

**MEMORIAL EXERCISES
FOR DECEASED MEMBERS**

of the
**RAMSEY COUNTY BAR
ASSOCIATION**



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RAMSEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMORIAL EXERCISES

Court House, Friday, May 24, 1968, 2:00 P.M.

On Friday, May 24, 1968, 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 Martin A. Nelson of the Minnesota Supreme Court; Judges Robert V. Rensch, Ronald E. Hachey, John W. Graff, Archie L. Gingold, Edward D. Mulally, Leonard J. Keyes, Harold W. Schultz, David E. Marsden, J. Jerome Plunkett and Otis H. Godfrey, Jr., of the Ramsey County District Court; Judges Arthur A. Stewart and Albin S. Pearson, Retired, of the District Court; Judges J. Clifford Janes, James M. Lynch, Edward K. Delaney and Allan R. Markert of the St. Paul Municipal Court; and Judge Andrew A. Glenn of the Ramsey County Probate Court.

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

JUDGE JOHN W. GRAFF: Ladies and gentlemen, in conformity with a custom of long standing we meet here today to pay thoughtful tribute to the members of the Bar who have passed away during the preceding year. As is customary, the exercises today will be conducted by the Ramsey County Bar Association, and the Court at this time will recognize Mr. Frank Hammond, the President of the Ramsey County Bar Association.

MR. HAMMOND: May it please the Court — on this occasion, Your Honor, on which we pay tribute to our departed friends and members of the Bar, I respectfully ask the Court to recognize Mr. Oliver Hedeon who is Chairman of the Ramsey County Legal History and Biography Committee.

JUDGE GRAFF: The Court at this time recognizes Mr. Oliver Hedeon, Chairman of the Ramsey County Legal History and Biography Committee.

MR. HEDEEN: May it please the Court, since our memorial service was held a year ago seventeen members of our Ramsey County Bar have died. Committees have been formed and memorials prepared which will be read at this time for:

John J. Austin
Ernest A. Beedle, Jr.
George Cahill
Robert Elliott, Jr.
John K. Fesler
Mark H. Gehan
Roman J. Hantzinger
Ephraim S. Holmgren
Edward A. Knapp
Harold W. Lee
Victor J. Michaelson
Eugene A. Monick
Harold J. O'Loughlin
John Rockstroh
Raymond J. Rockstroh
Donald Burdette Smith
Peter Valenty

MR. HEDEEN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for John J. Austin are Earl R. Anderson, Daniel D. O'Connell and Harry E. Paulet. Mr. Earl R. Anderson will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Anderson read the memorial for Mr. Austin.

John J. Austin was born April 4, 1902 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He died on June 26, 1967 in St. Paul at the age of 65 years.

Mr. Austin was a lifetime resident of St. Paul. He was graduated from Mechanic Arts High School in 1920 and went on to attend St. Thomas College. In 1925 he received a B.A. degree in Economics, and in 1926 a B.S. degree in Business, both from the University of Minnesota.

During World War II, John served in the U.S. Army and worked himself into leadership positions and rose to acting Colonel. He served as company commander at Pine Camp, located at Watertown, New York. He also served as the Commanding Officer of a prisoner of war camp at Concordia, Kansas. With the permanent rank of captain, he was retired from the service in 1944 with a physical disability.

Mr. Austin had a determined desire to study law, and in 1949 he received a L.L.B. degree from the St. Paul College of Law, now known as William Mitchell College of Law. He was admitted to the Minnesota Bar in 1950.

John worked as a mail clerk for the United States Post Office for twenty years, and was also employed as an editor by the Mason Law Book Publishing Company of St. Paul for about fifteen years. At the time of death, he was employed by the St. Paul Athletic Club.

Mr. Austin was an avid stamp and book collector. His principal hobbies were reading, good books, photography, hiking, and square dancing. Foreign languages also held a fascination for him, especially German and French.

He was a member of the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity and of the American Legion. He served as area Commander of the Retired Officers Association. He was a member of both the Ramsey County and the Minnesota Bar Association.

John was a friendly, sociable and humble individual, who enjoyed life and the people he knew. He was never heard to be critical of anyone. His one remaining ambition was to travel abroad, especially in Europe.

Mr. Austin is survived by his wife, Alice G. Austin of St. Paul; a daughter, Mrs. Harris (Joyce) Mallory of St. Paul; a son, Charles Austin of St. Paul, and a son, John W. Austin of Portland, Oregon. He is also survived by a Brother, Maurice J. Austin of St. Paul, and a sister, Marie C. Wittrock of Mankato, and four grand-children.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL R. ANDERSON
DANIEL D. O'CONNELL
HARRY E. PAULET

MR. HEDEEN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for Ernest A. Beedle, Jr. are Roger D. Sax, D. D. Wozniak and Clayton B. Hamilton. Mr. Paul D. Dove will deliver the memorial in the absence of Mr. Sax.

Mr. Dove read the memorial for Mr. Beedle.

Ernest A. Beedle, Jr. was born August 31, 1933 in the City of St. Paul. A life-long resident of St. Paul's "West Side", Ernest was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives from that area in 1958. He served in the

House for four consecutive terms before making the decision to step down in 1966.

Ernest was educated at Humboldt High School in St. Paul, received his B.A. from Hamline University, with majors in political science and history, and received his Law Degree from William Mitchell College of Law.

He practiced law for a time with his brother Robert Beedle, who is now an attorney resident in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and then formed the Beedle Law Firm with offices in South St. Paul, Minnesota.

One of Ernest's avid interests was Mexico and its culture, and on one of his trips to Mexico, he met Patsy Davis of Fort Worth, Texas. They were married March 31, 1962 and became the parents of three boys, Brian Kieth, Ernest A., III, and Stephen Phillip.

Ernest was a member of the 47th Infantry Division of the Minnesota Air National Guard. Flying was one of his hobbies until in 1958 when the light plane he was flying crashed. Ernie came out of it with a broken back and one less hobby. During the time he was recovering from the injury, he was also preparing for the bar exams and running for his first term as State Representative. The variety of his activities and the energy he devoted to them was phenomenal. As a legislator he served on the Judiciary, Health and Welfare, Metropolitan and Urban Affairs, Insurance, and Law Enforcement and Juvenile Delinquency Committees. He authored or co-authored a great volume of legislation, much of which is on the books today.

He never lost his enthusiasm over Mexico and its people. The large Mexican-American population in his district adopted him as their own and he in turn worked hard for and with them. His generosity in giving of his time as both a friend and attorney for the people in his district will long be remembered.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON B. HAMILTON
ROGER D. SAX
D. D. WOZNIAK

MR. HEDEEN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for George Cahill are Harry H. Peterson, David Duncan and James T. Denery. Mr. James T. Denery will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Denery read the memorial for Mr. Cahill.

