bright and cheerful the next morning to meet the needs of his clients with skill and helpfulness. He was a completely devoted man to his responsibilities. No task was too small or too large for him to accept and perform well. Each task and duty was as important to him as it was to his clients and community. The time he spent in helping others can never be counted or ascertained.

Even with all of this time spent for others, he did not take away from the time, love and devotion to his wife, Betty, son, Tim, and daughter, Susan. He was always concerned as to their needs and made special efforts for each of them as he had a special love for each of them, which they in turn richly returned to him. This gave him the great strength everyone needs to meet the problems of each day, which seems in our society, to become more complicated as the time goes by. They were a very close family and his leaving will be a loss that only time can heal but not erase.

All who knew him will remember him as a dedicated, enthusiastic, hard working lawyer who loved his work and loved life. It can truly be said of Robert P. Harriman that he helped his fellow man.

**HOWARD HARVEY** 

# HENRY W. HAVERSTOCK, SR.

## March 27, 1894 — September 26, 1977

Mr. Haverstock, a lifelong resident of Minneapolis, was the son of a Nova Scotian from Hammond Plains, Nova Scotia (near Halifax), who founded a barrel-making company in Minneapolis.

Mr. Haverstock helped finance has way through the University of Minnesota (from which he obtained his L.L.B. degree) by selling books to farmers. He was invited to begin work at the old Kingman, Cross law firm in 1916, starting there as an office boy. Except for service in the Armed Forces in France in World War I of somewhat over a year during which period he rose to the rank of second lieutenant in the artillery, he served continually in the firm from that time until his death at age 83, although he retired from full time service for health reasons several years before his death. He rose to become senior partner of the firm, now known as Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty and Bennett, and continued until his death to maintain an office with the firm serving there in an active and advisory capacity and spending part of two or more days a week there until some eight months before his death. He was widely respected and admired for his fairness, integrity, judgment, hard work, loyalty and high business and personal standards, as well as his warm sense of humor.

Mr. Haverstock was an avid hunter of geese, ducks, pheasants, and other game birds, and an active lifelong fishing enthusiast. He traveled widely, his trips including travels around the world, to the South Pacific and Australia, Africa, Europe, Alaska, and many more. He developed an active interest in photography and often presented film showings to civic and social groups. Another of his active interests was the raising of roses. He was an active gardener all of his adult years.

Mr. Haverstock was a long-time member of the Lufbery Post and Minneapolis Club. He became deeply immersed in the work of Sister Kenny and helped finance her stay in this country so that his son, Henry, could receive her treatment, and he helped to launch the Sister Kenny Institute and Foundation, whose work has grown over the years. He maintained an active interest in a number of civic and charitable endeavors, such as the Y.M.C.A., Courage Center, and others.

Married to Catherine Barker, who preceded him in death by two years and one day, three of his five surviving children are attorneys, two in Minnesota and one in St. Louis, Missouri, as a patent attorney. His only daughter, Mrs. James (Laura) Miles is a member of the Minnesota Bar Association. Surviving sons are Henry, Jr. and James E., Minneapolis, Charles B., St. Louis, and Nathan A., Arlington, Virginia.

He maintained an active lifelong interest in young people. Memorials in his name were directed to two of his lifelong interests, Dunwoody Industrial Institute and the law school Partners in Excellence program.

HENRY HAVERSTOCK, JR.

# CHESTER D. JOHNSON

## January 18, 1915 — February 17, 1977

Chester D. Johnson was born in Cherokee, Iowa, and completed his early education there. He often returned to Cherokee during his adult life to visit his parents and family. His father practiced medicine in that Iowa town until he was into his eighties and Chet envied the longevity of his professional life.

Chet attended Carleton College, earned a bachelor of science degree from Northwestern University in 1936, and his law degree from the same institution in 1939. From 1939 to 1941, he was with the United States Department of Justice, Anti-Trust Division, in Chicago. In 1941, he entered the United States Navy, serving in naval intelligence until 1945.

Following his discharge from the service, Chet came to Minneapolis and entered the private practice of law, specializing in the trial of civil cases. A quiet and unpretentious man, he nevertheless gained the high respect of his fellow trial lawyers and of judges because of his unusual skills as an advocate. He was meticulous in his preparation of cases, scholarly in his approach to the law, and a gentleman at all times.

