

**MEMORIAL EXERCISES  
FOR DECEASED MEMBERS**

of the

**RAMSEY COUNTY BAR  
ASSOCIATION**



Held at the

**COURTHOUSE**

**Saturday, April 16, 1960**

**RAMSEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL EXERCISES**

**Court House, Saturday, April 16, 1960, 10:00 A.M.**

**On Saturday, April 16, 1960, Memorial Exercises 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: Judges Dennis F. Donovan and Edward J. Devitt of the United States District Court; Judge John B. Sanborn of the United States Circuit Court; Judge Martin A. Nelson of the Minnesota Supreme Court; Judges Clayton Parks, Albin S. Pearson, Arthur A. Stewart, James C. Otis, Marshall Hurley, John Graff and Carlton McNally of the Ramsey County District Court; Judge Andrew A. Glenn of the Ramsey County Probate Court; Judges Edward D. Mulally, J. Jerome Plunkett, Archie L. Gingold and Leonard J. Keyes of the St. Paul Municipal Court; and Judge Jerome E. Franke of the Roseville Municipal Court.**

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

**Judge Parks: Ladies and gentlemen, as is our custom, we gather here, the Saturday before Easter, to pay our respects to those lawyers who have passed on to a higher court. These services are tunder the auspices and carried on by the Ramsey County Bar Association, and the Court now recognizes Mr. Murnane as president.**

**Mr. Murnane: If it please the Court, and members, friends of the Ramsey County Bar Association, the memorial services this morning will be under the chairmanship of Mr. Mortimer J. Miley. Mr. Miley.**

**Mr. Miley:' May it please Your Honors, Mr. Murnane, and friends all: once again it is our sad duty to join here this beautiful Easter Saturday morning to unite our hearts and minds in a final and thoughtful tribute to our brethren of the Bar of Ramsey County who have passed away since our memorial services of one year ago. Memorials have been prepared and will be presented for the following:**

**MR. EDWARD C. ADAMS  
MR. ALRIC ANDERSON  
MR. FREDERICK ARNESON  
MR. JEROME W. BROWER  
MR. GEORGE G. CHAPIN  
MR. E. A. COUNTRYMAN  
MR. HOYT CROOKS  
MR. JOSEPH J. ERMATINGER  
MR. JAMES A. FETSCH  
MR. WAYNE C. GILBERT  
MR. GEORGE HENKE  
MR. ALEX JANES  
MISS MARGARET H. KANE  
MR. GUY W. KIMBALL  
MR. R. C. LILLY  
MR. LEO J. MAHER  
MR. JAMES H. MULALLY  
MR. AUGUST F. ROHLER  
MR. HERMAN F. STARK  
MR. RUSSELL F. SWENSEN**

## **JOSEPH J. ERMATINGER**

**James E. Kelley, O. A. Blanchard and William L. Ulvin have prepared a memorial in behalf of Mr. Joseph J. Ermatinger, which will be presented for the committee at this time by Mr. Blanchard.**

**Mr. Blanchard read the memorial for Mr. Ermatinger.**

**Mr. Joseph J. Ermatinger, the son of John and Mary Ermatinger, was born in Utica, New York on July 31st, 1876, and died in St. Paul, Minnesota on March 30th, 1960. At Utica he received his elementary and high school education; shortly thereafter the family moved to Rochester, New York, where he attended the Rochester University. Although he was small in physical stature he made the football team.**

**About 1893 Joe left Rochester and came to St. Paul enrolling at the University of Minnesota Law School. He graduated in 1900 and was admitted to practice the same year.**

**Joseph Ermatinger was the youngest man ever appointed to the St. Paul Charter Commission and did most of the drafting of the City Charter. Through the years he assisted in formulating amendments to the charter.**

**On September 1st, 1917 he married Ilma Scheffer and went to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin to accept the position of secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. He stayed at Fond du Lac one year and then went to Glendive, Montana as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. In 1924 they were having some difficulties in the Highway Department of North Dakota and Governor Arthur Sorlie persuaded Joe to go to Bismark as head of the Highway Department.**

**Joe stayed in North Dakota until 1930 when the urge to return to private practice brought him back to St. Paul.**

**He remained in active practice until his retirement on June 1st, 1959. During his practice in St. Paul, Joe became an authority on Municipal Charters, legislation and Municipal Corporate law.**

**Joe was a champion of the poor man's cause and on many occasions gave of his time and energy helping indigent litigants. He never refused to represent the poor individual although he knew that the Ramsey County Bar Association had a reference service for such legal assistance.**

**Joe was an ardent researcher. When he handled a case he wanted to know the law on the problem, not only as it had been decided in Minnesota, but in other Jurisdictions. He never went to Court without a brief on the facts and the law. He was such an avid researcher that frequently he spent days on legal propositions that he had read about in the newspapers. He would brief the problem, arrive at a decision and then wait to see how the District Court or the Supreme Court decided the matter. Needless to say, he was usually right.**

**His hobbies were photography, fishing and golfing. He was active in the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Catholic Faith.**

**Joseph Ermatinger was an honorable, kind and gentle person, a fine citizen and an able lawyer.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
O. A. BLANCHARD  
W. L. TILVIN  
JAMES E. KELLEY**

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## **ALEX L. JANS, SR.**

**Mr. Miley: The Honorable Arthur A. Stewart, William H. Fallon and John W. McConneloug have prepared a memorial in behalf of Mr. Alex L. Jans, which will be presented for the committee at this time by Mr. Fallon.**

**Mr. Fallon read the memorial for Mr. Janes.**

**Alex Leslie Janes, Sr., was born in Madelia, Minnesota, on October 23, 1880, the son of Frank L. Janes and Harriet Chase Janes.**

**He received his elementary education in the public schools of Pipestone, Minnesota. He then attended the University of Minnesota being graduated in 1902 with the degree of B. A. In furtherance of his education he attended Harvard University being graduated in 1905 with the degree of L.L.B.**

**Upon being admitted to the bar in the State of Minnesota, Mr. Janes joined his father in the practice of law at Pipestone, Minnesota. He also served as county attorney of Pipestone County for several years. In 1910 he was appointed an Assistant Attorney General of the State of Minnesota where he remained until 1913 when he joined the legal staff of the Great Northern Railway Company.**

**Mr. Janes remained with the Great Northern for a period of thirty-two years until his retirement in 1945 at which time he held the title of Assistant General Counsel. Those years were strenuous ones for him as he appeared in many courts and earned an enviable reputation as an excellent trial lawyer and advocate.**

**During the later years of his active career, he was legislative chairman of the Minnesota Association of Railroads, and for a time was counsel for the Northland Greyhound Bus Company.**

**Mr. Janes was a man of strong character and convictions. He often appeared to be reserved and stern but beneath it all, he was a friendly and generous person. These characteristics stood him in good stead as a trial lawyer wherein he enjoyed great success and prestige.**

**Mr. Janes married Nancy H. Wood of St. Paul on June 26, 1907. To them were born four sons, Clifford and Alex Leslie, Jr., of St. Paul, Frank A. of St. Louis Park and Richard W. of Pasadena, California. All of his sons following in the footsteps of their father and grandfather were educated in and admitted to the practice of law.**

**"Alec " as he was known to his great host of friends was an ardent gardener and flower grower and his summer home on the Peninsula at White Bear Lake was annually visited and admired by many people. He was also a great sportsman enjoying fishing and hunting and for a number of years was a member of the Lake Christina Duck Club.**

**Mr. Janes was a member of the St. Paul Athletic Club, Ramsey County, State of Minnesota and American Bar Associations. He was a member of the State Historical Society and for many years served that organization as honorary counsel.**

**Mr. Janes passed away on October 21, 1959 at which time he resided at 647 Lincoln Avenue, St. Paul. He was survived by his wife and four sons, but unfortunately his son, Frank A. Janes, passed away shortly after his father's death on December 3, 1959.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN W. McCONNELoug  
WILLIAM H. FALLON  
HONORABLE ARTHUR A. STEWART**

