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Huge Crowd Honors Judge Connell

The Sheraton Cleveland Hotel's Main Ballroom was filled virtually to overflowing as more than 1,200 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.

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 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.

The Speakers and Well-Wishers Included:
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- Dr. Alfred B. Bonds, Jr.
- Lee C. Howley
- Louis B. Seltzer
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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."

In addition, there were Bishop Elbridge, County Commissioner Henry Speeth, Dwight Buss, president of the Cleveland Bar Association, and Leo Battay, 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.

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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 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 the administration of the law school a contribution toward its pledge to help cover the construction cost of the impressive improvements to 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 President Patrick G. Lazzaro making the presentation to Dean Wilson G. Stapleton and to Comptroller Sidney H. Fink.

Chairing 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 charging accordionist Shirley Joyce 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 revellers was rounded out the door.

Chairman Leo Rossmann once again conducted his popular drawings. 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 Liviolis, '94, who came from Attabulada. Common Pleas Judge Thomas Lambros of Attabulada was chosen in just as Liviolis was receiving his prize, but he deferred to his colleagues.

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 tables and chairs scattered all over the year. This year, the room in its completed form, provided an ideal setting for the event.

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 Rep. 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 several 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 someone who can handle legal and corporate work.

A local title company will offer full-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 or other positions we have, please contact Mrs. Edwards in the Placement Office any day between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.