George Cahill, son of George and Mary Alice Cahill, was born at Lynn, Massachusetts on February 2nd, 1878 and died at St. Paul Minnesota on April 23rd, 1968.

His father was a Doctor and his mother a School Teacher.

Doctor Cahill died at the age of thirty-nine years and shortly after his death, Mrs. Cahill and George Jr. moved to Charlottetown, Province of Prince Edward Island, Canada.

George Cahill received his grade and high school training at Charlottetown, Province of Prince Edward Island and after finishing high school he attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor where he received his law degree.

He moved to St. Paul in 1905 and was admitted to practice law in Minnesota on February 1st, 1906 and shortly after began his law practice in St. Paul, Minnesota.

For some time prior to 1912 George was associated in the law practice with the late Judge John W. Willis.

Mr. Cahill became associated in the law practice with Harry H. Peterson and Harry W. Oehler in 1915, which association was under the names of Cahill, Peterson and Oehler. This association continued until 1928.

George was appointed Special Assistant Attorney General in 1933 and served in the Minnesota State Conservation Department until some time in 1936, and shortly thereafter returned to private practice and became associated with James T. Denery under the name of Cahill & Denery. This association continued until his death.

He tried many cases in his younger days and was a successful trial lawyer, but in his later years specialized in title insurance examination work and was with the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul for a period over nine years.

George had a sister Elizabeth Ann Berrigan, child of his mother's second marriage. She joined the Order of the Sisters of Good Shepherd and died many years ago.

Mr. Cahill married Mary Ryan, who died in 1935. He married Ann Peterson on November 20th, 1941. He was a kind and considerate husband. His wife Ann survives him.

He took a deep interest in golf and swimming. He discontinued playing golf about six years ago but continued swimming at the Y.M.C.A. until about six months before his death.

Mr. Cahill was a devout Catholic and not only attended Mass and Services on Sundays but also attended noonday services at both the Assumption and St. Louis Catholic Churches.

George lived a full life and his warm and genial personality together with his high moral character will cause us to miss him in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY H. PETERSON,
DAVID DUNCAN
JAMES T. DENERY

MR. HEDEEN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for Robert Elliott, Jr. are Honorable Otis Godfrey, Jr., H. P. Dilworth, 3rd, John Robertson, and M. David McCloud. Honorable Otis Godfrey, Jr. will deliver the memorial.

Judge Godfrey read the memorial for Mr. Elliott.

Filled with a great curiosity of the world about him; possessed of almost unbounded energy; quick to form close friendships with those about him — such a man was Bob Elliott.

He was born in Hereford, Texas in 1920, and was educated at Macalester College and the University of Michigan Law School. Returning to the Twin Cities, he commenced the general practice of law and in August, 1966, became a partner in the Oppenheimer firm.

He was married to Betty Flad, and they have four children, Ann, Robert, Bruce and Katherine. Dates and statistics can tell us very little about any man, and certainly not about this one.

From the time he was 8 years old, Bob suffered from the effects of polio. He couldn't walk, but it was almost as if this major disability contributed to his physical and mental toughness. To an uncommon degree, Bob Elliott possessed "a quiet courage". He was a tenacious advocate for his cause, and his gentle smile and soft manner of speaking might even have been used, from time to time, to disarm opposing counsel.

With it all he had a deep respect and an abiding love for those around him. People sought out Bob Elliott to talk to, to get his advice, to tell him their story, to gain for themselves some of his great strength of character.

His unswerving faith in God met a fearsome test in his sudden, untimely fight with cancer. He faced the sure end with a warm confident sense of being one with his Creator. Even to the last he remained a source of inspiration, of humor and of strength to those who knew and loved him.

An advocate, raconteur, fighter, friend and a true Christian, Bob Elliott put his imprint on all those who crossed his way. On the 2nd of May, 1967, an uncommon man left us at the age of 46. We are the better for having known him.

Respectfully submitted,
HONORABLE OTIS GODFREY, JR.
H. P. DILWORTH, 3rd
JOHN ROBERTSON
M. DAVID McCLOUD

MR. HEDEEN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for John K. Fesler are Honorable Albin S. Pearson, Robert O. Sullivan and Richard E. Kyle. Mr. Richard E. Kyle will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Kyle read the memorial for Mr. Fesler.

John K. Fesler, a member of the bar of this Court for more than 40 years, died unexpectedly of a heart attack on March 7, 1968, at Genoa, Italy, while on vacation.

He was born on July 16, 1899 at Duluth, Minnesota, the son of Bert Fesler and Vinnie King Fesler. His father was a judge of the District Court at Duluth for more than 30 years. Mr. Fesler was married on January 17, 1925 at Saint Paul, Minnesota, to Elsie Martha Lampert, who survived him. He was also survived by two sons, John L. Fesler and David R. Fesler, and several grandchildren.

After graduating in 1917 from Duluth Central High School, he enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 18 years, and served in combat in World War I with the 10th Field Artillery of the famous 3rd Infantry Division.

Following his discharge from the Army in 1919, he attended the University of Minnesota and was graduated with honors from its law school in 1926. At the law school he established himself as a person of high scholastic at-

tainment, being a member of the editorial board of the Minnesota Law Review and the president of the Review in his senior year. He was also awarded Order of the Coif on graduation. During his college years, he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta and Phi Delta Phi fraternities.

Following graduation from law school, he actively practiced law in Saint Paul for a period of 12 years, first in the office of John P. Kyle, then as an assistant United States District Attorney for the District of Minnesota, and later as a member of the firm of Kellogg, Morgan, Chase, Carter and Headley. In 1938, as a result of the untimely death of his brother-in-law, Horace H. Lampert, who had been actively engaged in the management of Lampert Yards, Inc. and Liberty State Bank, business enterprises in which the family had substantial interests, it became necessary for Mr. Fesler to leave the active practice of law and to assume active management of these business enterprises. From 1938 until his retirement in 1966 he was actively engaged in business, serving first as president and later as chairman of the board of Lampert Yards, Inc. and Liberty State Bank. He was succeeded in the management of these institutions by his two sons, John and David.

Although not actively engaged in the practice of law after 1938, John always considered himself primarily a lawyer. Circumstances forced him to leave the active practice but he nevertheless continued to have an abiding interest in all matters pertaining to his chosen profession, and throughout his life contributed generously of his time and substance to the profession.

He was also a director of other institutions, including the Murphy Finance Company of Saint Paul and of the Saint Paul YMCA. He was dedicated to the University of Minnesota. He served as a director of the Minnesota Alumni Association from 1936 to 1947; chairman of the Greater University Fund 1950-1956; trustee of the University of Minnesota Foundation 1962-1965; and vice president of that Foundation from 1964-1965. He was a member of the investment committee of the Minnesota Alumni Association from 1962 until the time of his death. In 1954 he was awarded by the Minnesota Alumni Association its "Outstanding Achievement Award".

