

MEMORIAL

ANDREW DAHLEN
(1891 – 1934)

RAMSEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

April 20, 1935

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For

Andrew Dahlen

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Presented by the Ramsey
County Bar Association

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Your Committee has been able to learn little of Andrew Dahlen's early life, except that he was born in Tysnes, Norway, in 1891, where his mother still resides, and where he spent his early boyhood and received his elementary education.

In 1909, at the age of eighteen years, he came to the United States coming almost directly to Saint Paul where he was destined to spend the balance of his life.

Not unlike many immigrants, he had little cash capital, but was gifted with a strong and robust physique and an undaunted determination to it prove his education and social position. He soon obtained employment with the Saint Paul City Railway Company and while working as a street car conductor he registered at Hamline University.

While pursuing his studies at Hamline, he heard the call to service, swore allegiance to the United States and enlisted in the Infantry for service in the World War. As a soldier, he served with distinction and after a period of about eighteen months he was honorably discharged with the commission of First

Lieutenant. Following his discharge he again took up his studies at Hamline University and was graduated therefrom in 1920.

The year 1920 was a memorable year for Andrew, for it was also during that year that he married Caroline Nokleby of Montevideo, whom he had met during his attendance at Hamline,

To this union, two daughters were born, Brunhild, now fourteen years of age, and Margaret, now eleven years of age. His married life was happy but brief, for in August, 1925, his wife predeceased him.

Following his graduation from Hamline he became interested in the operation of a tailor shop and while so engaged he entered the law school of the University of Minnesota graduating therefrom with a degree of Bachelor of Laws in the spring of 1924. In October, 1924, he was admitted to the Bar of the State of Minnesota and immediately entered upon the practice of his profession. He originally maintained an office at 1605 Pioneer Building, Saint Paul, Minnesota, and later became associated with David Lewis and Charlie Hayes with offices at 436 Minnesota Building, Saint Paul.

Although Andrew was a busy man, he took pleasure and a keen interest in civic and social affairs. He was a member of the Masons, the Odd Fellows and at the time of his death was president of the Supreme Lodge of the Sons of Norway. His bright and promising career was untimely brought to an end with his death following an automobile accident on July 14, 1934, at the age of forty-three years.

Andrew was a self-made man, educated in the hard school of experience, possessed of a rare and pleasing personality, ever true and loyal to his family, his profession, his clients and his host

of friends. Those whose good fortune it was to have made his acquaintance can truly say of him: “To know him was to love him.”

It is altogether fitting that we this day commemorate him and extend our sympathies to his surviving mother and daughters in their loss and in our loss.

RAMSEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

/s/ Walter T. Ryan
/s/ Joseph H. Masek
/s/ John J. Dudley
/s/ James F. Lynch

Committee



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