

**MEMORIAL EXERCISES  
FOR DECEASED MEMBERS**

of the

**RAMSEY COUNTY BAR  
ASSOCIATION**



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ANNUAL MEMORIAL EXERCISES

Court House, Friday, April 30, 1971, 2:00 P. M.

On Friday, April 30, 1971, 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: Associate Justice James C. Otis of the Minnesota Supreme Court; Associate Justice Walter F. Rogosheske of the Minnesota Supreme Court; Judges Ronald E. Hachey, John W. Graff, Archie L. Gingold, Edward D. Mulally, Harold W. Schultz, David E. Marsden, J. Jerome Plunkett, Otis H. Godfrey, Jr., Stephen Maxwell, Hyam Segell, and James M. Lynch of the Ramsey County District Court; Judge Christ Holm, Retired, temporarily assigned to Ramsey County District Court; Judges J. Clifford Janes, Edward K. Delaney and E. Thomas Brennan of the St. Paul Municipal Court; and Judge Andrew A. Glenn of the Ramsey County Probate Court. The Honorable Edward J. Devitt, Chief Judge of the United States District Court, District of Minnesota, was present in the audience.

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

CHIEF JUDGE JOHN W. GRAFF: Ladies and gentlemen: In conformity with the 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 will be conducted by the Ramsey County Bar Association, and the Court at this time will recognize Mr. Frank Claybourne, the President of the Ramsey County Bar Association.

MR. FRANK CLAYBOURENE: Thank you, Your Honor. May it please the Court, Your Honors, Members of the Bar, Families and Friends: In keeping

with our tradition, we have asked the Court to set aside this day for the holding of the Memorial Services for those members of our profession who have passed away in the last year. We meet here as friends to pay our respects to each of them and recall their good works. At the conclusion of this ceremony we shall move the Court to make these memorials a part of the permanent records of the Court and thereby a part of the permanent history of our county.

Mr. John T. O'Connor is the Chairman of our Legal History and Biography Committee. He will be conducting the ceremony, so if the Court please, I would like to request that Mr. O'Connor be recognized.

**CHIEF JUDGE JOHN W. GRAFF:** The Court at this time recognizes Mr. John T. O'Connor, the Chairman of the Ramsey County Legal History and Biography Committee.

**MR. JOHN P. O 'CONNOR:** Thank you, Your Honor. We meet here today to honor the memory of our associates and as was stated a memorial will be presented to each of them. Today, we will pay our respects to:

Vern L. Berryman  
The Honorable Robert V. Rensch  
Homer P. Clark  
Charles J. Curley  
Earl Requa  
Victor J. Holper  
Scott Prescott  
Robert F. Leach  
The Honorable Arthur A. Stewart  
McNeil V. Seymour

**MR. O'CONNOR:** The memorial for Vern L. Berryman has been prepared by a committee of Fred W. Fisher, Robert W. Johnson and James T. Denery. Mr. Fred Fisher will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Fisher read the memorial to Vern L. Berryman.

**VERN L. BERRYMAN** was born at Dodgeville, Wisconsin on October 6, 1887, the son of William John Berryman and Victoria Isabel Coldwell. His paternal grandparents had come from the mines of Cornwall, England and were among the early lead miners in the Dodgeville-Mineral Point section of Wisconsin. His father farmed near Dodgeville and when Vern was 12 years of age the family moved to Missouri, where they farmed in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains for a few years.

His residence in Minnesota dates back to 1904 when the family moved to Spring Valley where Vern attended high school, graduating in 1908. In the fall of 1908 he entered Northwestern University where he majored in foreign languages. His college education was interrupted by illness, and in the fall of 1913 the Berryman family moved to St. Paul where for the next several years he attended both Macalester College and the old St. Paul College of Law, receiving his LL.B Degree in 1918. Among his fondest recollections of his college days were the summers he drove the old fashioned stage coaches in Yellowstone and visited at the home of Buffalo Bill Cody.

Prior to his graduation from St. Paul College of Law he was elected Justice of the Peace and served three years in that office. His majors at Macalester were in philosophy and history, and in the early 1920's he taught courses in British Constitutional History and Medieval Renaissance History at Hamline University. His teaching career ended in 1925 when he decided to devote full time to the practice of law, although he continued his association with Hamline University and Hamline Methodist Church, and resided in the Hamline neighborhood for the rest of his life.

Vern 's primary interests other than the practice of law were in Masonic Lodge activities. He first became a Mason as a young man in Spring Valley, and was active for many years as a member of the St. Paul Midway Lodge No. 185 A.F. and A.M. He belonged to all of the bodies of the York and Scottish Rite Masons and served for many years as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

Vern was honored in 1968 with a 50 year membership certificate from the Minnesota State Bar Association. In his years of practice he was associated with the Honorable Albin S. Pearson, the Honorable Clayton Parks and Honorable Royden S. Dane, all Judges of the Ramsey County District Court, prior to their respective elevations to the bench. His association with Judge Dane was particularly close and of great significance to him. Following Judge Dane's election to the Municipal and later to the District benches Vern was associated in practice with Charles J. Yackel, and in most recent active years as a member of the firm of Berryman, Fisher and Johnson. He remained active in his practice until the year or two before his death, which occurred November 26, 1970.

