The Class of 1932: A Report after Twenty-five Years

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Although the 1932 Class was a "depression class," and the careers of many of its members were interrupted by a major war and, in some cases, the aftermath thereof, retrospect establishes that the group has done well professionally, civically, and from the aspect of personal life and human relations.

Of the thirty-eight members of the Class who reported their activities, twenty-seven are actively engaged in the practice of law, either privately or in governmental service. Six are engaged in governmental service at the present time, in positions of responsibility and importance. Those who are not actively practicing are in varied enterprises, ranging from the presidency of a Virgin Islands bank to the manufacture of mechanical equipment. Of these, four are corporation presidents or vice-presidents.

Seventeen members of the twenty-seven who are actively practicing are in the Chicago area. The greatest number who practice outside the Chicago area are in the District of Columbia. Ten of the active practitioners are senior members of law firms.

Six members now hold, or have held, elective or major appointive public offices. These include Robert Tiekien, who is distinguishing himself as United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois.

Fourteen members of the Class were in military service during World War II, and one of these has remained in the Army.

The extracurricular interests of the members have been varied. Nine have been major participants in bar association administration, and one of these, Louis G. Isaacson, has been president of the Denver Bar Association. In addition, many others have served on various bar association committees and otherwise demonstrated their interest in the welfare of our profession. Five members are intensively interested in church and religious causes. The service of others in numerous civic, communal, and charitable activities evidences recognition of responsibility and willingness to contribute generously in time and effort to the welfare of others.

The members, collectively, have reported seventy children, some of whom are preparing for the practice of law. It is regretfully reported that one of our members, Ben E. Goldman, is deceased.

The writer must comment that, even with some modest participation in activities related to our Law School, he has had opportunity to be in contact with members of the Class of 1932 too infrequently and trusts that the content hereof might be of some satisfaction to those who have like regrets.

The following biographical summaries are prepared from the responses to the questionnaires received from our members. These questionnaires indicated excessive modesty in reporting accomplishments.

AMES, JOHN D. Owner, Memorial Farm, Brooklyn, Wisconsin. Practiced law for seven years in South Bend, Indiana. Now seventy-eight years old and retired after lifetime of community service. Dean of George Williams College from 1919 to 1932. Served the YMCA in New Haven; Akron, Ohio; Moscow, Russia; South Bend, Indiana; Chicago, Illinois; and Freeport, Texas. Treasurer of the local Grange and lay leader of the Methodist Episcopal church. During World War II was area secretary of the USO. Writes that one of the highlights of his career was his admission to practice before the United States Supreme Court by Chief Justice Hughes. Married and has a son and two daughters. Home address: Brooklyn, Wisconsin.

APITZ, LAWRENCE E. Manager, Sales Control and Budgets, United Air Lines, Inc., 5959 S. Cicero Avenue, Chicago. Married. Home address: 5845 S. Sunset, Chicago.

ASHER, LESTER. Partner, Asher, Gubbins & Segall, 130 N. Wells Street, Chicago 6. Chairman of Section on Labor Law, Illinois State Bar Association, and finds "most enjoyment after the rigor of the emotion-laden field of labor law in teaching classes in labor-management relations at the University of Chicago, Roosevelt University, and the University of Illinois." President of K.A.M. Temple. Married and has three children. Home address: 3021 Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago 15.

BLENDES, DOROTHEA. Assistant to the President, Commerce Clearing House, Inc., 4025 W. Peterson Avenue, Chicago. Has been president of the National Association of Women Lawyers, president of Women's Bar Association of Illinois, and a member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association. Writes that she has spent all twenty-five years since graduation at Commerce Clearing House, Inc., in various editorial and managerial capacities. Home address: 1427 N. State Parkway, Chicago.

BUBLICK, SAMUEL E. 10 S. La Salle Street, Chicago. During World War II was a lieutenant in the Navy. Married and has two children, Bruce and Jill. Home address: 8206 Crandon Avenue, Chicago.

