

STATE OF MINNESOTA
County of Norman

DISTRICT COURT
Fourteenth Judicial District

MEMORIAL SERVICE

IN MEMORY OF

LLOYD J. HETLAND

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A Memorial Service in memory of the late Lloyd J. Hetland was held in the courtroom of the Courthouse, in the Village of Ada, in the County of Norman and State of Minnesota on April 28, 1947, the opening day of the General Term of said Court in said County, the Hon. Oscar R. Knutson, Judge, presiding. Members of the Bar of the Fourteenth Judicial District and from adjoining districts were present:

The following proceedings were then had:

Judge Knutson: I believe we have a memorial service to present at this time and I will call on Mr. Vaule.

Mr. Vaule: May It Please The Court, since the last term of this Court one of our lawyer members of the bar has passed away, Lloyd J. Hetland. I was appointed Chairman of the Committee of the Fourteenth Judicial District Bar to prepare and present a Memorial. The Memorial is as follows:

"Lloyd J. Hetland was born March 14, 1892, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hetland. He attended the local school and graduated from high school in 1911. He then attended the State University at Minneapolis and the St. Paul College of Law graduating from the latter school. After being admitted to the bar he entered partnership with his father in the law business in Ada.

He entered the service during the first World War and served in the Signal Corps, receiving his discharge from

service in 1919. He resumed his practice of law here at Ada with his father, and after the death of the latter, took over the practice which he had successfully conducted since.

He served as city attorney from 1919 to 1921 and then as a member of the city council until 1926. In 1926 he was elected county attorney of Norman County and served in that capacity up to the time of his death.

Mr. Hetland took part in many local civic affairs. He was a charter member of the American Legion post formed in Ada after the close of the first World War. He was a member of the Civic and Commerce Association, of the Rod and Gun club and of the First Lutheran Church. He took an active part in the state and district bar associations in both of which he was a member, serving a term as president of the Fourteenth Judicial District Bar Association.

November 26, 1929 he was united in marriage to Miss Alpha Tvedten of Crookston. Besides Mrs. Hetand he leaves one daughter, Audrey at home, three brothers, Bennet C. of Ada, Leonard R. of Kansas City, Mo. and James L. of Minneapolis, and one sister, Mrs. C. H. Running of Evanston, Illinois.

Few men possessed to a greater degree the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens than did Mr. Hetland. Unassuming and with a well-developed trait of performing his work and duties in a thorough manner, he won the esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

The last rites for Mr. Hetland were held at the First Lutheran Church in Ada, Minnesota at 2:00 o'clock Tuesday February 11, 1947, at which a large assemblage of the citizens of Ada and surrounding territory paid their last respects to an able lawyer, a model citizen and a loving husband and father.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Fourteenth Judicial District Bar Association.

Olav E. Vaule,
Chairman"

Mr. Vaule: I now move that this Memorial be spread on the records of the Court and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

Judge Knutson: It May Be So Ordered. Are there any other members of the bar who wish to add anything to this Memorial?

Mr. L. A. Wilson: If The Court Please, I join heartily in all that has been said. I might say that it has been my pleasure to attend law school for one year with Mr. Hetland, so I have known him since he was a young man. I have seen him and talked with him often and have always found him very, very courteous, very attentive to his duties, arid worthy of the highest traditions of the profession.

Judge Knutson: Mr. Austinson --

Mr. J. B. Austinson: May It Please The Court, I knew Mr. Hetland practically all my life. Mr. Hetland and I took the Bar together and I thought a great deal of him. We were close friends and his passing was a shock especially to me.

Mr. Henry C. Stiening: May It Please The Court, it so happened that my folks moved to the Village of Felton south of here in 1910; and in those days there was no High School there so my father sent us children to Ada to get our education in the High School here. So in 1910 I entered High School here and I found Lloyd Hetland a couple of grades ahead of me. I got to know him very well as an able student, and later in the practice of law I found him to be of the highest honor in his profession. I think a lawyer is best judged by the things that people think of him and I think the highest tribute that could be paid to Lloyd Hetland is that the people of Norman County patronized him almost a hundred percent, especially during the time when he was the only lawyer here in town. The people here have not seen fit to take their work to lawyers in surrounding county seats. They have stuck by their home town product, which indicates that he has been an honorable practitioner and honest with his people and that, to my way of thinking, is the highest mark of respect that any people can pay to a man in the legal profession.

Judge Knutson: Thank you, Mr. Stiening. There is not a great deal that I can add to what you gentlemen have already said. I became acquainted with Mr. Hetland as soon as I commenced practicing law in this district, now some twenty years ago; and while I did not know Mr. Hetland probably as intimately as those of you who have lived here and in the vicinity of Ada, and have done a great deal of business here, I did learn to know him quite well. He had an unusual temperament, particularly for a lawyer. I do not think I have ever seen him when he was at all ruffled about anything. He was at all times kind in dealing with his fellow lawyers and, I am sure, with other people who came into contact with him, He was a true gentleman, His professional integrity was above reproach and I think it can be said of him that he conscientiously performed his duty toward his clients and took his full place as an honest citizen in his community. His passing has been a loss to the district; it has been a loss to the community, I am sure, and to the State of Minnesota. It will be Ordered that all of the statements made here today be made a part of the minutes of the Court and that they be transcribed and that a copy be sent to the family of Mr. Hetland.

/s/ Oscar R. Knutson

Judge Of The District Court

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