

A MEMORIAL

TO

VICTOR L. FIXEN

[July 10, 1886 ▪ May 5, 1956]

**HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
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**A Memorial to
VICTOR L. FIXEN,
Late of Mound, Minnesota.**

**Honorable Judges of the Court,
Members of the Hennepin County Bar
and Friends:**

It is my privilege to say a few words in memory of the late Victor L. Fixen, born in Minneapolis, the son of Ole and Hannah Fixen, July 10, 1886. Mr. Fixen departed this life on May 5, 1956, age 69 years, 9 months and 24 days. Burial was in Lakewood Cemetery.

Victor Fixen was what we might well call a world traveler. His employment as an Engineer and Attorney took him to many distant lands in the service of his employers. He gathered a wealth of knowledge from these experiences and lived a well-rounded life.

Mr. Fixen was twice married, first to Caroline who passed away some years past, but was later united in marriage with Helen Le Bare. No children were born of either union. Helen Fixen during her late husband's illness devoted unceasingly of her time and efforts to cheer and comfort him.

Mr. Fixen received two degrees from University of Minnesota, first the degree of as Engineer of Mines in 1911, and subsequently his law degree in 1918. He was admitted to practice in Minnesota and Illinois.

Shortly after his graduation from Law School Mr. Fixen and became an Instructor for the Student Army Training Corps, and taught surveying and Field mapping. In 1929 he became a lecturer at the University of Minnesota Institute of Technology. This work he carried on until his retirement.

In 1943 Mr. Fixen received a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation signed by Franklin President Franklin Delano Roosevelt for his services and in the administration of the Selective Training and Service Act. In 1946 he was appointed Captain of Infantry, Minnesota State guard.

Victor liked people, and lawyers in particular. He said one evening, while I was at his home: "I like to talk to lawyers because I understand their language."

Victor was a great booster for local civic improvements; served several terms as Mayor of the village of Island Park where he maintained in his permanent home and took active interest in the welfare of local fire departments, including the Mound Volunteer Department. He did not forget his Alma Mater, the University of Minnesota, and among other benevolences set up a scholarship fund for Engineering students. He lived a fruitful and productive life; made many real friends and was always cheerful and ever ready to listen to the viewpoint of others. His compass was set; he ran a true course.

The memory of Mr. Fixen is perhaps best epitomized in the words of an anonymous author wrote as follows: "I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being; let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it for I shall not pass this time again

Submitted and presented by Harry L. Olson, Mound, Minnesota.

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APPENDIX

The scholarship Victor Fixen established at the University was cited on page 31 of the graduation program for the "Cap and Gown Day Convocation" on May 24, 1956:

Victor L. Fixen Scholarship

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