Vern was married on June 25, 1940 to Christine L. Graham who survives him. He is also survived by a sister Mary B. Carlson and a nephew Arthur W. Carlson, Jr. of York, Pennsylvania. It is regrettable that, because of ill health, neither his widow Christine nor his sister Mary were able to be present upon the occasion of these memorials.

Vern was known and respected as a sincere and dedicated churchman, Mason and attorney, and he will be sorely missed by his many associates in these three fields.

Respectfully submitted,  
FRED W. FISHER  
ROBERT W. JOHNSON  
JAMES T. DENERY

**MR. O'CONNOR:** Thank you, Mr. Fisher. The memorial has been prepared for Homer P. Clark by a committee consisting of Cole Oehler, Wilfrid E. Rumble and Harvey T. Reid. At this time I call on Mr. Oehler to read the memorial.

Mr. Oehler read the memorial to Homer P. Clark.

**HOMER P. CLARK** was born in Boston, Massachusetts on July 6, 1868, the son of Charles Henry and Martha Pierce Clark. When he was five years old he came to St. Paul with his parents where he lived the rest of his life. He died on October 27, 1970 in his one hundred and third year. His participation in legal, financial, business, philanthropic and cultural affairs led him to be recognized as St. Paul's "First Citizen" and in 1963 he received the first Great Living St. Paulite award.

In his teens Mr. Clark was a lumber camp manager in the northwoods. When twenty years of age in 1888 he went to work for the wholesale dry goods firm of Finch, Van Slyke & McConville. In 1892 he started with what was then a new concern, West Publishing Co., the outgrowth of John B. West & Co. established in 1876. To better understand the legal publishing business Mr. Clark completed a night course in law at the University of Minnesota. He was a member of the class of 1894.

In 1897 as production superintendent of West Publishing Co. he had charge of a special manufacturing job of the first volume of the Century Digest which proved to be a sensation at the annual meeting of the American Bar Association in August of that year. This led to formal endorsement by the American Bar Association of the American Classification Plan as the model for modern digesting. Thenceforth West Publishing Co. was acknowledged as the nation's leader in indexing as well as in reporting the case law.

The new company grew, and Mr. Clark with it, becoming treasurer of West Publishing Co. in 1908, president in 1921, chairman in 1932 and honorary chairman in 1949.

The range of his business activities was wide. He was closely associated with Waldorf Paper Products Company, now Hoerner Waldorf Corporation, as a long-time director and as its president in the 1930's. For more than thirty years he was a director of the Ninth Federal Reserve Bank. He served as a director of St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Company,

predecessor to The St. Paul Companies.

Among his cultural, philanthropic and community activities was service as a member of the Capitol Approach Commission and of the executive council of the Minnesota Historical Society; as an active participant in the St. Paul Community Chest, forerunner of the St. Paul United Fund; and as a board member of the Hill Reference Library of which he was also a past chairman. At his death he was a member of the Ramsey County, Minnesota State and American Bar Associations. He was an avid reader of history and biography and an engaging conversationalist. He was a sought after counselor for his advice on countless civic, cultural and community projects.

Mr. Clark's forebearers included those legendary sea captains whose ships sailed the seven seas bringing fame and fortune to many New England seaports. In the town of Brewster on Cape Cod near Boston, is a delightful old colonial house built by one of them, Capt. Isaac Clark, in 1799 with timbers brought back on a return voyage from Archangel, Russia. After Mr. Clark acquired the property in the 1920's he went there each summer, as long as he was physically able, with his wife and children and indulged his love of the water and sailing, passing, on his skills to his sons and daughters. He still owned a sailing sloop there at his death. Early in the 1900's he had been an enthusiastic White Bear Yacht Club sailor and participated in international regattas with his Canadian counterparts.

In addition to sailing his interests in sports included a life-long interest in baseball, as well as curling, in which he participated as a member of the St. Paul Curling Club until he was eighty.

In his personal relationships Mr. Clark was kindly, unassuming and considerate. These characteristics, coupled with his courtesy, modesty, integrity and sound judgment, made him the truly remarkable personality which a host of friends and associates, with love and affection, will always remember.

Mr. Clark was married to Elizabeth Turner Dunsmoor of Minneapolis and for over sixty years was a devoted husband and father. However, personal sorrow was not unknown to him as his oldest son, Lt. Robert S. Clark, USNR, was killed in action in February, 1943, when his destroyer was sunk near Guadalcanal by enemy aircraft; and his only other son, Thomas Kimball Clark, died from complications of polio in 1959.

He was survived by his widow, Elizabeth D. Clark, three daughters, Elizabeth C. Blank of Pittsburgh, Catherine C. Kroeger of St. Paul and Helen C. MacGregor of Brewster, Massachusetts, and grandchildren.

Respectfully submitted,  
HARVEY T. REID  
WILFRID E. RUMBLE  
COLE OEHLER

MLHP: *The Many Worlds of Homer P. Clark*, a biography by Virginia Huck, was published by West Publishing Company with a grant from the Minnesota Historical Society in 1980.

