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ATTORNEYS IN SERVICE

The other day one of our young lawyers came to my office to bid me goodbye. He was entering Uncle Sam's army as a buck private. He said,

"I don't mind going into the army, but I hate to lose out on the good law practice that goes with the good crops that North Dakota has been enjoying the past few years."

That statement by our young lawyer made me realize more fully the real sacrifice that he and many others are making these days. We who are busy with our law practice or with our business, so often forget that many of the men of the armed forces have had to give up a good practice or a good business, and are working for Uncle Sam for a very small salary, and that when they come back, if they do come back, they will have to start all over again.

Too many of our people, who by the way are making more money than ever before in their lives, take for granted the sacrifices that our soldiers are making. Maybe if they had a fuller realization of these sacrifices there would be fewer strikes, fewer black markets, less grumbling by Mr. Private Citizen about rationing, and less travel by civilians who could just as well stay at home.

We lawyers, who should at all times be leaders in our communities, and moulders of public opinion, need to be more vigilant in our duties and responsibilities.

O. B. HERIGSTAD, President.