

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FOR

CLAYTON J. POWELL, JR.

THOMAS R. BROOKS

ERNEST N. CORY, JR.

RALPH W. POWERS

CARLYLE J. LANCASTER

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## PROCEEDINGS

5 JUDGE WOODS: Welcome, ladies and gentlemen.

6 After much confusion we are finally seated. We gather  
7 here today to honor our colleagues. Let me tell you  
8 who is really at this bench, since we have judges in  
9 different colored robes. To my left is Judge Chasanow  
10 from the Court of Appeals. To my immediate right is  
11 Judge Kratovil, Administrative Judge of the District  
12 Court for the District of Maryland, Judge Harrell from  
13 the Court of Special Appeals, Judge Platt, Judge  
14 Hotten, Judge Missouri, our Administrative Judge for  
15 Prince George's County and Judge Salmon from the Court  
16 of Special Appeals as well. So all four courts are  
17 represented here today on the bench to honor our  
18 colleagues, our associates and our friends who have  
19 passed.

20 We are happy and pleased and gratified to  
21 welcome the families, the friends and guests here  
22 today, in paying tribute to Clayton J. Powell, Jr.,  
23 Thomas R. Brooks, Ernest N. Cory, Jr., Ralph W. Powers  
24 and Carlyle J. Lancaster.

25 It is my pleasure now to introduce the

1 president of the Prince George's County Bar  
2 Association, Walter Laake.

3 MR. LAAKE: Thank you, Judge Woods. Thank you  
4 members of the bench for being here. Thank you fellow  
5 members of the bar and ladies and gentlemen. I can't  
6 tell you exactly how many years we have been having an  
7 annual memorial service to honor our members of the  
8 Prince George's County Bar Association who have passed  
9 on in the previous twelve months or so. Judge Levin  
10 can't remember when it initially began, because it was  
11 already in effect when he joined the bar. So I don't  
12 know if we will ever be able to find the date that it  
13 originally began, but I know he has been serving as the  
14 Chairman of the Memorial Committee and leading us in  
15 these annual special days of celebration for a long,  
16 long time.

17 I wish to thank you very, very much for being  
18 here. I want to thank Mr. Durity, who on his own for  
19 the last five or ten years has been taping these  
20 proceedings, he thought for his own personal benefit  
21 until a year or two ago. I said, Harry, why don't we  
22 make copies available for the families. The Bar  
23 Association has been copying his videotaped ceremonies  
24 so that members of the families can have copies as  
25 well, and of course the official proceedings of today

1 will be made available to the families.

2                   As Judge Woods said, we are here to honor and  
3 celebrate and commemorate the passing of five very  
4 extraordinary, very distinguished people. I had the  
5 benefit of knowing most of them personally. Although  
6 we will be hearing about them individually, I have to  
7 tell you a couple of things about some of the folks  
8 that we are here to talk about.

9                   It was in 1970 when I became a member of this  
10 bar, and one of the very first cases that I was given  
11 as a very young lawyer by my mentor at that time, Carl  
12 Feisner, was this civil false arrest case that had been  
13 referred to our office by a law firm in Virginia, and I  
14 had the pleasure of representing this young man who had  
15 been falsely accused of having taken something from a  
16 People's Drug Store, and it was my very first day in  
17 court, and it was in District Court back in 1970, and I  
18 made sure I had my own private stenographer there to  
19 make sure I had the testimony of all the witnesses on  
20 behalf of the store, and of course we weren't  
21 interested in a civil release because we had a very,  
22 very good civil claim, until Judge Brooks found my  
23 client guilty but, fortunately, a very sympathetic  
24 attorney, Eli Silverstein, agreed to a finding of  
25 guilty and entering a probation before judgment, and I

1 was able to go back to my law office and continue to  
2 practice.

3           But it was in the following year, 1970, when a  
4 very young lawyer, yours truly -- I think making twelve  
5 thousand dollars, Carl may have given me a raise the  
6 first year -- was looking to buy a house. It just so  
7 happened it was Bob Edwards' house, but I needed to get  
8 a loan for \$72,500 on a \$12,000 salary, and Carl said,  
9 "You ought to go see Jiggs Lancaster. He can  
10 probably put a good word in for you at Suburban Trust."  
11 And, sure enough, Jiggs did and I was able to get my  
12 loan. Unfortunately, Jiggs didn't tell me to buy  
13 Suburban stock back in 1972, or I might have been  
14 retired now.

15           There are many stories that I could relate to  
16 you with respect to Ralph Powers, but I would be  
17 upstaging the folks that are going to be talking to you  
18 shortly, but I do have to tell you the special place  
19 that I have for Clayton Powell, because Clayton, as you  
20 will hear, was originally from Prince George's County,  
21 and after he passed the bar and began to practice in  
22 Baltimore City, he wanted to come back to his own  
23 county, and we were very, very fortunate to have  
24 interviewed him. I was very, very fortunate to work  
25 with Clayton for several years prior to his wife

1                   Darlene passing the bar and his going out into practice  
2                   on his own.

3                   So, ironically, I have known many of the  
4                   people that we are here to honor today. I don't want  
5                   to upstage any of the individual speakers that are  
6                   going to tell you about them in greater detail than I  
7                   can. I merely wish to thank you for being here. Enjoy  
8                   hearing about these people that we are here to honor  
9                   today along with me, and thanks again.

10                  JUDGE WOODS: I would now like to introduce  
11                  really the master of ceremony, the chairman of this  
12                  memorial service, and who has been the chairman for  
13                  many, many years, retired judge of this court, the  
14                  Honorable Jacob Levin. Judge Levin.

15                  JUDGE LEVIN: I am going to ask Jack Johnson,  
16                  our State's Attorney, to come and pay tribute to  
17                  Clayton J. Powell, Jr.

18                  MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Judge Levin.

19                  Chief Judge Woods, Administrative Judge  
20                  Kratovil of the District Court and to the honorable  
21                  judges of the various courts present here, to the  
22                  retired judges who are also present, distinguished  
23                  members of the bar, and especially to the families of  
24                  all of those who are being honored today.

25                  Ladies and gentlemen, I am indeed honored and

1 I pause to say how delighted I am to be here to speak  
2 about my friend, Clayton J. Powell, Jr. I want to  
3 express my deep, warm appreciation to Clayton's widow,  
4 Darlene, to Clayton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton  
5 Powell, Sr., to Jessica Marie and Monica Marie,  
6 Clayton's lovely daughters, to his grandparents, his  
7 sisters and his brothers and to his entire family, and  
8 to Mr. Lloyd Turner, his uncle, who is also present  
9 today. You certainly should be proud that Clayton was  
10 a part of your life.