**MR. O'CONNOR:** Thank you, Mr. Oehler. The memorial has been prepared for Charles J. Curley by a committee consisting of Edward W. Spring, Oliver W. Hedeem and Richard E. Kyle. At this time I'd like to call on Mr. Edward W. Spring who would present the memorial.

Mr. Spring read the memorial to Charles J. Curley.

**CHARLES J. CURLEY** was born in Stillwater, Minnesota, on January 6, 1903, the son of Thomas and Ann Curley. He died in St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 11, 1971; survived by his wife, Agnes; two daughters, Mrs. William O. Bulger of St. Paul and Mrs. Robert B. Vos of Duluth; a sister, Mrs. Louis Vasaly of Little Falls, Minnesota; a brother, Dr. Harold C. Curley of Clearwater, Florida; and eleven grandchildren.

Charles attended the public schools of Stillwater and received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Minnesota in 1925, during which year he became a member of the Minnesota Bar. Following graduation, Charles entered the services of Union Trust Company of Cleveland, Ohio, in the field of trust administration and left that company in 1927 to join the staff of Merchants Trust Company, Saint Paul, which, in 1930 and by consolidation with Northwestern Trust Company, became First Trust Company of Saint Paul. The following letter of recommendation from an executive officer of Union Trust Company of Cleveland is indicative of the qualities that contributed to Charles Curley's success. I quote:

"He is one of the most promising young men I have run across in this line of work. He is very bright and learns more rapidly than the ordinary individual. I always found him to be very dependable and as to honesty he enjoyed my strictest confidence. I always found him resourceful about dealing with the various problems that came up in his work, and his courtesy and patience in dealing with his customers was very marked. I always found him to be every inch a gentleman at all times."

His progress at First Trust Company was notable; advancing through various stages of responsibility, he became Assistant to the President in 1942, Executive Vice President in 1945, President in 1951, and Chairman of the Board of Directors in 1962. Having reached the age of retirement in 1968, he remained on a consulting basis through the year 1970. During all of his career, whatever his duties and responsibilities, he retained not only the respect and loyalty, but also the affection of his associates.

He rapidly developed an expertise in the field of estate planning and related and complicated tax problems. His advice was frequently, sought by attorneys and freely given. Although not a practicing lawyer, he was keenly sensitive to the responsibilities and problems of the practicing lawyer.

At various times he served on the Board of Directors of First Trust Company of Saint Paul, First National Bank of Saint Paul, First Bank Stock Corporation, Great Northern Iron Ore Properties, Gould National Batteries and Norfhern Malleable Iron Company. He was a]so a member of the Board of Directors of several charitable foundations.

He was formerly President of the Corporate Fiduciaries Association of Minnesota and a member of various committees of the Trust Division of the American Bankers Association. He was a member of the Minnesota State and Ramsey County Bar Associations and the American Bar Association, and served for a number of years as Treasurer of the Ramsey County Bar Association.

He gave generously of his time to community affairs and served as Chairman of Greater St Paul United Fund and as President of the Metropolitan St. Paul Hospital Planning Council. He exemplified the saying, "If you want a job well done, get a busy man to do it".

He was a member of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church at White Bear Lake. Always a stimulating companion, his interest in his friends, many of whom he had known since childhood, was exceeded only by his devotion to his family. The void created by his passing is considerable, but the rmemory of a good friend and able associate will remain with all who knew him.

Respectfully submitted,  
RICHARD E. KYLE  
OLIVER W. HEDEEN  
EDWARD W. SPRING

**MR. O'CONNOR:** Thank you, Mr. Spring. The next memorial is to Victor J. Holper. It has been prepared by a committee of Herbert M. Adrian, Alfred V. Alliegro and Arnold O. Ginnow. At this time I'd like to ask Mr. Herbert M. Adrian to present the memorial.

Mr. Adrian read the memorial to Victor J. Holper.

**VICTOR J. HOLPER** was born at Wadena, Minnesota, on December 27th, 1903. He attended the University of Minnesota, received his law degree from the St. Paul College of Law and was admitted to the Minnesota Bar in 1928.

Victor J. Holper joined the West Publishing Company in 1926. He served as Assistant Librarian while attending Law School and became a member of the editorial staff upon his admission to the Bar. In 1950 he was named Managing Editor; in 1956 he was named Editor-in-Chief and in 1959 he was appointed Vice President and Editor-in-Chief.

During his editorial career Victor J. Holper made significant contributions to the law works of the nation. An acknowledged outstanding authority on the preparation and publication of statute publications, his advice and counsel was sought by lawyers and officials across the nation who were concerned with the revision, codification or compilation of their state's statutes. His death prompted a wide response from these people telling of their indebtedness to him for his valuable counsel.

To his fellow workers, Victor J. Holper was known for his dedication to his chosen career, his knowledge and his uncompromising high standards of quality as well as his love of law books.

Victor J. Holper loved his family and his home in North Oaks where for pleasure and relaxation he played golf with his many friends in that community.

He gave generously to charitable and educational causes and in particular to those of his church. Throughout his life he supported many Catholic charities in this area.