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## **GEORGE H. HENKE**

**Mr. Miley: A committee consisting of Warren Newcome, Gerald F. Fristensky and John W. Jurgensen has prepared a memorial for Mr. George Henke, which will be presented for the committee at this time by Mr. Jurgensen.**

**Mr. Jurgensen read the memorial for Mr. Henke.**

**George H. Henke was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, on July 22, 1898, the son of Ernest Henke and Mary Henke, and he passed away in St. Paul on March 27, 1959. He attended the old Assumption Grade School and graduated from Mechanic Arts High School in 1917. After service in the United States army during World War I, he was employed for a few years by the Burlington Railroad and studied at the St. Paul College of Law and was graduated with honors of Cum Laude in the class of 1927. He then became associated with the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway Company in its law department at St. Paul where he remained until his death.**

**Mr. Henke's entire practice as a lawyer was in the specialized field of railroad and corporation law. He possessed an exceptionally clear and analytical mind and was recognized by the lawyers in the railroad legal field as an expert in commerce and common carrier law.**

**Mr. Henke 's wife, Genevieve Gossard Henke, died on January 6, 1956, and he is survived by a daughter, Rosemary Henke, his mother, Mary Henke, his sisters Mrs. M. J. Heidenreich and Mrs. Gertrude Hansen, all of St. Paul, and his brother John Henke of Stillwater, Minnesota.**

**Mr. Henke was gifted with a fine sense of discrimination and loyalty and he will be missed by his many friends who respected him as a fine lawyer and citizen.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN W. JURGENSEN  
J. F. FRISTENSKY  
WARREN NEWCOME**



## **AUGUST F. ROHLEDER**

**Mr. Miley: The Honorable Albin S. Pearson, the Honorable Arthur A. Stewart and Mr. Wilfred E. Rumble have prepared a memorial in behalf of Mr. August F. Rohleder, which will be presented for the committee at this time by Mr. Rumble.**

**Mr. Rumble read the memorial for Mr. Rohleder.**

**August F. Rohleder was born Dec. 25, 1888, and died May 2, 1959. He was survived by his widow, Dorcas Sansome Rohleder to whom he was married May 3, 1921; their only child, Richard A. Rohleder, a member of the Bar of this Court, and now associated with the firm of Stringer, Donnelly & Sharood, and by a brother and sister.**

**He was educated in the public schools of this city, graduated from the St. Paul College of Law in 1913, and was immediately admitted to the Minnesota Bar. From 1915 to 1920 he was a member of the legal department of the Capitol Trust & Savings Bank. In 1924 he resigned as vice president of that bank to become president of Barta & Rohleder, Inc., the latter company dealing primarily in real estate financing and sales. He and Mr. Barta also practiced law under the firm name of Barta & Rohleder.**

**He was a member of the House of Hope Presbyterian Church, and of many civic and charitable organizations. His activities in those were numerous, and his help in the attainment of their worthy aims was very great. He was a member of the Advisory Committee of both the Salvation Army and Volunteers of America, and he gave to those organizations a great deal of his time and talent. His great charitable organization, however, and the one which gave him the greatest satisfaction, was his work in connection with the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children. He served as a member and as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Twin City Unit of those hospitals for many years.**

**During all his long and active life so briefly summarized today, his ability, industry, integrity and helpful attitude towards others not only caused those who knew him well to respect and love him; but those attributes were very apparent to those who enjoyed only a slight acquaintance with him, and even affected many who had never met him personally.**

**Even before his admission to the Bar, he was a part of our business community. As is true of some others similarly situated, he was fortunate in having the opportunity of daily contact with lawyers and businessmen in his youth, and observing in his daily work the practical application of rules of substantive law.**

**Most of his law practice related to probate, real property and trust affairs. In his business as in his law practice, he was remarkably prompt, expeditious and dependable. His universally acknowledged integrity included not merely honesty relating to money and fiduciary relationships, but also probity and restraint respecting the use of language. He was most careful in what he said, never becoming overzealous, nor indulging in overstatement.**

**His excellent record as a lawyer and businessman, and his generous service to worth-while charitable and civic enterprises are not the only reasons for our commemoration of him. He was a gentleman in everything that that word implies; a devoted, kind and generous husband and father, and in all things and to all people he was charitable, kind and lovable. He was good company, and a keen wit, but his fine sense of humor was never employed in a manner harmful to others nor could it be deemed offensive to anyone.**

**His life, professional and otherwise, furnishes a splendid model and incentive to all of us.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
WILFRED E. RUMBLE  
ARTHUR A. STEWART  
ALBIN S. PEARSON**

## **JAMES H. MULALLY**

**Mr. Miley: A committee consisting of Bruce W. Sanborn, Anthony Kane and James H. Geraghty has prepared a memorial for Mr. James H. Mulally, which will be presented for the committee at this time by Mr. Kane.**

**Mr. Kane read the memorial for Mr. Mulally.**

**James H. Mulally was born in Danvers, Massachusetts, on June 3, 1883; and was educated in the public schools in that place. He graduated from Dartmouth College, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1905. Thereafter, he moved to St. Paul and entered upon the study of law at the University of Minnesota Law School, and received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1908.**

**While attending law school, he was an instructor of mathematics at St. Thomas College in St. Paul. Upon being admitted to the Bar, he became actively engaged in the practice of law in St. Paul, and for many years was associated in practice with Daniel Lawler, who had been Mayor of St. Paul and a very colorful and outstanding trial lawyer. The firm was Lawler & Mulally, and they participated in numerous important cases in the City.**

**On June 21, 1920, Mr. Mulally joined the Law Department of the Great Northern Railway in St. Paul. On January 1, 1929, he became General Attorney for the Great Northern Railway; and on October 1, 1945, was promoted to Assistant General Counsel for the Great Northern Railway.**

**During his career with the Railroad, he was engaged chiefly with matters involving litigation; and he defended countless substantial suits against the Railroad, exercising great ability. In railroad service, he was also known as a sound and outstanding land lawyer. He was also recognized as an authority on freight claims. For several years and up until his retirement, he served on the industry-wide Advisory Committee of Railroad Counsel on freight claims.**

**On July 1, 1953, Mr. Mulally retired from his position with the Great Northern Railway; but he never retired as a lawyer. On July 1, 1953, he became associated with the firm of Sanborn, Jackson & Rice; and again resumed the general practice of law, which he continued until his death on June 27, 1959.**

**During his entire professional career, he retained a great interest in the teaching field. For many years, he was an instructor and Trustee of the St. Paul College of Law, predecessor of the present William Mitchell College of Law. He was most active in arranging for a merger of the law schools, which formed the present William Mitchell College of Law. He was a Trustee of the William Mitchell College of Law at the time of his death.**

**During his later years, he wintered in Florida, where he and Mrs. Mulally had much relaxation and enjoyment. He devoted much of his spare time in the summer months to his summer home at Bald Eagle Lake.**

**Mr. Mulally married Helen Batson of St. Paul in 1908, and five children were born of that marriage. Mrs. Mulally died in 1941. Mr. Mulally married Alpha Sarchet in 1948, and she survives him. Also surviving are three sons, Charles, now Lieutenant, St. Paul Police Department; Honorable Edward, Judge of Municipal Court of St. Paul; and Judd S., lawyer and member of the firm of Lipschultz, Altman, Geraghty & Mulally of St. Paul; and two daughters, Judith Lilien, Maplewood, New Jersey; and Joan McNamara, Arlington Heights, Illinois.**

**James H. Mulally was a warm friend, and a scholarly and wise lawyer of splendid character; and enjoyed the highest professional standing at all times. He is, and will be, deeply missed not only by his family; but also by those of us that had the privilege of frequently being in his company.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
JAMES H. GERAGHTY  
ANTHONY KANE  
BRUCE W. SANBORN**

## **GUY W. KIMBALL**

**Mr. Miley: Mr. Richard E. Kyle, Charles R. Murnane and Rollin F. West have prepared a memorial in behalf of Mr. Guy W. Kimball, which will be presented for the committee at this time by Mr. Kyle.**