11 Clayton J. Powell, Jr., was a phenomenal man.  
12 Clayton was a trailblazer, a pacesetter and an  
13 uncompromising advocate for the noblest of causes, and  
14 no cause was more dear to him than his family. In all  
15 of his conversations, in all of his actions, and  
16 through deeds, Clayton displayed his firm, faithful  
17 devotion and love for his family, and his entire life  
18 and all of his energies were devoted to the well-being  
19 of his family, and because he cared so deeply and loved  
20 with such generosity, Clayton understood Jesus's  
21 instruction to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked and  
22 feed the poor, and that is why Clayton found time to  
23 serve on the Board of Directors of the Mission of Love,  
24 a community service organization which provides food,  
25 clothing and counseling to the homeless and other

1 individuals in need.

2 Clayton was also a teacher of the young. He  
3 spent years coaching and preparing the Mock Trial Teams  
4 at the University of Maryland for competition with  
5 other schools, and he taught a course called Consumers  
6 and the Law at the University of Maryland at College  
7 Park from 1986 to 1988.

8 As early as high school Clayton said that his  
9 ambition was to help mankind advance toward a better  
10 society, and to do this he said, and I quote, "One must  
11 have an open heart and an open mind." Clayton had a  
12 big open heart and he had a brilliant mind.

13 Clayton was a Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude  
14 graduate of the University of Maryland and a Rhodes  
15 Scholar nominee, and he was an alumnus of the Harvard  
16 University Law School, where he served on the  
17 prestigious Harvard Civil Rights Liberties Law Review.  
18 Yes, Clayton Powell, Jr., left an indelible mark on  
19 everything he was involved in.

20 Clayton was also a religious man and his  
21 religious life, like his family life, influenced all of  
22 his actions. He was very active in his church, the  
23 First Baptist Church of North Brentwood, and he loved  
24 and he served the North Brentwood community where he  
25 grew up. He really loved that community. And the

1 schools he attended, North Brentwood, Mount Rainier,  
2 Northwestern High School, were also all recipients of  
3 his enduring energy and abundant talents.

4 Clayton J. Powell, Jr., was one of those rare,  
5 unselfish individuals who willingly gave of himself to  
6 his family and to his community. During his short life  
7 of thirty-eight years, his accomplishments were many.  
8 I would not attempt to list all of Clayton Powell's  
9 involvements and accomplishments, for they are far too  
10 numerous. However, let me name a few in order to give  
11 you a sense of the depth and breadth of this man.

12 He was a member of the Maryland,  
13 Massachusetts, Georgia and the District of Columbia  
14 bars. He served on the Judicial Appointments Committee  
15 and Special Select Committee on Pro Bono Services of  
16 the Maryland State Bar Association. He also served on  
17 the Judicial Selections Committee of the Prince  
18 George's County Bar Association. Clayton served on the  
19 Board of Directors of the Pleasant Prospect Homeowners  
20 Association, and he was also the chair of the  
21 Architectural Review Committee for that association.  
22 He was town attorney for North Brentwood, and he was  
23 vigorously engaged in the private practice of law from  
24 1981 until his untimely death.

25 Clayton was particularly proud of his court

1       victory over the Internal Revenue Service in  
2       Commissioner versus Powell, which he won in the Supreme  
3       Court of the United States, and this landmark decision  
4       precipitated and changed the revisions in IRS rulings  
5       that have now benefited all taxpayers.

6               I could go on citing the innumerable  
7       accomplishments of Clayton Powell, Jr., but time does  
8       not permit me to do so.

9               In closing, I say that Clayton Jeremiah  
10      Powell, Jr., was a visionary and a humanitarian. He  
11      was caring, compassionate, and he was a friend that we,  
12      and especially me, will always love.

13               Our county and our state and our nation is a  
14      little better off because Clayton Powell touched our  
15      lives. Certainly the people of Prince George's County  
16      are better off because Clayton passed this way.  
17      Clayton did not have a long life to leave behind, but  
18      he left for us a fighting spirit and a devotion to the  
19      struggle of equality and justice, and he vigorously  
20      fought for those who are left out and are being left  
21      behind. Yes, Clayton's dream was really the American  
22      dream, that some day here in America all of us one day  
23      will share equally in all of America's promise.

24               May God bless his soul and may God keep those  
25      of us the living forever in his peace. Thank you very

1 much.

2 JUDGE LEVIN: I want to ask Judge Vincent  
3 Femia to come up and pay tribute to Thomas R. Brooks.

4 JUDGE FEMIA: Chief Judge Woods and Judges of  
5 the kaleidoscope, I see the court of tax appeals has  
6 not been represented here today, but colleagues of the  
7 bench and bar, family members and friends assembled, I  
8 am Vincent J. Femia. I am a retired Associate Judge of  
9 the Seventh Judicial Circuit, and I have come here this  
10 21st day of November, 1996, to offer up the following  
11 panegyric. I've been asked to memorialize our late  
12 friend and colleague, and to many of us our mentor,  
13 Thomas R. Brooks.

14 Judge Brooks was born in Raleigh, North  
15 Carolina, on August 2, 1916, and he passed away on  
16 October 20th, last, having lived his full four score.

17 Judge Brooks was educated in the Prince  
18 George's County public schools, and he then served with  
19 the United States Army in the South Pacific during the  
20 "Big One," WW II, as they know it.

21 He received his undergraduate education at the  
22 University of Maryland and his law degree in 1949 from  
23 the University of Baltimore.

24 Judge Brooks maintained a law practice with a  
25 former congressman, Hervey Machen, in Prince George's

1 County from 1948 until 1971. Some of you may have  
2 noticed the difference between having graduated in '49  
3 and practiced since '48. I too noticed that. Then I  
4 passed on. When he was appointed, he was one of the  
5 original judges of the District Court, along with Chief  
6 Judge Woods; Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals,  
7 Judge Chasanow; retired Judges James Magruder Rea,  
8 Richard V. Waldron; deceased Judges J. Franklyn Bourne,  
9 Edgar L. Smith and James F. Couch, Jr., all of whom  
10 were appointed to serve on the Fifth District Court.

11 During his professional career, before  
12 becoming a full-time judge, he served on many and in  
13 many and varied offices here in Prince George's County.

14 He was an Assistant State's Attorney from 1954  
15 through 1958. He was the attorney for the Zoning Board  
16 of Appeals from '59 through '63 and, as many of us  
17 remember, a substitute People's Court Judge in '63  
18 through '71.

19 Like Walter, I had the occasion to appear in  
20 front of him on a number of occasions and, like Walter,  
21 I lost a case too.

22 He was also a town attorney for many, many  
23 municipalities here in Prince George's County. During  
24 his professional career he was a member of the American  
25 Bar Association, the Maryland State Bar Association and

1 the Prince George's County Bar Association.

