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IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT A. BUHLER

More than sixty-nine years ago, Robert A. Buhler was born to an eventful and colorful life which terminated suddenly and with little warning at 8:40 A. M. on November 20, 1956. That a man so vital should pass so quickly brought virtual disbelief to his friends.

The cross currents of his kaleidoscopic life carried him from his native Belmar, New Jersey, to the New Jersey Law School and thence to circus life as a "strong man", and finally to the practice of law in the City of Fort Wayne. Here he was not only lawyer, but radio station owner and radio manufacturer, ever changing yet always the same. The citizens of the "Early Twenties" heard Robert A. Buhler's voice on the air, "This is WFAS, the United Radio Corporation, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, broadcasting."

Who, today, can commemorate the composite Bob Buhler as he moved upon the vast and ever changing stages that an entrancing and alarmingly interesting life presented to him?

To merely say that Bob was loyal to friend, beggars his loyalty.

To insist that he never violated his word to a fellow lawyer might indicate that Bob could even contemplate the act.

If we would speak of his happy hours, would we not think of the greatness of his sorrows?

If we should extol his inherent generosity, how can we include that broad and endless stream of charity, the full course of which no one knows.

Who shall first recount the striking anecdote shall be deluged by voices of countless others, each striving to retell his own experience with the truly inimitable Robert A. Buhler.

The industry of the man was not generally recognized; his vivid, virile, and colorful life -- his wit and banter -- made all else seem secondary, if not unnecessary.

He was so deeply saturated with that intense inner friendliness and friendship that these qualities that were in him were assumed by all who knew him.

Robert A. Buhler was a member of the Allen County Bar Association, the Indiana State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association, and was a member of the Moose Lodge.

His interests were varied, and as the good waters are drawn by the sun, so was Bob drawn to the practice of criminal law. Here was found the uninhibited man, the dash and the thrill of excitement, the uncertainty of risk and the allure of mystery, and in them Bob thrilled.

"Constitutional Bob" was a nickname given in affection but not without recognition of his native legal talents; these were in abundance.

Robert "Altruistic" Buhler was a name he earned and deserved.

He interspersed the rigors of the law practice with the delightful leaven of humor and caprice. No law suit was so critical nor position so desperate that a fine understanding and friendship for his opposing advocate could be destroyed or even diminished. Robert A. Buhler thoroughly enjoyed the friendship of his fellow lawyer and his fellow lawyers held him in affection. In his recent years, he was associated with

Marvin L. Komisarow in the practice of law, and he is survived by his widow, Elsie W. Buhler, and his two grandchildren.

Bob was so vital, so moving, so perpetually young and effervescent that the shawl of death seems inappropriate and misplaced, even now. And may we who are assembled here today, friends of Bob, rejoice to use the words of Robert Ingersoll and say of our friend as he did his brother,

"He added to the sum of human joy, and were every one to whom he did some loving service to bring a blossom to his grave, he would sleep tonight beneath a wilderness of flowers."

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