

Ramsey County Bar Association

**MEMORIAL EXERCISES
FOR DECEASED MEMBERS.**

of the

**RAMSEY COUNTY BAR
ASSOCIATION**



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ANNUAL MEMORIAL EXERCISES

Court House, Saturday, April 17, 1965, 10:00 A.M.

On Saturday, April 17, 1965, Memorial Services in honor of those members of the Ramsey County Bar who died during the past year were held in the Court House.

**STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY.
District Court, Second Judicial District.**

Present: Judge Edward J. Devitt of the United States District Court; Justices Martin A. Nelson and James C. Otis of the Minnesota Supreme Court; Judges Clayton Parks, Albin S. Pearson, Robert V. Rensch, Ronald E. Hachey, John W. Graff, Archie L. Gingold, Leonard J. Keyes, Edward B. Mulally and Harold W. Schultz of the Ramsey County District Court; Judge Andrew A. Glenn of the Ramsey County Probate Court; Judges J. Jerome Plunkett, David E. Marsden, Otis H. Godfrey, J. Clifford Janes and James M. Lynch of the St. Paul Municipal Court.

Also present: Officers and members of the Ramsey County Bar Association and families and friends of deceased members of the Bar.

JUDGE ALBIN S. PEARSON: Ladies and gentlemen, pursuant to a custom established long ago, this Court now convenes to receive the memorials for the Ramsey County lawyers who have passed on

since a year ago. These memorials will be presented by members of the Ramsey Bar Association, whose president the Court now recognizes, Mr. Ames.

MR. REGINALD AMES: May it please the Court, the memorials to be presented this Easter Saturday for members of the Ramsey County Bar who have died during the last year have been prepared under, the supervision of our Committee on Legal History and Biography. The chairman of that committee is Mr. Everett Peterson, and I now ask the Court to recognize Mr. Peterson.

JUDGE PEARSON: Mr. Peterson.

MR. EVERETT PETERSON: May it please the Court, memorials by various members of the Ramsey County Bar Association have been prepared for:

**Alexander O. Corstvet
Wilfred D. Crowther
John W. Fischbach
John P. Frank
A. I. Levin
Albert M. Marks
Senator Joseph H. Masek
Eugene F. Matthews
Samuel W. Pinkerton
Louis P. Sheahan**

MR. PETERSON: The memorial for Alexander O. Corstvet has been prepared by a committee consisting of James P. Corson, A. Keith Halva and Victor J. Holper, and the memorial will be read by Mr. Corson.

Mr. Corson read the memorial for Mr. Corstvet.

Alexander O. Corstvet, a retired editor of the West Publishing Company, died in St. Paul, Minnesota, on July 1, 1964, in his 85th year.

Mr. Corstvet was born on February 27, 1880, in Dane County, Wisconsin. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1903, and entered the practice of law at Wabeno, Wisconsin, then a thriving sawmill center.

Later, on April 17, 1915, Mr. Corstvet became associated with the Editorial Department of the West Publishing Company. He progressed to the position of Associate Editor, and assumed the responsibility of training editorial personnel and supervising editorial work.

He was meticulous, but patient, and invariably acquired the respect and affection of his proteges. He was especially skilled at analyzing opinions and writing head-notes which summarized the case law as a part of the American Digest Key Number System. In this form, much of his work will be used by judges and lawyers as long as our legal system prevails.

This was not his only accomplishment in the legal editorial field. He had many years of experience in the preparation of statute revisions and compilations in both annotated and unannotated format. His analytical capacity, practical viewpoint and art of clear expression was of inestimable value to persons drafting revisions of statutes. He was adept at rephrasing a verbose regulatory provision into a

succinct statement of precise meaning without doing violence to the original legislative intent. Mr. Corstvet's methods of terse, clear, accurate and meaningful expression still set the standard for statute annotation works.

An outstanding legal scholar and writer, Mr. Corstvet rendered noteworthy service to the Bar, not only through his authorship of a well known law book, Trial Manual of Minnesota Evidence, but in inspiring his fellow editors and others to strive for his standard of editorial excellence.

