

A regular meeting and luncheon of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City was held in the chambers of the Supreme Bench room on Thursday, May 26, 1955, at 12:30 o'clock P.M.

All the members of the Bench were present except Judges Mason and Cullen. Judge Fraley, who is presiding in the Superior Court this week, was also present.

Judge Byrnes, on behalf of the Court House Committee, reported what is done by some of the other jurisdictions with respect to closing the court clerks' offices for the whole day on Saturday. He ascertained that the clerks' offices in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties are closed on Saturdays throughout the year. The offices of the clerks of the courts in Pennsylvania are not closed on Saturdays. In New Jersey, although a state law provides that all public offices shall be closed all day on Saturdays during the period June 15th to September 15th, the offices of the clerks of court have been closed on Saturdays only during the months of July and August when the courts are in recess. The Executive Committee of the Bar Association of Baltimore City, to whom the matter was submitted for consideration, has approved closing of the clerks' offices on Saturdays.

Judge Moser moved, that as a test period, the clerks' offices of the courts over which the Supreme Bench has jurisdiction, except the Land Record Office of the Superior Court and the department of the clerk's office of the Court of Common Pleas which issues marriage licenses, shall be closed on Saturdays beginning July 2, 1955, up to and including September 10, 1955. Said motion was duly seconded and after discussion was adopted by a vote of six to three.

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Judge Warnken, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, reported that Henry J. Rehrmann, bailiff of Judge Cullen, has applied for the position of clerk or stenographer to the Grand Jury to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. William Jerome Bracken, and that the committee recommends Mr. Rehrmann to Judge Tucker, whose duty it is to fill the said vacancy, as competent and fully qualified to fill the same. The recommendation of the committee was duly approved by the members of the Bench present, and Judge Tucker indicated that he would appoint Mr. Rehrmann to said position, the same to be effective June 1, 1955.

The Chief Judge presented a petition of Maurice Braverman for postponement of the date of his trial, which is set for June 20th, together with a copy of the answer thereto of the Bar Association of Baltimore City objecting to the requested postponement. After discussion, the petition was denied. The Chief Judge will confer with counsel in the case with respect to limiting the matters to be heard on June 20th to a question of law, that is, the legal effect of the conviction of Braverman in the Federal Court.


Secretary