Victor J. Holper died unexpectedly in his sleep in the early morning hours of November 4th, 1970. Surviving him are his wife, Marion, two sons John and Richard, and a daughter Margaret. The three children presented him

with ten grandchildren to whom he was greatly devoted. His death is a loss to all of us who knew him but all of those who were associated with him will long remember him.

Respectfully submitted,  
HERBERT M. ADRIAN  
ALFRED V. ALLIEGRO  
ARNOLD O. GINNOW

MR. O'CONNOR: Thank you, Mr. Adrian.

Your honor, I would like to make one brief comment at this point. While lawyers are noted for their ability as speakers, today we are talking about our friends and we are talking from our hearts—sometimes this is a little hard to do—and I ask the Court's indulgence if we have to hesitate sometimes in our presentations. These are our wonderful friends.

The next memorial is on behalf of Robert F. Leach. The memorial has been prepared by a committee consisting of H. William Blake, Wood R. Foster and Frank N. Graham. At this time I'd like to call on Mr. H. William Blake to present the memorial.

Mr. Blake read the memorial to Robert F. Leach.

ROBERT F. LEACH was born on February 11, 1910 in Alexandria, Minnesota. He received his early education there, graduating from Alexandria High School with honors in June of 1927. He was a leader from the beginning—both in the classroom and on the athletic field. In high school he was consistently on the honor roll, the editor of the biweekly newspaper, president of his senior class, a member of the basketball team and the baseball team. He worked during the summer months in the golf shop at the Alexandria Golf Club and during the school year at various odd jobs.

He entered Carleton College in 1927 and graduated in 1931 a Phi Beta Kappa. He was captain of the Carleton basketball team in his senior year, and was the high point man in the Midwest Conference when Carleton won the conference championship. He also played baseball and golf at Carleton, and was editor of the 1931 senior year book.

He went to Harvard Law School in the fall of 1931 and graduated in 1934. After a brief period of practice in Chicago, he joined the Oppenheimer law firm here as an associate in May 1935, becoming a partner of the firm in 1949.

Bob Leach's outstanding success as a practicing lawyer was due to a happy combination of many talents. Perhaps his two greatest strengths were the warmth and charm of his personality, and his intuitive legal sense and instinctive perception which enabled him to cut through a mass of detail and see clearly the true issues at the heart of a problem, whether it was of

a legal or practical nature. It was this ability which made him invaluable as a business adviser. He was a counsellor in every sense of the word. These traits, together with his humility and his interest in the client as a person combined to inspire great confidence on the part, of the client and to create a lasting personal and professional relationship. They would have brought him success in any field he might have chosen for his life's work.

Bob Leach recognized his responsibilities as a citizen of this community and devoted his time and talents to making St. Paul a better place in which to live. He was instrumental in the formation of the Metropolitan Improvement Committee which has accomplished so much in the rehabilitation of downtown St. Paul and served two terms as president of the committee after it was organized in 1961. He was an active worker in the St. Paul Community Chest for many years, was general chairman of the campaign in 1960, and was part of a citizen group which set up our United Fund in 1961. For several years he was a deacon in the House of Hope Presbyterian Church, and taught Sunday school there. He served on the Board of Directors of St. Paul Urban Coalition, the Neighborhood House, the Minnesota Historical Society, and the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, and he was a Trustee of the Tozer Foundation, the James J. Hill Reference Library and Carleton College.

Bob was elected a director and Deputy Chairman of the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis in January of 1966, and on January 1, 1969 he became Chairman of the Board. He welcomed new challenges and devoted a great deal of his time to a study of the problems facing that Board and the solution of those problems. As a result he made a most significant and lasting contribution to the Federal Reserve Bank and the national banking system in this Federal Reserve District.

From childhood Bob had a great interest in hunting and fishing, and this continued throughout the years as did his interest in all sports. He was a superb athlete and kept himself in excellent physical condition. He was beautifully coordinated and played golf, baseball, squash racquets and basketball effortlessly and with great skill. He played golf in the low 70's, and was club champion at Somerset Country Club several times. He not only was a great competitor, but he loved the companionship of the games and enjoyed seeing others do well.

Even with all these interests and his very active law practice, he found time to work on his yard and garden, to ride, and in later years to bird-watch with his wife.

With his great diversity of interests and his many friends, he lived an enormously full life. He will be remembered most affectionately for his devotion and loyalty to others. Although he moved among the prominent and respected of the community, his many acts of kindness and service to others, both individuals and the community, were impelled by a simple and honest desire to do things for the less fortunate in all walks of life.

Bob Leach had the courage of his convictions and never hesitated to express them forcefully, but this prompted respect rather than animosity. He had integrity, determination, conviction, intelligence and common sense, and with it all he had a wonderful sense of humor and loved a good time.

Bob Leach's death on December 10, 1970 took from his wife, Elizabeth, his daughters, Sara Elizabeth and Anna Katherine, and his son, Hugh Fitzgerald, a devoted and loving husband and father. It took from many, many others a friend who had been held in the deepest affection and respect. They will tell again and again of this man and his life. His memory and accomplishments will live on.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. WM. BLAKE  
WOOD B. FOSTER  
FRANK N. GRAHAM

**MR. O'CONNOR:** Thank you, Mr. Blake. The memorial to Scott R. Prescott has been prepared by a committee of Daniel T. Cody and Harry Ray. At this time, Mr. Daniel T. Cody will present the memorial.

