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JOHN M. MADISON

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the Shreveport Bar Association on September 17, 1962

John M. Madison, 56, passed away in Shreveport on December 28, 1961. He was born in Bastrop on December 15, 1905, the son of the late Judge James P. Madison and Mrs. Nellie Meek Madison. He attended schools in Morehouse Parish, received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, where he was graduated and received a commission in 1927. After two years in the Navy, he entered the Louisiana State University Law School where he received his law degree in 1932. He was admitted to the Louisiana bar the following year and practiced in Bastrop and Monroe before moving to Shreveport in 1936.

John Madison was married to Ruth Robinson, and is survived by Ruth and their three sons, John, Jr., James and Stuart.

When John Madison came to Shreveport in 1936, he joined the law firm established by the late John D. Wilkinson and continued with that group actively practicing law until his death.

In his very busy and altogether too short career as a lawyer he attained that prominence accorded the very ablest lawyers. He was a member of the Shreveport Bar Association, which organization he served as President; a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association; a member of the Council of the Louisiana Law Institute; and the Council of the Section on Mineral Law of the American Bar Association. He was an active practitioner of the law, talented, diligent and industrious. He maintained the highest standards and steadfastly upheld the best and the most admirable traditions of his profession.

Ever fair and just, his colleagues knew him as one with tenacious devotion to his convictions. Generous of his time and talents, he was always ready to champion that which was right and good. His was a wise and thorough knowledge of the law and he made many outstanding contributions to the formation of the jurisprudence of the State and the Nation. As a lawyer he left behind him a record to be admired and seldom obtained. But splendid lawyer though he was, John Madison was most of all a Christian gentleman, altogether lacking in pretense, and imbued with perception where matters of public or personal significance were concerned.

As a churchman he was a member of the Vestry and the Junior Warden of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. He was active in the affairs of the church and served on the Building Committee during the entire planning and construction of the church at Fairfield and Rutherford in Shreveport.

In recent years he devoted much of his efforts to service on the Caddo Parish School Board, having been a member of that Board since 1952. He was serving his ninth year on the Board, where as Vice President he headed the important administrative committee and, according to the Board's custom, would have been elevated to President in 1962. In addition to his work in education, he was well known as an active worker in the United Fund, having been past Chairman of the Business Division of the Fund; he was a member of the Selective Service Board; a director of the L. S. U. Foundation; a prominent member and past President of the Shreveport Rotary Club; and a director on the Board of the Southwestern Electric Power Company.

His untiring activities over many years added endlessly to the stature of all around him, and we were all glad to accord him our respect and confidence. As his partner and friend, I was devoted to him and viewed his many accomplishments with awe and pride and gratitude.

To have shared a part of John Madison's life was an experience rewarding beyond words and for which I shall be always humbly thankful.

John Madison, husband, father, lawyer, churchman and public servant made ours a better place in which to live and work, and we, of the legal profession, are grateful.

There can be no more fitting tribute to the memory of John Madison than to say with certainty that he accepted this journey through life as an opportunity to serve others and that he expended his energy toward a reality that lives beyond the final chapter of this earthly life.

Respectfully submitted,

Simon W Woods