As a lawyer, Mr. Fesler was a meticulous practitioner; he was exacting, requiring whatever he thought necessary to fully protect the interests of his clients; he was a

man of strong conviction and dynamic in his actions and operations.

During his lifetime, Mr. Fesler served his family, his friends, his profession, the business enterprises with which he was connected, and the community in which he lived with the highest sense of dedication and concern for what he considered to be their best interests. Those who knew him always admired him for his hard work, his honesty, his zealous and devoted effort to whatever he undertook and believed in, because he refused to compromise what he considered was the right, proper and responsible handling of any task to which he put his hand and talents. He insisted upon getting all of the facts and then determined the proper course of action by considering only those which were material and had an important bearing on the problems to be solved. His efforts in the various endeavors he served so well will continue to bear fruit over the years that lie ahead. He built soundly and well in the business enterprises he headed and those with which he was affiliated as a director. His fine sense of humor, delightful companionship and excellent character will be long remembered by all who knew him well.

Respectfully submitted,

HONORABLE ALBIN S. PEARSON
ROBERT O. SULLIVAN
RICHARD E. KYLE

MR. HEDEEN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for Mark H. Gehan are Honorable Arthur A. Stewart, John L. Connolly, William H. Fallon and Dennis D. Daly. Mr. Dennis D. Daly will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Daly read the memorial for Mr. Gehan.

Mark H. Gehan was born in St. Paul on February 28, 1892, the son of Thomas J. and Nora C. (Hogan) Gehan. He spent his whole life in St. Paul, but for service in the Army in the First World War. Upon his return from the war he married Isabel T. Tocher and one son, Mark Jr., was born to this union.

He attended the Madison Grade School and graduated from Central High School in 1911. He obtained, in 1914, the degree of LL.B. from the St. Paul College of Law. He began the practice of law as a sole practitioner that year.

In the course of his career he was a general practitioner of the law, doing a great deal of trial work and handled many labor law cases.

He began his political career in 1923 when he became a member of the House of Representatives. This broad experience well fitted him for the problems he would encounter during his next episode in politics. After serving for three terms, Mr. Gehan did not run for re-election and ended his tenure in the House in January 1929. As a member of the House he was chairman of the Ramsey County Delegation as well as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. Upon retiring from the House he became associated as a partner with Milton C. Lightner in the general practice of law.

In 1934 he became a candidate for the Mayor of this city and was elected to that office on April 24, 1934 and began his first term on June 5, 1934. During his four years in office he encountered the problems of a municipal government that arose out of the extended existence of the law prohibiting the sale of liquors and its repeal. Mr. Gehan describes this period in an interview he had with a local newspaper reporter on June 22, 1965. He was quoted as saying, "Karpis, Barker, Dillinger . . . try those on for size. Add slot machines, bookies, numbers, punchboards, prohibition, bootlegging, payoffs and the statement from U.S. Attorney General Cummings that 'St. Paul was the crime spot of the nation'."

Mr. Gehan met the issue implicit in the foregoing quotation that the City Police Department was corrupt by using aggressive and effective measures to reorganize the department. With the aid of the late H. E. (Ned) Warren and the late Gust Barfuss and his appointees to office, he brought proceedings before the Civil Service Commission to remove dishonest officials of the Police Department. As a result of these policies the City Law Enforcement Department was cleansed of those practices which had corrupted it.

Another problem that rose out of the repeal of the Prohibition Law was the granting of liquor licenses. It seemed half of the city, including former bootleggers, were seeking liquor licenses. Over strong opposition, he made it a rule that no license would be granted to anyone who had a police record. Although this caused a great deal of criti-

cism, Mr. Gehan never retreated one step from what he thought was the proper criteria to use in granting the licenses.

The economic depression that raged throughout the land in the 1930's brought the financial affairs of the city to a point of crises. Mr. Gehan set about balancing the city's budget with a minimum of reduction of the services the city performs for the benefit of its citizens. His administration in four years balanced the city's budget with a limited amount of borrowing and maintained all of its functions. The previous administration was unable to pay the employees their salaries in full and had adopted a policy of withholding 14% of the gross wages. Under Mr. Gehan's administration, the employees' salaries and the amount previously withheld were paid in full.

The fiscal affairs of the city were in such a plight when he took office it was feared the schools would have to operate on a curtailed basis. This did not happen. Under Mr. Gehan's aggressive leadership the pay scale was maintained, the facilities were increased and the standards of the schools were improved.

As his second term drew to a close, Mr. Gehan decided not to run for re-election. He thereupon returned to the practice of law. As time grew apace he acquired a large probate practice which he enjoyed at the time of his death.

He was generous to fault, not only with his time but with his talents, no one who came to his door was ever turned away if it was possible for Mr. Gehan to help him. In the practice of law and in politics his honesty and integrity were never questioned. Mr. Gehan's forte in life was his ability as a leader. Among other things he was president of the Kiwanis Club and The North Central Commercial Club.

The members of the Ramsey County Bar extend their condolences to his widow, Mrs. Isabel T. Gehan, their son, Mark W. Gehan, Jr., a member of this bar, and to his seven grandchildren.

Respectfully submitted,

HONORABLE ARTHUR A. STEWART
DENNIS D. DALY
JOHN L. CONNOLLY
WILLIAM H. FALLON

MR. HEDEEN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for Roman J. Hautzinger are Robert P. Liesch, Everett L. Peterson and John Christopherson. Mr. Robert P. Liesch will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Liesch read the memorial for Mr. Hautzinger.

Roman J. Hautzinger was born June 25, 1894 at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, one of several children born to Mr. and Mrs. John Hautzinger, natives of Austria. He received his preparatory education at Stevens Point and at St. Thomas College in Saint Paul. Thereafter he studied at the St. Paul Seminary with the intention of entering the priesthood, which study was interrupted by the call of World War I. He served in the American Expeditionary Forces and fought as a foot soldier at Marbachr, and the St. Mihiel and Meuse Argonne offensives, made the march to the Rhine and was in the army of occupation until July 5, 1919. When he returned to St. Paul he was employed as a bookkeeper by Noyes Bros. & Cutler, graduated from the St. Paul College of Law in 1925 and was admitted to the Minnesota Bar the same year. He joined James Murphy and J. P. J. Dolan in the general practice of law in the Endicott Building, and thereafter was appointed and served as Assistant County Attorney under the Honorable Richard D. O'Brien and Christopher O'Brien. He later continued the general practice of law with Robert P. Liesch in the Guardian Building and was appointed Deputy Examiner of Titles of Ramsey County on June 10, 1957 in which service he continued until suffering a crippling stroke in May, 1965 from which he never recovered. He died on February 14, 1968 of acute complications and left surviving his sister Anna M. Hautzinger and two nephews.

