

In the
United States Circuit Court of Appeals
for the Seventh Circuit

Honorable George T. Page

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Upon the Retirement

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AT a regular term of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, begun and held in the United States Court Room, in the City of Chicago, in said Seventh Circuit, on the seventh day of October, 1930, of the October Term in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty, and of our Independence One Hundred and Fifty-Fifth.

Tuesday, October 7, 1930

Court Opened by Proclamation of Crier.

Present:

Hon. Evan A. Evans, Circuit Judge, pre-
siding; October
7th, 1930
Hon. William M. Sparks, Circuit Judge;
Hon. George T. Page, Circuit Judge;
Edward M. Holloway, Clerk;
Henry C. W. Laubenheimer, Marshal.

Address
by Honorable
Evan A. Evans

Honorable Evan A. Evans speaking for the Court upon the retirement of Honorable George T. Page, as United States Circuit Judge.

Since this Court recessed last June, one of our members, Judge Page, has retired. I make this announcement regretfully. At the same time I am pleased to say that he has retired rather than resigned. For as you know, a retired judge may sit, not only in the Court of which he was a member, but in other Federal Courts in this and in other circuits.

I cannot make this announcement without adding a personal word of appreciation and affection. I am authorized to say that these words also express the sentiment of Judge Sparks and of our Chief, who is in Washington on official duty. I feel equally certain that I bespeak the sentiment of the bar of this circuit.

Twelve years have flown with the swiftness of passing hours, since you, Judge Page, joined our little family here in the Court of Appeals of the Seventh Circuit. During these years our intimacy has been comparable to the intimacy of home life. We have had unlimited opportunity to see each other close-up, at work and in leisure, to observe tendencies, developments, traits and disposition.

Throughout this period certain qualities of your private and public life have become well recognized. Industry, earnestness, regularity of habits, promptness in appointments, candor, frankness and outspoken speech are traits which the members of the Bar recognize as yours. But to us on the bench I would also stress your willingness, aye, your strong de-

sire to meet every obligation fully and to lighten as best you could the load of each of your associates. You have always been willing to carry more than your full share of the load. And in addition, if illness or other troubles afflicted us, you have invariably volunteered to lighten our load. As an illustration of this willingness to serve, I need only cite your action at this term. Confronted by the largest and hardest calendar ever presented to this court, you promptly volunteered to help us out, until another judge is appointed.

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A strong dislike of technicalities, an unwillingness to waste time on the unimportant, coupled with a strong determination to dispose of each case on its merits, promptly, these were part of the equipment you brought with you to the bench and they remain unabated and undimmed upon your retirement.

An agreeable cordiality when amiability did not conflict with official duty, you have ever maintained. But let it also be promptly added that you have ever displayed the good judgment of not permitting amiability or friendship to befog the clearness of your vision or the strength of your judgment. In short, a desire to serve and to accommodate was ever present but you knew the meaning and the place of the word "No".

I have always entertained the view that on a court composed of a plurality of judges there must at times be some sharp differences of views, and these differences doubtless increase as the number of judges constituting the bench increases. The smaller the number, the greater the intimacy, and let it also be

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said, the greater the opportunity for encouragement, helpful criticisms and effective cooperation.

I have received from you all three aids—encouragement, helpful criticisms and effective cooperation and I am glad of the opportunity of saying so.

In Appellate Court work, the necessity of a careful study of the entire record can not be overstressed. The temptation to get outside the case from a study of the briefs is great. The easy way to dispose of an appeal is to examine the assignments of error and the propositions of law and then dispose of the legal questions involved. Such an opinion when expressed in terse and vigorous language reads well and the writer thereof is acclaimed as a learned judge. But the day has long passed, at least in most appeals, when the sharply controverted issues arise over questions of law. Rather do we see the disputes arise out of the involved facts which call, not for a statement of the law, but for an application of the law to this intricate fact situation.

It is in this field—in this laborious task of studying the record, in sifting the mass of evidence, which only hours of labor can accomplish, that Judge Page has been a special value to this Court. I express my appreciation of the help he has often given me in correcting impressions and making clearer the position of counsel against whom the decision runs.

In closing, let me say that we appreciate your assistance, Judge Page, during this present term and hope that you will find it possible to sit with us on many occasions in the future. We are glad to have had you with us. We much regret your leaving.

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