After several years as a sole practitioner, he formed a partnership with Mr. Ernest Rich and moved across the counsel table to the defense side of personal injury cases. Chet was equally successful in that specialized area of the law and their partnership prospered until the death of Mr. Rich in 1961. He then joined the partnership of Rider, Bennett & Egan and remained very active in the practice of law until the last month of his life. He particularly enjoyed his membership in the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association. He kept in close touch with his law school classmates and often returned to Northwestern University for reunions. His friendships with lawyers, particularly trial lawyers, were enduring and particularly sustaining to him during his last illness.

Chet was an avid golfer. He found great enjoyment in regular games with his friends at the Wayzata Country Club and at the Alexandria Country Club, close to his summer home. Through his children he acquired an interest in skiing which occupied much of his recreational time during the winter months for almost 20 years. Ski trips with his sons and daughter were a high point of each year for him.

The younger lawyers with whom Chet worked always found him to be generous with his time, patient and considerate in extending assistance and advice whenever it was needed. He was an industrious and loyal partner who loved the practice of law. He will be remembered with great affection and missed by all of us.

WILLIAM T. EGAN

# **CLARENCE O. JOHNSON**

#### February 10, 1899 — November 4, 1977

Clarence O. Johnson was born in Hallock, Minnesota, He graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1923, and was admitted to practice that year. He engaged in the active practice of his profession in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from that date until a few days before he passed away. Mr. Johnson was a sole practitioner, engaged in general practice for over 53 years. He was truly a craftsman and enjoyed wide respect from lawyers and judges in the field of real estate, probate law and condemnation proceedings.

Clarence was a very modest and conservative person who, regardless of how busy he may be, would sit and discuss the intricacies of law with lawyers and clients, and lend his counsel and advice, without the least hesitation. He was always a hard-working man and would devote his time and effort to the benefit of the clients and their interests. Perhaps no one in my lifetime has impressed me more with his absolute honesty and integrity and devotion to his chosen profession. One of his sayings was that a lawyer must not only be honest and fair but demonstrate that by actions and documents. Although a tireless worker, and a kind and considerate person, Mr. Johnson was unafraid and not hesitant to take a stand in a Court proceedings or otherwise to protect and advance the interests of his clients or their cause.

Mr. Johnson was truly a dedicated husband and father. He was married for 53 years to his wife Marjorie, and they had two daughters. Clarence was proud of his family and his five grandchildren, and his dedication and love for them was a rare and gratifying thing to see. His family always came first and their interests were paramount in his planning.

Mr. Johnson lived a modest life and enjoyed high school and college sports. He has attended University of Minnesota football games since 1920, as well as Gopher basketball games. He was equally concerned and appreciative of high school sports.

Clarence also enjoyed golf and I have played many, many times with him. He was always ready to play, business and family obligations permitting. He devoted as much study and dedication to that game as he did to his profession and family, and was always a gentleman on the course which was so characteristic of him. Mr. Johnson will be sorely missed by friends and lawyers; I can honestly say that I have never known anyone for whom I had more respect. A true gentleman whose passing will leave a vacuum in the lives of many.

I feel fortunate to have had the privilege of associating with him for over 20 years of practice.

WILLIAM E. CROWDER

# **RAYMOND SPAULDING LAMMERS**

# October 4, 1891 — April 13, 1977

Heron Lake, Minnesota became the birth place of Raymond Spaulding Lammers on October 4, 1891.

The family name, Lammers, is well established in Minnesota history having been represented by pioneers, lumbermen and professional men. Raymond Lammers' grandfather, William Frederick Lammers, immigrated to Minnesota in 1848 from Hanover, Germany. William F. Lammers laid the first road between Stillwater and Taylors Falls in 1849 and shortly thereafter, established a ferry for transportation across the St. Croix River near Marine.

He married Helen Nelson, who then had the distinction of being the first Swedish lady to be married in the territory of Minnesota. The William Lammers estate near Taylors Falls was the sight of one of the last battles between the Chippewa and Sioux tribes and part of the Lammers property became sacred burial grounds for those killed in the battle.