Mr. Cody read the memorial to Scott R. Prescott.

**SCOTT R. PRESCOTT**, was born on March 15, 1930, at Wausau, Wisconsin. In 1934, he moved with his parents to Saint Paul, Minnesota, where he attended Wilson High School. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Minnesota. Following his graduation from the University of Minnesota, he received the following Degrees from the Saint Paul College of Law, B.S.L., L.L.B. and D.J. and was graduated in 1956. Upon his graduation, he entered the practice of Law with his brother, Jack Prescott, Saint Paul, and in 1961, moved his practice to New Brighton where he practiced until his death [on September 29, 1970].

Scott Prescott played football at Wilson High School and earned three letters at the University of Minnesota in football. He was active in Little League sports in the New Brighton area. He was a member of the Ramsey County Bar Association, the Minnesota State Bar Association, the Minnesota M Club, and numerous local organizations.

In the practice of law, he specialized in creditors remedies and bankruptcy work. He was always tolerant of the rights of others and represented his clientele with complete diligence and without regard for their financial resources and without regard for race or color.

He is survived by his widow, Suzanne and three children, Perry C., age 10; Jack B., age 9; and Susie Jill, age 6 and who reside at 1650 Canyon Lane, New Brighton, Minnesota. He is also survived by his mother and father, Loren and Marie Prescott, who reside at 3582 Emerson South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and his brother, Jack Prescott, who resides at New Brighton, Minnesota.

He will be sadly missed by his many friends.

Respectfully submitted,  
**DANIEL T. CODY**  
**HARRY RAY**

MR. O'CONNOR: Thank you, Mr. Cody. The next memorial has been prepared by a committee for The Honorable Robert V. Rensch. The committee is composed of Calvin Hunt, The Honorable Edward J. Devitt, Reginald Ames and Richard E. Kyle. At this time I would like to ask The Honorable Edward J. Devitt to present the memorial.

The Honorable Edward J. Devitt read the memorial to The Honorable Robert V. Rensch.

Only rarely is any of us privileged to have the good fortune to decide early in life precisely what he wants for himself and then translate these aspirations into reality. The late Robert V. Rensch, Judge of the Ramsey County District Court was among the fortunate ones. While a senior in high school he determined that a career in the law was the goal toward which he would unswervingly devote all of his energies. That he accomplished his objective and with great distinction is now a part of the judicial history of this community. We meet here today to review this extraordinary man's unique contributions to the Bench, to the Bar and to the community in general.

Judge Rensch was born on a farm near Madison, South Dakota, on the 16th of February, 1900. He attended both grade and high school in Madison and at eighteen volunteered for service in World War I. When the Armistice brought the war to an end in 1918 he was still in his 18th year and had spent six months in an army tank corps. Following his discharge he attended the University of Minnesota, and thereafter the St. Paul College of Law, from which he graduated in 1926. In the same year he was admitted to the Bar of this state.

For a brief period he engaged in the practice of law, which he left to commence a long and distinguished career in the public service. His first post was that of Assistant United States District Attorney for the District of Minnesota where he remained for five years. During this interval he successfully prosecuted some of the most important criminal cases which have ever been brought in this District. Among these matters were the Foshay and Diamond Motor Parts mail fraud cases. He also secured convictions which broke up the largest automobile theft ring ever discovered in this country. He played a significant role in the prosecution of many of the nation's most notorious gangsters during the wild, reckless and lurid 30's. For his distinguished efforts in this connection, he received letters of commendation from Judges Sanborn, Cant, Molyneaux, Nordbye and Joyce.

In 1939 Governor Stassen appointed him Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of St. Paul to succeed Judge Clayton Parks. He served in this post until 1943, at which time Governor Thye appointed him to the District Bench to succeed the retiring Hugo O. Hauft. He was re-elected as District Judge in five successive elections and served in that capacity without interruption until his death on March 13, 1971.

During his twenty-eight years as District Judge he served with courage, efficiency and distinction. His service as an effective Federal prosecutor, his experience as a Municipal Judge and his native ability, all combined to give him the insight, the temperament and the qualifications necessary to make him one of the ablest of the District's judicial officers.

The general public can really never know of a Judge's competence, industry and integrity, simply because only a limited number of persons in the community either have the duty or opportunity to witness him in action. The real test of a trial Judge's excellence must be determined by the respect and affection held for him by his colleagues and members of the Bar. These were the men who observed him from day to day and from year to year under the pressures and the tensions of judicial procedures. It is the hallmark of competence if these two groups observe a consistent disposition to make correct, swift and clear-cut rulings from the Bench. That they did speaks much more eloquently than any words which we may say of him today.

