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LEONARD JOSEPH EID

Leonard Joseph Eid died on August 26, 1978, in Canada.

He was born April 10, 1913, at Neche, and married Ida C. Fraser March 8, 1939, at Moorhead.

He graduated from Walhalla High School in 1930 and from Concordia College in Moorhead in 1934. He studied law at the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis and UND in Grand Forks, where he received his degree in 1938. He also received a juris doctor degree with distinction from UND in 1968.

Prior to 1948, Mr. Eid practiced law at Walhalla, where he was also engaged in potato and grain farming. He also had served as mayor and city attorney of Walhalla, and was on the park board. He had served as city auditor, city attorney and headed the planning and zoning board and charter commission for the city of Riverside. He was a national director of the Fargo-Moorhead Home Builders Association and campaign chairman for the United Fund of Moorhead.

Survivors include his wife, Ida, three sons, Gerald, Luverne and Gordon, and a daughter, Carol Haukedahl.

JOSEPH P. FLECK

Joseph P. Fleck died on November 12, 1978, in Bismarck.

He was born at Richardton, North Dakota, the son of Raphael J. and Flora Fleck in 1895.

Mr. Fleck practiced law in Elgin before moving to Mandan where he continued his practice in law until his death.

He was a member of the board of trustees of St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn., as well as Mary College in Bismarck.

He is survived by one son, Ernest R. Fleck and was preceded in death by his wife, Gertrude Kennelly.

RAYMOND R. FRIEDERICH

Raymond R. Friederich was born in Fredonia on September 20, 1920, and died on the 18th day of May, 1979, at Rugby, North Dakota.

Mr. Friederich started practicing law in Rugby, North Dakota, in 1948, following his graduation from the University of North Dakota Law School in Grand Forks. He earlier had earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of North Dakota School of Commerce and a Bachelor of Science Degree in law from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. He served as Pierce County states attorney for several years, starting in 1950 and was appointed District Judge on December 31, 1960.

He was well known for his work in dealing with juvenile problems and was honored by the North Dakota Congress of Parents and Teachers for his work with young people.

He was of German descent and was a director in the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia.

He served in the Army of the United States during World War II in the 10th Armored Division in Europe and was wounded twice in combat. He was discharged in 1946 as a first lieutenant and continued to serve in the Army Reserve.

He was active in the Rugby American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans organizations serving as state DAV Commander.

He was active in the Rugby Chamber of Commerce and served as chairman of a committee of the Rugby Economic Development Corporation. He was past president of the Lions

Club and the North Dakota Peace Officers Association and a member of the Lutheran Brotherhood.

He was married on the 7th of November, 1948, to Irene C. Kruger who survives him.

He was past president of the Pierce County Bar Association. In 1969 he was awarded a fellowship by the National College of State Trial Judges. The fellowship provided for his attendance at a seminar for trial judges at the University of Nebraska. In 1971 former Governor William L. Guy named him chairman of the Minot Regional Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation Services.

ARNOLD GOPLEN

Arnold Goplen died on March 6, 1978, at Sante Fe, New Mexico. He had served as high school principal, teacher and basketball coach at Northwood Public School.

Mr. Goplen was born July 15, 1907, in Binford, North Dakota. He was admitted to the North Dakota Bar in 1942 and served as a special assistant attorney for the North Dakota Health Department from 1948-66. He was the director of the legal department of the Lutheran Hospitals and Homes Society of America.

He was married on August 14, 1933, to Beatrice Bean at Finley, North Dakota. Thereafter he taught in several North Dakota schools, having earned his Master of Arts Degree in 1935.

Mr. Goplen authored several books including "The Career of Marquis de Mores in the Badlands of North Dakota" and "The Historical Significance of Fort Lincoln State Park." He was a past president of Bismarck Lions Club and Bismarck-Mandan Executive Club.

He is survived by his wife, Beatrice; a son, Arman; two brothers, Maynard and Joel, and a sister, Ida.

HARVEY KNUDSON

Harvey Knudson, retired North Dakota Supreme Court Associate Justice and former state legislator, died June 29, 1978, at a Bismarck hospital.

