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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

My Dear Fellows:

Seems "Bar Briefs" has done some good in getting around among the lawyers, for we are receiving comments, suggestions and news items as well as valuable papers for the Bar. A U. S. Judge of the District Court from Kansas City wrote a complimentary and encouraging letter on our work. Judge Vogel wants the help of a committee from our Association in drafting rules for his court, the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, our legislature, has requested assistance in reviewing Bills introduced in the house proposing changes in laws having to do with court practice and procedure, the ABA is requesting more of our North Dakota lawyers to help on its committees, Commissioner Clyde Duffy suggests a follow-up review of changes made by the New Code.

It will be mighty helpful to the entire Bar if our lawyers will get out of their legal fox holes and help to do some fighting for the good of the profession.

True it is we need money to do the job, but have any of you fellows said or written a few words to your legislatures about giving your Association more of that ten "bucks" you pay for your license?

Do you want an annual meeting of your Association now that some wise guy from Washington has ordered "no conventions without permission"?

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We—I mean by we the lawyers—need the efforts of an united Bar. The officers, nor executive committee just wont be able to do the job alone. Please get your dictionary, and go to work arranging words into sentences that you believe are good suggestions — use words not found in the dictionary if you have them. Lawyers are being driven into so called fox holes, but I am mighty proud of those few who are out on the fighting line sending messages containing fighting words to Senator McCarren encouraging passage of S. B. 7 “A Bill to improve the administration of justice by prescribing fair administrative procedure” —the Bill permitting us fellows to represent clients before Commissions, Boards and Bureaus. Write to your senator and congressman about it, send a copy of your letter to Atty. H. E. Fuller, chairman of our North Dakota committee. There is a whole lot more you fellows can do for yourselves should you take a notion. However, the McCarren Bill is now pending before the United States senate—it needs your support.

Again—what about getting together for a session of your district organization? Glad to hear from you!

Sincerely,

WM. G. OWENS

President SBA—of N. Dak.

(The copy for the March number of Bar Briefs was in the hands of the printer when President Owens passed away. He took a great interest in this publication and gave unstintingly of his time on each number.)

HERE AND THERE

By Wm. G. Owens

A learned discussion by Alexander MacDonald of the Los Angeles Bar of the subject “The Lawyer and the War Agencies—a Challenge” appears in the December number of the American Bar Association Journal in which treatise the author challenges the profession to explain the fundamentals of our constitutional government to our citizens in order to prepare them to express an intelligent and considered viewpoint on the question of the necessity or desirability for the retention of administrative agencies when peace comes.

The story goes that Police Magistrate Carl B. Davis of Minot is a contributor of yarns to “Cases and Comments”, one of which reads:

A letter received sometime ago from a doctor, a creditor of a bankrupt, read:

“Thank you very kindly for your Notice of First Meeting of Creditors, in the matter of Mr. ——. In spite of the fact that