

THE CONTACTS WHICH I HAD WITH EDMUND GILDAY WERE NOT MANY, FOR THE MOST PART WHEN HE WAS REPRESENTING THE HOME OWNERS' LOAN CORPORATION IN FORECLOSURE MATTERS BUT THESE CONTACTS WERE SUFFICIENT TO DISCLOSE HIS LOVABLE CHARACTER.

HE WAS ALWAYS COURTEOUS AND PRESENTED THE FACTS OF A CASE IN A MOST EFFICIENT AND LAWYERLIKE MANNER. HE WAS MOST CONSIDERATE AND REALIZING THE PREDICAMENT IN WHICH A FORECLOSURE AT TIMES LEFT THE DEFENDANT HE WAS ALWAYS WILLING TO GO AS FAR AS THE INTEREST OF HIS CLIENT WOULD PERMIT IN ALLEVIATING THE DISTRESS OF THE DEFENDANT.

THE STORY OF HIS LIFE REVEALS THAT AT AN EARLY AGE HE ACQUIRED THE HABIT OF WORK WHICH IS ALMOST INDISPENSIBLE FOR ONE WHO WOULD SUCCEED IN THE REALM OF LAW. HE ALSO AT THE SAME TIME ACQUIRED AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE LABORER AND OF THE EXECUTIVE, CROSS SECTIONS OF LIFE WHICH WERE BOUND TO BECOME VALUABLE ASSETS IN HIS CHOSEN PROFESSION.

QUIET AND UNASSUMING BUT WITH ALL LOGICAL AND CONVINCING IN ARGUMENT. HE MAINTAINED A MENTAL EQUIPOISE BETWEEN THE ULTRA AGGRESIVE AND THE ULTRA CONSERVATIVE IN LIFE. LIFE AS IT IS TODAY NEEDS SUCH CHARACTERS TO FUNCTION AS BALANCE WHEELS. HE WAS DEPENDABLE, DEVOTED TO HIS FAMILY AND TO HIS CHURCH.

WHAT MORE VALUABLE INHERITANCE COULD HE LEAVE THAN THIS, THAT BY HARD WORK BOTH MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HE REACHED HIS OBJECTIVES ONE BY ONE UNTIL HE FINALLY BECAME A MEMBER OF HIS CHOSEN PROFESSION, AN UPRIGHT AND OUTSTANDING CITIZEN, AN INSPIRATION TO OTHER YOUNG MEN WHO ARE WORKING

TOWARD THEIR OBJECTIVES IN LIFE. IT CAN NOT BE THAT
ALL THE GOOD HE ACCOMPLISHED DURING LIFE WILL REMAIN
IN THE PAST.

"THOU UNRELENTING PAST

STRONG ARE THE BARRIERS ROUND THY DARK DOMAIN,
AND FETTERS, SURE AND FAST,
HOLD ALL THAT ENTER THY UNBREATHING REIN.

CHILDHOOD, WITH ALL ITS MIRTH,
YOUTH, MANHOOD, AGE THAT DRAWS US TO THE GROUND,
AND LAST, MAN'S LIFE ON EARTH,
GLIDE TO THY DIM DOMINIONS AND ARE BOUND.

LABORS OF GOOD TO MAN,
UNPUBLISHED CHARITY, UNBROKEN FAITH,
LOVE THAT MIDST GRIEF BEGAN,
AND GREW WITH YEARS, AND FALTERED NOT IN DEATH.

THINE FOR A SPACE ARE THEY-
YET SHALT THOU YIELD THY TREASURES UP AT LAST,
THY GATES SHALL YET GIVE WAY
THY BOLTS SHALL FALL, INEXORABLE PAST.

THEY HAVE NOT PERISHED - NO!
KIND WORDS, REMEMBERED VOICES ONCE SO SWEET,
SMILES, RADIANT LONG AGO,
AND FEATURES, THE GREAT SOUL'S APPARENT SEAT:

ALL SHALL COME BACK, EACH TIE
OF PURE AFFECTION SHALL BE ^{Knit} ~~KIND~~ AGAIN;
ALONE SHALL EVIL DIE,
AND SORROW DWELL A PRISONER IN THY REIGN.

Edmund Gilday

Seldom is the Bar called upon to memorialize the life of one so young as Edmund Gilday.

Life was just beginning for him when he was called upon to lay down his burdens in obedience to the final summons which none can disobey.

"We know when moons shall wane,
When summer birds from far shall
cross the sea,
When autumn's hue shall tinge
the golden grain,
But who shall teach us when to
look for thee--
O Messenger of death."