Louis F. Lammers, father of this Minneapolis attorney, was a lawyer by profession having studied in a private office to gain his certification. He practiced for twenty years at Heron Lake and then for eighteen years as a member of the Minneapolis Bar. He served a term as Superintendent of Schools and two terms as County Attorney of Jackson County. Raymond Spaulding Lammers grew up in Heron Lake, Minnesota and was educated in its public schools. He enrolled in the University of Minnesota, but his undergraduate education was interrupted by World War I. Raymond Lammers enlisted and became a member of the Three Hundred Thirtyseventh Field Artillery. At the conclusion of the war he was discharged with a rank of a sergeant. Mr. Lammers returned to the University of Minnesota and graduated in 1920 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Mr. Lammers then matriculated in the Law School of the University of Minnesota earning his law degree and admission to the Bar in 1922.

For nine years Mr. Lammers served as an attorney in the legal department of the Minneapolis Trust Company. He later engaged in the general practice of law in Minneapolis, and then was employed as a title attorney by the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul. He re-entered the general practice of law in Minneapolis. He had made a specialty of real estate and mortgage law, and is credited by his colleagues as having made a marked influence in the development of that area of law in Minnesota. Raymond Lammers married Gertrude Nesbitt on June 30, 1934. Gertrude Nesbitt Lammers was born in Bloomington, Minnesota and a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

Raymond Lammers continued his family legacy to Minnesota through his prominent and distinguished service to his community. He was an active member of the Republican Party and a long standing member of the Administrative Board of the Wesley United Methodist Church.

Mr. Lammers suffered a massive stroke on the last night of a cruise to the West Indies which he had taken with his wife. He died on April 13, 1977 at the age of 85. Up until the time of his death, he served and contributed to both his community and his profession. He was one of the very few attorneys with the dedication, stamina and competence to have served his profession and Minneapolis Bar for over fifty years. His mastery of law and selfless dedication to his clients will be greatly missed. The current members of the Bar owe a great deal to Raymond Spaulding Lammers for the contribution he has made to the credit of our profession.

**ROBERT L. HENRETTA** 

# **CALVIN J. LOOS**

#### February 4, 1906 — September 27, 1977

Calvin J. Loos was a honor graduate from Carleton College in 1926. His life long employment has been with the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, serving as a Certified Professional Engineer. He obtained his law degree from the Minneapolis College of Law in 1956 and was admitted to practice in the State of Minnesota and was licensed to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Calvin J. Loos was very active in various engineering societies. He had a very good scholarly mind well adapted to understanding the abstract principles of two areas of intellectual endeavor and achievement — these being in the areas of engineering and law. He extended his interest into law during the later years of his long employment with Northwestern Bell Telephone Company. His great joy was in music. He had a fine base voice and for many years was very active as a soloist in his church; he was a prominent member of the Minneapolis Apollo Club and for many years sang with the Zuhrah Shrine Temple Chanters.

His underlying dominant interest in life was that of a scholar for which he appeared to subordinate economic interests. His intellectual talent is very much immortalized in his daughter, Mrs. Richard (Jackie) Oliver and through her his four grandchildren will surely benefit as residuary beneficiaries of his talents.

No one of any achievement passes this life time without leaving many bequests be they only warm and stimulating memories of engaging conversations and intellectual departures into areas for the pleasure of discourse not for the purpose of airing differences.

Calvin J. Loos was a private person with a gregarious nature. Though memory is a short lived thing the immortality of Calvin J. Loos will be made apparent through his grandchildren, the precious family lines which he treasured.

LEO GREGORY

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# **GUNNAR HANS NORDBYE**

### February 4, 1880 — November 5, 1977

Gunnar Nordbye was born in Urskog, Norway February 4, 1880 and was brought to this country by his mother the same year. He spent his childhood in Montivedo and Granite Falls in western Minnesota and served for two years as a teacher in a rural school in Yellow Medicine County. He then attended the University of Minnesota and graduated from its law school in 1912. He practiced law in Minneapolis until his appointment as a Minneapolis Municipal Judge in 1922. In 1925, he was appointed to the Hennepin County District Court Bench where he served until his appointment in 1931 as United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota. He served with great distinction on the federal court bench for forty-six years until his death on November 5, 1977.

Judge Nordbye was married in 1915 to Eleanor Pfeiffer who predeceased him. He leaves two sons, Rodger and Richard both practicing lawyers in Minneapolis.

