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## Huge Crowd Honors Judge Connell

### More Than 1200 Alumni and Friends Gather to Laud Outstanding Alumnus



The Sheraton Cleveland Hotel's Main Ballroom was filled virtually to overflowing as more than 1200 alumni and friends of Judge James C. Connell gathered to honor the jurist at the C-M Alumni Association's annual luncheon for its Outstanding Alumnus of the Year.

More than 1,200 Cleveland-Marshall Law School alumni and friends of U.S. District Judge James C. Connell gathered for a luncheon in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel on Tuesday, May 17 to honor the federal jurist as the law school's Outstanding Alumnus of the Year.

The award to Judge Connell, a 1918 graduate of the law school, was presented by Aaron Jacobson, president of the school's alumni association. Said Jacobson "Judge Connell's contribution to his profession and to his community have been truly outstanding. We are proud to have him on the Alumni Association's Board of Trustees, and on the Board of Trustees of the law school as our representative."

On hand to honor the jurist were Mrs. Connell, and their son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Connell, and some of his old friends, including Leonard Levy, Warren Briggs, Michael Picciano, Judge James Cassidy, Dr. Sam Gerber, Al Anderson, Ricky Tanno, Sam Whitman, and Henry Williams. Mr. Williams, who lives in Florida, made the trip especially for the luncheon.

In addition, there were Bishop Elwell, County Commissioner Henry Speeth, Dwight Buss, president of the Cleveland Bar Association, and Leo Rattay, president of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association. Judge Samuel Silbert, last year's recipient, was there as the chairman of the law school's Board of Trustees, and Dr. Alfred B. Bonds, Jr., attended in his capacity as president of Baldwin-Wallace College.

#### Colleagues on Hand

Judge Connell's colleagues on the federal bench also paid tribute to their fellow jurist. They included federal judges Girard E. Kalbfleisch, Frank J. Battisti, Ben C. Green, William K. Thomas, Anthony J. Celebrezze, and Paul E. Weick.

Wilson G. Stapleton, Dean of the law school, reported on the tremendous strides made by the law school in the past year, academically, administratively, and in its physical plant, as well.

#### Introduction by Howley

Master of Ceremonies for the event was James Vance ('60), assistant treasurer of Republic Steel Corporation.

Lee C. Howley, Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company official and old family friend of Judge Connell's, made the introduction, commenting on the judge's biographical data. He noted that his father and Judge Connell's father served together as officers in Cleveland's Fire Department.

Remarking on this fact, Judge Connell, in his speech, which followed, said "Those were happy days for them. After all, who could be happier than an Irishman with an axe in his hands?"

The answer at the moment was obvious: it could be an Irish judge — one of the profession's finest — receiving a standing ovation and words of praise from the largest assemblage of lawyers and friends in the town's recent history.



Alumni President Aaron Jacobson presents the C-M Alumni Association's handsome annual award to Judge Connell, as Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. The seal was specially sculpted for this event, and will be used on future plaques.



Shown with Judge James Connell, above are his son, Dr. Thomas Connell (the Judge says Tom really isn't that much taller than he is!), and the two Mrs. Connells.



Part of the impressive head-table guests shown above include Judge Connell's colleagues on the Federal bench in the foreground, school officials, bar association presidents, among others. That's Louis B. Seltzer, retired editor of The Press, second from left at the upper table.



The other half of the head table included Judge Connell's family, and close personal friends over the years, who were included in the Judge's recollections of his earlier days in Cleveland. That's Judge Sam Silbert standing in the rear, the recipient of last year's award.



Judge Connell's delivery of his speech was presented "dead-pan," but the audience roared at some of his accurately-placed humor. Toastmaster Jim Vance, Assistant Treasurer at Republic Steel, and Alumni President Aaron Jacobson flank the Judge above.

#### The Speakers and Well-Wishers Included:



Dean Wilson G. Stapleton    Dr. Alfred B. Bonds, Jr.    Lee C. Howley    Louis B. Seltzer    Dwight Buss    Leo Rattay



# Alumni Party - - Biggest, Best

## Association Presents \$10,000 To School From Development Fund

More than half a thousand C-M Alumni gathered Thursday afternoon, June 9, in the law school for the alumni association's Annual Party. Described as the biggest and best of any such event held to date, the affair drew alumni from as far away as Gary, Indiana.

The alumni in attendance included Federal Judge James C. Connell, recently honored by the Association as its Outstanding Alumnus of the Year, and a number of other jurists from the various courts in the area.

Once again, the Alumni Association used this occasion to present to the administration of the law school a contribution toward its pledge to help cover the construction cost of the impressive improvements on the building's first floor. This year, the Alumni Association was able to collect and hand over from its Development Fund the amount of \$10,000 (see picture on this page), with newly-elected alumni president Patrick G. Lazzaro making the presentation to Dean Wilson G. Stapleton and to Comptroller Sidney B. Fink.

Heading the committee for the event was Leo Rossmann, ('29), Treasurer of the Alumni Association and President of Certified Office & Supply Company. Tastee Catering served an excellent hot and cold buffet, while the charming accordionist Shirley Joyee wandered among the alumni, occasionally leading them in songs which she, at least, made recognizable despite efforts of the self-proclaimed choristers.

Starting at 4 p.m., the affair lasted until 8 p.m., when the last of the revellers was nudged out the door.

