

In Memoriam

HARVEY C. BICKEL. A well known Baltimore lawyer and former judge of the People's Court, Harvey C. Bickel died on December 3, 1972 in Baltimore. He was 87 years old. A native of Berks County, Pennsylvania, he was a graduate of George Washington University and The Johns Hopkins University. He came to Baltimore in 1914 and opened a law practice. Throughout his life he was an ardent student of history. One of his special feats was a series of extensive interviews with one of the last surviving eyewitnesses of President Lincoln's assassination, Thomas B. Sanders of Washington. His associations were many and reached from membership in professional and civic organizations to a one-man relief effort on behalf of European war orphans. He served our Society for several years as a member of the executive committee and was an active member of the German Society of Maryland. Bickel also was a member of the board of directors of the Maryland Council of Churches. He belonged to the United Church of Christ.

EDWARD F. ENGELBERT. Dr. Engelbert was pastor of Martini Lutheran Church in Baltimore for 39 years before he retired from the active ministry in 1957. For much of this time and until his death he was an active member of our Society and a contributor to The Report. A native of Cullman, Alabama, the Rev. Engelbert was trained for the ministry in the Missouri Synod at Concordia College in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis where he graduated in 1911. He was ordained the same year and became pastor in Birnamwood, Wisconsin. He came to Baltimore in 1918 to carry out an essentially bilingual ministry among the members of the oldest Missouri Lutheran church in the city. He was instrumental in founding the church's Southeastern District and establishing the Reformation Research Foundation devoted to the gathering of church-related material in Germany for preservation at Concordia Historical Institute in St. Louis. For several years he served on the executive committee of our Society and as a director of the Maryland Historical Society. He died in Baltimore on January 21, 1973 at the age of 83 years.

HERBERT E. FANKHANEL. Born in Baltimore in 1896 as the son of Albert and Margareta Fankhanel, he grew up in a typical Baltimore German environment. At the age of 10 he was already a soloist in the boys' choir of Zion Lutheran Church. He graduated from City College and continued his studies at Johns Hopkins and St. Johns College in Annapolis. He received his master's degree from the University of Maryland. In his career as a teacher he taught English for 42 years at the Polytechnic Institute and German in a private school. His special love belonged to music and choral singing. He was an accomplished soloist and choir

leader. Fankhanel sang in many local churches and was a soloist of the Baltimore Opera Company for several years. He conducted also the Germania Quartett Club, the Arion and the Eichenkrantz singing societies. He served in the army in World War I and later belonged to the American Legion. His interest in German-American life and culture was manifested by his active membership in several organizations such as our Society, the Germania Lodge and the Baltimore Schlaraffia. Herbet E. Fankhanel died on April 21. 1972 in Baltimore.

HERBERT F. KUENNE. A lawyer and lay leader in the Lutheran Church, Herbert F. Kuenne died on February 28, 1971 at the age of 73 in St. Louis while he was on his way to a meeting of the Missouri Synod. He was born in Baltimore on September 8, 1897, attended the public schools, including Baltimore City College, from which he graduated with honors in 1914. In 1922 he was awarded a law degree from the University of Maryland. His career as a lawyer was long and distinguished. He was a member of Martini Lutheran Church and was very active in church affairs, both local and national. He served as president of the congregation from 1944 until his death. Herbert Kuenne was also a member of the Board of Governors of the Lutheran Hospital and served as president of the Lutheran High School in Baltimore. He was for many years a leading member of the German Society of Maryland and one of its past presidents. Both our Society and the Maryland Historical Society counted him as a member for several decades.

CARL L. NITZE. At the age of 92 died at the home of his son in Rochester, New York. Carl L. Nitze, who was at the time of his death the oldest member of our Society. He belonged to it for more than 45 years. A man of independent wealth, Carl Nitze devoted much of his time to pusuits that seemed useful to the general welfare. The German Society of Maryland benefited much from his work and counsel. He served as a vice president from 1938 until 1951.