**Mr. Kyle read the memorial for Mr. Kimball.**

**Guy W. Kimball was born on January 17, 1885 at Delaware, Ohio, the son of Gustavus and Marie Guy Kimball. The family moved to Michigan when Guy was a child. He attended the public schools in that state and was graduated from Albion College in Michigan.**

**Shortly after graduation from college he came to Minnesota where he taught school for several years, first at Brainerd and then at Central High School in Saint Paul. While a member of the faculty at Central High School, he attended the University of Minnesota and the Saint Paul College of Law. He graduated from the College of Law in 1910 and was admitted to the Bar the same year.**

**From 1910 until his sudden and unexpected death on March 2, 1960 he engaged in the general practice of law in this city. During his long career at the Bar he participated in many important cases and skillfully handled many important matters for a large number of clients. Following a heart attack in 1950, he closed his office in the First National Bank Building but continued to serve many of his old clients up to the time of his death. He was active in Bar Association activities and was a member of the Ramsey County and Minnesota State Bar Associations.**

**On December 24, 1913 he married Bess C. Huskins. He is survived by his widow and three daughters, Mrs. James Scanlan of New York City, who has recently moved to Denver, Colorado, Mrs. George Miner of Winnetka, Illinois, and Mrs. Glenn Morrill of Minneapolis; and also by three grandchildren and two**

**brothers, Leroy Kimball and Keith K. Kimball, both of New York City.**

**Guy was a quiet, unassuming person who enjoyed the simple things of life. He was not spectacular and did not seek notoriety or publicity. His life was devoted to his profession and his family. He was an avid reader and thoroughly enjoyed good books. He loved the north country and spent much of his leisure time at his lake home near Marcell, Minnesota. He was active in Masonic work and was a Past Master of Braden Lodge.**

**We of the Bar pay tribute to him as a capable lawyer and a man of the highest personal integrity. We have lost a loyal, generous and understanding friend and colleague. His wife and children have lost a loving and devoted husband and father. To them we offer our heartfelt sympathy.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
RICHARD E. KYLE  
CHARLES B. MURNANE  
ROLLIN F. WEST**

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## **GEORGE G. CHAPIN**

**Mr. Miley:** A committee consisting of the Honorable Clayton Parks, the Honorable Carlton F. McNally and Mr. Bruce J. Broady has prepared a memorial for Mr. George G. Chapin, which will be presented for the committee at this time by Mr. Broady.

**Mr. Broady read the memorial for Mr. Chapin.**

**George Gilman Chapin was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, on June 16th, 1888, the son of Walter L. and Susan Sewall Chapin. He attended Webster Grade School, Central High School and was graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1912. He took his law work at the St. Paul College of Law, earning his degree in 1913.**

**In 1914, he started his law practice in St. Paul in the law offices of his father and Daniel W. Doty. From June 1916 to March 1917, he served in the 135th Infantry along the Mexican border and continued his military service as an infantry captain, in France during the First World War.**

**Upon his return to the States in 1919, he resumed his law practice in association with W. P. Westfall, until 1921 when he became associated with Herbert P. Keller and Bruce J. Broady, under the firm name of "Keller, Broady and Chapin". Following Mr. Keller's death, he practiced alone in the Commerce Building until 1942 when he became associated with Ralph Stacker and Max Stacker in the Minnesota Building. He taught business law for the University of Minnesota Extension Division for many years.**

**He was a delegate to the Founding Convention of the American Legion in 1919 and served as the first State Adjutant of Minnesota. George organized and set up the first Fourth District Central Committee. He drew the articles and had the larger part in the organization which exists to this day and has played a great**

**part in the effectiveness of the American Legion in this county. He kept his interest in Legion activities throughout his life. He also served on the Charter Commission of the City of St. Paul from 1935 until 1947.**

**He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, Braden Lodge No. 168 A. F. & A. M. He was a Royal Arch Mason, a member of Paladin Commandery No. 21, Knights Templar, Rainbow Division Veteran M. M. Carleton V. F. W., and Square Post No. 203 of the American Legion.**

**He passed away September 1st, 1959 in the Veterans' Hospital in Minneapolis. Services were held in Christ Episcopal Church with burial in Acacia Park Cemetery.**

**He is survived by his wife, Gladys, two sons, William G. Chapin of Hampton, Virginia and George G. Chapin Jr. of St. Paul, Minnesota, and one stepson, John E. Douglass of Los Angeles, California, a sister, Mrs. Gladstone Heisig of Minneapolis, and two brothers, Harold S. Chapin of Bald Eagle and Walter L. Chapin of St. Paul.**

**He was an ardent stamp collector during his entire life and an outstanding bridge and chess player. At nineteen years of age, he was Minnesota State Chess Champion and he and his father were early members of the Grand Slam Club of St. Paul and regularly played in the tournaments.**

**George was an inveterate reader and nothing of any consequence escaped his attention and interest. He was a close student of the law and painstakingly thorough in research concerning any legal problem presented to him.**

**For example, we were trying what was known as the "Steamboat Case", which was a rather famous suit against the Northern States Power Company for damages to a steamboat due to a giving away of the Coon Rapids Dam. At the conclusion of the plaintiff's testimony at noon, Judge Hanft, who was presiding,**



told us that unless by two o'clock we could show him authorities to the contrary, he would grant the defendant's motion for judgment since we had proved no negligence on the part of the Northern States Power Company. George spent that noon recess in the state library and came up with the authorities showing that under the English Common Law, anyone who impounded public water became an insurer and was absolutely liable for any damage due to failure of the dam without any proof of negligence.

This rule had been brought into this country but had been modified so that the breaking of a dam was only prima facie evidence and threw upon the defendant the burden of proving freedom from negligence. Judge Hanft adopted this rule and ordered the defendant to go on with his testimony. We secured a verdict which was affirmed by the Supreme Court on appeal.

George was a skillful and successful trial lawyer and enjoyed nothing more than trying a difficult jury case. He was a peculiar combination of a rough and tumble court lawyer with a scholarly approach. He was profound and had great powers of reflection, and even when he talked extemporaneously, he did it so perfectly and in such good order that one would think he had thought upon the subject for many months. He was meticulous and selective in the use of the English language and had a great power of deep thinking. He rarely lost a jury case. He was wholeheartedly devoted to his client's interests.

Lastly he was a man of great modesty. He had everything to boast about, but at no time did anyone ever hear of George Chapin recommending himself. His ability was recognized by the Judges before whom he practiced and he earned their sincere and deep respect. George was a devoted family man and very proud of the successful careers of his sons and stepson. He had a wide circle of friends. who deeply mourned his passing.

**CLAYTON PARKS  
CARLTON McNALLY  
BRUCE J. BROADY**

## **ALRIC ANDERSON**

**Mr. Miley: Mr. Bruce J. Broady, Robert P. Liesch and Worth K. Rice have prepared a memorial in behalf of Mr. Alric Anderson, which will be presented for the committee at this time by Mr. Liesch.**

**Mr. Liesch read the memorial for Mr. Anderson.**

**Alric Anderson was born March 20, 1894, on a farm near Ellsworth, Wisconsin, a son of Adolph and Mary Anderson. He attended country grade school and received his High School education at Red Wing Seminary in Red Wing, Minnesota.**

**In 1917, he entered Macalester College, his student days there being interrupted by his enlistment in the U. S. Army in 1917 where he served during the First World War until his discharge in 1919. Resuming his studies at Macalester he was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in June, 1921. He then entered the Law School of the University of Minnesota, graduating with the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1923. He was admitted to practice law in Minnesota the same year.**

**During his attendance at law school and after his graduation he was associated with the Fidelity & Casualty Insurance Company as an adjuster. In 1926, he became associated with A. Fletcher Kearney, Robert P. Liesch and Margaret H. Kane in the practice of law, with offices in the Guardian Building in St. Paul. He continued the active practice of law in the Guardian Building until he, became incapacitated in 1954. After that time his health did not permit him to continue his practice. He died on July 16, 1959.**

**Alric, for many years, was an active member of the Ramsey County and Minnesota State Bar Associations. His chief interest was in the work of the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committees of both Associations, of which committees he was a long time member.**

