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ANNUAL MEETING

Bismarck, North Dakota

August 23, 24, 25, 1951

Robert A. Birdzell has been appointed General Chairman of the Convention Committee for the annual meeting at Bismarck, August 23, 24, & 25, 1951.

Extensive preparations have been made by the Burleigh County bar members to provide a successful State Convention, including a complete ladies' program.

Prominent Sectional Meeting lecturers will be Honorable Gustavus Lovinger, Judge of District Court, St. Paul, Minn., Clifford W. Gardner, Esq., St. Paul, Minn., and T. Murray Robinson, Esq., Oklahoma City, Okla. The services of these and other members of the legal profession were obtained through the American Law Institute.

Those who have not as yet obtained rooms should write Mr. E. Forsyth Engebretson of Bismarck, Chairman of the hotel reservation committee. Indicate type of accommodations and for which nights desired.

PROGRAM OF ANNUAL MEETING NORTH DAKOTA BAR ASSOCIATION

Bismarck, North Dakota
August 23, 24, 25, 1951

Thursday morning, August 23
BISMARCK HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

- 9:00 Registration in High School Auditorium.
Registration entitles members to Thursday noon luncheon as guests of Burleigh County Bar. It admits ladies to participation in ladies program.
- 9:45 Call to Order, Philip R. Bangs, President, presiding.
- 10:00 President's Address: Philip R. Bangs.
- 10:15 Committee Reports.
- 11:25 Announcements.
- 11:30 Luncheon.
Lawyers only, as guests of Burleigh County Bar Association. Patterson Hotel. No program and no charge.

Thursday Afternoon, August 23
BISMARCK HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

- 1:30 to 3:00 Sectional Meetings.
Trial of a Civil Action I—A demonstration of Trial Technique in Civil Jury Trials.
Presiding Judge—Hon. Gustavus Lovinger, St. Paul, Minn.
For Plaintiff—Clifford W. Gardner, St. Paul, Minn.
For Defendant—Herbert G. Nilles, Fargo, N. D.
Practice in the Supreme and District Courts of North Dakota—Constructive Open Forum.
Meeting Chairman—Norman G. Tenneson, Fargo.
Damages in Automobile Accident Cases.
Lecturer—Alvin C. Strutz, Bismarck, N. D.
- 3:00 to 3:30 INTERMISSION.
- 3:30 to 5:00 Sectional Meetings.
Trial of a Civil Action II—Second part of course; not repetition; this demonstration will be presented Thursday only.
Oil and Gas Leases.
Lecturer—T. Murray Robinson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Creation, Preservation and Foreclosure of Statutory Liens.

Lecturer—J. F. X. Conmy, Fargo, N. D.

Friday Morning, August 24

BISMARCK HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

- 9:30 Business Session.
Election of Officers.
Unfinished Business.
- 11:15 Address:
- 12:00 Luncheon. Phi Alpha Delta.
Luncheon. Phi Delta Phi.
Members please signify intention to attend when they register.

Friday Afternoon, August 24

BISMARCK HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

- 1:30 to 3:00 Sectional Meetings.
Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act.
Lecturer—Albert W. Shupienis, Fargo, N. D.
Creation, Preservation and Foreclosure of Statutory Liens.
Oil and Gas Leases.

Friday Evening, August 24

BISMARCK AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING

- 7:00 Convention Banquet.
Clyde L. Young, presiding.
Invocation.
Address:

Saturday Morning, August 25

BISMARCK HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

- 9:00 to 10:30 Sectional Meetings.
Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act.
Damages in Automobile Accident Cases.
- 11:00 Final Business Session.
- 12:00 Adjournment.
- 12:30 North Dakota Law School Alumni Association Luncheon.
Nodak Alumni please signify intention to attend when they register.

Myron H. Bright, chairman of the Junior Bar Conference, has announced that the meeting of the Junior Bar will be held at 8:30 a.m., Friday, August 24, at the Bismarck high school auditorium. All attorneys who are 35 years old or younger are requested to attend the meeting, Bright said.

IMPORTANT NEWS ITEM

The American Law Institute and the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws met in joint session in Washington, D. C., on May 16, 17, 18, and 19th. Final approval was given by the American Law Institute to the Uniform Commercial Code. The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws unanimously approved the Uniform Commercial Code. This Uniform Commercial Code after its approval by the American Bar Association will be submitted to Congress and to the several state legislatures for enactment into law.

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WILL YOU BE CORRECTLY LISTED IN THE NEXT
MARTINDALE-HUBBELL LAW DIRECTORY?

Information regarding changes in listing in the MARTINDALE-HUBBELL LAW DIRECTORY (1952 edition) for subscribers as well as non-subscribers including the address of a former member or associate, if known, should reach the publisher at Summit, New Jersey, *not later than September 1*. If so requested, this information will be held in confidence until the publication date which will be about January 1, 1952.