Mr. Corstvet retired on May 1, 1946, and devoted his business endeavors to the management of his own investments. Over the years, he had become very skilled at selecting "growth" stocks, and had accumulated a sizeable estate. He also became a collector of firearms and a widely known amateur photographer. In his sunset years, he traveled extensively.

A member of the Bar for over 50 years, he was also prominent in Masonic service. He was a member of the Summit Masonic Lodge 163, 3rd degree Scottish Rite, York Rite and Osman Shrine Temple.

A niece, Miss Harriet Corstvet, and a nephew, Mr. John Corstvet, both of Madison, Wisconsin, survive. His wife died several years ago.

Mr. Corstvet, who enjoyed the confidence, respect and affection of all who knew him, is greatly missed by his relatives and his many friends in and outside of the legal profession.

**Respectfully submitted,
VICTOR J. HOLPER
JAMES P. CORSON
A. KEITH HALVA**

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MR. PETERSON: The memorial for Wilfred D. Crowther has been prepared by a committee consisting of Sinclair Cowles, Myron W. Grubryn and John M. Prins, and Mr. Prins will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Prins read the memorial for Mr. Crowther.

Wilfred D. Crowther was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on April 3, 1908. He was the son of Wilfred and Margaret Crowther who immigrated to this country from their native England long years ago. He remained a resident of St. Paul throughout his entire life.

"Bill", as he was affectionately called by his many friends and associates, attended St. Paul Central High School and graduated from that institution after very successfully completing the four year course. Thereafter, he attended the University of Minnesota for a period of three years and for a short time was employed by The West Publishing Company of St. Paul. He became employed at the Anchor Casualty Company of St. Paul on September 1, 1935 in the Claim Department of that company and during his period of employment with the Anchor he attended St. Paul College of Law and successfully completed the four year course leading to a Bachelor's Degree in law in 1938.

Bill was admitted to the Minnesota Bar in 1938.

In 1940 he was married to Helen Preston of St. Paul who survives him.

In March of 1954 Mr. Crowther was made an officer in the Anchor Casualty Company and from that time on until his death he served in the Legal Department and as an Assistant Secretary of that company.

During his many years in the field of insurance he devoted his time

to the writing of insurance contracts, the interpretation of coverage problems and many other fields of insurance law. In this field he reflected a thorough knowledge and specialization. He was not a contentious man and did not relish the role of the trial lawyer in the courtroom. He was a good counselor and had a profound knowledge and the ability to impart it to others in his specialization of insurance law. He was never discourteous and in all of his dealings was truly a gentleman in the highest sense of the word. He had a grand sense of humor and loved to relate a good story. He was even tempered and I, as one person who was very close to him, am pleased to say "he was one of the kindest men I have ever known."

He passed away on March 15, 1965 and left surviving him his wife, Helen, who now resides in the family home in St. Paul.

He was long a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association and of the Ramsey County Bar Association.

He will live in the memory of his friends and associates as a man who contributed much to their happiness and their knowledge by merely having the privilege of his friendship and association.

**Respectfully submitted,
JOHN M. PRINS
M. W. GRUBRYN
SINCLAIR G. COWLES**

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MR. PETERSON: The memorial for John W. Fischbach was prepared by a committee consisting of Robert J. Hasling, Robert O. Sullivan and Robert G. Tangeman and will be presented by Mr. Sullivan.

Mr. Sullivan read the memorial for Mr. Fischbach.

John W. Fischbach, a vice president of the Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company and its general counsel, died in Rochester, Minnesota, on January 9, 1965. He is survived by his wife Irene, his daughter Sally, and his son John W. Fischbach, Jr., all of Saint Paul.

John was born on December 31, 1897, in Mellette, South Dakota. He served with the, Sixth Regiment, U. S. Marine Corps, in France in World War I. He was wounded in action and received the Purple Heart. Upon return from service, he attended the University of Minnesota from which he graduated in 1926 with both his LL.B. and a B.A. At the University he was a member of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity and of Kappa Sigma.