**He was also active in the American Legion. He was a Past Commander of Square Post No. 203, and served as chairman of the insurance committee at some of the state conventions. For many years he took an interest in the program of the Democratic Party in Minnesota.**

**He was a careful student of the law, and devoted to the interests of his clients. His integrity was unquestioned. His professional conduct was fair, kind and considerate and is so remembered by all those with whom he came in contact.**

**On August 22, 1931, he was married to Helen Marie Plack of Minneapolis, whose training and experience enabled her to contribute much toward Alric's professional success. She survives him, as does a brother who resides in the State of Washington**

**BRUCE. J. BROADY  
ROBERT P. LIESCH  
WORTH K. RICE**

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## **EDWARD C. ADAMS**

**Mr Miley: A committee consisting of Mr. Joseph C. Bruce, William J. Dunn and James McCollister has prepared a memorial in behalf of Mr. Edward C. Adams, which will be presented for the committee at this time by Mr. McCollister.**

**Mr. McCollister read the memorial for Mr. Adams.**

**Edward C. Adams, a resident of the City of St. Paul and the State of Minnesota since the year 1943, departed this life on September 25, 1959, at the age of 65 years. He was buried with military honors on September 29, 1959, in Fort Snelling National Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Mabel Byrnes Adams, his son, Edward B. Adams, three grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs. Harold S. Martin of Weymouth, Massachusetts, and Mrs. Herman W. Shanek of Pinellas Park, Florida.**

**Chet, as he was known, was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on October 23, 1893. He was educated in the public schools of Massachusetts and was graduated from Cambridge, Massachusetts High School. He enlisted in the United States Army at Boston, Massachusetts, on May 31, 1917, during World War I, and was honorably discharged as Master Hospital Sargent on March 31, 1919.**

**Chet entered the Government Service in Washington, D. C in December, 1920, in the Treasury Department, Bureau of Internal Revenue (now called Internal Revenue Service) Miss Mabel Byrnes, born in Barry, Minnesota, an employee of the Internal Revenue, and Chet were married in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on June 30, 1921. To them was born a son, Edward B. Adams, on January 7, 1924.**

**Like a great many Government employees who desired to advance in the Government Service, Chet availed himself of the opportunity to study law in the early morning and evening hours. The knowledge thus acquired was very useful in the performance**

of his duties in the Bureau of Internal Revenue. It enabled him to qualify as an attorney in the office of the General Counsel (now called Chief Counsel) of the Internal Revenue. He continued in that capacity until his retirement from the Government Service. Until the year 1938 Chet was stationed in Washington, D.C. During many of these years Chet took frequent trips about the country as the United States Board of Tax Appeals (now called Tax Court of the United States) would calendar cases to be tried in designated cities. On these trips attempts were made to settle the cases without trial. Chet participated in such action and also tried many cases which could not be settled. For the convenience of the taxpayers, a decentralization plan was put into effect by the Bureau of Internal Revenue in the years 1938 and 1939. Chet was transferred to Seattle, Washington, in the year 1938; to Indianapolis, Indiana, in the year 1941; and to St. Paul, Minnesota, in October, 1943. He was in charge of the Indianapolis office of the Chief Counsel while there and of the St. Paul office until his retirement on March 31, 1952.

He was competent, energetic, and conscientious in the performance of his duties, at the same time recognizing and giving effect to the merits of the taxpayers' contentions. He gained the respect and confidence of his associates and outside lawyers and accountants. He cheerfully answered inquiries regarding procedural matters. Upon his retirement, the Treasury Department presented to him the Albert Gallatin Award in recognition of his excellent service over the many years.

After his retirement from Government Service and admission to the Minnesota Bar in 1952, Mr. Adams actively engaged in private practice until the time of his death.

Chet enjoyed hearing a funny story and had many which he had stored away to be brought out at the appropriate time. He liked sports and games and when he participated, was a "real competitor". For many years he bowled in an Internal Revenue league in St. Paul. His favorite card game was cribbage. He had many friends in Minnesota and around the country, both in and out of Government Service.

**Mr. Adams was graduated from Southeastern University, Washington, D. C. in June, 1930, with the degree of L.L.B. He passed the Bar examination in the summer of 1930; was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia (now called United States District Court) and the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia (now called United States Court of Appeals) in October, 1930; the United States Court of Claims in May, 1931; the Supreme Court of the United States in December, 1936; the Supreme Court of the State of Minnesota in November, 1952, and, the United States District Court, District of Minnesota, in September, 1954. He was also admitted to practice before the Tax Court of the United States. Mr. Adams was a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association and the Ramsey County Bar Association.**

**In private practice, Mr. Adams was as zealous an advocate for the interests of his client as he had been in the service of the Government. Mr. Adams carried forward the finest traditions of the Bar of learning and ability, character and achievement in his professional relationships. Those of us who knew him respected and admired him.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
JOSEPH C. BRUCE  
WILLIAM J. DUNN  
JAMES McCOLLISTER**

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## **WAYNE C. GILBERT**

**Mr. Miley: Mr. J. Neil Morton, Richard E. Kyle and Grant S. Macartney have prepared a memorial in behalf of Mr. Wayne C. Gilbert, which will be presented for the committee at this time by Mr. Morton.**

**Mr. Morton read the memorial for Mr. Gilbert.**

**Wayne Charles Gilbert was born on November 26, 1895, at Grand Rapids, Minnesota, the son of William C. and Florence McCord Gilbert. He was graduated from the public schools of Grand Rapids, attended Beloit College, and was a student at the University of Minnesota when his education was interrupted by World War I.**

**He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at Saint Paul on May 12, 1917. After brief training at Mare Island and Quantico he was sent overseas with the famous Sixth Regiment of Marines. He fought in the historic engagements of Chateau-Thierry, St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne. He was wounded in action but later returned to active duty and received a battlefield commission of Second Lieutenant.**

**Upon the termination of his military service he continued his studies at the University of Minnesota where in 1920 he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He then enrolled in the Harvard Law School and in 1923 received the degree of Bachelor of Laws from Harvard University.**

**Upon his return to Minnesota he was admitted to the Bar and became associated with, the firm of Clapp, Richardson, Elmquist, Briggs & Macartney. Thereafter he became a partner in the firm which at the time of his death on August 24, 1959, was known as Briggs, Gilbert, Morton, Kyle & Macartney.**

**He married Gladys Bambery in 1927. He is survived by his widow and three sons, William C. Gilbert, Rev. John B. Gilbert and**

**Wayne C. Gilbert, Jr.; also by his brother, Robert M. Gilbert, and his sister, Kathryn Gilbert, both of Grand Rapids, Minnesota.**

**His professional activities were concerned principally with tax law and corporation law. He also had extensive experience in the drafting of iron ore leases, regarding which he was a recognized authority. During his thirty-six years at the Bar he participated in many important matters involving these specialties**

**Although, he spoke infrequently of his military experiences, he was interested in the affairs of veterans and was an organizer of the Marine Corps League of Minnesota. Throughout his professional career he performed many uncompensated legal services for veterans and veterans organizations.**

**He was a man of complete personal integrity upon whom it was possible to rely implicitly. In the latter years of his life he suffered from ill health, but in spite of physical handicaps he continued to perform his professional duties until shortly before his death. When informed of his fatal illness, he applied himself quietly to the ordering of his clients' affairs and the making of provision for his family, displaying characteristic physical and moral courage.**

**His partners who tender this memorial pay tribute to him as a capable lawyer, an honorable and courageous man and a good friend.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
GRANT S. MACARTNEY.  
RICHARD E. KYLE.  
J. NEIL MORTON.**

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## **RUSSELL F. SWENSEN**

**Mr. Miley: Mr. Carl W. Johnson, Gerhard J. Bundlie and Mortimer B. Miley have prepared a memorial in behalf of Mr. Russell F. Swensen, which will be presented for the committee at this time by Mr. Johnson.**

**Mr. Johnson read the memorial for Mr. Swensen.**

**It has been said that noble examples are the greatest heritage that the past can devise to the future and that they enrich a nation more than wealth or power.**