Judge Nordbye was an outstanding Judge and remarkable person. He had a warm friendly manner and was highly respected and admired. Honorable Harry A. Blackman, now Justice of the United States Supreme Court, said of him:

A Judge, as such, is probably either, on the one hand, respected, or on the other, endured or disliked. I think it is rare when a Judge, as such, is regarded with affection. The very nature of his duties tends to prohibit this. But when affection does appear, it is because of the person underneath that judicial robe. All of these, respect, honor, affection and love are obviously lodged in Judge Nordbye.

During his combined fifty-five years of Judicial service in state and federal courts, Judge Nordbye earned the respect of fellow judges, lawyers and members of the public.

Gunnar Nordbye loved the outdoors and his garden. One of his long time hunting and fishing companions, the late Wilfred E. Rumble of St. Paul, said:

Since his boyhood, Gunnar has spent much time in our fields and forests and on our lakes and rivers. He loves flowers and trees and birds and animals and actually knows a great deal about all of them. He is an excellent shot and throws a fine fly. He casts off his judicial trappings when he goes fishing or hunting and carries his share of the load on such trips, whether it be washing dishes, cooking, rowing, hauling luggage, or what not.

Judge Nordbye had many outside interests. He was active in masonic bodies and served as Grand Master of Minnesota Masons. He was an avid reader on a wide variety of subjects, followed closely affairs of government and politics, and was a most agreeable conversationalist.

Judge Nordbye lived a full and constructive life. He loved his family and friends.

It is fair to say that most judges are fairminded men who adequately discharge the duties of their office. Within the family of Judges, however, we have an elite class of men who by their superior competence, exceptional devotion to duty, and by their constantly reaching out beyond the usual norm to find and administer the law in the noblest tradition of American justice, earn for themselves, the classification of outstanding Judge. Judge Nordbye was one of these. We will always remember him with admiration and love.

JUDGE EDWARD J. DEVITT

# W. HARLAN PERBIX

#### January 29, 1922 — December 4, 1977

W. Harlan Perbix was born January 29, 1922 in Hopkins, Minnesota. A graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School, he opened legal offices in Hopkins in 1948. Three years later he entered into partnership with the late Russell Carroll. At the time of his death, he was the senior partner in the firm known as Perbix, Harvey, Simons & Thorfinnson, P.A.

He was past president of Hopkins Rotary, a member of the Masonic Lodge, Minnesota State Bar Association, American Bar Association, Hennepin County Bar Association, Hopkins VFW and the American Legion. He was the first president and one of the founders of Chapel View Nursing Home and at the time of his death still served as a director of that organization. He held a directorship in the First National Bank of Hopkins, Island View Country Club and the Delta Dental Insurance Company.

He served as Mayor of Hopkins from 1950 to 1959. Under his administration, Hopkins residents saw many civic improvements completed. For 14 years, he served on the Hopkins Planning Commission. He was active in Eden Prairie community affairs for over twenty years as City Attorney.

Surviving him are his wife, Ethel, daughter, Pamela Folk, grandson Anders Folk, son, Terry Perbix, mother, Esther Perbix, and brother, Clarence Perbix.

Harlan had many admirable qualities which brought him many, many friends. He was gifted and successful in his chosen profession. Everyone who knew him as a lawyer respected his excellence in that field.

If you met him once, he would be your friend, as you could not escape his friendly, honest and open manner. His genuine love for people made him a friend to many and an enemy to none. He had a way of seeing good qualities in people and by his quiet and sincere manner, he was able to bring the best out of people. He could accept individuals as they were and not try to impose his will on them, but somehow they were touched by Harlan and gained by the association. All who knew him as a friend or associate recognized his contribution.

Although our lives are better because we knew Harlan Perbix, we will miss him greatly.

HOWARD E. HARVEY ROSS L. THORFINNSON

# SAMUEL L. SCHEINER

### September 22, 1908 — April 7, 1977

Samuel L. Scheiner was born in Minneapolis, the youngest of six children. Upon graduation from Central High School, he enrolled at the University of Minnesota, working his way through pre-law and the Law School by playing the piano with his own band. Graduating from the Law School in 1930, in the depth of the depression, he was employed for two years as an investigator with the State Board of Law Examiners, and then engaged in the private practice of law for several years.

In 1933 he was married to Sally Levenson. He leaves surviving him, his wife, Sally, a son, James Scheiner, a daughter, Susan Druskin, and four grandchildren.