Following his admission to the Minnesota Bar in 1926, he engaged in the general practice of law in Saint Paul with the old firm of Sanborn, Greaves and Andre. In 1929 he associated with The Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company, becoming its general counsel in 1943 and a vice president in 1960.

He was a member of both the American Bar Association and the Minnesota State Bar Association, serving on various committees of both organizations. He was also a member of the International Claim Association, the Insurance Federation of Minnesota, the Association of Life Insurance Counsel and the American Life Convention, holding executive office and committee chairmanships over the years in all of these organizations. John prepared and presented a number of papers in his specialized field of life insurance law to these various organizations. Several of these papers are still recognized and followed as authoritative source material in their respective fields of the law.

John's interest was not confined to the professional field. He was

also active in civic and social organizations, holding membership in the St. Paul Athletic Club, Gyro International, and, reflecting his high interest in the game, the Alexandria Golf Club. He was an active member of St. Clement's Episcopal Church, serving as its treasurer for a number of years.

Everyone who got to know John recognized him as one of God's true gentlemen. He was soft-spoken but not soft-willed. He was a self-effacing person without guile, conceit or impatience. He was considerate of the views of others and welcomed them on any subject, even though John may have been a real authority in the particular field under discussion. He was energetic, industrious and faithful to all of those who looked to him for guidance and help within his professional duties and outside of them. He was admired and respected by those for whom and with whom he worked and by those who worked for him. All of his friends and business acquaintances and associates will long remember him as a true friend and a man dedicated to his family and to his profession. John did not complain or condemn, no matter what the circumstances, even when he knew his days on earth were numbered. He will be sorely missed within the profession he served so long and so well and by all of us who knew John well and treasured him as a friend, neighbor and fellow lawyer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of these proceedings and that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the members of his family and to the Company he served so long and so well.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT O. SULLIVAN
ROBERT J. HASLING
ROBERT G. TANGEMAN

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MR. PETERSON: A committee consisting of Edward E. Cleary, James F. Lynch and Peter J. Maloney has prepared the memorial to John P. Frank. It will be presented by Mr. Lynch.

Mr. Lynch read the memorial for Mr. Frank.

John P. Frank was born October 18, 1914 in St. Paul, Minnesota, the son of John J. Frank and Grace N. Frank. He received his elementary education in St. Paul, Minnesota and graduated from Cretin High School in 1932 as an honor student with the rank of Cadet Colonel. He attended St. Mary's College at Winona, Minnesota for two years, and graduated from the St. Paul College of Law in 1938, receiving his degree with honors. He participated in athletics, representing both Cretin High School and St. Mary's College.

Upon being admitted to practice in 1938, he became associated with the then existing law firm of McMeekin and Quinn, and remained with that firm until August of 1941, when he joined the Ramsey County Attorney's staff. He handled criminal matters in that office until January of 1942, when he entered the United States Navy as an enlisted man. He served in the Navy until 1946, attaining the rank of Lieutenant, Senior Grade. While in the naval service he defended and prosecuted many Courts Martial and handled the legal problems connected with the leasing and purchasing of the air fields satellite to the Wold Chamberlain installation. He served in the Pacific during the year 1945, aboard the U. S. S. Ticonderoga.

Upon returning to civilian life in 1946 he became employed by the Northern Federal Savings and Loan Association at St. Paul, handling various phases of real estate matters for a period of two years, and holding the title of Secretary-Treasurer until May, 1948, when he again joined the staff of the Ramsey County Attorney. Upon rejoining the staff of the Ramsey County Attorney he handled Probate matters for a time, and then returned to criminal prosecution

work. For a period of two years he prosecuted practically all the criminal matters in St. Paul Municipal Court handled by the County Attorney's office. Later he carried a major portion of the District Court criminal trial work until the onset of his illness in 1960. He continued his work in the criminal phases of the County Attorney's office until his death May 31, 1964.

Mr. Frank married in 1947, and left surviving his widow, Eleanor, and six children, as well as his parents.

