



JOHN BOJETTE, 2615 Lanegan, Troy, general manager of the florists' telegraph delivery association, addressed the Boston Kiwanis club last week during the association's international convention.



Says the Barrister

The title of "executor" has a grim sound, yet all he executes are the wishes of his friends. The similarity of the words "executor" and "executioner" is very amusing to some people. An executor is no hangman. Instead, he is the person who carries out all the details of settling your estate as set forth in your will.

When a person owning property dies, the settlement of his affairs through the courts is referred to as "probating the estate." Where the deceased person has left a will, the executor acts as his personal representative in winding up his affairs and distributing his property.

USUALLY THE executor is named in the will. If he is not, then it's up to the probate court to appoint one. The executor may be an individual (often a friend or relative of the deceased), or a corporation such as a trust company.

The executor has many duties and responsibilities. He must have the will admitted to probate, after proving its validity. He then secures court authority to act on behalf of the estate and to administer and settle it.

One of the executor's first acts is to find the exact value of the estate. He must take an inventory of all the assets, including real estate, personal property, insurance policies, stocks and bonds, and any money owed to the deceased. The real estate and other property must be appraised to determine their current worth.

THE EXECUTOR must find out all the liabilities or debts of the deceased and see that all his out-

standing bills are paid and other debts settled, upon approval of the probate court. Of course, he must also collect all money due the deceased, including insurance policies payable to the estate.

One very important job of the executor is to file returns on any income, inheritance or estate taxes, and to pay any taxes due.

If the deceased owned a business, it's up to the executor to supervise this business while the estate is being probated, and often he must sell or liquidate a business.

The executor must keep detailed records and accounts and report to the court. For all his work he is paid out of the estate as provided by law.

CARRYING OUT all these duties may easily take several months, even for a rather small estate. Finally, when all these details have been taken care of, the executor distributes the assets of the estate to those named in the will, or according to its provisions.

If there is no will left by the deceased, the probate court appoints an "administrator" whose duties are substantially the same as those of the executor. In the final distribution of assets, the estate is divided among the heirs according to the laws of inheritance, rather than the written instructions of the deceased.

WHILE THE inheritance laws have been developed through cen-

LEGAL NOTICES

Known place of address at least ten days prior to said date of hearing.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 14th day of August, A. D. 1956.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of **ALLAN F. HANNAH, Deceased.**

Charlotte A. Hannah having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to Richard C. Hannah and Allan F. Hannah, Jr., the executors named in said Will, or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 17th day of September, A. D. 1956, at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, once each week, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that a copy of this notice be served personally on or by registered mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatee, and devisees at their last known place of address at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

And I'm glad I've named an executor, whom I know and trust to be my personal representative in carrying out these wishes.

You know "you can't take it with you," but you can see to it that what you leave behind will go to those to whom you intend it.

Forbes S. Hazzell, Atty., 249 Briggs Bldg., Birmingham.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 28th day of August, A. D. 1956.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of **ALICE FRENCH, Deceased.**

Frances F. Kestley having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner, the executor named in said Will, or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 24th day of September, A. D. 1956, at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, once each week, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that a copy of this notice be served personally on or by registered mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatee, and devisees at their last known place of address at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

Forbes S. Hazzell, Atty., Briggs Bldg., Birmingham.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court of the County of Oakland.

In the Matter of the Estate of **MAX MOSS ROENSCHE, JR., also known as**

MAX M. ROENSCHE, III, Deceased.

At a session of said Court held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 18th day of August, A. D. 1956.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Benjamin L. Roenschke having filed a petition praying for determination of the executorship of said estate, and the discharge of said administrator, and the discharge of said administrator.

It is Ordered, that the 17th day of September, A. D. 1956, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Court in the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing, said petition.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

(24-25-26)

It is further Ordered that public notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further Ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccestric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

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