In 1939 Sam Schemer began a long career as Executive Director of the Minnesota Jewish Council. During that time he was a leader in the fight against religious and racial bigotry. He served in the United States Army from 1944 to 1946, and saw combat with an artillery unit in the Leyte and Okinawa campaigns of World War II.

Upon discharge from the Army In 1946, Sam returned to his position with the Minnesota Jewish Council, performing educational, public relations, and community relations work. By then, the name of the organization had been changed to Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota. Aside from a brief hiatus in another position, he served as Executive Director of the Council for a period of 35 years, retiring at age 66, in 1974.

His period of retirement was short-lived. He had scarcely retired when, in September, 1974, he was appointed as the first Executive Director of the newly-created Minnesota Crime Victims Reparations Board. He served in that capacity until just a few days before his death on April 7, 1977. Even though he had then again "retired," he was about to start a new career as a representative of the elderly, in conjunction with the office of the Hennepin County Attorney, when death prematurely claimed him.

Sam Scheiner received many honors and citations for public service as an active member of many boards and committees. To mention but a few, he was a member of the Board of the Sister Kenny Rehabilitation Institute, the Minneapolis Urban Coalition, the Civil Rights Committee, and the Community Relations Committee of the Minnesota State Bar Association. Lack of space makes it impossible to list all of the citations and honors presented to him during his many years of dedicated service. In 1951 Sam was cited by Governor Youngdahl as a "Most Distinguished Citizen of Minnesota and Humanitarian."

Sam Scheiner was a gadfly to the community's conscience. He was tireless in the fight to protect the rights of minorities, freedom of religion, the rights of individuals, and the separation of Church and State. He will not be forgotten.

SAMUEL I. SIGAL

# ALAN J. SCHUNK

#### August 10, 1938 — June 16, 1977

Alan Jeremy Schunk was born August 10, 1938 in Toledo, Ohio, the only child of Russell J. and Adeline S. Schunk. Alan's mother was a native Minneapolitan, and the family returned to Minneapolis in 1940 when Alan was but two years old. Al attended St. Lawrence Grade School and De LaSalle High School. He was an excellent student and won membership in the National Honor Society while at De LaSalle.

Alan loved sports. Swimming, tennis, fencing, basketball, football and baseball were all activities he enjoyed as a participant. But above all, Alan believed he had a vocation to the religious life. He belonged to the Vocations Club during his days at De LaSalle. This was an organization of high school students who were considering becoming priests or brothers. Alan wanted to leave De LaSalle and become a monk, but he was advised by the school counselors to wait until his graduation in 1957. He became a novice at the Abbey of New Melleray in Dubuque, lowa, a community of Trappist Monks. The Trappists are a contemplative order who lead a cloistered life of prayer and meditation in an atmosphere of almost complete silence. "I remember visiting the Abbey at Easter. The monks went to chapel and began praying at 7:00 P.M. When I left thoroughly exhausted at 2:00 A.M., they were still there," Alan's mother Adeline recalled.

Despite Alan's keen desire to be a monk, his health broke under the strenuous demands of this cloistered life. Thus, after two years in the monastery, Alan returned to Minneapolis. He enrolled at the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1965 with a Bachelors Degree in microbiology. He then went to work for the State Board of Health.

More and more Al's thoughts turned to the law. His father, uncle and cousin all were lawyers. Alan was twice accepted at the University of Minnesota Law School, but he hesitated to give up his daytime employment with the State Board of Health. Instead he enrolled at the William Mitchell College of Law, graduating in 1970. In his last year of law school, and for a short time after admittance to the Bar, Alan was a law clerk for attorney Thomas Burns in the Midwest Plaza Building. Alan next went to work for attorney Gerald Magee in the Midland Bank Building. Al spent the next two years with Magee's firm working as a researcher and trial lawyer, then went into practice by himself, officing in the Grain Exchange and later in the Northwest Federal Building in Minneapolis. In the Fall of 1976, Alan attended a legal seminar in San Francisco. He liked the city so well that he decided to stay on for an extended visit. On June 16, 1977, Alan's lifeless body was found near a pier not far from San Francisco's Aquatic Park. Ironically, the young lawyer, then in his 38th year, was an excellent swimmer and had won life-saving medals. Not even these skills could cope with the icy bay waters.

