

# NEW JUDGE SWORN

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Judge John Boyd Avis, Woodbury, newly appointed member of the United States District Court for the district of New Jersey, is shown above taking the oath of office yesterday in the Common Pleas Court of the Camden County Courthouse. The oath is being administered by Judge J. Warren Davis, of the United States Court of Appeals.

## J. BOYD AVIS TAKES OATH AS JURIST ON U. S. DISTRICT BENCH

### Prosecutor's Hat Stolen at Avis Rites

While Camden county detectives, court attaches of the Camden County Courthouse, many judges and former judges and more than one hundred lawyers witnessed the swearing of Judge John Boyd Avis, of the United States District Court, yesterday, some one stole the hat of J. J. Summerill, prosecutor of Gloucester county.

A search of the courtroom failed to reveal the hat or another person's headgear, which may have been left by mistake in place of the official's headpiece.

### Camden County Common Pleas Court Crowded With Attorneys and Friends of New Judge at Exercises

John Boyd Avis, Woodbury, was installed as a judge of the United States District Court for the district of New Jersey yesterday in the Camden County Common Pleas Court. Judge J. Warren Davis, of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, officiated at the brief ceremonies.

The room in the courthouse was crowded with attorneys and friends of the new jurist from all sections of South Jersey. The commission forwarded by President Herbert Hoover naming Judge Avis to the bench was read by Benjamin F. Havens, deputy clerk of the United States District Court. Following the recitation of the solemn oath, the signature of the new jurist was put upon the scroll.

Although Judge Avis will not actually hold hearings until December, the new jurist was inducted in the event that an emergency hearing or a motion might be necessary before the opening of the regular court session.

When this court does convene in December, two judges will sit, as the calendar is now congested. The other judge will be Judge William N. Runyon, of Newark, who has been conducting hearings in South Jersey during the vacancy on the bench.

The new jurist succeeds Justice Joseph L. Bodine, of the New Jersey Supreme Court, who accepted an appointment to that office from Governor Morgan F. Larson six months ago.

Brief addresses were delivered by Congressman Charles A. Wolverton on behalf of the constituents of the First Congressional District; William T. Boyle, former judge, who is now president of the Camden County Bar Association, and Alexander Rodgers, president of the Gloucester County Bar Association.

Mrs. Avis witnessed the proceedings from the jury box. She was accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. James Avis, Jr., and George T. Cranmer, former Senator, who is now chief clerk of the United States District Court.

Following the ceremonies in the courthouse, the gathering adjourned to a Camden hotel when Judge Avis was tendered a luncheon by the Camden County Bar Association. No addresses were delivered.

The committee in charge of the arrangements was headed by Albert E. Burling, former county solicitor. Other members of the committee were Lewis Starr, Judge Frank F. Neutze, Bryon M. Seabrook and Clifford A. Baldwin, county prosecutor.

The judges who presided during the ceremonies and who individually congratulated the new jurist were: William N. Runyon, of the Federal Court; Victor Wooley, United States Court of Appeals; William Clark, of Princeton, Federal Court; Joseph Buffington, United States District Court for Pennsylvania; Guy L. Fake and John Rellstab, of Trenton.