One of Judge Rensch's constant concerns was that by the very nature of things a judge has an opportunity to procrastinate with a minimum risk of censure and for that reason he must take especial precautions not to do so. As a result of this conviction, it became an article of faith with him to decide all issues presented for his consideration with promptness and without equivocation. Indeed, he had such strong feelings about inexcusable delay that he introduced his now famous "Settlement Calendar." It was the purpose of this program to invite lawyers and their clients to meet with the Court in an atmosphere of conciliation looking toward the settlement of cases long upon the Clerk's calendar. In one period of three months over five hundred controversies were brought to a conclusion. The savings in costs to the County and the acceleration of the whole judicial process received nation-wide notice and acclaim.

There is an ancient aphorism which adjures us to take the difficult tasks to the busiest man in town. The validity of this old maxim is supported by the

impressive and amazing variety of extra-judicial activities which the Judge was called upon to perform. The list is virtually endless, but among those which demonstrate the point were the following:

- Chairman of the Minnesota Advisory Council on Naval Affairs.
- Fifteen-year member of the State Selective Service Appeal Board.
- President of the Minnesota District Judges Association.
- Active member of American Legion Post #450.
- President of the Minnesota Navy League.
- President of the Kiwanis Club.
- Prime Minister of St. Paul Winter Carnival.
- Chief Air Raid Warden of the City of St. Paul.
- Member, at the time of his death, of the American Bar Association's Advisory Committee on "The Judges Committee" dealing with Court-room disturbances. (Early members of the Committee being U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judges Warren Burger and Harry A. Blackmun.)

Judge Rensch had a great affection for the outdoors and for the last fifteen years of his life he maintained a small but picturesque cottage on Gray Cloud Island. It was in these surroundings that he gardened and became one of the State's acknowledged experts in the recognition, culture and location of wild mushrooms. He could identify all of them by their botanical names and probably knew as much about the most esoteric variety, the Morel, as any other amateur horticulturist in the country. He loved to say that the only information which he could never bring himself to reveal, either to his family or his best friends, was the habitat of his precious Morels. He was a superb cook and a steak broiled by him and surrounded by Morels was a culinary event not likely to be forgotten.

No review of this complex and fascinating man's character would be complete without some brief mention of another of his many talents—he was a raconteur without peer. He had an inexhaustible fund of anecdotes and stories which he told with matchless skill. He could slip from dialect to dialect with the ease and grace of a professional. Those few of his intimates who visited with him during the final weeks of his life always found him ready with a new story despite his knowledge that the end was very near. His cheerful attitude evoked profound respect and admiration.

All of us, the Bench, the Bar, his close personal friends, and the public generally were the beneficiaries of this man's wit, charm and dedicated public service.

Respectfully submitted,  
HON. EDWARD J. DEVITT  
RICHARD E. KYLE  
REGINALD AMES  
CALVIN HUNT

MR O'CONNOR Thank you, Judge Devitt The memorial has been prepared for Earl F. Requa by a committee consisting of Michael J Galvin, Sr., Frank S. Farrell and Arthur J. Donnelly At this time I'd like to call on Mr. Michael J. Galvin, Sr., to present the memorial.

Mr. Galvin read the memorial to Earl F. Requa.

EARL F. REQUA died on April 1, 1970, at Pompano Beach, Florida, at the age of 65. Born in Everett, Washington on July 26, 1904, he had been a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota for almost 25 years before he retired as Senior Vice President of the Northern Pacific Railway Company and moved to Florida.

After graduation from the University of Washington Law School in 1930, he entered the private practice of law with the firm of Padden & Moriarity at Seattle. On November 16, 1937, he was persuaded by his good friend, Robert S. McFarlane, who was President, and later Chairman of the Board of Northern Pacific Railway Company and then Chairman Emeritus of the merged railways known as Burlington Northern Inc., to join the Seattle Law Department of the Northern Pacific Railway Company.

Mr. Requa's outstanding ability as a trial lawyer soon became known in the St. Paul headquarters of Northern Pacific, and on December 1, 1945, he was promoted to Assistant General Counsel at St. Paul. Less than four years later, on May 1, 1949, he was advanced to the position of General Solicitor, and on May 1, 1961, he assumed responsibility for the entire Northern Pacific Law Department as Vice President and General Counsel. Mr. Requa received a further promotion on January 1, 1968, to Senior Vice President and on July 31, 1969, he retired.

On July 28, 1931, Earl married Othelia Aadsen, who, with his daughter, Mrs. August Caron, and his eight grandchildren survive him. He was very proud of his family. Earl was a deeply religious man and a member of St. Luke's and later St. Leo's Catholic parishes. He was very active in the Serra Club for more than 20 years.

Earl's first love was that of a trial lawyer. After entering the private practice of law, he gained an impressive number of verdicts for his clients, largely on the plaintiff's side of the table. After joining the Northern Pacific Railway, his competency as a trial lawyer continued to assert itself. At one point in his railroad career, he obtained more than fifteen consecutive jury

verdicts for the Northern Pacific in personal injury actions, a record which probably will never be equalled. His absolute integrity, unfailing courtesy, ready wit, self possession in the courtroom, and most of all, his sympathetic understanding of human nature, especially fitted him for the work of an advocate. Earl's success as an appellate lawyer was equally impressive. While at St. Paul, he was involved in a number of appeals to the Minnesota Supreme Court, and was successful in every instance

Later in his career, as Earl assumed broader legal responsibilities, he continued to demonstrate a high level of competency both in and out of the courtroom. He was extremely inventive in his approach to legal problems and was a careful and thorough lawyer. He served as a member of the Advisory Council of the Public Land Law Review Commission, which was established by Congress in 1964, to review all land laws and regulations and recommend necessary revisions. Earl had a keen sense of duty to his profession and was active in the Bar Association, serving as Chairman and as a member of various committees. One of his last and most important duties was giving legal direction to the merger of the four railroads which combined on March 2, 1970, to form Burlington Northern Inc.

