

He was a Shriner, a deacon of the Woodmont Christian Church where he was President of the Men's Club and he was a member of the Nashville, Tennessee, and American Bar Associations.

"Johnny" was a veteran of twenty-five years in law practice, during which time he had served as an Assistant District Attorney General under former District Attorney General J. Carlton Loser. During the eight years he served as assistant prosecutor, he compiled an enviable record, being successful in more than ninety percent of the cases he prosecuted.

During his long legal career he sat as special judge in the Courts of both Judge Chester K. Hart and Judge Charles Gilbert. He once said he felt he had been schooled in the principles and concepts which have characterized and undergirded the records written by the two former jurists. This led to his being qualified as a democratic nominee as Judge of Part One of the Criminal Court for Davidson County, Tennessee, and although he was unopposed in the April Democratic Primary, yet he received nearly 23,000 complimentary votes which clearly demonstrated his popularity in the community in which he had spent most of his life.

He also served on the Davidson County Board of Election Commissioners and in 1951 was named Tennessee Chairman of the Cordell Hull Foundation.

"Johnny's" life was one of service to his fellowmen, to his family, his church, his community, his state, and a distinct honor to his profession and the cause of justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the members of the Nashville Bar Association that in the life and memory of John C. Askew, Jr., our fellow lawyer and co-laborer in all things for the advancement of justice, we have been honored and blessed by his presence among us and have suffered a distinct loss which we sincerely deplore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That we tender to his widow, his daughters, his father and mother and other members of his family our heartfelt sympathy and condolence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be preserved on the permanent records of this Association and entered in the "In Memoriam" Minute Book of the Chancery Court of Davidson County, Tennessee, and that copies of this memorial be furnished the members of his family.

Respectfully submitted, this January 28, 1959.

J. Victor Barr, Jr.
Charles Gilbert,
Dennis W. Summers,
Robert Jennings.

RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF C. VERNON HINES:

C. VERNON HINES, the son of the late John Hinton Hines, and Mrs. Nora Gordon Hines, who survives, was born in Davidson County, Tennessee, March 10, 1900; he died suddenly on August 1, 1958, just a few minutes prior to his appearance upon a television program. He graduated from Central High School, attending George Peabody College, and after his graduation from the Y. M. C. A. Law School and his admission to the Bar on October 24, 1922, became an active practitioner at the Nashville Bar until his death.

He married Miss Laurabell Carter of Sparta, Tennessee, thirty years ago; born of this union were the following children:

Ensign Louis Carter Hines, Robin Hinton Hines, and Miss Ruth Hines.

Surviving him are his wife, children, his mother, a brother, John Harvey Hines, and four sisters, Mrs. John S. Duval, Sr., Mrs. George M. Copeland, Mrs. C. Beverly Briley and Mrs. W. W. Horn.

Mr. Hines began his career-long interest in law and government as a reporter for the Nashville Banner from 1920 to 1925, covering police and Criminal Court assignments. HE SERVED AS Assistant District Attorney-General of Davidson County under Richard M, Atkinson from 1928 until 1934. He was also a city attorney from 1940 until 1946 under former Mayor Thomas L. Cummings, and often served as special judge in both divisions of the Davidson County Criminal Court. He was at ease and an able and capable lawyer in all the courts - Criminal, Circuit, Chancery and Appellate; he had an orderly and logical mind, and a distinguishing characteristic was the thoroughness with which he probed every question of fact or law presented to him. He was a lawyer of deep and unflinching loyalty to the right as he conceived it. He was a constant reader with a prodigious memory, resulting in his ability to call to mind appropriate story or happening to illustrate any point in a discussion or legal argument.

He was an active member of the Nashville Bar Association, having served upon, and as Chairman of, important committees. He was a member of the Middle Tennessee Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and served twelve years as scoutmaster of the Jere Baxter School troop. he was Commissioner of the local council for eight years, and a wearer of the silver beaver, the highest local scout award.

He was Past Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge No. 72, B.P.O.E., and a former Elk Deputy for Tennessee; he was a member of the Jere Baxter Masonic Lodge and the Inglewood Civitan Club.

Mr. Hines was teacher of the Men's class at Hobson Memorial Methodist Church for twenty-nine years; he was active in the Men's clubs of the Jere Baxter and Isaac Litton Schools.

During his career Mr. Hines was active in politics, having served as campaign manager in several races in Davidson County, Tennessee; his weight and influence throughout the County were recognized by all seeking public office. He served as chairman of the Davidson County Democratic Primary Board from 1952 to 1954.

Mr. Hines loved his wife and family, and the welfare and happiness of them were his first thought. He was a lover of flowers and was deeply interested in horticulture; he had an intensive garden, in which he loved to work, and seldom was he seen in public without a flower in the lapel of his coat. He faced life's responsibilities with purity of motive and singleness of purpose and discharged them with courage and fidelity. His nature was infused with simplicity and kindness, but, behind these gentle attributes was a courage and firmness that made him a dominant figure in any cause he espoused. He never worried about the future, or its problems; but he faced the present to the best of his considerable ability.

Courtesy and politeness with him were not mere formal rules of conduct, but were the manifestations of a kindly and considerate nature that loved fellowship with men. He had great capacity for friendship. He was agreeable to the highest degree, but never hesitated to take an unpopular position whenever he felt that he should.

Mr. Hines was a cultured, unpretentious gentleman, an able lawyer, a devoted husband and father, and these of his qualities will abide and endure in the memory of his fellowmen.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NASHVILLE BAR, That in the death of C. Vernon Hines, Nashville, Davidson County and the State of Tennessee have lost a useful and worthy citizen and a distinguished lawyer; a n d

RESOLVED, That we tender to his family our deep sympathy; and that the Secretary of this meeting be instructed to present them a copy of these resolutions; a n d,