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BENCH AND BAR

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

In the Annual Report of the President, which I will make at the Fargo meeting August 11, 12 and 13, 1949, there will be outlined the operations of the State Bar Association of North Dakota during the period of my incumbency. For that reason, in this, my last open letter to the membership I should like only to thank the Association's membership for the help and encouragement they have given me and the other officers during the past year.

We have entered upon a new era in the field of public relations, and in all of our planning and programming we have attempted to develop the resources of the Bar not only in the interests of our membership but for the greater good of the public at large.

I feel very strongly that a successful integrated Bar Association depends upon the willingness of its members to devote a substantial amount of their time to the fields of activity in which the Bar is presently engaged. This past year has indicated conclusively to me that the North Dakota Bar has more than enough of interested and willing workers who are ready, able and willing to shoulder the sometimes onerous work of the Association.

It has been my pleasure to work closely with Committeemen who have given freely of their time and efforts, often at substantial personal loss to themselves, simply to further the best interests of the Association and the citizens of this state. It has been a splendid experience and of great value to me.

May I urge all of you to make a special effort to attend the Annual Meeting in Fargo in August. There are many important reports and matters of policy to be considered and determined. The Sectional Meetings have been painstakingly laid out after a poll of the membership indicated the choice of topics to be discussed. As a method of continuing legal education similar methods are being employed on a nation wide basis. It is a great opportunity for all of us to bring ourselves up-to-date in many fields and thereby render greater service in our own communities. This issue carries the tentative program and remember Fargo will be especially pleased to have all of our ladies attend the convention.

James F. X. Conmy, General Chairman of the Cass County

Bar Association Committee, is in charge of the annual meeting, and his numerous committees have been working since mid-winter to make this a profitable and pleasant convention, and all of us will look forward to seeing all of you in Fargo on August 11th, 12th and 13th.

Sincerely,

GEORGE A. SOULE
President.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the State Bar Association of North Dakota will be held at Fargo on August 11, 12 and 13, 1949. The Central High School building in Fargo has been procured as the meeting place both for the general assemblies and the sectional meetings.

The meeting will open on Thursday, August 11, at 9:30 a.m. A registration desk will be set up in the lobby of the Gardner Hotel for the evening of Wednesday, Aug. 10; thereafter the registration desk will be maintained in the Central High School building.

The stag luncheon at which the Cass County Bar will be host, will be held at noon Thursday, Aug. 11, in the new American Legion building in Fargo. Eight sectional meetings will be held and so arranged that everyone may attend at least four. A luncheon for the visiting ladies will be held at noon on Aug. 11, or Aug. 12, with the Cass County Bar as host. We expect to have a style show put on by one of the leading department stores for the entertainment of the ladies following this luncheon. The banquet will be held Friday evening, Aug. 12, and we want to assure everyone that the speech making will be brief.

Our plans are not yet complete but we expect to offer something new and different by way of entertainment preceding the dinner hour on Thursday, Aug. 12. If these plans develop there will be further publicity on this feature. We will also arrange that any visitors may play golf if they so desire at either the Fargo Country Club, the Edgewood Golf Club or the Moorhead Country Club with green fees to be paid by the Cass

County Bar. We also suggest that many of you attending the meeting may wish to make your plans for spending Saturday afternoon and Sunday in the nearby Minnesota Lake region.

NOTICE

If your ladies will accompany you to Fargo for the annual meeting in August, you are reminded that the Cass County Bar is giving a complimentary luncheon and style show at 1 P.M. on Thursday, August 11, 1949.

For planning purposes it is necessary that the ladies know at the earliest possible date how many women are attending the luncheon and style show.

Will you therefore, please request your wives to write Mrs. Charles H. Shure, 1316-7th St. S., Fargo, North Dakota at the earliest possible moment.

For planning purposes it will be very helpful for the Fargo committee if we may have your cooperation in this connection.

J. F. X. CONMY, General Chairman

1949 STATE BAR CONVENTION

August 11th, 12th & 13th — Fargo, North Dakota

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RESOLUTION

Ernest B. McCutcheon, Attorney and Minot resident since 1905, died at his home in Minot on March 24, 1949.

Born at Cayuga, Ontario, on June 16, 1875, he was graduated from the Vienna, Ontario high school and later attended the Collegiate institute, a teachers' training school and business college, all at St. Thomas, Ontario. He afterwards was an instructor at the business college and taught public school in Ontario.

Moving to North Dakota in 1899, he filed on a homestead near Russell in Bottineau Country, and farmed there for several years before moving to Minot in 1905. In 1908, he and a brother, J. E. McCutcheon, opened the Lyceum theater, the first movie and vaudeville theater in the city. The following year, he became City Assessor and about the same time became business manager of the Minot Daily Reporter, where he was associated with the late Sam H. Clark.

He took an early interest in politics and was an ardent supporter of L. B. Hanna, Governor of North Dakota, and from 1913 to 1917 he served as state game warden under appointment by Governor Hanna.

For a brief period, he was also interested in banking ventures at Towner and at Coulee and was president of the Coulee Dairy Bank.

In 1925, McCutcheon was admitted to the bar in North Dakota and practiced law thereafter, and at various times served as Justice of Peace and acting Police Magistrate in the City of Minot.

McCutcheon was an enthusiastic supporter of the park system in the city of Minot and continued with this support during all of his residence in Minot.

For years, McCutcheon was active in Masonic circles in Minot, and particularly was active in his support of the Order of DeMolay. For eight years he served as a member of the Grand Council for the Order of DeMolay in the United States and served as "State Dad" of the order in North Dakota.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the State Bar Association for the State of North Dakota attest to the work character and influence of Mr. McCutcheon, and that there be placed on the permanent records of the Association this tribute of respect to his memory.

E. T. Conmy, Chairman
L. R. Nostdal
John Knauf