Roman remained a bachelor and assumed the care of his invalid mother for many years. He was a fine man, quiet and studious, diligent and thorough in his work, and devoted to his friends. He loved sports and the theatre. He played poker, bridge, and golf, and was an enthusiastic hunter and trained his own hunting dog. He seldom missed a local hockey game or a St. Thomas football game. He made many trips to view big league baseball and good shows. He was a devout christian and gave a substantial part of his earnings annually to charitable institutions of his own choosing.

Roman attended the Assumption Catholic Church,

was a member of its Usher's Club, of the Knights of Columbus, a past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and frequently its national convention delegate, and was a member of the Minnesota and Ramsey County Bar Association.

To those of us who associated with him and knew him well, Roman's life was a fine example of good citizenship. His memory will be deeply cherished.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT P. LIESCH
EVERETT L. PETERSON
JOHN CHRISTOPHERSON

MR. HEDEEN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for Ephraim S. Holmgren are Honorable Edward J. Devitt, Walter Dorle, Victor J. Holper and Gustav A. Larson. Mr. Gustav A. Larson will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Larson read the memorial for Mr. Holmgren.

Ephraim Severin Holmgren was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, on August 26, 1902. His parents, George and Augusta Holmgren, immigrated from Sweden, and after their marriage settled in St. Paul. Ephraim (or Eph as he was known to his friends) was the second youngest child of six.

As a child Mr. Holmgren was in poor health for some years, so concentrated on reading and study, and became very fond of poetry. In his later youth he participated in camping, fishing and other sports. He attended Smith Grade School and Mechanic Arts High School in St. Paul. During his junior and senior high school years he arranged to have all his classes in the mornings so he could work at West Publishing Co. as office and errand boy in the afternoons and on Saturdays.

On July 18, 1919, after graduation from high school, he was offered a steady job at West's, where he was employed for 45 years. When Mr. Holmgren started his career with the company he was young enough to wear knee pants. There are still one or two old timers who speak of remembering him in his knee pants, but they remember him far more for his aptitude and industry.

He became very interested in law and, at the encouragement of many of the men in the company, enrolled at the St. Paul College of Law. He graduated in 1927, and

was admitted to practice in Minnesota in December of that year. While attending college he became a member of Phi Beta Gamma Legal Fraternity and enjoyed his association with its members the rest of his life.

Through the years he grew with the company as he familiarized himself with the many operations involved in the various phases of the law book business. As existing publications developed and new ones were created, Mr. Holmgren made them a part of himself. Gifted with an astonishing memory that matched his vibrant energy, the range of his knowledge of the birth and development of the many West publications became legendary.

In 1934 he became Assistant Manager of the Manuscript Department of West Publishing Co. On August 1, 1950, he was appointed Manager of its Statutes Department, the direct supervisor of a large staff of clerical employees who prepared the manuscripts for all West publications. These publications included the United States Code Annotated and the laws of some twenty states, among them Minnesota Statutes Annotated.

On October 21, 1960, he became a Vice President of West Publishing Company. It has been said that news of his appointment went through the whole plant as if by electrical impulse. His personality, his enthusiasm, his extraordinary ability, and his devotion to his work had inspired very high regard on the part of all his fellow employees.

His contributions to the company and the area of his concern were enlarged by his promotion, but unfortunately, for his company as well as for himself, his years as Vice President were too short. Declining health dictated his retirement on April 16, 1964. He passed away June 14, 1967.

Mr. Holmgren was very proud of the plaque given him by West Publishing Co. for 45 years of service, placing him on the Honor Roll of Service of the company, as he considered it an honor to be associated with the company and its officers and employees for so many years.

As a young man Mr. Holmgren was active in the work of Pacific Congregational Church in St. Paul. As a delegate to the city-wide Council of Churches' Christian Endeavor meetings, he met Irene Roach, and after a courtship of eight years, they were married on August 8, 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Holmgren enjoyed fishing, and spent many weekends and summer vacations at Mille Lacs and Gull

Lakes. They also frequently golfed together. They had no children, but enjoyed a close association with several nephews and nieces.

In the early 1930's Mr. Holmgren joined the St. Paul Curling Club and had many years of pleasure as an active curler. Perhaps his most notable achievement as a curler was winning (with an all-West Publishing Co. rink) the Grand Aggregate prize in the St. Paul Victory International Bonspiel on February 24, 1946. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Curling Club for several years.

In 1948 he joined Midland Hills Country Club and served on its Board of Directors, and on the Building Committee for the new club house which was completed in 1961. He was a member of the St. Paul Athletic Club, and the Minnesota Club, and served on the board of governors of the latter. He also was a member of the Ramsey County, Minnesota State and American Bar Associations.

During the latter years of his life he found Minnesota winters too severe because of his respiratory and heart problems, so after his retirement he stayed at Mesa, Arizona, for about four months each winter. In 1966 the heart staff at the Mayo Clinic recommended open heart surgery for a defective heart valve. Having lived an active life he chose the chance to be restored to health, rather than be the invalid he was fast becoming, so the operation was performed in May, 1967.

Ephraim S. Holmgren will not easily be forgotten by his many, many friends. He radiated enthusiasm and cheerfulness, adding fun to a social gathering with his wit and good humor. Because of his constant reading he was an interesting conversationalist. He had a sincere interest in people; so he was constantly sought for personal advice and guidance, which he gave willingly, generously and with competence. He was never heard to detract from the accomplishments of others and was generous in his praise of others. In everything he did he gave his very best. Those of us who knew him will long remember him with the knowledge that we are better people for having been touched by his life.

Respectfully submitted,

HONORABLE EDWARD J. DEVITT
WALTER DORLE
VICTOR J. HOLPER
GUSTAV A. LARSON

MR. HEDEEN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for Edward A. Knapp are Carl W. Johnson and William B. Randall. Mr. Carl W. Johnson will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Johnson read the memorial for Mr. Knapp.

Edward A. Knapp was born in Chenanga County, New York, February 16th, 1878. In his young manhood he migrated to Minnesota. He attended the University of Minnesota and was graduated from the St. Paul College of Law.

He engaged in the practice of law in this community for many years as a sole practitioner, but was also associated with attorneys, among them the late Francis Mueller and Laurence Nelson of St. Paul.

Edward Knapp was always engaged in the general practice of law, though his main interest was in the area of family relations. He continued his studies in the field of sociology and other disciplines throughout his entire life.

