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THE NEW ADMINISTRATION

This is the first issue of Bar Briefs after the Annual Meeting, and the election of officers, and marks the commencement of a new administration. Your new president, Hon. Clyde Duffy of Devils Lake takes his bow on the President's page. A meeting of the executive committee will be held at Bismarck during September, and amongst other things the president will submit for approval of the committee his committee appointments for the coming year.

How many of our members would like to serve on committees, and what are their preferences for such appointments? We need volunteers for active service. How can you expect your officers and executive committee to know of your willingness to serve, and your desires and capabilities unless you tell them.

Why not write your District President who is your member of the executive committee, or your president or even your secretary about this. It would be mighty helpful to them if you would do so. It certainly would be a fine thing to have committee members who would work, instead of when they are urged, say that they didn't know they were on such a committee, that they had no choice in their appointment, and have no interest in that committee anyway, and besides cannot spare the time.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The 1939 Annual Meeting of the State Bar Association of North Dakota convened at Jamestown on July 28th, being also the 21st Annual Meeting since the integration of the bar in this state.

The attendance was equal to the average of past meetings in recent years, every part of the state being well represented. The meeting was called to order at ten o'clock a.m., July 28th, President Aloys Wartner, sr., of Harvey, presiding. Following an invocation the members were welcomed to the city by Hon. Perry Johnson, Mayor of the city of Jamestown, and Hon. F. G. Kneeland, president of the Stutsman County Bar Association. Hon. Clyde Duffy, vice president of the Association, responded to the greetings.

The annual address of the President, Hon. Aloys Wartner., sr., of Harvey, without fervid or florid oratory, was a fine example of sincere and straight thinking for which the Judge is well known, and admired by members of the association.

Mr. A. F. Berens of St. Paul, Minnesota, representing the Federal Bureau of Investigation, addressed the meeting next, and his exposition of the standards, the methods used in the detection of crime, and the enforcement of the law were clear, interesting, and instructive. This was followed by an address by the Hon. A. F. Lamey, Harvey, Montana, president of the Montana State Bar Association, whose plea for more and better cooperation of the individual members of the bar with the state organization, more and stronger district and state organization, more vigilant attention to procedural changes to keep various administrative agen-

cies in line with legal requirements were well received, and vigorously applauded.

In the afternoon the meeting was privileged to hear a fine address by Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Dakota James Morris upon Constitutional Democracy. Favorable commendation was heard for this splendid and thorough presentation on this subject, evidencing much study and thought by the Judge. Hon. M. C. Fredericks of Jamestown followed with a fine paper discussing the subject of Judge Morris's address, and his reminders to the bar of their duty, and part in preserving to our successors the right and liberties we enjoy, was very timely and aptly phrased.

In the evening President Wartner presided as toastmaster at the Annual Banquet. Greetings and short talks were given by Governor John Moses, Ex-governor Hon. Geo. F. Shafer, Mr. Karl Goldsmith, Secretary State Bar Association of South Dakota, Hon. R. D. Chase and Hon. F. G. Kneeland of the Stutsman County Bar, Mr. A. F. Beres of the F.B.I., Hon. A. F. Lamey, President State Bar Association of Montana, Hon. Roy E. Willy, President State Bar Association of South Dakota, and Mr. M. L. McBride, Secretary State Bar Association of North Dakota, and while given in the main in a light vein, food for serious thought was contained in each one. Other features at the banquet were the excellent band concert by the Jamestown City Band, and vocal solo numbers.

On Saturday morning, Hon. W. L. Nuessle, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Dakota, addressed the members on the subject of "Pardons and Paroles." Our present law, its administration, its strength and its weaknesses were fully explained. The need of funds for the better administration of the law we have, the increase of parole officers for field work, and observation were stressed. He clearly showed how helpful to the individual and society a properly equipped parole force in the state could be.

Judge Nuessle was followed by Hon. Roy E. Willy, President of the South Dakota State Bar Association, whose address upon the condition of the profession, and our responsibilities and duties in the communities in which we live received very close attention by the audience.

The meeting was a successful one in every respect except that the program was so full that discussion of the committee reports was rather slighted.

At the election of officers Hon. Clyde Duffy of Devils Lake was unanimously elected President. Mr. Duffy has been in active practice of the profession for many years, and has always taken a lively interest in the activities of the State Bar, and had served one term as Vice President. Hon. H. G. Nilles of Fargo was elected Vice President, and M. L. McBride of Dickinson was elected to succeed himself as Secretary-Treasurer-Editor.