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LLOYD LEROY HENDRICK

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God's fingers touched Lloyd Leroy Hendrick, a member of the Bar of this Court, on April 25, 1951, and he slept. So it will be with all of us eventually, but Grace has given to the most of us to live beyond the brief 43 years vouchsafed to Lloyd.

He had a business engagement on the early morning of the 25th, and in going to meet it - met his death instead - in an unfortunate collision with a train on the outskirts of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. His violent and untimely death shocked his relatives and his many friends throughout the State of Louisiana, where he was widely known.

He possessed an animating and consuming enthusiasm to perform quickly the task at hand. This was demonstrated on his admission to the Bar of this Court on February 17, 1933. He entered the practice of law with his brother, Ruvian D. Hendrick, and continued his practice with him for approximately one year, at the end of which time he chose to open offices in Rodessa, a town in Northern Caddo Parish, then under the tumult of a major oil strike. The boom and bustle of this activity pleased him hugely and he prospered. He was happy, and no small part of it arose out of the tumult of his environment.

There he met and married his wife, Gladys Pitts, on January 22, 1939. She was a happy counter-balance to his impetuous nature and was a strong leavening influence through the rest of his life.

When the war came on, he enlisted in the Armed forces of his country. He received his discharge from the Navy on account of medical disability on February 13, 1943.

Prior to the war, in 1940, against strong opposition, he was elected a Senator in the Louisiana Legislature from the Caddo-DeSoto District, although it was his first venture into politics. After his return from the Navy, in 1944, he again ran and again prevailed against the strongest kind

of opposition. His last political effort was an unsuccessful bid for Congress in 1948.

Lloyd Leroy Hendrick was not a plodding, meticulous lawyer, looking timidly for a precedent and, finding none, retreating. If he believed a man and his cause, he plunged to his support, impelled by a sort of instinct, and he did well, from the very righteousness of his cause, which speaks well for the law. He certainly was not one of those spoken of by Milton as being "deeply versed in books, and shallow in self". He probably would never have had repute as a scholar in the law, but would have had it forever as a fighter.

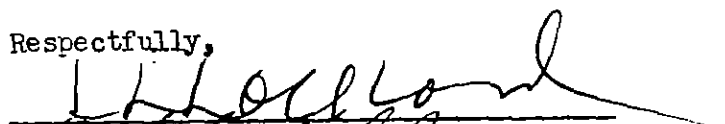
The writers of this have speculated upon what Lloyd would say if he could comment on his passing. We are certain he would admonish us "no sad songs for me".

He did not mince along through life, sipping timidly and modestly. He quaffed life and loved it-- so, at 43, he had lived. We of the committee speculate further, however, that with his deep social consciousness and his desire to serve good people and causes deemed worthy by him he would have considered that, being strong and vigorous generally and with a broad experience behind him, he was in his opportunities actually only 21 years of age, that he had just matured in his ability to do what he would like to do. Certainly he would not want to quit when his arm was strong.

Besides his wife, he was survived by his father, Dr. Thadius Albert Hendrick; a brother, Judge Ruvian D. Hendrick, Judge of the City Court of Shreveport, Louisiana; and three sisters, Mrs. Walter Bowman, Mrs. George Windham and Miss Vera Hendrick.

It is therefore resolved that this resolution be presented to the District Court of Caddo Parish, Louisiana for recordation on the minutes of the Court, in memory of our deceased brother, and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

Respectfully,

  
Chairman  
