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DALE H. JENSEN

Dale H. Jensen was born in Ellendale, North Dakota, April 30, 1930, to former State Insurance Commissioner and Mrs. A. J. Jensen. He attended Jamestown High School, Jamestown College and the University of North Dakota, where he received his law degree in 1955.

Dale became Assistant Attorney General in 1957 where he was in charge of the department's unsatisfied judgment fund litigation cases until 1966 when he opened a private practice in Bismarck. He was elected Burleigh County States Attorney and served from January, 1967, until December, 1971, continuing his private practice January, 1972, until his death in June, 1974.

Dale was a member of the American Bar Association, North Dakota Bar Association and Burleigh County Bar Association. In 1962 he was chairman of the Burleigh County Heart Association and of Law Day in North Dakota.

Dale passed away at the Methodist Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota, June 10, 1974, from complications following a kidney transplant operation. Dale is survived by his widow, Phyllis, and five children: Scott, Susan, Laurie, Sara and Kent, and his mother, a brother and sister. Dale will certainly be missed by the bar and his many friends because of his kind and cheerful nature and great sense of humor which brightened many people's days.

HENRY G. OWEN

Henry G. Owen, 85, 101 Fourth Avenue South, longtime Grand Forks attorney and former States Attorney died June 2, 1974.

Mr. Owen was born February 16, 1889, at Milbank, South Dakota. He came to Grand Forks as a child with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Owen. Both his parents were lawyers and his mother was

one of the first women to be admitted to the bar in the United States.

Mr. Owen graduated from the University of North Dakota Law School in 1917 and began his law practice in Grand Forks in 1919. He served as City Attorney, Assistant States Attorney and States Attorney from 1931-33. He also served for a time as special attorney general for North Dakota.

In 1944, Mr. Owen was appointed special assistant to the Attorney General of the United States. He resigned that position in 1954 and returned to Grand Forks to resume his law practice. He retired in 1970. A brother, O. T. Owen, and a sister, Winifred, also practiced law in Grand Forks.

Mr. Owen was active in the Nonpartisan League and later the Republican Party. He was a Nonpartisan candidate for Congress in 1938. He was Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks, a member of Phi Delta Theta at UND and a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Mr. Owen married Armeline Paradis on June 1, 1934, at Bemidji, Minnesota. She survives in addition to one son, Henry G. Owen, Jr., Minneapolis; four grandchildren; a brother, O. T. Owen, Grand Forks; two sisters, Frances and Ruth, both of Grand Forks.

HAROLD SHAFT

Harold Shaft, 74, prominent Grand Forks attorney, died at Grand Forks, North Dakota, on Wednesday, February 13, 1974.

Shaft was one of North Dakota's most prominent attorneys. He had been a member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association since 1963 and a member of the ABA Board of Governors since 1971.

Immediately after his graduation from law school, Shaft became a district court reporter in Bismarck, serving in that position from 1922 until 1925.

For the next two years he was in private practice in Bismarck in association with the late Scott Cameron and, from 1926 until 1928, he practiced law at Fargo with the late Usher L. Burdick. He then joined the attorney general's staff in Bismarck.

He was an Assistant North Dakota Attorney General from 1928 until he came to Grand Forks in 1934 to join the late O. B. Burtness in law practice. Burtness later became a North Dakota District Court judge. From 1950 to 1971 Shaft was in law practice with Paul Benson, who now is a U. S. District Court judge in Fargo.

He was the senior partner in the Grand Forks law firm of Shaft, Shaft, McConn and Fisher. He served as a special lecturer at the University of North Dakota Law School throughout his prac-

tice in Grand Forks. From 1938 until 1940 and from 1944 until 1956 he served as Grand Forks City Attorney and for many years he had been the attorney for the Grand Forks School Board. Shaft was one of the prosecuting attorneys during the 1945 impeachment proceedings against former North Dakota Insurance Commissioner Oscar Erickson.

Born March 22, 1899, in St. Paul, Minnesota, he attended public schools at Minot, North Dakota, and graduated from the UND Law School in 1922. The university awarded him an honorary doctor of laws degree in 1963.

He married Corinne Heitman of Grand Forks, June 23, 1923, who also died on February 13, 1974. They are survived by one son, John, two daughters, Mrs. Richard J. (Barbara) Faletti of Clarendon Hills, Illinois, and Mrs. Richard P. (Margaret) Quesnell of Grand Forks; 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

LLOYD B. STEVENS

Lloyd B. Stevens, longtime Cando attorney, died at Valparaiso, Indiana, on April 12, 1974.

Lloyd Stevens was born August 11, 1891, in Bradley, South Dakota. As a young man he served as a court reporter and was associated with Traynor and Flynn in their office in Devils Lake.

In 1927 he came to Cando and entered the practice of law with the late Charles Houska, and following Houska's move to Fargo he continued in his law practice until 1966 when he retired. He served as Towner County States Attorney and Cando City Attorney and was active in many community affairs.

He was instrumental in the building of the first golf course in Cando and was secretary of the Red Cross for many years. He was attorney for the Federal Land Bank and Home Loan Association through the depression, appeal agent for Selective Service and served as president of the Board of Education and Cando Commercial Club. Along with the late H. B. Baeverstad, he was instrumental in Baker Electric Cooperative locating and serving the Cando area.

Lloyd Stevens was married to Blanche Elmslie in Devils Lake in 1917 and she survives him along with a son, Bruce of Dayton, Ohio, and his daughter, Mrs. Jack Heckman (Jean) at Valparaiso, Indiana, and four grandchildren.

WILLIAM J. SULLIVAN

William J. Sullivan, 80, Mandan, died February 9, 1974.

Mr. Sullivan was born to Patrick J. Sullivan and Elizabeth Harrington in Estherville, Iowa, January 26, 1894. He moved to Mandan in 1916 after graduating from the University of South Dakota Law School at Vermillion, South Dakota. He joined the law firm of Sullivan and Hanley that same year and remained (except for World War I service) until his retirement in 1960.

Mr. Sullivan was married to Mildred Farr on June 2, 1924, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Mandan. He is survived by his wife; two sons, William J. Sullivan, Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada, and Larry H. Sullivan, Mandan; a daughter, Mrs. James (Patricia) Burschinger, Redondo Beach, California; a brother, Joseph E. Sullivan, Laguna Beach, California; and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Steiner, Estherville, Iowa. There are 23 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Sullivan was a member of the Elks, American Legion, St. Joseph's parish and the North Dakota State Bar Association. He served in France from 1918-1920 during World War I.

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