The memorial service was offered in the chapel at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul where Alan's mother, Adeline, had been a member of the faculty for many years. His sole survivor was his mother, Adeline. Alan's former colleague, Gerald Magee, reminisced, "Alan had an acute legal mind, was always a gentleman, and a most sensitive person. We all miss him." May he rest in peace.

JUDGE HENRY W. McCARR

# JOHN W. WINDHORST

#### June 19, 1912 — May 4, 1977

John W. Windhorst was truly an extraordinary person. He was a humble man with very broad talents and very broad interests. Most who knew him would readily agree he was a unique blend of an exceptional intellect and absolute integrity and strength of character. He had a compassion and warmth for all persons and their problems. Even more to be noted and remembered perhaps was his constant willingness to become involved, and to lead — in his profession, in his law firm, in his community, in governmental affairs and in his church. His interests ranged from the law, which he knew and practiced so well, to music and the Minnesota Orchestral Association, to the outdoors and hunting, to tennis and golf, in which he regularly and actively participated. Certainly, most to be noted in all of this was that love of his family and his faith in God were a central theme of his life.

John W. Windhorst was born at Olivia, Minnesota. He received both a B.S. degree and his L.L.B. degree from the University of Minnesota, the latter in 1935. In 1939 he married Ardus Ruth Bottge, who survived him, and they had two sons, John, Jr., a lawyer in Minneapolis, and Peter, a physician in Menlo Park, California.

John's entire legal career was spent with the law firm he headed at the time of his death, Dorsey, Windhorst, Hannaford, Whitney and Halladay. During his career he served as a director of numerous corporations, including Jostens, Inc.; Pako Corporation; Norris Dispensers, Inc.; Watkins Products, Inc.; First Southdale National Bank; Magnetic Controls Company; First National Bank of Minneapolis; First Bank System, Inc.; Northrup King & Co. He also served as Village Attorney in Edina, Minnesota from 1942-1957.

In his civic and church roles, John served willingly and with distinction as:

President of the Citizens League (1957-58; 1967-68)
Chairman of the Board, Minnesota Orchestral Association (1974-76)
President, Minneapolis Club (1971)
Chairman of the Board, Minnesota Conference, United Church of Christ (1964-69)
Board of Directors, Chicago Theological Seminary
Board of Directors, Cargill Foundation
Charter Member, Colonial Church of Edina
Member, Minnesota State Board of Human Rights
President, Minnesota Branch—United World Federalists John W. Windhorst leaves a great heritage and an outstanding example for his fellow lawyers and for his law firm. All who knew John and relied on him miss him and his counsel greatly, but all also are richer beyond words for having known him or having worked with him.

**ROBERT T. JOHNSON** 

# JOHN B. WIRT

#### December 7, 1927 — December 8, 1977

John Wirt graduated Yale Law School in 1955. He did not, however, engage in the private practice of law. I have found that some of my contemporaries who did not practice law on their own or with a firm have at times experienced frustration for "never having tried it". I did not get around to asking John if he had any regrets about that. I doubt that he would have, however, since most of what he did after graduation was concerned totally with the quality of lawyers who did practice law.

John was a pioneer. He demonstrated to the legal profession that there can be no smugness in being merely degreed. He was very effective in creating a learning environment that commanded the respect of lawyers throughout the state. He made them acutely aware there were rapidly changing legal concepts within traditional legal fields, as well as new and evolving fields — environmental law, family and welfare law, consumerism, privacy.

It is not by accident that Minnesota was the first state in the nation to accept and pass legislation making mandatory continuing legal education a requirement for lawyers. We lawyers were softened up for the mandatory requirement over a 10 year period with quality programs presented each year throughout the state. John Wirt was a major force in this effort.

From 1970 mid thereafter, through 1975, as Director of the Continuing Legal Education Center of the University of Minnesota, and working in coordination with the Minnesota State Bar Association, he was responsible for planning and implementing a statewide program. During this period over 40 programs were offered annually. The programs were self supporting through income derived from tuition fees and the sale of publications.

The manner of presenting programs was diversified with lectures, seminars, trial demonstrations and video tapes. There was even experimentation with broadcasts over the educational television network. The most recent association I had with John was when he was Director of Advanced Legal Education at Hamline University School of Law — which position he held at the time of his death.