2                   In private life he was married to Frances for  
3 49 years, and until just a short time before he passed  
4 away they lived in College Park, where they raised  
5 Douglas and Claire. He was very active in community  
6 affairs and was very proud of his activities in the  
7 Kiwanis, for which he had me come to speak on many  
8 occasions. He was not only a member but he was a  
9 former president of his club.

10                  I have been told that he actually paid for the  
11 privilege of helping a number of gentlemen in the  
12 rearrangement of the configuration of the grass at the  
13 Prince George's Country Club and various other open  
14 space facilities throughout the county. Tommy loved  
15 his golf.

16                  He presided on the District Court for fifteen  
17 years until, like so many other good men and women, he  
18 was forced into retirement at age seventy, without  
19 reference to health or mental acumen. Even in  
20 retirement he was frequently recalled to sit on the  
21 District Court, as has been rumored that other retired  
22 judges sometimes do.

23                  Now, what I have just set forth here are the  
24 markers of a man's public life. These are the events  
25 that are normally listed in directories such as the

1 Maryland Manual or who's who in the bench business.  
2 They are the details intended to give strangers an idea  
3 about a man, who he was, his educational background,  
4 his professional experience, his community involvement.  
5 And if this was intended to be such a catalogue, I  
6 would stop here now and just say, okay, file it. But  
7 this is intended to be a memorial, a record that  
8 someday someone who didn't know Tommy personally will  
9 be able to read and appreciate who he was and what he  
10 meant to us, his friends and colleagues.

11 I personally believe he will best be  
12 remembered by four adjectives: Fair, proper, gentle  
13 and humorous.

14 Tom Brooks was a fair man. His reputation for  
15 fairness was truly legendary. No one, lawyer or  
16 litigant, ever got a hint that Judge Brooks was  
17 weighing into a case on one side or the other because  
18 of personal feelings on his part. If he indeed had  
19 such feelings, and he must have had, just like every  
20 other judge, he never showed them in word or deed. His  
21 judgments were unerringly in accord with the facts and  
22 the law as he found them to be. He was known and  
23 greatly respected throughout the community and the  
24 State for that attribute.

25 Tom Brooks was a proper man, and he observed

1 all the proprieties at all times. I didn't hold him to  
2 be a father figure, but he espoused my father's values,  
3 and I remember one thing in particular. I remember him  
4 saying time and time again just do your job, don't  
5 worry about what other people do or think, do your job.

6 He was an orderly man and he believed that the  
7 proper order of things was what brought quality to  
8 life. He wasn't given to shortcuts or untried  
9 substitutes. He truly believed it was a place for  
10 everything and everything in its place. That  
11 orderliness made him a very steady man, and he was a  
12 steading influence to all about him.

13 Tom Brooks was a gentleman. He was a man of  
14 quite dignity and grace. He was never known to raise  
15 his voice or display his temper. Everyone who worked  
16 with him and for him appreciated him for his courteous  
17 and considerate manner and the way he treated one and  
18 all, family, friends, associates, even the guy that  
19 replaced his divots. Tom Brooks never used his  
20 position to demean anyone. He never used his position  
21 to even inconvenience another person. Tom Brooks was a  
22 gentle person.

23 Tom Brooks was a man of humor. I can  
24 literally not remember a time upon meeting him that he  
25 didn't start off by saying, "Vince, did you hear the

1 one about..." He enjoyed stories and he told them with  
2 great regularity. Despite his dignified manner and  
3 appearance in court, he truly did appreciate the  
4 outrageously funny things that happened in a courtroom,  
5 and up until today I had written "especially what  
6 happens in the court," but then again I didn't know we  
7 were going to have the debut of the judicial Macarena  
8 here today. I am sorry Tommy missed that. He would  
9 have enjoyed that -- or was that the wave you were  
10 doing? I am not sure, having been off this bench in  
11 four months, and you can't get on the bench straight.

12 I still have a tape Tommy copied from the  
13 District Court record and since I have recently moved  
14 that tape is in a box somewhere, so I wasn't able to  
15 get it out and play it, and I wouldn't do it here  
16 anyway. I'll just tell you, for those of you who  
17 aren't familiar with it, it is a tape of a defendant  
18 trying to explain why he wasn't explaining anything to  
19 the police, and its humor is on the order of, for those  
20 who are familiar with it, "now who gets the deer." You  
21 know, those of us who knew him, we had a lot of laughs  
22 with Tom Brooks.

23 Chief Judge Woods, members of the Bench,  
24 everybody assembled, it is proper that we honor Judge  
25 Thomas R. Brooks, but I would hope as we do so we

1 remember the real person, not just a portrait up on the  
2 wall. I have tried to do that here, and I offer this  
3 memorial to Judge Jacob S. Levin as Chair of the Bar  
4 Association Memorial Committee for appropriate  
5 disposition. Thank you very much.

6 JUDGE LEVIN: The next tribute will be to  
7 Ernest N. Cory, Jr. That will be given by Hal C.B.  
8 Clagett.

9 MR. CLAGETT: Your Honor, Judge Woods, and  
10 Your Honors assembled, and relatives and friends and  
11 guests assembled, after Judge Levin had asked me to  
12 give the thinking-out-loud recollection and  
13 remembrances of Ernest Cory, I have been happily  
14 looking forward to doing just that.

15 He was born in College Park on April 21st of  
16 1914, exactly two years, seven months and one day  
17 before I arrived at Western Farm, two miles west of  
18 Upper Marlboro, which then gave him a degree of  
19 seniority, which brings to my recollection my first  
20 remembrance of him.

21 It was an eight-year-old birthday party at  
22 Western and we were all playing pin the tail on the  
23 donkey, and I remember Ernie Cory and Carrie Euwell  
24 standing with haughty elderly dignity because they were  
25 two years plus older than the rest of us leaning

1           against a big tulip poplar tree, that we were all  
2           blindfolded when we were trying to pin the tail on the  
3           donkey, bumping into each other, and that recollection  
4           has stayed with me to and inclusive of all the years  
5           that have gone by, because as of tomorrow I will be  
6           completing the eightieth year.

7           The social activity that I recall a few years  
8           later was one which is very vivid to my mind as I stand  
9           here now. It was a lovely moonlit night that Mary Jane  
10          Stanley and her friend, Tiny Long, were regally  
11          presenting for the benefit of the rest of us their  
12          coming-out in 1934 or 1935. I was rather late in  
13          arriving and, as I walked across the moonlit lawn, the  
14          strings of the orchestra and the notes they were  
15          playing made the magical moment even more magical, but  
16          suddenly I heard this voice, "What Hal Clagett doesn't  
17          know is that the horse I traded him is man shy, and he  
18          will never be able to catch it once he turns it out."

