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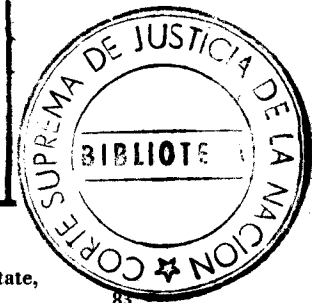
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A Silver Anniversary in the Show-Me State

ON NOVEMBER 5, 1940, just 25 years ago next month, the voters of Missouri brought into existence the first real-life application of the nominative-appointive-elective judicial selection and tenure plan which had been announced and advocated by the American Judicature Society a quarter-century before that. This makes the year 1965, and November 5, 1965, in particular, an anniversary of outstanding significance in the judicial history of the United States.

In recognition of the silver anniversary of what Missourians have always called their "Nonpartisan Court Plan," the American Judicature Society featured the Missouri Plan at the annual breakfast meeting in Miami Beach on August 11 and proudly dedicates this issue of the Journal to it.

The annual meeting address of Missouri Governor Warren E. Hearnes and the two articles by Loyd E. Roberts and Robert A. Schroeder, past president and current president of The Missouri Bar, all published herein under the common title "Twenty-Five Years Under the Missouri Plan," and the University of Missouri survey quoted extensively by all three, make abundantly clear to the most reluctant reader that the Plan has been a resounding success and that the vision of Albert M. Kales, Herbert Harley, John Perry Wood and others of a generation ago who designed and promoted it, and of Luther Ely Smith, Ronald J. Foulis, William W. Crowdus, Kenneth