John P. Frank was an extremely warm and vibrant person, a brilliant lawyer who is and will be deeply missed not only by his family but by those of us who had the privilege of knowing and associating with him. He was a forceful member of the Bar who attained and merited an extensive reputation as an effective trial lawyer in his zeal for justice. Studious advocacy and high professional standards and forthrightness characterized his career as a member of the Bar.

**Respectfully Submitted,
JAMES F. LYNCH
PETER J. MALONEY
EDWARD E. CLEARY**

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MR. PETERSON: The memorial for A. I. Levin was prepared by Jacob Dim, Hyam Segell and Leo. E. Stenger and will be read by Mr. Segell.

Mr. Segell read the memorial for Mr. Levin.

ABRAHAM ISAAC LEVIN, the eldest of eleven children, was born in St. Paul on February 16, 1892, in an apartment over a store on Third Street, now Kellogg Boulevard, which today is the office of the Ramsey County Register of Deeds.

Later the family moved to the lower West Side where "Abe" as he was commonly known, attended grade school. After finishing grade school, as the family was poor, Abe sold newspapers in downtown St. Paul and also helped his father who sold cattle at the South St. Paul stockyards. It was while selling newspapers, however, that he was offered a job as an office boy in the law firm of Gilbert and Greenman. While working there, he became interested in law and tried to enroll in the St. Paul College of Law; he was refused admission, however, because he had only a grade school education.

This made him realize that if he ever wanted to become a lawyer, he would have to complete his education. He then registered at Humboldt High School and graduated with honors in three years. He then attended Hamline University for two years, after which he transferred to the University of Minnesota. He graduated from that institution on June 14, 1917, with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

While at Humboldt High School and Hamline University, he was active on the debating teams, and while a member of a championship team debated such topics as "Women Suffrage" and "Free Mail Service". While at the University of Minnesota, he was on the staff of the paper and had an opportunity to interview many leading jurists of that time. He also helped to organize the Kappa Chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity. His studies had also been interrupted by World War I, during which he served as a Sergeant in the Army.

After the war was over and his basic studies completed, "Abe" was finally in a position to realize the dream of his youth; he registered at the St. Paul College of Law, from which he graduated on June 27, 1919. Thereafter he was readily admitted by the Supreme Court to practice law in the Courts of Minnesota.

Following his admission to the Bar, he worked as a Deputy Clerk in the Ramsey County Probate Court for a short time before entering the private practice of law.

In 1920 Mr. Levin was married to Rae Cook from Duluth, who survives him. Mr. and Mrs. Levin were blessed with two children, a daughter, Millicent, now Mrs. Robert Sukman, whose husband is a doctor in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and a son, Albert D., who was associated with his father in the practice of law for thirteen years. Mr. Levin was also survived by four grandchildren, with whom he spent much of his time. Mr. Levin was a devoted husband and father and was especially proud of his grandchildren, by whom he will always be remembered.

Mr. Levin was a member of Mt. Zion Temple and was a past president of the Men's Club. He also had been president of the Elk's and Moose Lodges. He belonged to the Masonic Order and the Shrine. He was also active in the Heart Association, B'nai B'rith and the Ramsey County and Minnesota State Bar Association.

Mr. Levin enjoyed the practice of law and was happiest when he could serve others. In every case he handled, he put forth his entire effort and never spared himself, and as a result thereof, he had a very serious heart attack about twenty years ago. As soon as his health permitted, he was back in his office again, giving all of himself to serve his clients. With the aid of his son, he was able to remain active in his office until his sudden death on September 30, 1964. He will long be remembered by his family, his many friends, clients and fellow lawyers as a man of the highest integrity.

**Respectfully submitted
HYAM SEGELL
JACOB DIM
LEO E. STENGER**

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MR. PETERSON: The memorial for Albert M. Marks was prepared by a committee consisting of William Leslie Ulvin, Thomas E. Moore and Jerrold J. Sullivan, and it will be presented by Mr. Moore.

Mr. Moore read the memorial for Mr. Marks.