19          The thought I had in rebuttal was "And what  
20          Ernie Cory doesn't know is that the horse I traded him  
21          has periodic ophthalmia, namely moon blindness, and  
22          there are times when it can't see a thing."

23          And so we move on, touching upon these things  
24          that now are part of the pre World War II period, and  
25          we are out in the hunt field, hounds are running, a fox

1 was about two hundred yards up in front of the hounds  
2 and we are running across the fields of William Brooks  
3 at Oakland, sandwiched between Brown Station Road and  
4 Ritchie Road. Ernie and I had gotten into that field  
5 over a chicken coup and then, as we were galloping  
6 along, I realized there is no way out of this field  
7 except over a great big iron fence except a cow  
8 coupling to the right of it with four boards and plenty  
9 of manure in front of you, but with that I put Black  
10 Knight -- Black Knight was a big horse, leggy horse --  
11 kerplunk, we went over the four boards, down into the  
12 manure, he took three or four lunges and out we came.  
13 But as I looked back, into this same manure pit came  
14 Ernie Cory on a much shorter legged horse, which went  
15 kerplunk and mired. My last thought was Ernie, head  
16 and shoulders in that manure and the two feet booted  
17 but waving "come get me out," but there was no way that  
18 that horse could be beat other than getting lost by the  
19 hound, so I left him there.

20                   Dark clouds were beginning to gather over  
21 Prince George's County, the rest of the world, Adolph  
22 Hitler had already overrun Australia, moved into the  
23 Netherlands, over France, and the bombardment of  
24 England was about to take place. And Ernie said to me  
25 one afternoon, "You had two years of ROTC at Princeton

1 but you didn't complete it. That means if you are  
2 going to war you are going to be a buck private in the  
3 infantry somewhere, maybe even the artillery."

4 Thinking about all that, I said what is your  
5 status. He said, "Well, I joined the guard back in  
6 November of 1935, I was a buck private then but I'm now  
7 a second lieutenant, I've got my commission."

8 Thinking along those bits of advice or words  
9 of wisdom, Leonard Menkle and I left Georgetown Law  
10 School before we had completed our last year and  
11 instead, on September 1st of 1940, we were enrolling as  
12 flying cadets at the Air Corps Primary Flying School in  
13 Lakeland, Florida, then going from there to basic and  
14 then advanced. But before I get there, having enlisted  
15 as a flying cadet on September 1st of 1940, two weeks  
16 later, on September 14 of 1940, Ernie Cory had married  
17 Anne Lee Rayburn, a perfectly lovely girl who had also  
18 been at that coming-out party back when the magical  
19 moments, the moonlight and the music had brought up  
20 this horse trading between the two of us.

21 And then came a period when on special  
22 assignment I was flying out of Fort Bragg, North  
23 Carolina, a C-47, part of the training of paratroopers  
24 that we would fly at four o'clock in the morning and  
25 jump out, then we would rest the rest of the time until

1 four o'clock the next morning, playing golf at the Fort  
2 Bragg Country Club, et cetera, and a call came from  
3 Ernie saying Anne Lee is in the hospital here at Fort  
4 Bragg and I need somebody to sustain me through the  
5 vigil that I'm keeping. I joined him and we kept that  
6 vigil, so to speak, until about three o'clock in the  
7 morning, reinforcing with whatever spirits we could  
8 drain out of whatever bottle we could find, and we  
9 became hungry.

10                   Ernie said let's go to our mess hall. He  
11 didn't have a key to get into the place, so we went  
12 through a window and into the kitchen, and we were  
13 renourishing ourselves when we were challenged by the  
14 security guard. I blinked my eyes and Ernie was going  
15 back through the same window we had just come through.  
16 So naturally I followed him and then into the jeep.  
17 As we rode away two shots were fired over our heads.  
18 We went back to the hospital, thinking that was the  
19 best and safest place to be, and there found that Anne  
20 Lee had lost the baby. So all of our high spirits and  
21 the reinforcement, et cetera, were drained out of us.

22                   Things began to move rather rapidly because  
23 World War II was now the principal preoccupation of the  
24 two of us and the rest of the world. Ernie was  
25 assigned to the Pacific area at about this point, now

1 about two or three years after the Fort Bragg incident,  
2 and he participated in the defense of the Aleutian  
3 Islands as the Japanese invaded and tried to take those  
4 islands over. But that isn't where he stayed. He got  
5 lifted from Alaska and was back in training in and  
6 around Tennessee, Colorado, et cetera, when our paths  
7 crossed in Galveston, Texas. By this time I had been  
8 sent out to the Southwest Pacific, completed my 38  
9 fighter missions and then being sent back to be  
10 transferred into multi-engine and in this case four  
11 engine B-29s at Maxwell Air Force.

12 Our reunion in Galveston took us until early  
13 in the morning, when suddenly Ernie realized that he  
14 was due back at his mule camp in a matter of several  
15 hours. Well, there was nothing else to do, since I had  
16 flown down, but to find his mule camp and fly him up  
17 there. And I was flying at that time a B-25. We found  
18 those mules, how and where I have searched my memory  
19 and I still don't know, except I can see this place and  
20 I can see the mules and I can see this little field  
21 into which we slipped that airplane and got on the  
22 ground, got Ernie out of the airplane so he could  
23 report. Well, he was the commander of those mules and  
24 that unit that was being trained there at that time, so  
25 there was nobody else to account for, but I had to get

1 out of that mule patch. Ernie's ingenuity came into  
2 the picture and he got two chocks, one from the wheel  
3 of one cannon and the other from the wheel of the other  
4 cannon, and chocked them under the wheels of that B-25,  
5 and I revved up the engine and the RPMs and the  
6 manifold pressure to the maximum. When they pulled the  
7 chocks -- and I can still feel as I stand here as the  
8 landing gear came up the brushing of the tree tops  
9 along the bottom and fuselage of that airplane, with  
10 mules going in every direction, not only those that  
11 were already free but those that got themselves free.  
12 And I understand later it took them almost two weeks to  
13 round all those mules back up and get them back under  
14 control.

15 But, nevertheless, that training then moved  
16 Ernie Cory into the European Theater and he is now, in  
17 my recollection, in Italy in preparation and as a  
18 participant in the Po River campaign and in the  
19 Apennine Mountains, when his battalion commander was  
20 killed. And Ernie, being the exec, was made battalion  
21 commander and promoted to lieutenant colonel on the  
22 battle field there in Italy.