Lawyers not currently listed should be certain that the following information, *i.e.*, name, address, year of birth, state and year of admission and educational data reaches the Company by the date indicated above either on the Company's Personal Report Form or by special letter. This is very important as the Special Lawyers Census Committee of the American Bar Association is working through the Martindale-Hubbell organization in the making of a census of all American lawyers, including those in government or military service, corporate employment, teaching positions, retirement, etc.

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BOOKS WANTED

Northwestern Reporters:
Volume 83,
Volumes 250 through 257,
Volumes 263 through 271,
Volume 275.

Anyone having the above copies who wishes to dispose of them, please notify Lyle E. Huseby, Esq., 11 Broadway, Fargo, North Dakota.

MEMORIALS

WILLARD B. OVERSON

Another pioneer, judge and lawyer, the Hon. Willard B. Overson has passed to his enduring reward. At the advanced age of 78 years he died on March 18, 1951, at his home in Williston, North Dakota.

He received his B.A. and LL.B. from the University of Wisconsin and practiced law at Racine, Wisconsin. In October, 1899, he opened an office for the general practice of law at the then frontier town of Williston, North Dakota, and at the age of 28 was elected States Attorney of Williams County, serving for four years.

He was a State Senator for a period of six years between 1909 and 1915 and was the author of the present state law requiring a medical examination before marriage. During the last two years of his term he was Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and played an important part in the shaping of important legislation, including court procedure.

His practice was lucrative and he served for many years as attorney for the Great Northern Railway Co.

Appointed to the District Bench in 1946 he filled out the balance of the term of Judge W. A. Jacobson of the 5th Judicial District, who went to Germany as a judge for the Military Administration in the U. S. Occupied Zone.

Judge Gronna of the 5th Judicial District who knew Judge Overson intimately speaks of him as "a man of quiet reserve and dignity, possessed of splendid intellectual attainments, and that all of his work and deeds were marked by courtesy, warmth and friendliness. His many friends cherish the memories of generous and refined hospitality enjoyed in the Overson home. Judge Overson has left behind a memorable record of achievements for which he earned the admiration and confidence to his fellow citizens and fellow members of the Bench and Bar to an unusual degree."

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JULIUS S. TAYLOR

In the passing of J. S. (Bud) Taylor, at the age of 72 years, at Watford City, on October 12, 1950, western North Dakota lost one of its picturesque and most loved citizens and one of its abler and most highly respected members of the legal profession.

Julius Searing Taylor was born at Kankakee, Illinois, and received his grade and high school education there. Graduating from the University of Illinois law school, he was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1905 and practiced the profession at Chicago for a number of years. While he was practicing law in Chicago, his parents came to North Dakota and settled in the Hay Draw Community in southwestern McKenzie County. A few years later, Mr. Taylor followed, at first as legal representative for parties acquiring title to Northern Pacific land grants, and soon became engaged with his parents and his brother, Cordis Taylor, in farming and ranching operations.

Mr. Taylor was admitted to the North Dakota bar in 1921, and started law practice in McKenzie County as an associate of former Governor George Shafer at Watford City, soon after his admission to the bar. He served repeatedly as State's Attorney of McKenzie County, being first elected in 1924. In 1931, as State's Attorney, he achieved considerable note by his investigation and prosecution of the Bannon-Haven murder case. He held the office of State's Attorney at the time of his death.

Mr. Taylor was a member of the North Dakota State Bar Association, a member of the Masonic bodies of long standing, a Shriner, and also a member of the Elk and A.O.U.W. orders.

Mr. Taylor was married to Miss Ruth Langdon in Sidney, Montana, in 1923 and to them was born a son, Julius Searing IV, now a law student at a California University. Mr. Taylor is survived by his wife, son, and one brother, Cordis Taylor of Chicago.

Mr. Taylor soon identified himself with the "ways of the west". He loved the west, as he found it in western North Dakota, and admired the pioneers. He was a storehouse of ever-ready stories and possessed a never failing humor. The problems of western North Dakota became his problems, and he unstintingly gave of his time and effort to help in their solution.

At the suggestion of Mr. Fred Shipman, Editor of the McKenzie County Farmer, Mr. Taylor started, and for a long time unflinchingly contributed to that paper, a weekly column

headed "Sage-buds." In the words of Mr. Shipman, "Sage" for the timely remarks and words of wisdom, "Bud" for the nickname by which he was known. "Sagebuds" became widely known, not only to readers of the McKenzie County Farmer, but to many daily newspapers and magazine editors who found food for thought in passing on the "sagey" quotations. For his timely column and friendly association, we of the newspaper fraternity are proud to write "30" for the passing of a friend.

His frankness, sincerity and friendliness will long be remembered.

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