He contacted me about planning a program developing issues of privacy, a subject he felt needed a more intensive exposure to the legal profession. What started out on a small scale, culminated with an exciting presentation February 19, 1977 on "Privacy — the Law, the Media and the Individual" at the Marquette Inn Theatre. The program was cosponsored by the Ford

Foundation and the American Society of Newspaper Editors and brought together a panel of judges from aU judicial levels, editors, reporters, publishers, lawyers, and law enforcement persons. With the aid of two skilled Harvard law professors using the Socratic Method, the issues of privacy — from conflicting viewpoints were explored and exposed. John was there throughout the planning with his encouragement, support and creative personality.

John was one of the few persons I have known who so successfully mixed a personal dedication to scholarship with the practical aspects of a lawyer's time, educational needs and finances.

He was a quiet, unassuming man, with a sharp incisive drive toward intellectual discussion. He had a wry wit which seasoned much of his dealings. He was also an accepting, nonjudgmental man. He was born in Cedar Falls, lowa on December 7, 1927. He was a young man when he died.

NORTON L. ARMOUR

# FREDERICK GORDON WRIGHT

### March 27, 1897 — August 8, 1977

F. Gordon Wright was born in Brockville, Ontario, Canada in 1897. Following High School graduation he enlisted In the Canadian Army as a Private in 1914. Serving in France during World War I with the Canadian 43rd Cameron Highlanders, he was discharged as a Captain in 1919. Returning to his family who had relocated to Minneapolis, Gordon sought U.S. citizenship while attending the former Northwest College of Law in Minneapolis, graduating L.L.B. in 1923, and was admitted to the Bar in 1925. Gordon practiced law in Hennepin County continuously for over 52 years, many as senior partner in the Minneapolis firm Wright, Wanglie and Zimmerman.

In 1923 Gordon married Clare Chirstiansen, and in 1933 his only son John Gordon was born.

Always eager to give of himself, he became active in Boy Scouting as Scoutmaster of Minneapolis Troop 98 from 1925 until 1946. He was honored with Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow, and the Silver Beaver award for distinguished service to American boyhood. Active many years in Masonry, he was Past Master of Cataract Lodge No. 2, A. F. & A. M., a member of Darius Commandry, and Zurah Temple, Shrine.

A dedicated Canadian Legion member for 53 years, since 1963 he coordinated efforts between the American and Canadian Legions to have Congress enact legislation to amend the United States Code to provide Canadian veterans living in the States reciprocal benefits equal to those of American veterans living in Canada. A Past Commander of Minneapolis Post 2, he was many years Secretary of the U.S.A. National Council, and also served as Adjutant for the District No. 9 Council of the G.L.S.C. His service to his comrades was again recognized by the posthumous presentation of a palm leaf for his Meritorious Service award at the 1977 Great Lakes States Command convention.

Gordon's political career spanned 37 years. First appointed Clerk of Judiciary by the House in 1935, he served through four sessions in the capacity, then as Chairman on Legislation for the Minnesota State Bar Association from 1944-1954. He served 1951-54 as Chief Counsel for the House Legal Bureau. In 1954 he was elected State Representative from the 36th Legislative District in Minneapolis, continuing for 18 years until his voluntary retirement from active political life in 1972.

Gordon was a man dedicated to the service of others. His enthusiastic involvement with Boy Scouting, legislative, and Canadian Legion activities, and his 52 years of active law practice can only attest to his devotion for serving his fellow man.

He is survived by his wife Clare, his son John, two grandsons Burton and Brian, by two brothers James E. of Royal Oak, Michigan, and John. H. also of Minneapolis.

Gordon believed in practicing the Golden Rule. He loved God and his fellow man. His zest for life and devotion to his ideals lives on in the memories of those of us fortunate enough to have known him.

> JOHN GORDON WRIGHT OLIVER WANGLIE MANLY A. ZIMMERMAN

# HENNEPIN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT JUDGES

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The Honorable David R. Leslie The Honorable A. Paul Lommen The Honorable Eugene Minenko The Honorable Dana Nicholson The Honorable Allen L. Oleisky The Honorable William S. Posten The Honorable Susanne C. Sedgwick The Honorable Bruce C. Stone The Honorable Crane Winton

# HENNEPIN COUNTY PROBATE COURT JUDGE

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