23 You can see war is moving rather rapidly to a  
24 close and it was in May that VD Day occurred of 1945.  
25 As of that time I was flying out of Okinawa over Guam

1 and Tinia and over Iwo Jima and Tokyo after the  
2 dropping of the two atomic bombs at Hiroshima and  
3 Nagasaki. And VJ Day came in September of 1945, after  
4 the meeting of General McArthur and the Japanese on  
5 August 25th on the battleship Missouri, where the terms  
6 of unconditional surrender were handed down by General  
7 McArthur to the Japanese, which they accepted on  
8 September 2nd of 1945.

9 Now, Ernie Cory and I are back eventually  
10 being mobilized out at Fort Meade, and he goes to the  
11 University of Maryland Law school, and I go to  
12 Georgetown, me for the purpose of finishing my last  
13 year, he for picking up where his legal training had  
14 been suspended. We both graduated in the class of  
15 1947, one from the University of Maryland and the other  
16 from Georgetown. Ernie then began practicing law with  
17 the firm of Cory, Boss and Rice, a very, very excellent  
18 threesome for the purposes for which they were formed,  
19 as well as the welfare and future of Prince George's  
20 County.

21 Part and parcel of those years of practice  
22 included the arrest of the republican takeover by Jiggs  
23 Lancaster when he became State's Attorney. Blair Smith  
24 defeated him and brought back into the State Attorney's  
25 Office democrats in lieu of republicans. Ernie Cory

1       was Blair's deputy and John Mitchell was his assistant  
2       at that time. In addition to the State Attorney's  
3       Office, Ernie became associated with the Attorney  
4       General's Office and tried condemnation cases all  
5       throughout the entire state with great skill,  
6       effectiveness and I would say accomplishment.

7           But again dark clouds began to gather, similar  
8       to those that had been on the horizon back in 1938, '39  
9       and '40, and then World War II after the Japanese had  
10      hit Pearl Harbor, et cetera, but this time those black  
11      clouds concentrated in tornado force and Ernie was,  
12      along with former Governor Mandell and four other  
13      associates, indicted by the grand jury, tried before a  
14      jury, found guilty of fraud and corruption, and of the  
15      six, including the former governor, convicted, Ernie  
16      was the only one who did not serve jail time. All of  
17      that revolved around additional days of racing here at  
18      Marlboro, manipulation of stock prices, acquisition of  
19      stock, mail fraud charges, et cetera, et cetera, and as  
20      the conviction was handed down, of course, the  
21      consequences followed and he was disbarred in 1980.

22           During the four years that went back from 1980  
23       until 1984, I was privy to the true character of the  
24       man. In order to make a living, since his license to  
25       practice law had been taken away, he sold fire wood, he

1 taught sailing lessons, he did anything and everything  
2 that was necessary of an ingenious, energetic person  
3 such as he in fact was.

4           But he fulfilled the requirements of his  
5 probation, and there came a time when he and I were  
6 present before the Court of Appeals, I was then his  
7 attorney and advocate, and he was reinstated. He was  
8 found by the judges to have been the low man on the  
9 totem pole in so far as the corruption charges were  
10 concerned. He was rehabilitated and his license to  
11 practice law was reinstated.

12           But the measure of the man during that period  
13 is why I stand here now, not merely as a friend but one  
14 filled with admiration for the courage and the  
15 capability to withstand adversity that came out during  
16 that period. But time was marching on and his health  
17 began to fail, and there came a time when he had a  
18 stroke. He lost his voice, but he never lost his  
19 congeniality, his humor and his friendliness.

20           And when the day came that he had to say  
21 good-bye to the family of five which had been sired by  
22 him, produced by Anne Lee before -- let's see, it was  
23 five of them, John in 1944, Michael in 1945, Anne Lee  
24 in 1946, Elizabeth in 1947 and William in 1950, now  
25 reared, now out in the world making their success on

1       their own, in many, many instances prompted, compelled,  
2       in order to show their father what fine people he and  
3       Anne Lee had put on two feet on the ground.

4           Why do they come back to mind? Because when  
5       Ernie did finally have that last stroke and died on the  
6       6th of January, 1996, after the elapse and passage of  
7       81 years, in summary, World War II, a hero, a lawyer of  
8       great, great ability, a sportsman, an equestrian,  
9       excellent, sailor, top flight, almost equal to his  
10      father, Dr. Ernest N. Cory, an entomologist and  
11      lecturer and educator, entomologist top flight,  
12      educator of long duration at the University of  
13      Maryland, who had said at one point my son is not  
14      getting an adequate education at Central High School,  
15      moved him over to West Nottingham Academy, from which  
16      he graduated, then to Saint John's four years later,  
17      graduating in the class of '36, president of the  
18      student council, both at the academy as well as at  
19      Saint John's, a letterman in football and lacrosse,  
20      sportsman, with all the water around Saint John's and  
21      Annapolis, a top flight sailor.

22           In short, a wonderful man had died on that  
23       January 6, 1996 day, one dearly, dearly lost by me as a  
24       friend, and by you assembled here in memorial  
25       testimony, many, many friends, gratus deo gratis,

1                   pleasing by the grace of God. Thank you.

2                   JUDGE LEVIN: The next tribute will be for  
3                   Ralph W. Powers, given by John Buchanan.

4                   MR. BUCHANAN: May it please the Court,  
5                   friends and relatives of Judge Powers. It is very fit  
6                   and proper, as Judge Femia said, that we do this and  
7                   pay tribute to those that have gone from this life to a  
8                   better life. The Honorable Ralph W. Powers, Sr., since  
9                   Junior is here, was a legend in this court house. Most  
10                  of us who were around in those days and had the  
11                  pleasure and displeasure of trying a case in front of  
12                  him remember him fondly.

13                  Just briefly, he was born in Canyon, Texas,  
14                  two thousand miles west of here. His father worked on  
15                  the railway and had the privilege of designating towns  
16                  and named a place in Texas Ralph, Texas. Young Ralph  
17                  said it's now known as Ralph Switch and it's a grain  
18                  elevator but, nevertheless, he has a town named for  
19                  him.

20                  He came to Prince George's County and went to  
21                  beautiful Hyattsville High School, went to the  
22                  University of Maryland, George Washington Law School.  
23                  He is a past president of this bar association. He had  
24                  been in numerous organizations. He was appointed to  
25                  the bench in 1960. He had been in the legislature from

1 1936 to 1942. He served in World War II as a  
2 lieutenant colonel in the Counter Intelligence Service  
3 in Europe. He left with the rank of lieutenant  
4 colonel, won the legion of merit with an oak leaf  
5 cluster, practiced law in downtown Hyattsville and then  
6 was appointed to the bench in September of 1960.