Albert Maurice Marks was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, on April 26, 1899, to Max and Fanny Marks. He was the sixth of their eight children of whom his sister and brother, Alice Efron and Sam Marks survive him.

Al was a self-made man. Working his way through school, he graduated from Mechanic Arts High School in 1918 and from the St. Paul College of Law in 1925. During this period, he worked for the Victory Printing Company and the Northern Pacific Railroad, but his interest in his chosen profession earned him his admission to the practice of law in the State of Minnesota and later in the State of Michigan.

Before his graduation from law school, Al met a young lady from Ironwood, Michigan, who was visiting friends in Minneapolis. On December 25, 1924, in Ironwood, he took Rose Mark as his bride. They returned to St. Paul where Al received his law degree, was admitted to the Minnesota State Bar and was blessed with a son, Jesse A. Marks, all within the year 1925.

Al commenced and ended his law career in St. Paul, Minnesota. He officed with David Ruvelson for four years until 1929 when he moved to his wife's home town of Ironwood. He was admitted to the Michigan Bar and practiced there until 1945 when a move was made to Duluth where he remained until 1957

Throughout his career, Al was a family man and a companion to his wife and son. Their interests were shared, sports with Jesse and the

Arts with Rose. Many hours were spent with Jesse attending and discussing the sport of the season. He loved to read and study. He was especially fond of music and attended the opera and symphony with Rose whenever possible. A truly close relationship existed between them and endured through the years.

Al was a charitable and religious man. His understanding of others' problems and his compassion for them in times of stress were those rare qualities which won him the respect of all who knew him. Al loved to sing and had a fine voice. In his youth he sang in the choir of the Sons of Jacob Congregation. He was active in their work in his years in St. Paul, contributing freely of his time and efforts. He was a member of the Scottish Rite as a 32nd degree Mason and was an active member of the Shrine in the Aad Temple of Duluth. He was a member of B'nai B'rith and the Minnesota and Ramsey County Bar Associations.

Tragedy came to Al in 1955 with the passing of his wife, Rose. He continued his practice of law in Duluth until 1957 when he moved to Minneapolis where he continued his practice until 1960.

The loneliness that he had known was ended when Al met and married Priscilla Stanfield on August 4, 1960. Not only did Al find the companionship of a lovely woman in his second marriage, but he also gained a daughter, Rebecca. Priscilla and Al's marriage, though short in years, lasted a lifetime for them. They returned to Al's home, St. Paul, where Al practiced in his final years. He raised Rebecca as he would his own daughter. He saw her graduate from the University of Minnesota and was her father who "gave away the bride" when she was married. It was truly a wonderful last five years for Al [who died November 28, 1964].

Albert Maurice Marks was a friendly, kind and thoughtful person indeed, dignified, modest, unassuming and the soul of honor. His

life reflects credit on our profession. He will be remembered by all with respect and affectionate regard.

Respectfully submitted
THOMAS E. MOORE
WILLIAM LESLIE ULVIN
JERROLD J. SULLIVAN

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MR. PETERSON: The memorial for Senator Joseph H. Masek was prepared by Barney B. Garber, James F. Lynch and Edward C. Meisinger. Mr. Lynch will read it.

Mr. Lynch read the memorial for Senator Masek.

Joseph H. Masek was born in the City of Saint Paul on the 1st day of April, 1879, in the West Seventh Street area, the son of Thomas Masek and Anna Masek. He was married on July 1, 1907, to Caroline Schmidt of West St. Paul. They had two children, Thomas J. Masek of West St. Paul, and Nancy Lee Masek, who preceded her father in death in 1945.

Mr. Masek's father conducted a grocery store on Colborne Street in Saint Paul, and after a number of years in the store Mr. Masek joined the wholesale firm of Price, Robertson and Newton as a salesman. After several years on the road he opened his own store on the West Side and while conducting the business enrolled and attended night classes at the St. Paul College of Law. He was graduated from Law School in 1912 and was admitted to practice shortly thereafter.