Earl was an avid reader and enjoyed raising flowers. He developed a fine reputation as a rose and orchid grower.

Earl Requa had a great zest for life. Blessed with a consistently light-hearted disposition, a fine sense of humor, a forthright bearing and a becoming gentleness, he made a lasting friend of all with whom he came in contact. He lived a life of nobility and his memory will be cherished by his many friends

In addition to his wife, daughter and grandchildren, he is survived by a sister, Mildred Potts and two brothers, Homer of Everett, Washington and Parker of San Francisco, California.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. J. GALVIN, SR.,  
FRANK S. FARRELL,  
ARTHUR J. DONNELLY

MR. O'CONNOR: Thank you, Mr. Galvin. The next memorial has been prepared for McNeil V. Seymour by a committee composed of Philip Stringer, Robert O. Sullivan, Richard E. Kyle, Clarence G. Frame and The Honorable Edward J. Devitt. At this time I'd like to ask Mr. Philip Stringer to present the memorial.

Mr. Stringer read the memorial to McNeil V. Seymour.

MC NEIL VERNAM SEYMOUR was born in St. Paul on November 28, 1896 and died in St. Paul after a short illness on January 24, 1971. He was the son of McNeil Vernam Seymour and Lenore Horn Seymour, both of whom died some years before.

Mac Seymour was educated in the St. Paul public schools; and upon graduation from the Central High School in 1915 attended Princeton University. The course of his studies was interrupted by World War I; and he was one of an early group of his classmates who volunteered for ambulance driving in the French Army—long before the first American troops arrived on European soil. This group, known as the LaFayette Escadrille, remained intact during the war, and were in the thick of many of the major battles of the war. Following the war he completed his studies at Princeton, graduated in 1920 and entered Harvard Law School which he attended for his first year of law school. After one year, he transferred to St. Paul College of Law which he attended for two years, working as a law clerk in the offices of O'Brien, Stone, Horn & Stringer. He was admitted to the bar in 1923, at about the same time that Royal A. Stone was appointed to the Minnesota Supreme Court, and the firm name was changed at that time to O'Brien, Horn & Stringer. He remained a partner in that firm and successor firms with remarkably few changes of name or personnel, until, at the time of his death, he was in partnership with his son McNeil V. Seymour, Jr. in the firm of Seymour & Seymour.

Mac Seymour was an outstanding lawyer—a quality which he acquired not only by diligent study and hard work but also (if there is such a thing) by inheritance. He was brought up in an atmosphere where law and legal matters were the topic of the day. His father, McNeil V. Seymour, was a prominent lawyer, practicing in St. Paul until his death in 1921. His grandfather, McNeil Seymour was a prominent lawyer in Western New York. Another grandfather, Henry J. Horn, was one of the leaders of the bar of St. Paul when Minnesota was but a territory, and for many years after it became a State. His uncle, Alexander E. Horn, with whom he

practiced for many years, was also high on the list of outstanding members of the bar. From all of these, he acquired not only by inheritance, but by environment, an almost instinctive sense of legal rights and responsibilities.

Mac's greatest professional interests were in the fields of trust and probate law, and also banking; but his activities were by no means confined to those fields. Many landmark cases, both within and without those fields, were carried to a successful conclusion under his captaincy. Gifted with a delightful sense of humor, Mac was always charming company; but his number one interest was always the welfare of his client; and he served all of his clients with intense loyalty which at times seemed far over and beyond the call of duty. His professional life demonstrates a very keen balance between those priceless qualities of ability, loyalty and always ethical behavior which every lawyer should possess—and which he possessed to the highest degree.

But Mac's contributions were not limited by any means to matters merely of professional responsibility. He was active in civic affairs in a wide variety of applications. He served on the St. Paul Charter Commission and for a time was its chairman. He was for a time on the faculty of the St. Paul College of Law and was a member of its corporation. He served for several years on the State board of law examiners and for part of the time was its President. He received a citation from the Regents of the University of Minnesota for his contributions to the work of that institution. He served, from time to time, on several boards of philanthropic institutions, and was a member of the St. John's Episcopal Church. Even after passing the age of 70 he took interest in athletics, particularly skiing and tennis.

Mac is survived by his wife, Katherine Klein Seymour, two sons—one of whom is a member of the bar of this Court—and two daughters as well as 14 grandchildren. His life both within and without the profession, is an outstanding example of the very highest standards which are attained by only a few. He will be sorely missed.