7 Now, for those of you who weren't around  
8 during that period of time, there were four judges  
9 appointed in rapid succession, Judge Powers, Judge  
10 Parker in December of 1960, Judge Loveless in December  
11 of 1960 and Judge Bowie on January 23rd of 1961. So  
12 within a four-month period, with Judge Fletcher's  
13 retirement, they had four new judges and a new regime  
14 was to come upon this county in the practice of law.

15 The first thing that disappeared was the  
16 continuances. They were not granted unless you died  
17 during opening statement. Then you had to have a  
18 medical certificate. He was polite, he was prepared,  
19 and it helped if you were prepared. He was not  
20 pedantic, he was not pompous. He was an elegant  
21 dresser. His clothes fit like they were made at Hart,  
22 Shafner & Marx off a model, and they probably were. He  
23 was a connoisseur of wine, he was a connoisseur of the  
24 good life. He was interested in people. He did not  
25 suffer fools lightly.

1           I remember one particular story about a young  
2 lawyer who was scared to death, approached the bench  
3 and said, "Your Honor, this is my first trial, I'm  
4 scared to death." Judge Powers said all right. He was  
5 as nice as he could be to that young man, but he  
6 expected you to be prepared.

7           We remember his civic activities, his interest  
8 in the Queen Anne School, his interest in his children,  
9 his grandchildren. We remember his interest in his  
10 daughter-in-law. We remember his interest in the  
11 Vansville Farmers, the Maryland Club, numerous  
12 activities, because the man was interested in life and  
13 he was interested in people and he was interested in  
14 doing what he could for the quick but fair and  
15 efficient administration of justice.

16           He on motions day -- and those of you who have  
17 been around remember that judges used to have a  
18 conference once a month or so and judges from the  
19 various other counties in the Seventh Circuit would  
20 come over and they would have all pending motions set  
21 in the morning, and the courtroom was filled with  
22 lawyers yapping away because they were getting ready to  
23 argue something, and Judge Powers would have his clerk  
24 go through the docket the night before and write a  
25 little memo on what the motion was about, and he would

1 come into the courtroom and say, "Mr. Laake, I have  
2 read your motion, I am not inclined to grant it. Tell  
3 me why my initial impression was wrong or is wrong."  
4 Occasionally, but not often, someone succeeded, but he  
5 did not take the time to listen when he knew what he  
6 was planning to do.

7 There's stories about his quest for efficiency  
8 that are legend. He was constantly seeking out other  
9 administrative judges about how to get things done  
10 quicker, smoother. In sharp contrast to current  
11 practice in settlements, Judge Powers would take care  
12 of a settlement by saying to counsel, "Gentlemen, if  
13 you want to talk settlement, please do so. I'll be on  
14 the bench in three minutes." A settlement was  
15 frequently arrived at and he would smile and rub his  
16 balding head and say "buck fever every time."

17 And he was, I suppose, noted throughout the  
18 country for two things. One is rather obscured. I  
19 believe it is still in the book of records that on that  
20 particular day because of some constitutional  
21 infirmity, it might have been the Sugar Roll case, but  
22 anyway he was sent to the Maryland House of Corrections  
23 to preside at resentencing of numerous defendants, and  
24 he meted something like nineteen hundred years and made  
25 the record book for the most years given in one

1           particular day of a sentencing.

2           He was also noted for his trial of Arthur  
3           Bremer in 1972. Arthur Bremer, as those of us over the  
4           age of forty remember, George Wallace was an announced  
5           presidential candidate and was at the Laurel Plaza  
6           Shopping Center, and a gentleman named Bremer on  
7           television attempted to assassinate him, ended up  
8           wounding him, putting George Corley Wallace in a  
9           wheelchair for the rest of his life, and it was  
10           witnessed on television and it occurred in Prince  
11           George's County. And the trial took place downstairs  
12           in then Courtroom 2, and it was great fanfare because  
13           of the national implications of this, the television  
14           filming and so forth. The jury for that case was  
15           picked in 88 minutes, and the trial took five days. It  
16           was written up in the Chicago Tribune, reference being  
17           made to this country judge and country justice, but he  
18           believed in justice delayed was justice denied. It's a  
19           sharp contrast to California.

20           His one particular story was about a young  
21           lawyer that wanted a continuance one morning because  
22           his wife was in the hospital getting ready to deliver,  
23           and this was explained to the judge, and he inquired  
24           and found out this was the couple's first child and  
25           denied the continuance saying, well, if it's her first

1 it will be late, and the child was born later that day  
2 and of course the case went on. And that happened to  
3 be my son, so I'm very familiar with what happened. He  
4 was very polite about doing it, but very firm that  
5 since this is your wife's first it will be late, and we  
6 don't have time for that, let's get on.

7 One of his saddest moments, I suppose, was  
8 when he was a delegate to the constitutional convention  
9 and the results of that were rejected by the voters of  
10 the state of Maryland. He was very interested in what  
11 was being done there. He was, as you might guess,  
12 chairman of the Scheduling and Agenda Committee and he  
13 was lauded by others involved as keeping that group on  
14 a timetable that proved difficult, but he of course did  
15 it.

16 He succeeded Judge Digges as administrative  
17 judge of this county and then became chief judge. When  
18 Judge Powers retired because of the constitution in  
19 1976, he was replaced by Judge Chasanow, who was  
20 elevated from the District Court, and he was very fond  
21 of Judge Chasanow and urged those involved in the  
22 judicial selection to make the appointment. He was  
23 very interested in those that followed him. He was  
24 interested in other judges.

25 One particular day he tried three jury trials

1       in one day. If that happened today, you would put in  
2       for a medal, but he tried two criminal cases and one  
3       civil case, all jury trials, in one day.

4           He was fond of those who liked a good time,  
5       within moderation. His former law clerks, we would get  
6       together with him, we did get together with him for  
7       years, after about three years on the bench, and we  
8       took him to dinner and then on occasion he would  
9       reciprocate and take us to delightful dinners, and we  
10      are going to continue that traditional in his honor and  
11      out of respect for Judge Powers.

12       He did not believe in holding lawyers in  
13      contempt who were late. He would simply start the  
14      trial and continue it if you weren't there. He would  
15      say, "Well, get your client to tell you what happened  
16      and let's go on." And pretty soon the word got around.  
17      I remember one lawyer walked in Courtroom 1 downstairs  
18      and the Judge had recessed for an hour, as he always  
19      did, and the lawyer came back after 58 minutes, walked  
20      into that long hallway in Courtroom 1 and looked up on  
21      the clock on the wall, and everybody was in the  
22      courtroom, the judge was on the bench, his client was  
23      on the witness stand and everything was going on and he  
24      said -- the lawyer said, "I'm sorry, Your Honor. I was  
25      late or you're early." Judge Powers said, "We were

1 early and you're still late."