Prior to his election to the Minnesota Legislature, Mr. Masek served as assistant corporation counsel in the City of Saint Paul for three years and also held the office of City Attorney for the City of West St. Paul for a number of years. Upon leaving the office of corpora-

tion counsel in Saint Paul he formed a partnership known as Masek, Lynch and Levy. This partnership continued for a number of years until Mr. Lynch left the partnership. Thereafter Mr. Masek and Mr. Levy continued the partnership, and Mr. E. C. Meisinger became associated with them.

Mr. Masek was elected to the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota from the 39th District, 6th Ward, Saint Paul, in 1922 and served continuously until 1935. In 1938 he was elected to the State Senate and served in that body for twenty years until he voluntarily retired. While in the Legislature he was for many years chairman of the Committee on Cities of the First Class. He took great pride in expediting the work of the committee, and he enjoyed the respect and confidence of all of the members of that committee and any other committee on which he may have served as well as the elected officials and municipal employees concerned with problems relating to legislative matters.

Mr. Masek's activities and interests were many and varied. He enjoyed sports of all kinds and particularly golf and bowling, and he was an accomplished hand ball player. He was a member of numerous organizations, among them the Ramsey County Bar Association, American Bar Association, Knights of Columbus, United Commercial Travelers, and Riverview Commercial Club, and a long time member of Saint Michaels Catholic Church in the Riverview district. He took an active part in the affairs of the Riverview Commercial Club and for many years served on the Board of Directors.

Mr. Masek was highly regarded by the members of the bench and bar and by his business associates and many friends. He retired from the active practice of law in 1957 and for several years prior to his death resided at the Wilder Rest Home where he died on August 15, 1964. His widow and son survive him.

**Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD C. MEISINGER
BARNEY B. GARBER
JAMES F. LYNCH**

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MR. PETERSON: A committee consisting of Irving C. Christensen, Eugene W. Hoppe and John I. LeVin has prepared a memorial for Eugene Matthews, and it will be presented by Mr. Hoppe.

Mr. Hoppe read the memorial for Mr. Matthews.

Eugene Francis Matthews was born on November 12, 1891, at Howard, South Dakota, and died on August 8, 1964, at St. Paul, Minnesota. He is survived by his wife, Thelma, and his sister, Esther.

Gene received his primary education in the public schools at Howard, South Dakota, and thereafter came to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he attended the St. Paul College of Law, and graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Laws in the year 1917.

After his graduation from the St. Paul College of Law, he sold farm machinery during a two year period throughout the state of Montana.

Mr. Matthews entered the military service of the U. S. Army in World War I, and was assigned to the Transportation Corp,—serving most of the time transporting troops from the United States to Europe, and then returning them to this country. He was very proud of his military service and had great love for his country. His hero was General Douglas MacArthur, and his law office was never minus a wall picture of the late General.

Upon his discharge from the Armed Services in 1918, he commenced the general practice of law, maintaining his offices in the Commerce Building in St. Paul, Minnesota. At first he was associated with the late William J. Quinn and Daniel J. Hollihan, and for the majority of the time that he was in the practice he was also associated with John I. LeVin. During the last few years he maintained his offices with the late Albert M. Marks.

Gene Matthews was well known and respected by the lawyers of Ramsey County, and had many good and close friends among them. He had a sunny disposition, a good sense of humor, and enjoyed having a cup of coffee with some of his friends to discuss the problems and oddities of the practice of law, and to tell a few jokes.

Gene Matthews was always engaged in the general practice of the law. He was conscientious in his every effort, and there are few lawyers who are not acquainted with the case that Gene successfully appealed to the Supreme Court of Minnesota, entitled "Christensen vs. The Hennepin Transportation Company", 215 Minn. 394, 10 N. W. Second 406, establishing the law in the State of Minnesota that "The negligence of a bailee in operating an automobile is not imputable to the bailor in the latter's right to recover damages against a third party."

Gene passes along as one of the real soldiers of our Bar,—a quiet, unassuming and unpretentious individual, but always upholding the dignity of the Court and the practice and respect of the profession.