CLARK, HOWARD P. Assistant Secretary, United States Steel Corp., Law Department, Oliver Iron Mining Division, 716 Wolvin Building, Duluth 4, Minnesota. Married and has three children. Home address: 3512 E. Third Street, Duluth 4, Minnesota.

EDELSTEIN, IRVING B. President, Ames Metal Products Co., 4321 S. Western Boulevard, Chicago. Has built up a fine business as a non-ferrous metal manufacturer. Married and has a son, age twenty-two, and a daughter, age seventeen. Home address: 3915 Sherwin Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois.


ENGELHARDT, WILLIAM R. Partner, Norman, Engelhardt, Zimmerman and Prince, 100 W. Monroe Street, Chicago. Mar-
ried to Doris Rickard and has a son, Robert, age seventeen, and a
daughter, Margo, age thirteen. Home address: Inverness, Palatine, Illinois.

FISHER, HENRY D. Partner, Boyles & Fisher, 25 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois. Master-in-chancery, Lake County Circuit Court (1934–56) and for many years a member of the board of governors of Lake County Bar Association. Has been active in several philanthropic organizations and served in the Army from 1942 to 1945. Married and has one son, age nine. Home address: 874 James Court, Waukegan, Illinois.

FUCHS, LEONARD. Salesman, E. J. Lewis Co., 9 S. Clinton Street, Chicago. Served in the Army Air Force, 1944–45. Candidate (Independent) for alderman of Thirty-ninth Ward in 1955. Has headed such organizations as the Max Straus Center Board of Directors, Albany Park Community Council, Association of Community Councils of Chicago, Budget Review Committee of Community Fund, North Side Chapter of AmVets, and Temple Beth Israel Men’s Club. Has served on an equally impressive list of boards, including the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago and Citizens of Greater Chicago. Married to Rose LeBrint and has three daughters, ages fifteen, twelve, and seven. Home address: 3729 N. Lawndale Avenue, Chicago.

GREENBERG, FRANK. Partner, Levinson, Becker & Peebles, 1 N. La Salle Street, Chicago. Served as chairman of the Committee on Inquiry of the Chicago Bar Association. During World War II was lieutenant commander in the Navy. Married. Home address: 6645 N. Greenview Avenue, Chicago.

HERZOG, CHARLES E. Partner, Bell, Boyd, Marshall & Lloyd, 135 S. La Salle Street, Chicago. Member of Committee on Inquiry of Chicago Bar Association and president and director of Beverly-Ridge Home Owners’ Association. Served three years in the Army. Married. Home address: 9742 S. Damen Avenue, Chicago.

Hess, SIDNEY J., Jr. Partner, Aaron, Aaron, Schimberg & Hess, 38 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago 3. Has served on various committees of the Chicago Bar Association, has held directorships and trusteeships in charitable and civic organizations, and is now president of the Standard Club, Chicago. Served in the U.S. Army, 1944–46. Married to Jacqueline Engelhardt, and has one daughter, Karen. Home address, 2020 N. Commonwealth Avenue, Chicago 14.


Jacobson, BENJAMIN L. Hearings Supervisor, Illinois Department of Labor, Division of Unemployment Compensation, 165 N. Canal Street, Chicago. President, Winchester-Hood Co-op Credit Union. Married and has two sons, ages sixteen and eleven. Home address: 6255 N. Wolcott Avenue, Chicago 26.


JACQUES, B. H. Staff Director, Office of the Director, Bureau of Investigation, Federal Trade Commission, Washington 25, D.C. Has been with the FTC since 1934, specializing in antitrust law. Major, Judge Advocate General’s Department, U.S. Army.

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during World War II. Home address: 4505 N. Nineteenth Street, Arlington, Virginia.

James, George F. Director, Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, 1000 Westchester Avenue, White Plains, New York. During the war was chief of Price Adjustment Section, Chicago Ordnance District. Writes: "My present business and position are ideal for one with an itching foot. Standard-Vacuum's business operations are scattered over two-thirds of the Eastern Hemisphere, and I probably average 25,000 miles of travel a year to places like Wakayama, Auckland, and Zanzibar." Married to Mary Ella Bickell and has three children. Home address: 24 Park Road, Scarsdale, New York.

