

# George Hewes

Toledo, Area Attorney

Formerly Blade Reporter

George R. Hewes, 72, a Toledo and area attorney who for many years was a reporter for The Blade, died yesterday in St. Vincent Medical Center after a brief illness.

Mr. Hewes, formerly of Mohawk Drive, Maumee, was a resident of Bowling Green, O., since 1971.

He joined the news staff of The Blade in 1934. During the next 22 years, he had covered most news beats including police, city hall, county, courts and state government.

Mr. Hewes left The Blade in 1956, a year after he was admitted to the Ohio bar. He had been associated with several Toledo law firms until 1980 and still maintained a private law practice in Bowling Green.

A native of Toledo, he attended schools here, in Grand Rapids, Mich., Highland, N.Y., and the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va. He was a 1954 graduate of the University of Toledo where he received a law degree.

His father, Harry Hewes, was a former reporter, critic and European correspondent for The Blade and night city editor of the former Toledo Times.

Mr. Hewes began his newspaper career with the former Philadelphia Public Ledger, where he worked three years before joining The Blade.

As a Blade reporter, Mr. Hewes was assigned to cover the police beat, the city, county and state governments and courts. At one time, he had worked in The Blade's Columbus bureau.

He covered a lengthy feud between federal and state agencies over natural gas service and rates in the Toledo area and frequently had written about local taxation.

The late Michael DiSalle, former Toledo mayor and Ohio governor, once described him as an expert on local government finance.

In 1947, Mr. Hewes attended a seminar on municipal affairs at Columbia University sponsored by the American Press Institute.

## From Reporter To Attorney

Upon making the transition from reporter to attorney, Mr. Hewes said, "It has been a rewarding experience to work all these years with the men and women who make The Blade one of the really great newspapers of the world. I was born into newspapering before I was bitten by the legal bug as a result of long association with judges, lawyers and bar organizations."

As an attorney, Mr. Hewes specialized in local government law and served as special counsel to Lucas, Wood, Hancock and Cuyahoga counties and Perrysburg Township.

He was the first prosecutor of Perrysburg Municipal Court, serving in that capacity from 1960 to 1966 and later became an adviser to the court.

He was an unsuccessful independent candidate for judge of the Wood County Common Pleas Court in 1975.

Mr. Hewes served four years with the army air corps during World War II and was a member of the first American unit to enter and occupy Berlin.

## Combat Intelligence Officer

He served two years as a combat intelligence officer of the 301st Troop Carrier Squadron, 1st Allied Airborne Army, in Europe, through seven major campaigns and the Potsdam Conference. He received seven battle stars and the Presidential unit citation.

He was a member of the Toledo, Lucas County, Wood County, Ohio and American bar associations.

Surviving are his son, Dr. George Hewes, and daughter, Jeremy Joan Hewes.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Dunn Mortuary, Bowling Green.

There will be no visitation.

The family requests that any tributes be in the form of contributions to the American Cancer Society.