His community interests and contributions were many and varied. He was active in the formative years and for many years thereafter with the St. Paul Humane Society. Also in their beginnings he was active with the Easter and Christmas Seals programs, more particularly the causes they represent.

The Christian fellowship of his church was most dear to him. He joined the Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church in April 1890 and throughout his entire life was not merely an attendant but also a toiler. He taught Sunday school, was Superintendent thereof, served with the Board of Trustees and was an Elder in his beloved church.

He was very active in the Masonic Fraternity for many years, and for his contribution was honored with the rank and designated a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor.

He did not marry, mainly because of his concern for transmission of genes which he thought would result in weakness to whom he might give life, though later scientific knowledge proved this not to be so.

Should accumulation of the means of exchange be the criteria of his success as a lawyer, the measure would be meager. Should the memory of him for his quiet manners, his concern for his fellow humans, without regard for his

own gain, or their status or position, his devotion to those causes in which he sincerely believed, and his daily living the "teachings" and the enrichment of the lives of those who knew him be the measure, then he left much wealth behind him.

Only one human being related by consanguinity survives him, an aged sister living in California.

"Truly he will have the reward of the faithful servant."

Respectfully submitted,

CARL W. JOHNSON
WILLIAM B. RANDALL

MR. HEDEEN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for Harold W. Lee are Garrett B. Wright, Manley G. Paisley and Stanley F. Casey. Mr. Garrett B. Wright will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Wright read the memorial for Mr. Lee.

Harold W. Lee, who passed away on September 4, 1967, at the age of 73, was for 26 years employed as legal counsel by The Federal Land Bank of Saint Paul. He was Senior Attorney for the Bank and was in charge of the Bank's litigation until his retirement in 1960.

He was a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and engaged in the general practice of law for ten years in Detroit, Michigan, where he was a member of the firm of Welsh, Bebout, Hill and Lee before he joined the legal staff of the Bank in Saint Paul.

Mr. Lee was a member of the Michigan and Minnesota Bar Associations, the Ramsey County Bar Association, Ancient Landmark Lodge A. F. & A. M., Scottish Rite, Osman Temple, and House of Hope Church. He served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 7th Regiment Field Artillery in World War I.

Known by his colleagues as a deep and serious student of the law and an avid reader in the fields of literature and history, he will also be long remembered by his friends and business and professional associates for his ready wit and his large repertoire of humorous anecdotes.

He is survived by his widow, Jessie, one daughter,

Mrs. William Muska of Saint Paul, and one sister, Miss Caroline S. Lee of East Lansing, Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,

GARRETT B. WRIGHT
MANLEY G. PAISLEY
STANLEY F. CASEY

MR. HEDEEN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for Victor J. Michaelson are Joseph J. Bright, Honorable Miles W. Lord and Linus J. Hammond. Mr. Joseph J. Bright will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Bright read the memorial for Mr. Michaelson.

Victor J. Michaelson became a lawyer on August 1, 1913. He practised law for 52 years until the day of his retirement in 1965 and died on November 29, 1967.

Mr. Michaelson was a native Minnesotan. He was born and reared at Barnum in Carlton County, attended the public schools at Barnum and Cloquet and also attended Augsburg Seminary in Minneapolis. He obtained his legal education at the St. Paul College of Law, and was admitted to practice in Minnesota in August of 1913. He was an outstanding lawyer and especially proficient as a trial lawyer.

For four years he was City Attorney of Cloquet, Minnesota. For five years he was County Attorney of Carlton County, Minnesota, and for almost thirty years he served the State of Minnesota as a member of the staff of the Attorney General. During the regimes of Attorney General Clifford L. Hilton and Attorney General Aaron Youngquist, he represented the state in a variety of criminal matters. During the regime of Attorney General Henry N. Benson, he organized the Legal Division at the State Highway Department. From 1942 until the time of his retirement in 1965, under Attorneys General J. A. A. Burnquist, Miles W. Lord, and Walter F. Mondale, he acted as a legal advisor for a variety and almost all of the different state departments, and became well recognized as an authority in conservation and agriculture matters and on the law of waters.

Mr. Michaelson's law practice was varied. In addition to serving the public, he was engaged in the private practice of law in Cloquet and Carlton from September, 1913

to February, 1918, and from 1919 until 1928. He was a member of the Armed Forces in World War I.

He also engaged in the private practice of law at various times between 1933 and 1945 in the City of St. Paul.

In 1919 he first investigated the disastrous forest fire which occurred in Northern Minnesota beginning on October 12, 1918. As one of the attorneys representing the fire sufferers, he commenced an action against the United States of America under the Transportation Act to recover damages sustained by a great number of persons as a result of such forest fire. He participated in the trial of these cases and in the appeals thereof, resulting in *Hall v. Davis*, 150 Minn. 35, which held that the railroad administration of the United States was liable for the damages caused by the disastrous forest fire of October 12, 1918. He later instituted actions against the United States under the Tucker Act to recover damages resulting from the forest fire and the right of recovery was sustained in *U.S. v. City National Bank of Duluth*, 31 Fed. Supp. 530, decision affirmed on appeal in *U.S. v. Bang*, 117 Fed. Rep. (2d) 515. This forest fire litigation started in 1918 and ended in 1942 and involved a total payment of about \$22,000,000.00 paid by the Federal government to the fire sufferers.

Victor Michaelson was active in a variety of affairs. He was Past Master Dalles Lodge 181 A.F. & A.M., Cloquet, Minn.; Past President Cloquet Rotary Club; Charter Member of Carl Anderson Post American Legion, Cloquet; Member, St. Anthony Park American Legion Post; Member, Tusler Lodge, St. Paul; Member of Delta Theta Phi, Ramsey Senate, St. Paul; Member, St. Anthony Park Congregational Church; Member Minnesota Bar Association.

When he passed away he left surviving his widow, whom he married on June 27, 1921, five children, Jean of Lafayette, California, Lois of Newport News, Virginia, Victor J. Jr., of St. Paul, Charles H. of St. Paul, and Marjorie, of Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Michaelson was a fine lawyer, an outstanding and respected citizen of the community, and a very fine public servant. He will be sadly missed.

Respectfully submitted,

HONORABLE MILES W. LORD
JOSEPH J. BRIGHT
LINUS J. HAMMOND

MR. HEDEEN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for Eugene A. Monick are James C. Stroud, Francis J. Nahurski and Thomas M. Quayle. Mr. Thomas M. Quayle will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Quayle read the memorial for Mr. Monick.

Mr. Eugene A. Monick was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, December 30, 1899, the son of Mary Innes Monick and Frederick William Monick.