Klein, Franklin W. Partner, Klein & Thorpe, 111 W. Washington Street, Chicago. Married to Lois Cromwell (34) and has three children. Home address: 12732 Maple Avenue, Blue Island, Illinois.


Lewis, David M. Partner, Lewis & Goett, 129 E. Market Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Marion County prosecuting attorney. Married and has three sons. Home address: 6135 Central Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

McDougal, C. Bouton. Secretary, Director, and General Counsel, R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co., The Lakeside Press, 350 E. 22d Street, Chicago. Formerly a partner in Sidley, Austin, Burgess & Smith. Vice-president and director, Chicago Crime Commission (1951-55), and currently vice-president of United Charities of Chicago and chairman of Legal Aid Bureau. During World War II served as executive officer to the General Counsel of the Navy Department and won the Legion of Merit. Married to Winifred Turner and has three children, Ellen, thirteen, Christopher, eleven, and Edward, seven. Home address: 682 Ardsley Road, Winnetka, Illinois.

McKinlay, Robert Todd. Attorney, National Labor Relations Board, Room 2046, HEW Building South, 330 C Street, N.W., Washington 25, D.C. Since 1947 has been chief legal assistant to Board Member Abe Murdock, acting as legal supervisor to Murdock and supervising the sixteen to twenty assistants on his staff. During the war was a lieutenant in the Navy, assigned as assistant counsel to the Bureau of Yards and Docks. Was president of University of Chicago Alumni Club of Washington (1943-44) and has been a P.T.A. officer and member of the church vestry. Married. Bob, Jr., is a freshman at Yale, and Bonnie is parliamentarian of student government at Bethesda, Chevy Chase High School. Home address: 8202 Kentbury Drive, Bethesda 14, Maryland.

Nachman, Norman H. 38 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago 3. Served during World War II as lieutenant on Admiral Kincaid's Staff in the Southwest Pacific. Member of various committees of the Chicago Bar Association and chairman of a subcommittee on certain bankruptcy matters of the American Bar Association. Delivered lectures on bankruptcy at the Chicago Bar Association and appeared on a panel during the Northwest Regional Meeting of the American Bar Association in October, 1955, on Chapter XI proceedings. Director of Temple Sholom. Married to Anne L. (34) and has two daughters and one son. Home address: 3100 Sheridan Road, Chicago.


Oakley, Robert A. Partner, Oakley & Horton, 1117 Bank of America Building, San Diego 1, California. Director, San Diego County Bar Association. Major in U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Married and has four children. Home address: 4519 Dickey Drive, La Mesa, California.

Preshill, Alfred W. Vice-President, Allied Radio Corp., 100 N. Western Avenue, Chicago 80. Is married to another lawyer, Frances Bell Deibel (L.L.B., Western Reserve Law School), and has three children, David, age nine; Stephen, age six; and John, age four. Home address: 426 Ravine Drive, Highland Park, Illinois.

Price, William F. Partner, Vedder, Price & Kaufman, 105 S. La Salle Street, Chicago. Married and is the father of Margaret, age seventeen; William S., age fifteen; Susan R., age fourteen; and Stephen, age nine. Home address: 1167 Lincoln Avenue South, Highland Park, Illinois.

Sass, Frederick, Jr. Office of the General Counsel, Department of the Navy, Bureau of Aeronautics, 18th and Constitution Avenue, Washington 25, D.C. During the War was a lieutenant in the Navy. Writes: "The Office of General Counsel, Department of the Navy, has often been referred to as the best law firm in government, and I like to believe that that is true. That office and particularly the branch of that office which I head in the Bureau of Aeronautics do in fact operate very much like a law firm. I am appointed by the Secretary of the Navy upon the recommendation of the General Counsel, and the Bureau of Aeronautics is my client. There are about twenty lawyers in the office, and my client is engaged in a business that has an annual budget running into the billions of dollars. That creates legal problems, obviously, and that is what keeps a lawyer happy. Therefore, I like my work. I believe there are more alumni of the University of Chicago and The University of Chicago Law School in Washington than in any other city outside Chicago. We have a very active alumni association here, and we follow the activities, the changes in, and the growth of the School with much interest." Married and has two children. Home address: 4213 Leland Street, Chevy Chase 15, Maryland.