**Such an example was Russell Frederick Swensen, born in St. Paul, Minnesota January 2, 1899, the first son of Norwegian-extraction parents. [He died on March 30, 1959].**

**He engaged in the usual activities of the average American boy: Enjoyed baseball, played on several school teams, swimming, fishing and the like; worked during his boyhood years and early manhood as an errand boy, delivered papers, retail store clerk, weather office observer and, for a period, was with the State Security Commission; attended the public primary and secondary schools of this city.**

**He enrolled in the St. Paul College of Law, when his legal education was interrupted by World War I. He responded to his Country's call and enlisted in the Army. Upon the discharge of that duty of citizenship, he reentered the Minneapolis College of Law. Russell F. Swensen considered the military call as a duty of citizenship and did not file for nor receive any adjusted compensation or bonuses from his State or Country.**

**He was admitted to the practice of law in 1923. From the early days of his practice, he was specially engaged in the field of automobile tort law. Cases which he carried to the Supreme Court contributed to the evolvement of this area of American Jurisprudence. He was one of the deans among the prominent**

**trial lawyers of the Ramsey County Bar. In the trial of a case, he sought diligently for the truth, always a considerate gentleman in the examination of witnesses and courteous to the opposing counsel. He had the highest respect for the judiciary of this State. He enjoyed considerable success in the trial of, cases, not because of histrionics, but rather because of his concern that substantial justice be done between the litigants.**

**He was one of the original members of the St. Paul Claim Men's Association, a member of the Ramsey County, State of Minnesota and American Bar Associations, and a member of the Federation of Insurance Counsel. He served the members of his profession by membership on several committees of the professional organizations. Personal pride was a trait he rarely revealed but it was evident when he spoke of the development and achievements of the young attorneys who were associated with him during the many years of his practice. He was the senior member of the law firm of Swensen and Miley. His colleagues at the time of his death were Mortimer B. Miley, Clayton E. Narveson, Gerald G. Williams and Harry E. Paulet.**

**He had a keen sense of civic responsibility and conscientiously endeavored to discharge that duty. He was Past Commander of St. Anthony Park Legion Post No. 34, Past President of his community Grade and High School P.T.A., was active in the promotion of the St. Paul Figure Skating Club, the Society for the Hard of Hearing, and many other organizations. At one time he filed for the office of State Senator from his community and, although he polled an especially high vote, he was not elected. His campaign was of such nature that he and his opponent continued to be the same friends that they had been before. Upon attaining his majority, he became a member of the Masonic Fraternity, was a Past Master of St. Paul Lodge No. 3, A F. & A. M., was honored by the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and coroneted as a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason in 1951. Although he was a fine ritualist, he seemed to most enjoy joining in harmony with the members of the Scottish Rite Choir, with whom he sang for twenty-three years.**

**Under the guidance and counsel of his good parents, he, early in life, became an active member of his church. For years he served as a teacher, choir member, member of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Expansion Committee for the District and, although he was a tither, his greatest contribution was the giving of his time and his exemplary character in furtherance of the church. We will never know the great number of people in this community he helped through gentle counsel and comforting consolation, as well as financial aid. He lived each day as a life in itself and should he have a difference with a fellow creature, he would make every effort to arrive at an amicable understanding with that person before the day had passed.**

**He was married to Ruby L. Peterson of St. Paul, Minnesota, to whom he was a devoted husband, on September 25, 1923. He was the loving and understanding father of Audrey (Mrs. Granville L. Gutteresen); Shirley (Mrs. Arthur Hage) and R. Frederick Swensen, each of whom he provided with a fine education but, more importantly, endowed them with a reverence for God, a respect for their fellow man and a sense of parental duty for his six grandchildren.**

**Russell Frederick Swensen's journey through this life will leave to those with whom he came in contact a rich memory of a gentle, honorable man.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
CARL W. JOHNSON  
GERHARD J. BUNDLIE  
MORTIMER B. MILEY**

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## **LEO J. MAHER**

**Mr. Miley: Mr. Dennis D. Daly, William H. Fallon and Sheridan J. Buckley have prepared a memorial in behalf of Mr. Leo J. Maher, which will be presented for the committee at this time by Mr. Daly.**

**Mr. Daly read the memorial for Mr. Maher.**

**Leo J. Maher was born at St Paul, Minnesota, on February 13, 1898, the son of Frank J. and Margaret Grady Maher. He attended St Luke's grade school and was graduated from Central High School in 1916.**

**Following his graduation from High School he was employed by the Capital Trust and Savings Bank except for a brief period while he was a member of the ROTC of St. Thomas College during 1918. During his employment at the Trust Company, he attended the St. Paul College of Law being graduated from that institution in 1924, and shortly thereafter was admitted to the bar of this state. Upon the merger of the Capital Trust and Savings Bank with the Merchant's National Bank and Trust Company, he remained with the bank assisting in the liquidation of its trust department. He then entered the private practice of law in 1926. During his practice, he was associated with a number of St. Paul lawyers the latest of whom were Mr. Fred A. Kueppers, Mr. Dennis D. Daly and Mr. William H. Fallon.**

**Because of his interest in trust law and its administration, he was for a number of years employed by the First Bank Stock Corporation to examine the trust departments of its member banks throughout the Northwest. He also handled the liquidation of the trust departments of some of these banks where it was found the bank did not have proper trust powers.**

**Mr. Maher was of a quiet and unassuming nature, made friends easily and was liked by all who knew him. He gave generously of his time and services to people unable to pay for legal services**

**and to charitable organizations. He was a diligent and conscientious lawyer and once he had determined the righteousness of his client's cause he clung to it with tenacity.**

**With the growth of our tax laws and because of his interest in that work, he devoted much of his time to this practice. During the later years of his life he gave up court work entirely and limited his practice to the field of real estate, taxation and probate law.**

**Mr. Maher was an active member of St. Luke's Catholic Church where he gave much of his time and services. He was a member of the Ramsey County, Minnesota State, and American Bar Associations.**

**Mr. Maher was married on July 3, 1935 to Mary Elizabeth Wessel, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Wessel, a well-known St. Paul family.**

**He passed away on June 23, 1959 and left surviving his wife and a daughter, Kathleen.**

**SHERIDAN J. BUCKLEY  
WILLIAM H. FALLON  
DENNIS D. DALY**

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## **HOYT CROOKS**

**Mr. Miley: A committee consisting of Mr. Jerome B. Simon, Howard H. Gelb and Joseph A. Maun has prepared a memorial for Mr. Hoyt Crooks, which will be presented for the committee at this time by Mr. Simon.**

**Mr. Simon read the memorial for Mr. Crooks.**

**Hoyt Crooks was born in Des Moines, Iowa [on April 9,] 1904 [and died on January 17, 1959, in rural Las Vegas, Nevada]. He always considered Boone, Iowa as his home town and there it is that he spent his boyhood and early youth. Except for one year during which he attended the Culver Military Academy, Hoyt's precollege education was in the public schools of Boone. After graduating from Iowa State College with a major in industrial science, Mr. Crooks entered Harvard Law School from which he received his degree in 1929. In January of the same year he married Margaret Adams of Ames, Iowa. To this union there were born two children, Karen Sue and Clyde. Mrs. Crooks now lives in Minneapolis, as does her daughter, Karen Sue. Clyde, like his father, also is a graduate of the Harvard Law School, practicing in Chicago.**

**In his dealings with clients or lawyers, Hoyt Crooks was an impatient man in some respects, in that he would never settle for anything less than perfection. In his life there was no place for mediocrity, for he was thorough and a lawyer of tremendous ability. In other respects he was a man of contrasts. He loved to mingle with what he termed the "commoner". He knew well how the other half lived, for he became acquainted with them and was very charitable in his giving to them. Although his charities were never publicized they were many and practically always on an individual basis. Those who knew Hoyt recognized that he was a fine and compassionate man. However, he rejected sham or insincerity. He had confidence in his own ability and at the same time was respectful of the opinion of others.**