He attended Lincoln and Van Buren grade schools, Johnson High School, the University of Minnesota and the St. Paul College of Law. He graduated from the St. Paul College of Law with honors as an LLB in 1926, and received the Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity "Scholarship Key". That same year he was admitted to practice in Minnesota. While attending law school he was employed as Chief Clerk in the accounting division of the Tri State Telephone Company. In 1926 he, with Fred W. Weddel and James C. Stroud, opened a law office in the Empire Bank Building at 5th and Robert Streets and on June 18, 1927 he was married to Lillian Ruth Kral.

In 1928 Mr. Monick was elected Justice of the Peace at Large, which office he held until October 13, 1937, when he was appointed Auditor of Ramsey County. It is to be noted that his term as a Justice bridged the worst depression this Country ever experienced. His Court became an important forum for the truly poor people of that time. He conducted the Court with limitless patience and compassion for those in need. He was aware of the economic stress of the times. He administered the Court with dignity and applied the law as he was required to. Where because of the times the remedy seemed harsh, he sought to temper it and appealed to both sides to avoid unnecessary hardship. Many lawyers, now distinguished both at the bar and on the bench, handled litigation in his Court then and with many litigants on both sides became his lifelong friends.

Mr. Monick was very patriotic and devoted to good government. By experience and interest he felt he was qualified to serve the people of Ramsey County in a broader field. He became a candidate for County Auditor in 1934. He was defeated in a very close contest. During the ensuing term the incumbent died in 1937 and the Ramsey County Board appointed Eugene Monick to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. Thereafter he was re-elected con-

tinuously until his retirement on January 1, 1967. He held public elective office for nearly 39 years continuously.

As a young man he served his Country in its armed services during World War I and was honorably discharged in 1919. From 1922 to 1926 he was an active member of the Naval Reserve. Among the organizations in which he was active and in which he maintained membership are the Ramsey County and Minnesota State Bar Associations, the American Legion, the St. Paul Athletic Club, Masons, Scottish Rite, and the Shriners. He was Past President of the Minnesota Auditors' Association; of Olympia Council of the Good Samaritans and the Ramsey County Historical Society. He was a director of and on the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America for many years. He was awarded the District Scouter of the year award from Indianhead Council for distinguished service to boyhood. He was an active participant in Community Chest, Welfare and American Red Cross drives and activities.

He treated seriously his responsibility for the administration of the financial activities of the County. He assumed the leadership in efforts to place Ramsey County on a pay as you go basis, as a result of which the County for many years had no bonded indebtedness. He was constantly on the alert to streamline the operations of his department and modernize methods of getting the job done. His efforts gave the County a national reputation for credit and solvency which we as citizens of Ramsey County enjoy to this date.

He was an entertaining and convincing public speaker. He possessed a dry wit which he used very effectively to make his points. He had the knack to project his sincerity and to develop his ideas as a coherent message.

After 14 months of retirement Eugene A. Monick died on March 13, 1968, and left surviving him his wife, Lillian R. Monick, one daughter, Mrs. William (Nancy) Budd, two sons, The Rev. Eugene A. Monick, Jr., and Bruce R. Monick, and seven grandchildren. He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Carl (Marion) Eichhorn, Mrs. Irene Kernkamp and Mrs. Grace Olson, and one brother, Dr. Robert I. Monick.

Mr. Eugene A. Monick believed in the value of time, the success of perseverance, the dignity of simplicity, the worth of character, the power of kindness and the wisdom of economy. He had the moral courage to support his con-

victions and the common sense to administer the affairs in his office in an efficient, economical and thoroughly satisfactory manner. He served his community with exceptional honor, integrity and devotion through his dedication to good government, and was ever striving to promote it through his efforts and example.

While he bore his share of public social responsibility, this is not really where he was at his best. On a very personal basis he was a friend of those who came to him in need of a pat on the back, a door to be opened, a word of advice or a financial lift. To many hundreds of these he eased the way and brightened the horizon. These have truly lost a friend.

We, his colleagues, make this record of our loss and express our sympathy to his family. We ask them to be consoled, as we shall be, by the memory of one who was truly a fine man.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. STROUD
FRANCIS J. NAHURSKI
THOMAS M. QUAYLE

MR. HEDEEN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for Harold J. O'Loughlin are Honorable Edward J. Devitt, Frank J. Danz and Michael J. Galvin, Sr. Mr. Michael J. Galvin, Sr. will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Galvin read the memorial for Mr. O'Loughlin.

Harold J. O'Loughlin was born in Spokane, Washington, on November 30, 1900, and passed to his Eternal Reward on April 27, 1968. He had been a resident of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota, for more than 50 years, graduating from St. Thomas Academy, the College of St. Thomas, and completed his law education at the University of Minnesota Law School in June 1923, where he received his Bachelor of Law Degree. He was admitted to the Supreme Court of United States on September 5, 1958. He practiced law in the City of St. Paul from the time he was admitted to the Bar in 1923 until the date of his death.

On the 17th day of August, 1929, Sen. O'Loughlin was married to Tess Gilmore of White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

He was elected to the Minnesota State Senate in November 1954, and re-elected again in November 1958, where he served on the following committees: Cities of the First Class, Public Domain, Elections and Reapportionment, Public Highways, Game and Fish, Labor, Military and Civil Defense; Taxes and Tax Laws, Public Welfare, Committee on Committees, and on the Judiciary Committee of which he was the Vice Chairman in the 1959 and 1961 sessions. He also served as a member on the Hospital Building Facilities Commission of St. Paul.

Sen. O'Loughlin served for many years as attorney for the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul, and later as counsel for the Catholic Digest, a national magazine, for which he also served as Assistant Editor. He was very active in his church and the societies and organizations connected with the Catholic Church, and spent much of his time furthering the efforts of those organizations. He served a term as President of the Serra Club of St. Paul, and served on the Board of the Christ Child Society. He was attending a meeting of this latter organization when he suffered his fatal illness. In addition to Sen. O'Loughlin's activities in the Serra Club and the Christ Child Society, he belonged to the St. Paul Athletic Club and St. Luke's Catholic church.

After his retirement from the Senate he engaged in the general practice of law and was at the time of his death an office associate of Mr. Frank J. Danz. Sen. O'Loughlin enjoyed an occasional song fest. He was possessed of a fine voice and sang in many of the churches of St. Paul. He enjoyed fishing and photography.

He is survived by his son, Terence J. O'Loughlin, a member of the Ramsey County Bar, and a daughter, Catherine Odlaug, whose husband is also a member of this bar. His wife had predeceased him.

Sen. O'Loughlin was a stickler for legal principals particularly with reference to title matters and prevailed in a very complicated title question in 1957. The question dealt with the destruction of future or contingent estates by mergers of interest. He received a very complimentary letter from Dean Fraser with reference to this question containing citations referred to in the Dean's book on Real Estate Law.

