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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

My Dear Fellow Lawyers:

It is very evident to me that it will be necessary to have a meeting of the Executive Committee the latter part of August or the first part of September in order to take up certain matters of business which are of vital interest to the members of the Association. If any of you have any suggestions that you feel would merit the consideration of the Executive Committee, please feel free to contact me. As most of you know, it will be impossible to have a State convention this year and consequently we will have to try and dispose of as many matters as possible through action by the Executive Committee.

The Bar Association is attempting to take an active part in the program sponsored by the Junior Bar of the American Bar Association relative to improvement in the administration of justice in traffic courts and other inferior courts. Personally I feel that this is something that deserves the consideration of the Bar Association and should have our cooperation.

In the last issue of Bar, I made mention of the fact that the lawyers of the State rendered more uncompensated service than any other professional group. I was very pleased to hear from one of the members of the Bar in which he set out in brief a few of the things

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that he has been called on to do in his County. This particular member either has held or does hold the following uncompensated jobs: County Chairman of War Bond Sales, County Secretary of Red Cross, member of advisory committee on selective service, member of unemployment committee connected with selective service, County Chairman of Infantile Paralysis, Chairman of price panel for OPA. Vice-chairman of Boy Scout activities, his wife was also War Fund Chairman for the Red Cross and he handled most of the work. As you understand, this member of the Bar was not complaining, and did not cite this work for the purpose of receiving any publicity. However, it illustrates the fact that practically every member of the Bar of the State of North Dakota, could submit a list of activities somewhat similar to the above list. Consequently, I feel that the North Dakota Bar Association should inform the public through proper publicity because I feel that the public would appreciate the efforts if they were only informed. I would like to obtain the services of a good publicity committee who would send out a questionnaire to each of the lawyers in the state and ask them to furnish a list of their uncompensated activities. This could be compiled into a report and I am sure that it would surprise everyone, including the lawyers themselves, the vast amount of work that has been done voluntarily by the various members of the Bar.

Sincerely,

ROY A. PLOYHAR
Acting President

LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP
FINDING YOUR PLACE IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

Special Committee on the Economic Condition of the Bar
of the American Bar Association, 1945

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

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