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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Our Annual Meeting of the Association will take place in Bismarck commencing the morning of August 25 to the afternoon of August 27. As stated in the circular letter I mailed recently, a lecture course on the fundamentals of Federal Taxation will be given by Professor Henry Rottschaefer of the University of Minnesota on the forenoon of the three days of the meeting.

An outline of the lecture course is given elsewhere in this number of Bar Briefs to enable the members to do some preparatory work if they so desire. Three phases of taxation will be covered: (1) to whom is income taxable; (2) which is preferable, a partnership or corporation; (3) estate planning problems. The profession is becoming more conscious of the urgent need of such courses to keep the lawyers abreast of a constantly changing and complex phase of the law. We hope you will find it worth while to attend this course. A good attendance may encourage similar future undertakings by the Association.

I want to remind you that aside from the elected officers, the Executive Committee is composed of the presidents of the district bar associations. In the past some of the districts failed to hold meetings for a long time or to elect officers, with the result that only a handful of those attending from a certain district would hastily gather at the place of annual meeting and elect the one to serve on the Executive Board. We have no fault to find with any of the members who were so elected, but we believe the members of the bar in general would develop a keener interest in the affairs of the association if the district meetings were more active and officers elected annually. May I urge each district to call a meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year and certify to this association the name of the one to serve on the Executive Committee for the coming year?

Mr. Charles Foster of Bismarck is Chairman of the Program Committee for the annual meeting. His committee is working diligently to make the program instructive and entertaining. I want to urge a large attendance. At the State Bar Convention of our sister state of Minnesota held the last part of June they had about a fifty percent attendance. I should like to see as large or even larger a percentage of our members attend our annual meeting. Please send your reservations at once to the Chairman, Mr. Foster, indicating your hotel preferences, accommodations desired and the date of your expected arrival.

Since there will be no other issue of Bar Briefs before my term expires, I want to now thank the members, committees, and the officers of our association for their splendid cooperation. Whatever accomplishments of the year we may be able to point to are due to their willing and helpful cooperation.

Sincerely yours,
H. A. MACKOFF,
President