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In Memoriam

Justice Elmer E. Barlow

Elmer E. Barlow graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1909 and thereafter engaged in practice at Arcadia until his appointment to the Court. In 1939 he was executive counsel to Governor Heil and from 1939 to 1942 when he was appointed to the Court he served as tax commissioner. The death of Mr. Justice Barlow in middle life and at the height of his powers was a great and unanticipated tragedy. He brought to the Court years of experience as an active trial lawyer and in addition, an intimate knowledge of the workings of every branch of the state government. He was indefatigable and able. His practical judgment could hardly be improved upon. He was a man of great heart and loyalty, willing to exert great labor and infinite pains to meet and to solve every sort of problem confronting the Court or any member of it. The state and the Court have suffered a great loss in his untimely death. So have the numerous activities outside his immediate duties into which he put so much labor and sympathy. It is probably too early fully to appraise his judicial work but the quality of it is so high as to warrant the opinion that had he been able to serve his expectancy he would have left a great impress upon the law of the state. It goes without saying that his fine personal qualities have earned for him the affectionate and lasting regard of his associates.

HON. JOHN D. WICKHEM