

# Judge O'Dunne To Preside In Criminal Court Monday

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Eugene O'Dunne qualified yesterday as a member of the Supreme Bench, and later, at a meeting of the judges, was assigned to the Criminal Court, where he will begin his duties Monday.

Judge Charles F. Stein, who has been presiding in the Criminal Court this year, will move to Circuit Court No. 2, in which Judge Duke Bond has been presiding since the beginning of the term. Judge Bond was assigned to Part 2 of the Superior Court, to which

the late Judge W. Stuart Symington, Jr., was assigned at the beginning of the year, but no sessions of which have been held this term because of Judge Symington's illness.

#### **Term Expires Next November.**

Judge Symington was appointed as the successor of Judge James M. Ambler, whose term expired because of age limitations. Judge O'Dunne's appointment will expire next November, when a successor to Judge Ambler will be elected for the term of fifteen years.

As is usual when a judge is elected or appointed, Judge O'Dunne was permitted to choose the court in which he would begin his judicial duties. His choice of the Criminal Court is thought to have been caused by his knowledge of the practice and procedure in that court gained while he was in the office of the State's Attorney.

#### **Little Administers Oath.**

The oath of office was administered to the new judge by Stephen C. Little, clerk of the Superior Court. The place of the ceremony was the Superior Court room, which was crowded with spectators, including members of the Supreme Bench and court officials. Mr. O'Dunne was accompanied to the Courthouse by his wife and their daughter, Miss Kirby O'Dunne. He stood beside Chief Judge James P. Gorter and former Chief Judge Henry D. Harlan while taking the oath of office and his response was clear and distinctly audible throughout the courtroom.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Judge O'Dunne received many congratulations. The meeting of the Supreme Bench, at which Judge O'Dunne formally was assigned to duty, was held about two hours later.