**Respectfully submitted,
EUGENE W. HOPPE, Chairman
IRVING C. CHRISTENSEN
JOHN LE VIN**

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MR. PETERSON: The memorial for Samuel W. Pinkerton was prepared by Moritz J. Blomquist, Maurice S. Moe and William Leslie Ulvin, and it will be read by Mr. Moe.

Mr. Moe read the memorial for Mr. Pinkerton.

Samuel Walter Pinkerton was born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on November 25, 1873. The family moved to Nebraska while he was young, where he completed his grade and high school education. Following graduation from the University of Minnesota, he was Superintendent of Schools at Cozad, Nebraska.

Returning to the University of Nebraska, he graduated from its Law School in 1901. He was admitted to practice in Nebraska, Washington and Minnesota and was a member of the Ramsey County and Minnesota Bar Association as well as the American Bar Association.

Following the practice of law in the State of Washington for approximately a year, he joined the Sales Department of West Publishing Company in 1902. His progress was constant and he held a number of positions of responsibility leading to his elevation to Sales Manager in 1926. He was elected as Secretary of West Publishing Company in 1929 and also became a member of the Company Board of Directors. After over forty years of distinguished service in the law publishing field, he retired in 1945.

Mr. Pinkerton will be remembered for the many fine contributions he gave to his community—his activities were legion. He served on the Boards and was an officer of St. Luke's Hospital, Greater St. Paul Community Chest and Council, Good Will Industries, Blue Cross and Roselawn Cemetery Association. In all of these responsibilities he gave full service, and entered enthusiastically into the activities of each organization.

Clubs to which he belonged included the Minnesota Club of St. Paul, St. Paul Athletic Club, Kiwanis Club and Town and Country Club.

Mr. Pinkerton was a religious man and keenly interested in many activities of the Methodist church. Some of these include service as Board member and as an officer of Hamline University, Hamline and First Methodist Churches, Walker Methodist Home and the National Board of Missions of the Church.

Mr. Pinkerton married Ida Lewis on August 25, 1903. He died on January 15, 1965 and is survived by two sons, William Stewart of Minneapolis and Paul K. of Chicago, and six grandchildren.

Samuel Pinkerton was a person who shared and radiated the enthusiasm which was his. He will long be remembered not only by his business associates, but by a host of friends and public spirited citizens who joined in his devotion to civic and philanthropic endeavors. In all his many activities, he was outstanding as a man of ability, integrity and loyalty.

It is a privilege to do honor to him.

**Respectfully submitted,
MAURICE S. MOE
W. L. ULVIN
MORITZ J. BLOMQUIST**

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MR. PETERSON: A committee consisting of Robert E. O'Connell, Frank J. Danz and William H. Fallon has prepared the memorial for Louis P. Sheahan. It will be presented by Mr. Fallon.

Mr. Fallon read the memorial for Mr. Sheahan.

Louis P. Sheahan was born in Saint Paul, Minnesota, on August 15, 1892. He was one of eight children born to Thomas C. and Mary Churchill Sheahan.

Mr. Sheahan attended Saint Paul grade schools and following his graduation, from Central High School, he entered the St. Paul College of Law from which institution he was graduated with a degree LL.B summa cum laude. He made a distinguished record at the law college standing first in his class and acquired the highest class rating of any law graduate prior to that time.

During his school days and early manhood, Mr. Sheahan enjoyed athletics and was particularly active in the sports of baseball and hockey in which games he was recognized as an outstanding athlete.

During World War I he served for a time in the United States Army and upon his discharge from such service, he was appointed secretary to the late distinguished Senator Frank B. Kellogg. His association with Senator Kellogg was during a time when the senator was a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and Mr. Sheahan found the work not only enjoyable but very informative. He, however, wished to engage in the practice of law and accordingly, terminated his service with Senator Kellogg and returned to St. Paul where he opened a private law office.

During the first years of his practice as a lawyer he was attorney for the Wilder Charities. He later became associated with Mr. William Fancy and Mr. Thomas McMeekin. In 1931 Mr. Sheahan was appointed first assistant to the Corporation Counsel to the City of Saint Paul and held that position until February 4, 1942 at which time he left to become general counsel with the Walter Butler Construction Companies.