Harold O'Loughlin was a conscientious, honest and ethical lawyer. He was known for his high principals and

integrity. He let no personal interest interfere with his respect for and advocacy of good government. He lived by the strictest standards of honesty and morality, and is deeply missed by a great host of friends.

Respectfully submitted,

HONORABLE EDWARD J. DEVITT
FRANK J. DANZ
MICHAEL J. GALVIN, SR.

MR. HEDEEN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for John Rockstroh are Francis A. Kocourek, Thomas J. Nikolai and Dale C. Nathan. Mr. Dale C. Nathan will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Nathan read the memorial for Mr. Rockstroh.

For over ten years, John Rockstroh was a highly respected UNIVAC employee. He is best remembered for his quiet dedication to his work, his pleasantness and his thoughtfulness.

John Rockstroh began his legal career in 1941 upon graduation from St. Paul College of Law, which later became William Mitchell College of Law. He graduated with highest honors. He completed his undergraduate work at the College of St. Thomas.

Mr. Rockstroh was born in St. Paul and was a life-long resident of that city. His career included twenty years of service with the Government including three years military service with the Army Central Intelligence Corps.

Outside of his professional life, Mr. Rockstroh preferred a quiet life. He was devoted to his family, and was an active member of the congregation of St. Michael on the Hill. He is survived by his wife Anne, and three children, John Michael, Mary and Patricia, all of whom are currently attending school.

John Rockstroh will be missed by his many friends at UNIVAC.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS A. KOCOUREK
THOMAS J. NIKOLAI
DALE C. NATHAN

MR. HEDEEN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for Raymond J. Rockstroh are J. Edward Shepherd, Carl R. Peterson and Fred A. Kueppers. Mr. Fred A. Kueppers will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Kueppers read the memorial for Mr. Rockstroh.

Raymond J. Rockstroh was born at St. Paul, Minnesota on March 3, 1900. He was a son of Jacob Rockstroh and Catherine (Katie Hammer) Rockstroh. He died suddenly on February 10, 1968 at his home at 2091 Stanford Avenue, St. Paul.

Raymond J. Rockstroh received his elementary education at the Sacred Heart School and graduated from Johnson High School in St. Paul. He secured his legal education and law degree from the St. Paul College of Law from which he graduated in 1922. He was admitted to practice law in the State of Minnesota on February 28, 1923.

In 1936 he married Alice Hardy. She died on September 28, 1958. Mr. Rockstroh and his wife had no children. After the death of his wife, Mr. Rockstroh continued to reside in the home where he had spent so many happy years with his wife.

He was first employed as a mortician by his father, who conducted the Jacob Rockstroh Mortuary on Seventh Street in St. Paul. Although he disassociated himself from the activities of that business at an early date, he maintained his license as a mortician up to the time of his death.

While attending law school and during the period of time preceding the opening of his own law office, Mr. Rockstroh was employed in the office of J. J. Fitzgerald, Register of Deeds in the old Court House in St. Paul. Through his work in that office he acquired a broad experience in regard to real estate matters and became very skillful in the field of real estate law. In the course of his practice he was associated at various times as counsel for the former firms of Perry-Fry Company and Barta & Rohleder. During all of his years in the practice of law he maintained his office in the Commerce Building in St. Paul.

Mr. Rockstroh was intensely interested in the law and in the field of investments. His other interests were his home and his Church. Although he would never speak of it or seek any recognition for his charitable contributions,

he was a generous giver during his lifetime and he provided generously in his Will for religious and charitable institutions.

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

He was survived by his sisters, Mrs. Ida Schnitzler, Miss Alma Rockstroh and Mrs. Robert Scanlan, and a brother, Archie Rockstroh, all of St. Paul.

Mr. Rockstroh's sudden death was a great shock not only to his family but to all of his associates and friends. All who knew him mourn the loss of a man who was known for his loyalty as a husband, as a brother and as a friend, for his devotion to the duties of his profession, for his devotion to his duties and responsibilities to his Church and for his integrity.

Respectfully submitted,
J. EDWARD SHEPHERD
CARL R. PETERSON
FRED A. KUEPPERS

MR. HEDEEN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for Donald Burdette Smith are Honorable Andrew A. Glenn, Moritz J. Blomquist and William B. Randall. Mr. William B. Randall will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Randall read the memorial for Mr. Smith.

Donald Burdette Smith was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, September 26, 1908, the son of Dr. Charles C. Smith and Ida Easterbrook Smith. Dr. Smith was a minister and consequently Don and two younger brothers, Richard and Delbert, moved several times before arriving in St. Paul where Don attended the University of Minnesota. He completed his pre-law and received his J.D. from the University of Chicago in 1932. Upon admission to the Minnesota bar he opened a small office in the Midway District of St. Paul. In 1942 he formed a partnership with Moritz Blomquist and shortly after that Clarence B. Randall joined this firm and remained until his death after which time the firm was known as Smith, Blomquist, Wilson and Vitko. As fellow lawyers and friends of the legal profession, we are all familiar with Donald Smith's achievements as a leading practicing lawyer in this community. We are

all in his debt for the tireless years he devoted to local and state bar association activities, particularly in the field of post graduate studies. He served on the Executive Council of the Ramsey County Bar Association, was chairman of the Committee for Continuing Legal Education, and a member of the Board of Governors of the Minnesota Bar Association.

His contributions outside of the legal field were equally extensive and meaningful. He served as secretary of the Minnesota Protestant Foundation, St. Paul Council Area of Churches Foundation, the United Church Homes, and the Minnesota Division of the American Cancer Society. He was also a member of the Advisory Board of Macalester College and the United Theological Seminary. He was chairman of the Management Committee of the St. Paul Y.M.C.A. and served the St. Paul Community Chest as chairman of the Leisure Time Activities Committee. He was president of the Inter-Professional Institute and a trustee of the State Conference of his church, United Church of Christ.

Don married Hertha C. Finke September 12, 1953. At that time his family consisted of two sons, David and Jonathan, and the marriage had the effect of adding two more boys to his family, Dirk and Arthur.

Don enjoyed exploration and travel and was a field research associate of the Science Museum of St. Paul, dealing particularly with explorations in the Upper Amazon jungle. He was a year-round sports enthusiast, finding that each season had its pleasures, whether it was skiing in the winter or canoeing on rivers swollen with the spring flood, tennis in the summer or upland and big-game hunting in the fall.

Roy Dunlap, whose skill as a professional writer has long been recognized in this community, was asked by Don's family to assist in preparing a suitable memorial for Don after his death on April 15th. We who compose this committee feel that while perhaps we may have known Don longer we cannot say it better and are consequently including Mr. Dunlap's remarks.

A Man For All Seasons . . . A Man For All Men

Donald B. Smith

(1908-1968)

(By a friend who is the lesser for his leaving but the more for his having been.)