Shapiro, Jacob M. Partner, D'Ancona, Pilsam, Wyatt & Riskind, 33 N. La Salle Street, Chicago. Special Master, United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 1951-53. Past President, Chicago Lodge, B'nai B'rith. Married to Esther Wolfson of Chicago and has one daughter, Joanne. Home address: 6737 S. Oglesby Avenue, Chicago.

Silverman, Irwin William. President, West Indies Bank & Trust Co., St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Was for sixteen years in government service as chief counsel and assistant director of the Office of Territories and as counsel to a number of congressional committees. In that connection circled the globe twice and visited Europe, Africa, Asia, China, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand. Has served on several presidential boards and commissions and contributed to legal periodicals and is listed in Who's Who in the East. Married and has two daughters, Carol, age fourteen, and Sue, age eleven. Home address: St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Thomas, William H. 722 First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska. President, Nebraska Young Republicans, 1936, and Douglas County Republican chairman, 1946-53. Interested in civic affairs and served as president of the Omaha Council of the Camp Fire Girls, 1955-56. Chairman, United States Olympic Boxing Committee for 1952 Olympic Games; represented the United States at international amateur athletic conferences in Copenhagen (1950) and Milan (1951). Member of the American Legion. Served with the military police during World War II. Married to Gretchen Thomas. Home address: 3033 Read Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

TIERKEN, ROBERT. United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, United States Court House, Chicago. Prior to assuming his present duties, a partner in Winston, Strawn, Black & Towner, Chicago. Among his many public activities, has been director of the U.S. Equestrian Team, Inc., 1944; president, vice-president, and director, Lake County Civic League, 1949-54; board member, North Lake Chapter of the American Red Cross, 1947-50; chairman, Committee for the Alumni Foundation of the University of Chicago, 1940-44; member, Finance Committee of the National Republican Party for Illinois and a delegate to the Republican Convention for Illinois, 1940; board member of United Charities of Chicago, 1942. Listed in Who's Who in America, 1955-56. During World War II was logistics officer, Commandant's Staff, Ninth Naval District, and received the Secretary of Navy Citation in 1946. Married and has four children. Home address: Belvidere Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

WEL, JOSEPH S. Served in the Army during World War II. Married and has a daughter, age ten, and a son, age seven. Home address: 702 N. Sierra Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

WELLS, JOE R. Superintendent of Land Department for Michigan-Wisconsin Pipe Line Co., 500 Griswold, Detroit 26, Michigan. During World War II served in the Army in the Security and Intelligence Division and as a captain in the Judge Advocate General's Department. Married. Home address: 300 Whitmore Road, Detroit 3, Michigan.

WEYAND, RUTH (MRS. LESLIE S. PERRY). DuPont Circle Building, Suite 130, 1145 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D.C. Mrs. Perry, who practices law as Miss Weyand, specializes in the civil rights and labor fields, having represented more than forty different unions. Has appeared as counsel during seventeen terms of the U.S. Supreme Court and has won eight of nine oral arguments. Is the author of "Majority Rule in Collective Bargaining," 45 Col. L. R. 556, 12 Current Legal Thought 3; "The Scope of Collective Bargaining under the Taft-Hartley Act," 1 N.Y.U. Conf. on Labor 257; and "Informal Procedure before the National Labor Relations Board," 1 Practical Lawyer 31 (January, 1955). In 1941 was chosen as one of the ten outstanding American young women of the year and in 1948 received a citation from Mary M. Bethune for outstanding legal work on civil rights. Married to Leslie S. Perry, a lawyer, and is the mother of two sons. Home address: 1500 22nd Street, N.W., Washington 7, D.C.

WILSON, WILLIAM T. Partner, Wilson & Wright, 232 W. State Street, Jacksonville, Illinois. During World War II was with the FBI. Married and has one son. Home address: 1 Westwood Place, Jacksonville, Illinois.