Mr. Knudson was born June 26, 1903, at Finley, North Dakota, graduated from high school there in 1922. He received his

law degree from the University of North Dakota in 1931. He practiced law at Finley and Mayville until 1937, when he was elected to the House of Representatives, representing Griggs and Steel Counties. He was elected as State Senator from Traill County in 1950 and reelected in 1954.

He was elected to the North Dakota Supreme Court in 1964 and retired in 1975.

His interest in government and the law were a lifelong dedication that continued until his death.

Mr. Knudson married Pearl Pederson on June 17, 1933, at Fargo. She survives with two sons and two daughters, Harvey B., Jr., Duane, Mrs. Marion Heath and Mrs. Jerome Jacobs.

ROSS H. McENROE

Ross H. McEnroe of Grand Forks, North Dakota, formerly of Drayton, North Dakota, died October 10, 1978.

Mr. McEnroe was born on May 13, 1913, at Crookston, Minn., and married Elsie Norland on November 11, 1941, at Crookston. He was a graduate from the University of North Dakota Law School in 1939, and served in the U.S. Army for three years. He opened his own law practice in Drayton, North Dakota, in 1946, and retired in 1976. He was a member of the American Bar Association, North Bar Association, city attorney for St. Thomas, North Dakota.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Patricia Bernhoft and Mrs. C. K. Theel.

EDWARD N. O'CONNOR

Edward N. O'Connor died on the 10th of January, 1979.

Mr. O'Connor was born on October 6, 1930, at Grafton, the son of Archie and Margaret (O'Sullivan) O'Connor. He graduated from St. Thomas High School in 1948, and after spending one year at Mayville College, attended El Camino Community College at Redondo Beach, Calif., until 1952. After a tenure with the U. S. Army as a medical corpsman in Korea, he entered the University of North Dakota in 1954, where he received his law degree in 1959. That year he joined the DePuy and Fair law firm in Grafton.

He was married to the former Beverly J. Preusse on October 15, 1955, at Devils Lake.

Mr. O'Connor was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council, the Grafton Lions Club, Eagles, American Legion Post, VFW, Elks Lodge, North Dakota Bar Association, Walsh County Bar Association and the American Trial Lawyers Association, and St. John's Catholic Church where he was presently serving on the church council. He also served as chairman of the 16th District Democratic-NPL Organization.

His survivors include his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Bruce (Kimberly) Gillespie, Colleen and Kelly; two sons, Thomas and Christopher J. O'Connor.

CLINTON R. OTTMAR

Clinton R. Ottmar, Jamestown, former president of the North Dakota Bar Association, died August 19, 1978, in Minneapolis.

Mr. Ottmar was born November 17, 1928, at Wishek, North Dakota. He attended schools there and graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1951.

He married Grace Gackle of Kulm on December 25, 1951. He graduated from University of North Dakota Law School in 1955 and practiced law at Jamestown since that time. He served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War.

Mr. Ottmar was past president of the Fourth Judicial District Bar Association and Stutsman County Bar Association. He served as president of the North Dakota Bar Association from 1976-77.

In addition to his wife, he leaves three sons, Timothy, Mark and Thomas, and one daughter, Gail.

WILLIAM R: PEARCE

William R. Pearce, 67, prominent Bismarck attorney died, died August 26, 1978.

Mr. Pearce was born October 9, 1910, in Lafayette, Ind., he attended grade school there, finished high school in Mott and attended the University of Kentucky. He studied law in the offices of H. P. Jacobsen at Mott and with A. P. Paulson in Valley City. He was admitted to the state bar on October 1, 1934. He practiced in Valley City until 1941, serving as Barnes County States Attorney in 1939 and 1940.

In 1941 he came to Bismarck to become assistant attorney general under the late Alvin C. Strutz and held that position until

1944, when he joined the Bismarck law firm where he had been in continuous practice until his death.

Mr. Pearce belong to the Order of the Coif, an honorary legal fraternity. He was also a member of the Boards of Directors of Montana-Dakota Utilities and Ace Hardware, and the YMCA Board of Trustees. He served as a member of the Bismarck Library Board, was a member of the Elks and Kiwanis Club.

On June 30, 1936, Pearce married Jean Katherine Murray, daughter of J. K. Murray, a longtime North Dakota lawyer. He leaves his wife, Jean, and three sons, Murray R., William P. and Harry J. Pearce.