Chairman Leo Rossmann once again conducted his popular drawing. Two prizes went to alumni who came from the farthest distances east and west to attend the Annual Party. The winner from the west was Julian Allen ('63), who drove in from Gary, Indiana especially for the party, and to George Liviola, ('64), who came from Ashtabula. Common Pleas Judge Thomas Lambros of Ashtabula came in just as Liviola was receiving his prize, but he deferred to his colleague.

This was the second time that the Alumni Association held its Annual Party in the new auditorium section of the school. Last year the party was held before the walls were completed, with studs, wiring and ductwork evident all over the place. This year, the room in its completed form, provided an ideal setting for the event.



Beaming Leo Rossmann ('29), Alumni Treasurer and chairman of the Annual Open House is assisted by charming Anabel Oleck, during the drawing for prizes. Miss Oleck is the daughter of Associate Dean Howard L. Oleck.

## Placement News

The placement service started some months ago for the benefit of our students and graduates has developed into a full time operation under the capable direction of Mrs. Jane Edwards. More and more, law firms and industry look to schools and colleges to fill the ranks of their employees.

At the present time we have requests from four law firms for our graduates; another law firm is seeking a 1st or 2nd year student to work part time. The County has requested our aid in filling two vacancies that exist in the Common Pleas Court, and there are openings with Juvenile Court for investigators and probation officers.

A well-known manufacturer of men's wear is seeking a young graduate for its legal department and a manufacturer of tools and power equipment has asked us to help in locating a young attorney to handle legal and corporate work.

A local title company will offer full four-year employment, with advances, to a first-year student who is interested in this phase of the law.

Any recent graduates or students who are interested in these and other positions we have, please contact Mrs. Edwards in the Placement Office any day between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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A delicious and plentiful buffet, and plenty of other refreshment greeted more than 500 alumni as they attended the Annual Open House last June 9. The event, free to paid-up members each year, is considered to be quite a bargain, alone worth the annual dues.



Patrick G. Lazzaro (right), newly-elected President of the Alumni Association, presents a check for \$10,000 to the law school's Comptroller Sidney B. Fink, and to Dean Wilson G. Stapleton, from the Alumni Association's Development Fund, to help pay for the impressive new quarters on the first floor of the law school.

## What's Happening To Alumni . . .

Prof. Milton E. "Bud" Wilson ('53) spent the summer in the Near East, visiting various universities, part of the Middle East Program of B-W College.

Jack M. Gladstone ('34), Ass't. Vice-President of Cleveland Trust Company has been elected Vice-President of the Adelbert Alumni Assoc. of Western Reserve U. . . Joseph J. Cracium ('38) has been named Probate Judge of Trumbull County, Warren, Ohio.



Judge Cracium

Marvin L. Fishman ('63) has recently been named by Arthur Anderson & Co. to head the Tax Department of their Cleveland office. . . Prof Rudolf Heimanson, librarian at the law school, has been hospitalized this summer but is now on the road to recovery at at his home. . . Dean Stapleton and Associate Dean Oleck attended the annual meeting of the ABA August 7th thru 11th in Montreal. . . Samuel D'Anna, Jr., ('35) has been promoted to secretary-claims, Eastern Regional Office of Fireman's Fund. He is also a former FBI agent. . . George M. Dawson ('55) was recently appointed to the Cleveland advertising staff of the Saturday Evening Post. . . (Ralph Hart ('39) was advanced from vice-president to senior vice-president by the Standard Oil Company of Ohio, a firm he joined in 1934. . . Gov. Burns of Florida recently named C-M '61 grad Donald F. Harrington to the post of deputy commissioner at large for the State Industrial Commission. . . Lt. (J.G.) Fred deRocher ('65) ranked second in his class at the U.S. Naval Military Justice School and was selected to remain as an instructor.

## Lazzaro New Alumni President

Patrick Lazzaro ('57), has been elected the new president of the Cleveland Marshall Alumni Association, succeeding Aaron Jacobson ('59). Lazzaro, elected at the annual meeting of the association on June 9, immediately before the Annual Alumni Party, will serve until June, 1967.

Moving up to 1st Vice President is Fred Lick, Jr. ('61), while Paul Sanislo ('61), moved up from 3rd Vice President to 2nd Vice President.

New 3rd Vice President is Clarence James ('62). Re-elected as recording secretary of the Board of Trustees was Eileen Kelley ('63), and Leo Rossmann ('29) once again will serve as the group's incorruptible Treasurer.

Re-elected to the Board of Trustees are: Federal Judge James C. Connell ('18), Common Pleas Judges Hugh A. Corrigan ('55) and John Manos ('50), Probate Judge Frank J. Merrick ('15) and Juvenile Court Judge A. J. Gagliardo ('51). Also re-elected are Cleveland City Council President James V. Stanton ('61), Henry Gottfried ('19), Thomas J. Scanlon ('63), Dale D. Powers ('60), and Elaine Chimo ('62).

James Vance ('60), Assistant

Treasurer of the Republic Steel Corporation, was elected to the Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy of Dominic G. Dottore ('54), the out-going past president, who, by the organization's Constitution, serves on the Board of Trustees for one year following his presidency, and then goes off the Board automatically.

Said the new President, Pat Lazzaro, "I look to continue the good relations between the law school and the Alumni Association. Our major purpose is to help the school achieve its goals, and I am confident that with the growth of the Alumni Association over the past few years, this Association will be able to help the school in its expansion programs, with increasing moral and financial support, year by year."