2 His lunches were famous. He would recess as  
3 close to 12:30 as he could, drive to his beloved  
4 Drumsheugh, get into his trunks, swim a couple of laps,  
5 eat a grilled cheese sandwich, take another swim, dress  
6 and get back in the car and be back in the courtroom at  
7 between 58 and 60 minutes, depending on whether he made  
8 the light at 408 and 202. He was very precise. How he  
9 did it we were never able to figure out.

10 His jury instructions were classic. He would  
11 look at the jury and say, "If you believe the  
12 defendant, knock on the door and go home, your day is  
13 done. If you believe the plaintiff, give her what  
14 she's entitled to, nothing more, nothing less," and  
15 that was it. On some cases it was hard to refute that.

16 In a negligence case with a rear end accident  
17 and somebody would start to prove how the accident  
18 happened and all that, he would very sternly look down  
19 at the defense lawyer and say, "You are not contesting  
20 that, are you?"

21 "No, Your Honor."

22 "Good. Move on to damages." He didn't feel  
23 it was important. He knew what the answer was going to  
24 be, and why waste time.

25 He took up golf late in life. He was,

1 according to Lee Haislip, a fairly good golfer. One  
2 day we were playing golf and Lee Haislip hit a ball off  
3 to the side and almost hit some poor person on the  
4 other fairway, and this gentleman came up screaming and  
5 yelling at Judge Powers for being such an errant  
6 golfer, and Mr. Haislip pointed out it was he who hit  
7 the ball. And the gentleman said, "I'm sorry, it is  
8 usually the judge that hits shots like that."

9 He was a good shot with a gun. He liked to  
10 hunt. He was devoted to the University of Maryland.  
11 He liked the Redskins. He sat next to Alex Williams at  
12 a Redskins game and talked Alex into going to law  
13 school. Alex is now a federal judge. He was  
14 interested in many things.

15 He had a distinguished career. He will be  
16 fondly remembered by those of us who had the pleasure  
17 to either work with him or appear before him. And, as  
18 I said, everybody has a Judge Powers story, but we  
19 remember, as we should today, the man because of what  
20 he brought to this profession, what he brought to the  
21 bench. He has to be remembered, to speak only of those  
22 who are retired or deceased, along with Judge Digges,  
23 as one of the great trial judges of this circuit.

24 One of his first appeals that some lawyer took  
25 after he was on the bench, for which the judge was

1 affirmed, was a case called Smith versus Bernfeld. I  
2 think Judge Levin remembers, because you were the  
3 prevailing lawyer in that case. He presided along with  
4 Judge Digges at a case entitled Daniels versus The  
5 Director of Patuxent Institution, testing the  
6 constitutionality of that body and the way it was  
7 organized. It may be the only case in the history of  
8 Maryland in which four future Court of Appeals judges  
9 were involved. On the bench was Judge Digges, the  
10 Deputy Attorney General was Robert C. Murphy, the  
11 Attorney General on the brief was Thomas Finan, and the  
12 Deputy State's Attorney for Prince George's County was  
13 Judge Chasanow. All four went to the highest court in  
14 this state.

15 He was proud of his desk. His desk was clean.  
16 He believed that if you came to him with a lot of  
17 bric-a-brac and papers and files on your desk your  
18 clients would think this man is going to lose my little  
19 papers. When you went into his office, he would have a  
20 yellow pad, an ashtray and a pencil. He might have had  
21 in a credenza behind him some dusty old files, but the  
22 other lawyers and his clients when he was a practicing  
23 lawyer never saw that.

24 He will be fondly remembered and we take this  
25 moment to reflect upon his life and his contributions

1 to this association and to the administration of  
2 justice, which have been profound. Thank you.

3 JUDGE LEVIN: We are going to ask John W.  
4 Mitchell to pay the last tribute to Carlyle Jiggs  
5 Lancaster.

6 MR. MITCHELL: May it please the Court --  
7 maybe I should say Courts. It's a privilege to me and  
8 an honor to be able to talk on behalf of Jiggs  
9 Lancaster, Carlyle Lancaster. I not only admired him  
10 greatly but I respected his ability as a lawyer, and I  
11 think both the admiration and respect were shared by  
12 just about everybody who knew Jiggs, as we called him.  
13 His name is Carlyle J. Lancaster.

14 As I am sure most of you remember, he was born  
15 in Bowie, Maryland, on May 22, 1920. He was the son of  
16 Dr. and Mrs. George H. Lancaster. Dr. Lancaster was a  
17 very well-known and respected and well-liked general  
18 practitioner in the Mitchellville and Bowie area, the  
19 northern part of the county, for many, many years.

20 Jiggs went to Mount Saint Joseph's High School  
21 in Baltimore. He went to Loyola College and graduated  
22 from Loyola in 1942. He graduated from the Catholic  
23 University Law School, after having served some time in  
24 the Navy. He did not complete law school when he  
25 started because of the fact that World War II came

1 along. You heard quite a bit about World War II from  
2 Hal Clagett, so I won't repeat too much of that at this  
3 point. He enlisted in the Navy in December 1941, and  
4 he then went to Notre Dame University and Columbia  
5 University for midshipmen school, which was maintained  
6 by four or five different institutions in the United  
7 States to create officers during World War II.  
8 Columbia, incidentally, was regarded as a good one.

9 He went into the Navy on active duty, and he  
10 received four battle citations. These were combat  
11 citations as a lieutenant in the Navy. A lieutenant in  
12 the Navy is about the same as a colonel in the Army,  
13 for those of you who are not familiar with the  
14 comparable ranks. He was in the Mediterranean in the  
15 invasion of Sicily. He was involved at Salerno in the  
16 Mediterranean, and he later ended up in the Pacific.

17 One interesting story occurred at Okinawa.  
18 You remember that Okinawa was the largest major battle  
19 of World War II. Jiggs was there on his ship. He was  
20 on an attack transport, and his brother Cal, who is  
21 here today, I think, was also there on another ship,  
22 and that was the battle that you will recall when the  
23 Japanese turned the kamikaze loose and we had an awful  
24 lot of ships that were sunk or damaged, and Cal was on  
25 his ship and he saw a kamikaze coming in and heading

1 for Jiggs' ship, and Jiggs was a gunnery officer, and a  
2 little bit of shooting brought down this Japanese  
3 kamikaze and it went down and exploded right near his  
4 ship but it didn't damage it. So even though Cal had  
5 first thought the Japanese had gotten his brother's  
6 ship, he did survive and came back here to practice  
7 law, which was to our credit, or to our benefit, I  
8 should say.

