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A. H. DUDNIK

It has been said that "the negligent quake" when A. H. Dudnik enters a case. This is probably an exaggeration, but it is typical of the legends in existence about the indigent lad who worked his way through Cleveland-Marshall Law School almost three decades ago and has since won wide acclaim as one of Ohio's foremost personal injury lawyers.

Mr. Dudnik was born in Kiev, Russia, on August 10, 1905, and was brought to the United States by his widowed mother when he was eight years old. The mother worked as a seamstress so that her only child could become an educated man; and that devotion was never forgotten by the son.

On his graduation from Cleveland's Central High School in 1923, Mr. Dudnik sold candy at a local theater, milk at an East Side market and shoes at a downtown department store, attending law school at night. The financial struggle was hard and made a deep impression. Later, when his fortune grew, Mr. Dudnik established the Githa Dudnik Scholarship Fund at Cleveland-Marshall Law School both as a memorial to his beloved mother and as an aid and incentive to other aspiring lawyers facing difficulties he knew so well.

Mr. Dudnik entered the private practice of law in 1927. Tempered in the searing depression of the 1930's, he emerged as a vigorous trial lawyer. A verdict of \$225,000 which he secured in 1952 was the largest ever awarded in Ohio until that time.

While he was stepping up as a fearsome trial lawyer, Mr. Dudnik, blessed with an attractive secretary who made it difficult for a man to concentrate on his work, solved the problem with his usual directness by marrying her. They now have two children, Robert, 18, who has ambitions of becoming a lawyer, and a daughter, Joan, 13, who may tend toward becoming a lawyer's secretary.

Of the many high legal honors Mr. Dudnik has achieved, one which pleases him most was his appointment as a member of the faculty in the graduate division of his old law school. This typifies one of his many fine qualities. Mr. Dudnik ranks highest when it comes to personal generosity—and this is doubly true when it comes to giving of himself so others may gain thereby.

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