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ANNOUNCEMENT OF 1945 ESSAY CONTEST

Conducted by American Bar Association
Pursuant to terms of bequest Judge Erskine M. Ross,
Deceased Information for Contestants

Subject to be discussed:—The Development of the Doctrine of Stare Decisis and the Extent to Which It Should Be Applied.

Time when essay must be submitted:—On or before March 15, 1945.

Amount of Prize:—Three Thousand Dollars.

Eligibility:—Contest will be open to all members of the Association in good standing whose applications for membership in the Association have been received at the headquarters office of the Association in Chicago prior to January first of the calendar year in which the award is made, except previous winners, members of the Board of Governors, officers and employees of the Association.

No essay will be accepted unless prepared for this contest and not previously published. Each entryman will be required to assign to the Association all right, title and interest in the essay submitted and the copyright thereof.

An essay shall be restricted to five thousand words, including quoted matter and citations in the text. Footnotes or notes following the essay will not be included in the computation of the number of words, but excessive documentation in notes may be penalized by the judges of the contest. Clearness and brevity of expression and absence of iteration or undue prolixity will be taken into favorable consideration.

Anyone wishing to enter the contest shall communicate promptly with the Executive Secretary of the American Bar Association, 1140 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago (10), Ill., who will furnish further information and instructions.

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The November issue of the "American Bar Association Journal" came to our desk on time with pages filled with good reading for the lawyers. The narratives in the Journal from the transcripts of the proceedings of the Assembly and House of Delegates at the annual meeting is a record every lawyer should read. At pages 618-619 are reviews of the addresses of Judge Advocate General Cramer of the army and of Rear Admiral Gatch, Judge Advocate General of the Navy, will be found, those two great army and navy men who took time to sign the awards of merit for our own State Bar Association of North Dakota, are or should be the ideals of every American lawyer. More than 40,000 lawyers from the ranks of the American Bar are in uniform. More than 27,000 civilian lawyers volunteered to assist servicemen and their dependents with personal legal problems. The American Bar Association is leading the move-

ments. Why not every North Dakota lawyer join the American Bar. Send your application with a check for \$8.00 to our State Bar which will send it in with approval.

WELL KNOWN ATTORNEY PASSES AWAY

Tobias D. Casey, President of the State Bar Association of North Dakota in 1918-1919 passed away on November 26th, 1944. Formerly a practitioner at Grafton, N. D., he came to Dickinson in 1912, and entered into a partnership with the late H. A. Bergerson, the firm name being Casey & Bergerson. He was a well known figure in Democratic political circles for many years, and at one time, 1905, was the only Democratic member of the State House of Representatives.

NORTH DAKOTA CODE REVISION REPORT FOR SALE

Have for sale 19 volumes of the North Dakota Code Revision Report, covering the work of the Code Revision Committee. Price on these is \$50.00. Anyone interested please write Robert Greiser, Bismarck, N. D.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Roland A. Heringer, former States Attorney of Pierce County, is now an Ensign in the Navy and is serving with Halsey in the Pacific. His wife, the former Marjorie Nelson, is staying with her parents at Rugby for the duration.

Paul M. Sand, who graduated from the N. D. Law School in 1941 and started to practice in Rugby, is now a Captain in the Army.

The Lawyers Club of Los Angeles is advocating abolition of the office of notary public, also the necessity of any document being acknowledged. The Club is asking for legislation to provide for two witnesses. Some merit to the proposal providing there be an adequate penalty for false witnessing. North Dakota is blessed with notaries on every corner who will stamp that official seal on anything presented, fill out any sort of a blank in any sort of a way to the detriment of the unsuspecting public. Why not have legislation making every lawyer, by virtue of his license, an office authorized to do the job of a notary?

The good news came a few weeks ago that Lt. Col John McGee, son of Attorney and Mrs. Geo. A. McGee of Minot, had escaped Jap prison camp in the Philippines and was safe again with the American forces where he took over command of 82 other American war prisoners who had escaped Jap war prison camps then lived with the natives nearly two years before recent rescue by the American forces. We all rejoice with our good friend and loyal associate member, George A. McGee in that good news.