Respectfully submitted,  
RICHARD E. KYLE  
CLARENCE FRAME  
ROBERT O. SULLIVAN  
HON. EDWARD J. DEVITT  
PHILIP STRINGER

MR. O'CONNOR: Thank you, Mr. Stringer. The next memorial was prepared for The Honorable Arthur A. Stewart by a committee composed of Frank S. Farrell, The Honorable Edward B. Mulally and The Honorable David E. Marsden. At this time I'd like to call on Mr. Farrell to present the memorial.

Mr. Farrell read the memorial to The Honorable Arthur A Stewart

JUDGE ARTHUR A. STEWART died on June 22 1970, at St. Paul, Minnesota, following an extended illness. He was born on January 20, 1888, in St. Paul, the son of John C. and Anna M. Stewart.

He graduated with honors from the St. Paul College of Law in 1908. He passed the bar but had to wait until his 21st birthday, the following year, to be admitted to practice. While attending Law School, he was a law clerk and secretary to Charles Monroe Start, the Chief Justice of our Supreme Court from January, 1895, to January, 1913. Upon being admitted to practice, Judge Stewart associated himself with the late Morton Barrows under the firm name of Barrows and Stewart. This association continued until the death of Mr. Barrows.

Judge Stewart served in World War I as a First Lieutenant of Infantry. In 1922, he became the First Assistant Corporation Counsel of the City of St. Paul and in 1925 Corporation Counsel, which position he resigned in 1928 to re-enter private practice.

Few men have given so unselfishly of themselves or served in so many capacities. Judge Stewart was a member of the Board of County Commissioners, the City Charter Commission, the City Hall and Court House Advisory Building Commission, and the State Industrial Commission. He was a member of the faculty of the Saint Paul College of Law and the William Mitchell College of Law for 50 years—from 1910 to 1960. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Saint Paul College of Law and William Mitchell College of Law, retiring in 1967. In June, 1969, the William Mitchell College of Law conferred an honorary LLD degree upon Judge Stewart. The following year he was the recipient of the College's outstanding alumnus award.

Judge Stewart was a member of the Ramsey County and State Bar Associations for 61 years. He was President of the Ramsey County Bar Association [in 1946-1947] and served on various committees of both the

Ramsey County and the State Bar Associations. He was a Trustee and Vice President of the State Bar Foundation.

He was very active in the Masonic organizations and was affiliated with the Triune Lodge, Damascus Cornmandery; Scottish and York Rities of St. Paul; Osman Temple and St. George Conclave. He was Potentate of Osman Temple in 1929 and served three terms as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota Masonic Home.

On January 5, 1918, he married Hermione Peterson. They were blessed with two children, Hermione Knapp of Janesville, Wisconsin, and Charles Stewart of St. Paul. He is survived by his widow, two children, six grandchildren and his sister, Mrs. Robert B. (Ethel) Moore of St. Paul.

Judge Stewart was a thoughtful and loving husband. He took great pride, in the many achievements and outstanding abilities of his talented wife. They were a devoted couple. He was extremely fond of his two children and deeply attached to his six grandchildren. Despite the heavy demands of his professional life, he always found time for his family.

In 1946, Judge Stewart was appointed to the District Court of Ramsey County to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Michael. Thereafter, he served on the Municipal Court for three years and in 1949 was again appointed to the District Bench to succeed Judge Boerner.

Judge Stewart served continuously on the District Court until October 1 1961; when, under existing law, he was required to retire. During his retirement, at the request of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, he continued to serve with distinction in Ramsey County as well as in other districts throughout the state until the Spring of 1970.

Judge Stewart enjoyed the teaching of law and his students loved to study under him. This remarkable and gifted teacher brought to the classroom exceptional ability and the broadest experience. He taught far more than law. He taught justice in the fullest sense of the term. He followed the careers of his former students with great interest and was always willing to assist them.

Arthur Stewart was a great District Judge. He was unusually qualified and richly endowed for this role. He had a fine judicial temperament, uncommon common sense, a keen analytical mind, and an unswerving

sense of justice. Whatever the case, he faced the issues squarely, without temporizing or compromising. Each case received the most painstaking scrutiny, and study. His broad and deep understanding of human nature and his vast knowledge of the law produced decisions that gained the widest acceptance and respect. He exemplified the very finest in our judicial system.

We are all poorer because of the loss of this outstanding jurist, teacher and friend but we are far richer because we had the opportunity to associate with him. We shall miss his wisdom, his delightful sense of humor and his thoughtfulness. We shall miss his extraordinary contributions to the quality of justice in our state. We shall always remember his great personal courage in the final months of his life. To this remarkable man, we bid a fond farewell.

Respectfully submitted,  
FRANK S. FARRELL  
HON. EDWARD D. MULALLY  
HON. DAVID E. MARSDEN

MR. O'CONNOR: Thank you, Mr. Farrell.

This concludes the formal presentation of memorials and on behalf of the Ramsey County Bar Association I would like to thank the Court, the members of the family and the friends of our friends who have gone on for their attendance here this afternoon. At this time I would like to move the Court to inscribe these memorials on the court records as a permanent memento to our friends.

CHIEF JUDGE JOHN W. GRAFF: The motion of Mr. O'Connor is granted. The record will 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 special mark of respect for the departed, no other matters will be taken up and this Court will now adjourn without day.