9                   He went into private practice but he got into  
10 politics as a republican and became State's Attorney in  
11 Prince George's County for four years, from 1951 to  
12 1955. He declined to run for reelection and he then  
13 went into private practice, eventually forming a  
14 partnership with T. Hammond Welch, who was a member of  
15 this association and well known to most of you, I  
16 think. The firm is now known as Lancaster, Bland,  
17 Eisele and Herring, and that firm is still in  
18 existence, and he was Of Counsel to that firm at the  
19 time he died.

20                   He was active with this bar association and  
21 also the state bar association, and at one time he was  
22 president of this bar association. I believe it was in  
23 1972. He received a Distinguished Service Award from  
24 the association in 1976. He was a member of the  
25 Judicial Selection Committee for the Seventh Circuit in

1 1971 to 1975. He was appointed by the Court of Appeals  
2 to the Clients' Security Trust Fund of the Bar of  
3 Maryland in 1972 and served until his resignation in  
4 1993. He was chairman of that board of trustees for  
5 six or seven years, I think beginning in 1979. Of  
6 course he was a member of this association and he was a  
7 fellow of the Maryland Bar Association also.

8 Jiggs was very active in a number of  
9 organizations and he was well liked in all of them, he  
10 was popular in all of them. He was a member of the  
11 Prince George's County Historical Society, the Maryland  
12 Historical Society, the Friends of Belair Estate, which  
13 is a preservation-type organization, the Country Club  
14 at Woodmore, Marlborough Hunt Club, Maryland Horse  
15 Breeders Association, the Thoroughbred Club of America  
16 and the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association.  
17 He kept a membership. He was active in the Maryland  
18 Club in Baltimore, the Vansville Farmers Club, which  
19 was a Southern Maryland organization of farmers, and  
20 the Huntington Heritage Society.

21 He was a well-known breeder of thoroughbred  
22 horses. His most famous horse that I think he bought  
23 was a horse named Star De Naskra, which is still  
24 living, and he syndicated that horse under very  
25 favorable terms with William DuPont, and this horse is

1 standing at stud at Darby Dan Farm in Lexington,  
2 Kentucky.

3 Jiggs ran for congress from the Fifth District  
4 in 1960. His opponent was Dick Lankford. I think some  
5 of his family may be here today. And the fact that he  
6 lost was a loss to the community, but that doesn't take  
7 anything away from Dick Lankford, who was very popular  
8 also.

9 He also was actively involved in the banking  
10 business. He was an incorporator at Belair National  
11 Bank, which later through a series of merges and  
12 whatnot became part of the Mercantile State Department  
13 and Trust Company banking family, and I think he  
14 remained with that until he died or until he achieved  
15 retirement age. I know from other sources that he was  
16 highly regarded in that bank.

17 I believe that he was the attorney for the  
18 Town of Bowie for many years. He was a member of the  
19 Board of the Bowie Building Association. He was the  
20 attorney for the building association when it was  
21 converted to a federal association known as the First  
22 Federal Savings and Loan of Annapolis. He was chairman  
23 of the Bowie Advisory Board for that association.

24 When he was State's Attorney -- and I remember  
25 this -- he had a number of capital punishment cases,

1 and one of the last resulted in a defendant who was  
2 properly hung. And I think Jiggs used to say he was  
3 the last prosecutor to hang somebody in the State of  
4 Maryland, and sometimes you think there ought to be  
5 more.

6 The Lancaster family, incidentally, has roots  
7 in Maryland that go back to the seventeen hundreds.  
8 His grandfather owned a farm at Newport in Charles  
9 County, Betsy's Delight. His grandfather moved to  
10 Bowie in the late eighteen hundreds. His father was a  
11 local doctor, as I said earlier. Now, it is important  
12 to know something about the Lancasters in Saint Marys  
13 County, and I have the testimony of a former judge of  
14 the Court of Appeals of this district, Judge Charles K.  
15 Marbury, who certified that the best oysters in the  
16 world come from a place called Lancaster Bar, which  
17 injects into the Wicomico River from Charles County and  
18 touched onto the old Lancaster Estate. Now, that's  
19 important for your information.

20 His first wife, Loretta, died in 1975. He is  
21 survived by his wife, Jean, who is here today, four  
22 children, Cheryl Bowie, whose father-in-law,  
23 incidentally, was a State's Attorney and a member of  
24 this association, Allen Bowie, if you remember him,  
25 Carlyle J. Lancaster, Jr., George Lancaster and Joan

1 Carr of Owings.

2 Now, Jiggs, by way of appreciation, he was an  
3 absolute credit to every organization that he ever  
4 belonged to and also to his community. He was a credit  
5 to his community, to the county, to the state and to  
6 the country. He was active, incidentally, in most  
7 matters. He was an active member of the Board of Queen  
8 Anne's School and was well thought of for many years,  
9 which was, I guess you would call it, the primary prep  
10 school in the county, at least I would like to think  
11 so.

12 I think I have covered everything. I have  
13 given you enough war, unless you would like some more.  
14 I can give you more war details, but I don't think  
15 that's important. I think it is safe to say, if I may  
16 quote Mr. Churchill, Jiggs died this year being worthy  
17 by the consent of all men to sit at some eternal  
18 counsel table which to his credit the world would not  
19 have forgotten to provide and where other great lawyers  
20 are seated, I'm sure.

21 Just a personal thing, if any of you find  
22 yourselves one of these days standing in front of the  
23 Pearly Gates and you are being eyed by Saint Peter, I  
24 recommend that you engage Jiggs Lancaster.

25 JUDGE LEVIN: If it please the Court, this

1 concludes the tributes to our deceased lawyers for the  
2 past year. Before I make the appropriate motion, the  
3 president of our association, Mr. Laake, has a basket  
4 for each family which he will present at the conclusion  
5 of these ceremonies.

6 During the course of the past 40 years that I  
7 have been a member of the bar of Maryland, I have had  
8 the occasion to know each and every lawyer that we have  
9 eulogized today. They were all outstanding persons,  
10 they were all outstanding judges and practicing  
11 lawyers. This county is fortunate to have had them as  
12 practicing attorneys in this county, and this county  
13 will certainly miss them.

14 Accordingly, Chief Judge Woods, I move that  
15 this Court adjourn in memory of the lawyers whom we  
16 have eulogized today and that the proceedings be  
17 forwarded to the respective families of each of the  
18 deceased.

19 JUDGE WOODS: Judge Levin, that motion is  
20 granted. The Court does direct that the memorial  
21 presented be spread upon the permanent records of this  
22 Court and that the court reporter transcribes each of  
23 these eulogies and distributes copies to the families  
24 of those colleges who we honor today.

25 Mr. Bailiff, in honor of our departed

1 brothers, you may announce adjournment of the court.

2 (The proceedings concluded at 4:25 p.m.)

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