**Mr. Crooks' entire practice of law was devoted to specialization. Immediately after graduating from law school he joined the legal department of the United Light and Power Company in Chicago. Thereafter he worked with Judge Harold Davidson at the Iowa State Commerce Division in Des Moines. Feeling that he would like to explore his greater interests in government, he obtained a position with the Board of Investigation and Research in Washington, D.C. From there he was appointed special attorney in the Office of Defense Transportation. While there he acted as special counsel to that agency at the time President Franklin D. Roosevelt seized 105 of the principal truck lines in the Midwestern part of the United States.**

**Upon the completion of World War II, Hoyt came to Minnesota and opened an office in the Midway district in St. Paul. He became a specialist as counsel for the motor carrier industry. He represented the transportation association and for years handled the most difficult of cases before various regulatory bodies and in the courts. At times he acted as consultant to other attorneys in the same field**

**Mr. Crooks was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Lyndhurst Masonic Lodge 317, Scottish Rite and Zurah Temple.**

**JOSEPH A. MAUN  
JEROME B. SIMON  
HOWARD H. GELB**

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**[The deceased's full name was Clyde Hoyt Crooks, Jr. He was named after his father, and he named his son after himself. For personal reasons, he was known as Hoyt Crooks. He died on January 17, 1959, in rural Las Vegas. His Nevada death certificate is dated January 19, 1960. Source: Ancestry.com]**

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## **FREDERICK O. ARNESON**

**Mr. Miley: A committee consisting of the Honorable Edward J. Devitt, Joseph P. Johnson and William B. Randall has prepared a memorial for Mr. Frederick O. Arneson, which will be presented for the committee at this time by Judge Devitt.**

**Judge Devitt read the memorial for Mr. Arneson.**

**Fred Arneson, a kindly person, an able lawyer and a warm friend to many of us, died in St. Paul on January 19th of this year. He was fifty years of age. His career included the private practice of law, varied experiences in the business world here and abroad and two very constructive periods of dedicated public service in the legal field.**

**Frederick O. Arneson was born in Herman, Minnesota [on July 2, 1909]. After a short time there and at Chisholm, he moved with his family to St. Paul and attended Groveland Park Grade School I and Central High School. At Central High, Fred was elected to the National Honor Society and was active in the School Publications and in other organizations. In 1936 he graduated from the St. Paul College of Law.**

**From that time until 1939, Fred practised law in St. Paul, individually and with others, including a time with Cole Oehler. He also worked for Butler Brothers, the Paramount Theatre and Northwest Airlines. The then Attorney General, J.A.A. Burnquist, appointed Fred to his staff in 1939 where he rendered a conscientious and capable service, especially in writing hundreds of sound legal opinions in the field of Municipal Corporations.**

**Something of the wunderlust came upon Fred in the early 1940's and he decided to forsake the law for a time to engage in foreign business in Africa and the Middle East. He thought long and hard about this decision and spent many hours discussing with us the wisdom of leaving his chosen profession. He stayed in construction work in the Mediterranean Area until 1943, and the**



**World War having started, he returned to the United States and joined the Army. He served in various training commands before going to the Southwest Pacific where he participated in several of the island campaigns. He was honorably discharged as a Technical Sergeant in December, 1945.**

**After the War, he again engaged in the practice of law for a period before being appointed Assistant Ramsey County Attorney January 1, 1951, the position he held at the time of his death.**

**In 1949 he was married to Margaret Ashton, and during their married life he and his wife and his wife's son, Donald, lived at 21 Inner Drive, St. Paul.**

**Among the organizations in which he held membership were the Ancient Landmark Lodge, F.&A.M.; Minnesota Chapter Number One, Royal Arch Masons; Damascus Commandery Number One; Knights Templar, Osman Temple, A.A.N.M.S.; and the Ramsey County, Minnesota and American Bar Associations.**

**His parents were Louvia Clare Arneson and the late Oscar Arneson, who was active as a newspaper editor and publisher and in state politics up to the time of his death in 1926. Mrs Arneson now lives in Evanston, Illinois.**

**His sister, Mrs. Carl (Clarice Arneson) Colliander, who was a former teacher in the St Paul Public Schools, lives in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. A brother, George, lives in Evanston, Illinois.**

**Fred Arneson spent the last nine years of his life as a valued member of the Ramsey County Attorney's staff, first under James Lynch and later under William Randall. His highly commendable work, during this time is best reflected in the comments of J. Wolfe, St. Paul Dispatch news reporter, in a column published shortly after Fred's death, from which we quote in part:**

**Ramsey County has lost an excellent public servant and those individuals who live outside the law have lost the man with the gentle touch.**

**(Fred) had a vital position in the daily business of crime prosecution, but he wore a velvet glove in fulfilling that role.**

**His job was that of handling criminal complaints—deciding what charge should be brought against an individual on the basis of the evidence gathered by police and sheriffs.**

**(Fred was concerned) about the humanity of law enforcement. Let us not rub it in, was his theory**

**He was truly a gentle person, a characteristic that may seem rather improbable for one in a prosecutor 's role although that is not really the case.**

**He was determined to prosecute crime; but he was equally determined not to persecute anyone even though they were involved in it.**

**He did not intend to be soft toward the lawbreakers, but neither was he going to give them "the shaft" as the expression goes.**

**Many cases can be recalled in which a felony could have been charged but which would end up in the lesser stage of a misdemeanor.**

**And Arneson would explain it by saying that the accused was a kid with a pretty good record "and I'm not about to give him a felony record on the basis of this kind of caper."**

**There were even instances in which some of the "old pros" in the crime field would be brought in for minor crimes but which, as felonies, could warrant substantial sentences due to their records.**

**Arneson would take a similar attitude in those matters —"this guy was drunk and broke and I don't think he should face a long prison term for a minor offense that netted him a couple of bucks and in which no one was hurt."**

**It is highly doubtful that any of those defendants ever realized what breaks they were getting or who was responsible for it. Many probably assumed they had been so clever the state just couldn't do any better.**

**But, we can assure many who are free today after short workhouse terms or the like that it was due, to a great extent, to the gentle touch of the man who was certain there was some good in every human....**

**Not only did the public lose an excellent worker and the shady set lose the benefit of the "gentle touch", but many of us lost a very fine friend.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
WILLIAM B. RANDALL.  
JOSEPH J. JOHNSON.  
EDWARD J. DEVITT.**

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## **JEROME W. BROWER**

**Mr. Miley: The Honorable Andrew A. Glenn, Mr. Gustav A. Larson and Robert W Mattson have prepared a memorial in behalf of Jerome W. Brower, which will be presented for the committee at this time by Mr. Larson.**

**Mr. Larson read the memorial for Mr. Brower.**

**Jerome Whalen Brower was born June 18, 1909, at Winston, Minnesota. The first part of his life was spent in Cloquet. Because of his father's early death, Jerome Brower was soon required to earn his own living. Typically, he took whatever work was at hand, always doing his best and in every way attempting to do whatever he did better than it had ever been done before.**

**He shortly became interested in the practice of law, motivated no doubt in part, because of his employment as a clerk by an attorney in his home town. While still in the law office in Cloquet he completed an accounting course from a correspondence school. He also taught himself shorthand and other business subjects.**

**In time, Mr. Brower was elected township clerk. As a part of his work as such, he was required to submit information concerning vital statistics to the Minnesota Department of Health. The outstanding quality of his work, including his fine penmanship and the promptness with which he forwarded reports to the Department impressed the people in the state office. Hence, when he applied for work in the St. Paul office of the Department of Health, he was readily accepted; and in 1933 he began work there as an antitoxin record clerk.**

**During the next eight years he worked during the day and attended evening classes, first at the University of Minnesota and later at the St. Paul College of Law. He graduated from the latter school in 1941 as a top student and was admitted to the Minnesota State Bar later that year.**

**In 1947 the University of Minnesota conferred upon him a master's degree in public administration.**

**For some years he was a lecturer in public health law on the faculty of the University of Minnesota Medical School.**

**During the period of World War II he served for three years as a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and returned to the State Department of Health in 1946 where he remained until his death May 28, 1959.**