Somewhere distant roaring rivers await his paddle; snow-splashed mountains invite his tireless climb; lost and dusty cities beckon him in jungles yet unexplored . . .

And somewhere a campfire flickers in the night and he sleeps a dreamless, hard-won sleep among the stars.

Don now is on the greatest adventure of his adventurous life, a journey of far more wondrous scope and spectrum than any we may have shared with him on earth.

Long ago he was packed and ready. And he knows the way as surely as a river finds the sea.

We sorrow because the compass of our lives no longer aligns with his and our poor charts lead to more prosaic places.

We mourn because his wit is no longer ours to share; his quiet strength no longer ours to borrow; his mind no longer ours to plumb . . . and learn.

Don gave more to all of us than we to him . . . but he was more content in the giving and never sought to equate the balance.

And he gave as he lived, fully, selflessly but minus a too-proud roll of personal drums.

All of us covet our special memories of Don, memories which echo again and again and will go on resounding in our hearts as long as we shall live.

It may be the sight of a lost and lonely person that kindles the spark of memory within us, for we know how many lost and lonely persons he gathered in to comfort and counsel.

It may be the touch of a friend's hand, for he shunned no hand proffered to him in friendship.

It may be a quiet voice advocating reason, for his was a quiet voice unraveling our skeins of tangled logic.

It may be the sight of a distant star, for his curiosity lead him into intellectual exploration of worlds beyond our own.

It may be the sound of a child, wrapt in sudden joy, for he was the "honorary uncle" of all children who sought him, instinctively, to shout their triumphs . . . and dry their tears.

It may be a fragment of poetry for he shared his library and his love of the written word with reckless philanthropy.

It may be the plaintive yip of a puppy, for unto the least of creatures on earth he was as understanding as to the most.

It may be the fragrance of a flower borne in the woodland wind, for he agreed with Lincoln . . . whenever he saw a thistle, he planted a rose where once a thistle grew.

It may be all these memories . . . and more, for he touched our lives in many ways.

Whenever we hear a quiet chuckle, it will be Don's. He will live again for us in a grin, a laugh, a mock-serious clearing of the throat.

He will walk beside us on every street, on every portage. We will see him again in the smoke of campfires; in the flame of ski lodge fireplaces. His hand will hold the tent stake, steady the rope, lace the boots. He will be with us every turn of the river, every twist of the road, on every snowy mountain trail.

One winter's night, over a pipe, he opened a book and asked a friend to read one of his favorite passages.

It has more meaning now for all of us than it ever had before:

"Any man's death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind; and therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls . . . it tolls for thee."

Respectfully submitted,

HONORABLE ANDREW A. GLENN
MORITZ J. BLOMQUIST
WILLIAM B. RANDALL

MR. HEDEEN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for Peter Valenty are Richard L. Matykiewicz, Edward P. Starr and Michael N. Lyons, Jr. Mr. Edward P. Starr will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Starr read the memorial for Mr. Valenty.

At the threshold of a promising legal career, Peter Valenty passed away on February 29, 1968 at the age of forty-three.

Born May 5, 1924 in St. Paul, Minnesota, Pete was one of two sons of Leonard and Mary Valenty who were Italian

immigrants to this country. He attended Blessed Sacrament Catholic Grade School, and graduated from Harding High School of St. Paul in 1942. He entered St. Thomas College, and after attendance for one year, he enlisted in the Navy as a Naval Air Cadet on June 10, 1943.

While in service, he met his wife, Jean, of St. Peter, Minnesota, and they were married June 16, 1945. Upon being discharged from the Navy, January 14, 1946, he again entered St. Thomas College and graduated with a B.A. Degree in Social Science in June, 1949. He completed one year of post graduate work toward a teaching certificate.

During high school and college, Pete was active in sports and was honored as an All City Hockey Player while attending Harding High School. He was a wingman on several St. Thomas College hockey teams during the years he spent there. With his playing days behind him, Pete remained keenly interested in sports and was an avid spectator at high school, college and professional hockey contests. He kept active as a weekend skier and golfer and even though time for participation became less available in recent years, his fine natural athletic ability kept his proficiency at a high level.

Upon completion of college, and after a short stint with the State Unemployment Security Division, he became a partner in the Pinecrest Food Co. The business developed nicely through the years and eventually included the ownership of several cafeterias at Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co. Pete however, from childhood, had a strong desire to become a lawyer, and when his financial position permitted, he enrolled in the St. Paul College of Law in 1955, and became a member of the first graduating class of William Mitchell College of Law in June, 1959, at the age of thirty-five. This he accomplished while providing a home and security for his wife and three children.

After graduation from Law School, he was employed as an adjuster for State Farm Insurance Company until September, 1960. Having had little experience and even less desire to work as an employee of others, Pete opened his own law office in the Minnesota Building at that time. Approximately one year later, he was joined by Richard Matykiewicz, and their partnership continued until his death.

Peter and Jean Valenty had three children, Kathleen,

born June 11, 1946, and presently a stewardess for Northwest Airlines, Peter D., born June 15, 1949, and a freshman at St. Thomas College, and Donnajean, born February 2, 1954, who attends Presentation Catholic Grade School.

His brief legal career of approximately eight years was characterized by its immediate success as compared to the typical progression of a law practice which is almost always quite slow. The impetus for this success no doubt resulted from the friendships and business associations Pete formed during the years prior to his admittance to the Bar. His legal ability was characterized by his being able to sift through the fringes of a particular problem, get to the core of the situation, and find a sensible and practical solution.

His friends, both in and out of the Bar Association and his clients, remember him for his warmth of friendship and sharp, quick wit. Many of us have felt the sting of his humorous barbs. That he met the true test of a man can best be attested to by the devotion shown by him to his family of which virtue we the members of this Committee were well aware. We, in our own behalf, and for the members of the Bar, extend the sincerest sympathy to Pete's family.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD L. MATYKIEWICZ
EDWARD P. STARR
MICHAEL N. LYONS, JR.

MR. HEDEEN: If the Court please, this concludes the reading of the memorials, and I wish to express, on behalf of the Ramsey County Bar Association and this committee, our gratitude to the members of the bar and bench who have taken time from their duties to come here this afternoon and pay tribute to our friends. At this time I would ask that the clerk be directed to inscribe these memorials upon the permanent records of the court and to send copies to the families of the deceased.

JUDGE GRAFF: The motion is granted. The record may show that the Court joins in these memorials. On behalf of the District Court of Ramsey County we express our thanks to the members of other courts who have attended and assisted in the presentation of these

memorials. We also wish to express our appreciation to the Ramsey County Bar Association for so effectively continuing this splendid tradition.

As a further mark of respect to the departed, no other matters will be taken up, and this Court will now adjourn without day.