During the foregoing period the City of Saint Paul engaged in a number of very important rate cases involving telephone, street car and electric power rates. Hearings on these rate applications were prolonged and were followed by litigation in the District Court of Ramsey County and ultimately in the Supreme Court of the State of Minnesota. In these cases Mr. Sheehan was chief counsel for the City of Saint Paul and carried through until ultimately decided by the Supreme Court. This experience gave him a very wide knowledge of the operations of public utilities, particularly, their operation under city franchises and the powers of the city and State to fix utility rates.

During this period he also handled the Dow-Arneson case pertaining to the condemnation of property in connection with the widening of Kellogg Boulevard. This case involved a number of important legal questions and ultimately went to the Supreme Court where it was decided in favor of the City of Saint Paul and established important legal principles which are considered precedents in the field of condemnation litigation.

His service as general counsel for the Walter Butler Construction Companies was during the period of World War II when that company was engaged in the building of ships on the Great Lakes. Mr. Sheehan handled all of the legal matters pertaining to the contracts for the construction of such ships and involved a great deal of negotiation with the United States Maritime Commission. This service involved complex legal questions and extensive negotiations all of which Mr. Sheehan handled in a commendable manner and earned for himself the reputation of being a highly competent and skilled lawyer.

At the conclusion of World War, II, Mr. Sheehan desiring to remain closer to home with his family, resigned from the Butler Companies in 1951 and returned to the office of the Corporation Counsel as a

special assistant. He served in this capacity until he was elected Corporation Counsel on February 20, 1959, serving as such counsel until August 9, 1960 when he was appointed Director of Law for the City of Saint Paul which position he held until the time of his death. During this period he handled the very lengthy case of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the City of Saint Paul vs. Allen E. Greenman and also the Sears Roebuck case. These were but two of the very important pieces of litigation handled by Mr. Sheahan in which he displayed eminent ability resulting in the successful conclusion of this litigation before the Supreme Court of the State of Minnesota.

Mr. Sheahan was a profound student of the law and throughout his legal career demonstrated not only a comprehensive knowledge of the law but exercised a high degree of proficiency in the administration of municipal law. His competency in this field earned for him a reputation as an authority in the field of municipal law. He often mentioned the fact that he enjoyed this kind of legal work, and particularly, the trial of cases in District Court and before the many commissions in which he appeared. His resonant voice, personal charm, erudition and fluency as well as his forceful manner made him an outstanding advocate.

He had a profound and abiding sense of responsibility to his profession, to his fellowmen, his community and his church. He had a kind and friendly disposition and was well liked by all with whom he came in contact. His character and integrity earned for him the respect of his fellow lawyers and the Courts before whom he practiced. His legal opinions were profound and founded upon sound legal principles. As a result of which he has left an indelible mark on the legal affairs of the City of Saint Paul which will live on into the future.

On June 18, 1924, Mr. Sheahan was joined in marriage with Evelyn Frediani, a daughter of a well-known and outstanding family in Saint Paul. Three children were born to this marriage, namely, Audrey M., now Mrs. Donald Sager, Louis P. Jr., and Michael J. Sheahan, the latter of whom is a member of this bar. Mrs. Sheahan preceded her husband in death by the short period of eight days.

The bar of this county and state and its judiciary in common with the City of Saint Paul, his family and friends and associates have sustained an incalculated loss by the death of Louis P. Sheahan [on September 23, 1964].

**Respectfully submitted,
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WILLIAM H. FALLON**

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MR. PETERSON: Your Honors, this completes the memorials. We of the Ramsey County Bar are grateful for this occasion and for the opportunity of paying respect to those of our profession who have departed since a year ago when we held a similar service. At this time I should like to move the court that the clerk be instructed to spread these memorials upon the permanent records of the court and that a copy be forwarded to the family of each of our departed members.

JUDGE PEARSON: It is so ordered. Before ordering adjournment I wish to express, on behalf of the Bench and the Bar, our great appreciation for your attendance here this morning.

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