**Mr. Brower advanced from time to time in the Department of Health and in 1955 became deputy executive officer, being the first nonmedical man to hold that position. He represented the Department in its relations with other departments of the State, and before legislative committees. In his work he was required to approve, revise and draft various regulations. He conducted hearings for licensure in public health matters and made many other administrative determinations drawing upon his skill and learning in the field of law, always applying himself in accordance with the highest traditions of the legal profession. While he acted always according to reason, he also had a heart for the needs and foibles of people.**

**In his never-ending efforts to improve the public service in which he was engaged, Mr. Brower organized seminars on business management in public health at the University of Minnesota, and at times served on the faculty of such seminars. These seminars have come to be nationally recognized.**

**In 1937 he was united in marriage with Miss Leone Ingram of Northfield, Minnesota. While they were not blessed by children of their own, they worked together constantly to help others, forming a great many enduring friendships with those whose lives they have enriched.**

**Mr. Brower was a member of several professional societies, including Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity, the American Public**

**Health Association, the Minnesota State and Ramsey County Bar Associations, the American Society for Public Administrators, and the Association of Business Management in Public Health.**

**He served his church with distinction, daily living his faith. In addition to the many duties performed in and for his local congregation, he served at a state level, and was elected vice-moderator of the Minnesota State Conference of Congregational Churches.**

**Jerome Brower had a continuous thirst for learning, teaching himself German, Latin, Russian and Spanish, among other things. His personal library was extensive, not only in the technical fields of his work, but also in law, languages, government religion and mathematics.**

**He corresponded widely including correspondence with acquaintances from foreign countries who he met in his work and to whom he was always ready to lend a helping hand. He sponsored several Japanese students attending colleges in this country and assisted many foreign students studying here.**

**In everything he did, he was meticulous, analytical, and thorough. While he recognized the impossibility of achieving perfection, he believed that whatever one does can always be improved upon in some way: This he constantly strove to do.**

**Mr. Brower never compromised principles. Though he might be defeated, he would persistently return to the fray, ever seeking, in accordance with the highest principles, to find the proper answer to each problem. While he would vigorously defend his position, he never lost his temper and rarely displayed irritation.**

**In his dealings with people, he was thoughtful, calm, and considerate. He was loved by all who knew him. To the many who consulted him with their problems, he would listen patiently and kindly, lending every effort to assist. No request was too unimportant for his consideration**

**His passing has left an empty place, not only in the hearts of his family and in the ranks of government, but also among his many friends. We can only say in considering his untimely death, viewed against his outstanding accomplishments, that the Lord must have had greater need of him elsewhere to have taken him from us at this time.**

**“He is not dead. Such souls forever live in boundless measure of the love they give.”**

**ANDREW A. GLENN, J.  
ROBERT W. MATTSON  
GUSTAV A. LARSON**

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## **JAMES A. FETSCH**

**Mr. Miley: Mr. Richard E. Klein, William Essling and Mark W. Gehan have prepared a memorial for Mr. James A. Fetsch, which will be presented for: the committee at this time by Mr. Klein.**

**Mr. Klein read the memorial for Mr. Fetsch.**

**Jim Fetsch died on July 5, 1959, but his friends and associates even yet find it hard to believe that he is gone. No one could match Jim's vitality and kindness, and he gave unstintingly of himself in support and encouragement of others. The gap which his death has left in many persons' lives will not easily be filled.**

**James A. Fetsch was born in Superior, Wisconsin on August 9, 1919, but moved to St. Paul, with his family, before he was a year old. Since that time, Jim lived here substantially all of his life. He attended Cretin High School, St. Thomas College and the St. Paul College of Law. He was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Minnesota on November 4, 1948, and was subsequently admitted to practice before numerous Federal Tribunals and administrative bodies.**

**During the time Mr. Fetsch attended law school, he served in the Navy, and was assigned to a Navy group performing an accounting function at Northern Pump Company. It was there that Mr. Fetsch determined that he would couple his legal education with an accounting career. Subsequently, Mr. Fetsch was employed by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. He was admitted to the Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants on October 28, 1952, and was also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Fetsch entered the private practice of law in the year 1952 and continued his work in the fields of law and accountancy until the time of his death.**

**Mr. Fetsch was a member of the Saint Paul Athletic Club, the Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree, the Serra Club and Delta Theta**



**Phi Legal Fraternity. He was a member of the Ramsey County, Minnesota State, and American Bar Associations. He served tirelessly as Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the St. Paul Rehabilitation Center and his work with handicapped and retarded children was a marvel to behold.**

**Mr. Fetsch married Jean Russell of St. Paul in December of 1938. He is survived by his wife Jean, his sons Michael, Thomas and James and his daughters Kathleen and Mary.**

**The legal profession has lost one of its outstanding members, and the, community generally suffered a real loss with the death of James A. Fetsch.**

**WILLIAM W. ESSLING  
RICHARD E. KLEIN  
MARK W. GEHAN**

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## **ERNEST A. COUNTRYMAN**

**Mr. Miley: Mr. C. Paul Faraci, Robert Butler and Angus S. Kennedy have prepared a memorial in behalf of Mr. E. A. Countryman, which will be presented for the committee at this time by Mr. Faraci.**

**Mr. Faraci read the memorial for Mr. Countryman.**

**Ernest A. Countryman was born in Appleton, Minnesota on 23 March 1882, the son of Ambrose D. Countryman and Jane Beswick Countryman. He grew up and attended grade and high schools at Appleton, Minnesota. In 1901 he came to St. Paul and entered the St. Paul College of Law from which he was graduated with the Degree of LLB in June 1904 and admitted to the Bar.**

**After graduation from Law School, he worked as a clerk-junior partner for Morton Barrows in general practice. In 1908 Mr. Countryman opened his own law office, engaging in general practice although specializing in real property and probate work. Shortly thereafter he became attorney for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company at St. Paul, Minnesota in connection with that Company's farm mortgage loan program.**

**During this period in which he was engaged in general practice, he also did considerable work for the United States District Engineer, St. Paul in connection with acquisition of lands for the Twin City Lock and Dam at St. Paul, Minnesota.**

**In May of 1917 he entered the first officers' training camp at Fort Snelling, Minnesota and was commissioned a lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps, honorably serving his country for some 27 months, 13 of which were spent overseas, where he was in charge of one of the ports in France. Upon his honorable discharge from the Army in 1919, he resumed the general practice of law in St. Paul, Minnesota.**

**He entered Government service in the office of the United States District Engineer, St. Paul, Minnesota in January 1930 in connection with River and Harbor Improvement work. The high quality of his work and his constant attention to duty earned for him respectively the positions of Assistant Attorney in 1931, Attorney in 1935 and from 1935 until the date of his retirement he occupied the position of Senior Attorney in charge of the District Office Legal Branch which at that time had four attorneys. With his constant promotions came increased duties and responsibilities in connection with court cases, land acquisition and general legal counsel to the District Engineer and all branches and divisions of the District Engineer Office.**

**During the early part of his career with the Corps of Engineers, it was necessary that he work very closely with the United States District Attorney in connection with land, condemnation actions, as well as claims for damage. That he was outstanding in his work is evidenced by the fact that the then United States District Attorney offered him a position as an assistant in his office which Mr. Countryman declined, preferring to stay with the Corps of Engineers.**

**It was Mr. Robert Butler's great pleasure to work under Mr. Countryman for more than 10 years and he joins with all others who knew him to testify that his ability as a sound lawyer was generally recognized since he possessed to a high degree the two most important attributes of a sound lawyer, technical ability, and sound legal judgment. His ability to rapidly analyze legal problems and recognize valid solutions thereto was remarkable. He was a man of quiet dignity, possessing, great courage and at all times displaying a real kindness and gentleness of character Which endeared him to all who had occasion to work with him.**

**Mr. Countryman was a member of the Summit Chapter of the Masonic Order, of the St Paul Athletic Club, and at one time of the St Paul Association of Commerce.**