We recognize the jurisdiction and the decree of a higher forum which controls our destinies and are reminded that the lawyer must ever remain the student; that the lawyer of today is the trustee of the future, impressed with the duty of carrying on the traditions of the profession; of exalting the people before the law, and of safeguarding all their inherent rights.

Life is measured not by years but by its character and by the quality of the service rendered to fellowmen.

"The glory born of goodness never
dies and its flag is not half-
masted in the sky."

In the death of Mr. Gilday the community has lost a good citizen and the Bar a worthy member.

The court joins with the Bar in paying tribute to his memory.

A MEMORIAL UPON THE LIFE OF EDMUND O. GILDAY

Edmund O. Gilday, a native son of this community, was born in Racine, Wisconsin, on the 7th of October, 1904, the son of George E. and Minnie Colbert Gilday.

After a normal boyhood, he received his preliminary education at St. Patrick's Graded School and Racine High School, from which he graduated in 1922. From 1922 to 1925, Edmund worked in the City of Racine, being employed principally by the H. & M. Body Company, during which time he rose to the position of head of the Payroll Department. In 1925 he matriculated in Marquette University, which he attended until 1930, when in June of that year, he graduated from the Marquette School of Law. He took the State Bar Examination in July of 1930, and was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Wisconsin, in August of 1930.

He opened an office for the general practice of law in the Baker Bldg., in this City immediately, and practiced alone for a few years, whereupon he became associated with J. M. Weisman. He practiced law in that association until 1936, when he engaged in practice in partnership with his brother, George Gilday, in this City, under the firm name of Gilday and Gilday.

During his entire youth and early manhood, and while completing his education, Edmund Gilday was industrious and hard-working. In his early boyhood and through High School, he was employed by the Racine Journal-News. During his vacations while attending the Marquette University, he was employed by the Nash Motors Company, Walker Manufacturing Company, and the Chicago Rubber Clothing Company.

During his college career he was a member of Beta Phi Theta National Social Fraternity, Sigma Nu Phi National Legal Fraternity, and the Golden Key, local athletic honorary fraternity. During his entire life he was a faithful member of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church of Racine, Wisconsin, and during his entire adult life, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was married on February 2, 1935, to Miss Jane DeVoy of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who graduated with him from Marquette University with the degrees of Bachelor of Laws and Doctor of Jurisprudence. He thus faced a future which promised well for his happiness in his home life as well as success in his profession because he selected as his mate through life not only one who could supply happiness and comfort, but one who was endowed, by education and background, with the qualification and ability to understand, appreciate, and cooperate in the problems, burdens and satisfaction of his professional career.

Their union was blessed by two children, James and Mary Jane.

Edmund O. Gilday died suddenly and most unexpectedly on January 24, 1939, after a major, but routine operation from which no ill effects were expected or anticipated by his family. He is survived by his widow, his two children, his mother, four sisters and a brother.

Edmund Gilday, because of the fact that his passing occurred as he entered the very prime of manhood and somewhat early in his professional career, had naturally not established a long background in the profession which he had chosen to make his life work. His untimely death occurred at a time when he had just created an established practice and had become recognized as an experienced practicing lawyer.

However, during his entire life he showed constant and consistent evidence that he was of the sound American stock, industrious, hard-working, and ambitious, which constitutes the backbone of the citizenry of this Community and of this Nation.

In the effort to relieve his parents of unfair and unnecessary burdens, he worked constantly at whatever occupation he could find in his spare time, and while he was seeking and acquiring an education. While doing all of this, he nevertheless, remembered his religious teachings, and was, not only a devout, but an active and cooperating member of the religion and the church to which he belonged.

Edmund was a quiet individual, going about his business and along his own pathway of life in a quiet, courteous, unassuming manner, doing his work and performing his duties as he saw them, without undue

and unnecessary conflict with his fellowmen. He was courteous in all things, and while somewhat taciturn and retiring, nevertheless, of a friendly disposition, and was a good companion and a valued friend to those with whom he associated. His Qualities of courtesy, kindness, diligence and recognition of the rights of others augured well that he would become one of the quiet and unassuming, but sound and substantial members of the Bar of this County.

The Supreme Judge who will, in His good time, call each of us before His High Tribunal, has seen fit in His wisdom to summon Edmund Gilday at the very prime of his young manhood and early in his professional career. We can but adopt this means of expressing to his bereaved family our deep and sincere sympathy, our esteem for his good qualities, and our respect for his memory.

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