**In July of 1917 Mr. Countryman married Louise Whitney and they had one son, now Dr. Frank Whitney Countryman, presently practicing medicine in Indianapolis, Indiana, where Mr. Countryman's widow also resides**

**Mr. Countryman retired from his position with the Corps of Engineers in 1946. Thereafter he moved to Clearwater, Florida and later to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he resided at the time of his death in 1959**

**ROBERT BUTLER  
C. PAUL FARACI  
ANGUS S. KENNEDY**

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## **MARGARET H. KANE**

**Mr. Miley: A committee consisting of Robert P. Liesch, Thomas J. Nash and George B. Mead has prepared a memorial for Miss Margaret H. Kane, which will be presented for the committee at this time by Mr. Liesch.**

**Mr. Liesch read the memorial for Miss Kane.**

**Margaret Helen Kane was born May 20, 1901, in Saint Paul, the daughter of Michael John Kane and Matilda K. Kane. She attended St. Mark's Parochial School and St. Joseph's Academy, graduating with distinction in 1918. After completing her high school education, she worked for E. M. Lohman Company.**

**In 1921, she began her studies at the St. Paul College of Law and while pursuing her studies became legal secretary for McConneloug and Kinkead. She graduated from law school in 1925 with an L.L.B. Degree and thereafter was admitted to the bar. In 1926 she became associated with Kearney, Anderson & Liesch in the Guardian Life Building in the practice of law.**

**Miss Kane headed the Alumni Association of St. Joseph's Academy during 1928-1929. Later she was private secretary in the Publicity Department of the Great Northern Railway.**

**On November 24, 1931, she married Roland W. Quinn, but continued to practice law under her maiden name of Margaret H. Kane.**

**Miss Kane became associated with the Hilton Real Estate Company as secretary where she remained until her death in April, 1959. Margaret's husband predeceased her several years ago. She is survived by four brothers and two sisters.**

**Those who have known her cherish, as a lasting remembrance, her character and warmth and generosity of her friendship.**

**ROBERT P. LIESCH  
GEORGE B. MEAD  
THOMAS J. NASH**

## **RICHARD C. LILLY**

**Mr. Miley: Mr. W. H. Oppenheimer, Jack C. Foote and Harry L. Holtz have prepared a memorial in behalf of Mr. R. C. Lilly, which will be presented for the committee at this time by Mr. Oppenheimer.**

**Mr. Oppenheimer read the memorial for Mr. Lilly.**

**We mourn the passing on the 21st of October, 1959, of Richard C. Lilly. Born of industrious, God-fearing parents [on November 4, 1884], he rose from humble youth to the pinnacle of success.**

**A graduate of the St. Paul College of Law, he was admitted to the bar on March 14, 1910. Although he never engaged in the practice of law, his career reflects honor upon our profession and demonstrates the value of a legal education in the financial and industrial world.**

**An accident to his father forced him at the age of 15 to leave school and take a job with a construction company to help support the family. At the age of 16 he began his banking career as a messenger in the Merchants National Bank. He held various clerical posts in the bank, was elected an Assistant Cashier in 1909, Vice-President in 1912, and in 1918, at the age of 33, became the bank's President. He was an active force in the merger of the Merchant's National Bank and The First National Bank of Saint Paul in 1929, and at that time became President of the consolidated bank. He served as President until 1945, when he was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors. He resigned the Board Chairmanship in 1954, but remained on the Board and at the time of his death was an Advisory Director.**

**Richard O. Lilly's business career was an exceptionally active one, and he was identified not only with the banking institutions with which he was connected, but with the successful development of many Northwest business organizations. He served on the Board of Directors of the First Bank Stock Cor-**

poration, Great Northern Railway Company, Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, Brown & Bigelow, Northland Greyhound Corporation, Northwest Airlines, and Toro Manufacturing Company. In the affairs of all of these companies and to others who sought his advice, he gave unreservedly of his business acumen, gave service of inestimable value.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and two sons, Dr. John C. Lilly of Chevy Chase, Maryland, and David M. Lilly of St. Paul.

Richard O. Lilly was a man of great talents; he was a man who did things, who accomplished things, who had tremendous driving force. He was a builder. With it all he was a humanitarian. His gifts to charity, given quietly and in an unostentatious manner, were many; he was always willing to give of his time, his ability and the fruits of his labor in helping others. He was active in the affairs of his city, state and nation.

While not an active member of the bar, he cherished his membership therein and throughout his life lived up to the highest standards of our profession, applying in the financial and business world those standards of morality and integrity of which we are justly proud, thereby reflecting honor upon our profession.

The departed brother whom we now remember has entered into the place of life eternal. He still lives on earth in the acts and deeds of helpfulness to others and in the hearts of us who cherish his memory.

Respectfully submitted,  
JACK C. FOOTE  
HARRY L. HOLTZ  
W. H. OPPENHEIMER

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## **HERMAN F. STARK**

**Mr. Miley: A committee consisting of. Mr. John Christopherson, Ralph T. Lilly and Clifton Parks has prepared a memorial for Mr. Herman F. Stark, which will be presented for the committee at this time by Mr. Christopherson.**

**Mr. Christopherson read the memorial for Mr. Stark.**

### **MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:**

**Herman F. Stark was born at St. Peter, Minnesota, on June 19, 1875, and died on June 31, 1959, at the age of 83. His father Herman F. Stark, Sr., died two months before the birth of his son, and the mother seven years later. Herman resided on a farm with an Uncle and attended the St. Peter high school. Later he taught school and became principal of the North Mankato public school. He graduated from Carleton College in 1899, the University of Nebraska law school in 1901, and was admitted to practice in Minnesota in 1903.**

**In 1908 he and the late Senator Orr formed the partnership, Orr & Stark, which later became the well known firm of Orr, Stark & Kidder. He was a member of the American, Minnesota and Ramsey County Bar Associations. The nature of his practice is well known to the members of the Bar and needs no definement here.**

**Mr. Stark married his Carleton College classmate Gertrude Mosier in 1902 and during their married life they resided in the Saint Anthony Park district in Saint Paul, and worshipped in the Congregational Church there. Mrs. Stark died in 1942 and thereafter Mr. Stark lived at the Athletic Club. The survivors are three children, Mrs. Theodore Townsend, Mrs. Edward G. Kothe, and Dr. Frederick M. Stark.**

**Herman Stark was a reserved man of simple habits and quiet dignity, unassuming and unpretentious. To his friends and**



clients he displayed a fine sense of humor and a sharp wit. He was soft spoken, kind but firm, slow to criticise and quick to resent injustice. He disliked publicity and performed his many good works and kindnesses in private. He was a citizen of quality, a mannerly gentleman distinguished by morale excellence. He believed that one should live so that his life may serve as a good example for others. He read many books, enjoyed cards, and became a sound bridge player.

At Carleton he made the college varsity football squad, played tennis with champions, and later played golf whenever possible and bowled for years in Athletic Club teams. His affection with diabetes continuously for more than 40 years prior to his death was not allowed to interrupt his physical activities. In his 81st year he bowled regularly and captained "Stark's Sharks", the champion bowling team of the Athletic Club of that year.

It may truly be said of Herman Stark that he was a person of great fortitude, a counselor without vices, a Christian without hypocrisy, and a man without guile. It was good for this community and the legal profession that Herman Stark practiced law and lived here.

Respectfully submitted,  
RALPH T. LILLY  
CLIFTON PARKS  
JOHN CHRISTOPHERSON

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**Mr. Miley: Your Honors, the memorials have all now been duly presented, and I now move this court through you, Chief Judge Parks, for an order directing the clerk to spread these memorials upon the permanent minutes of this court and further to instruct the clerk to send copies of these memorials to the next of kin of those we have here today remembered.**

**Judge Parks: Motion is granted, and the clerk will act accordingly. In conclusion, this Bench wishes to express its appreciation for your attendance here today, the excellent presentation of the Bar, and also the attendance of the judges from every Bench in our state. I know it is a sacrifice to come here on these occasions when the weather is as it is; so we all appreciate the attendance of the Bench and Bar on this occasion. In further honor of those who have passed away, this court stands adjourned sine die.**

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