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## HIGH LIGHTS OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Eighteenth Annual meeting of the State Bar Association under the integrated Act of 1921 was held at Devils Lake, July 15th and 16th, 1938.

Notwithstanding a pronounced continuing "depression," the registration was nearly two hundred, and the sessions were well attended and thoroughly enjoyable. The attendance was very representative of the lawyers and judiciary. The meetings were held in the beautiful Memorial building.

President L. J. Palda, Jr., of Minot, N. D., presided and called the convention to order at 10 o'clock A. M. The addresses on Friday's program were by Marion Leslie on "Woman's Place in the Legal Profession," President Palda on "Our Status Quo," Hon. F. Trafford Taylor, K. C. of Winnipeg on "Our Profession," A. W. Cupler on "The Bar Board and its Functions", Major W. H. Drane Lester, Inspector of FBI, U. S. Department of Justice on "Modern Trends in Criminology."

All were very interesting and contained food for thoughtful consideration. The speakers were followed closely and received many congratulations.

Much interest was evinced in the report by William R. Pearce of Valley City, as Chairman of the Junior Bar Association Committee, that the Junior Bar as such in the association, be discontinued, for the reason that the association membership is too small for a division; that they prefer to work with the older members, shoulder to shoulder, and feel that more can be accomplished in that way. The report was approved and adopted.

The banquet Friday evening was largely attended, not only was the food good, the music entertaining, but President Palda as an interlocutor established a reputation.

In the absence of R. D. Chase of Jamestown, Hon. Geo. F. Shafer of Bismarck and Hon. Peter Garberg of Fargo "took down their hair," and proceeded to tell each other "Who you are and how you got that way", to the great edification of their listeners.

After the banquet, which was served in the Great Northern Hotel, all adjourned to the Memorial building to enjoy a wonderful concert by the Devils Lake Boy Concert Band under the direction of Mr. C. B. Weimer and an address "The Constitution and the Courts" by the Hon. Burton K. Wheeler, United States Senator from Montana, which gave many sidelights on the New Deal's interpretation of our rights and our liberties.

On Saturday the members enjoyed an address by the Hon. A. G. Burr, Justice of the Supreme Court of North Dakota upon "Treaties between States of the United States". The Judge's scholarly treatise on the subject succinctly summarized the law and decisions in a manner very much appreciated by his audience.

Perhaps the most interesting committee report was that of the Special Committee on Code Revision, which was appointed after much discussion and final decision of the convention that there should be a revision, instead of a recompilation. This Committee was instructed to prepare a bill for introduction at the

next meeting of the Legislative Assembly and report it back to the meeting. The next day the Committee reported in a bill similar to the South Dakota Act, which vests in the Supreme Court the authority to appoint a Code Commission of three persons, residents of the state and learned in the law, as its members. Its provisions are too lengthy to be published in full here, but copies will be furnished to members upon application to the Secretary.

The Association then approved a motion that the proposed bill be referred to the officers and new Executive Committee, and that they be authorized and instructed to do everything within their power to secure at the earliest possible moment, a complete revision of our laws.

During the convention, luncheons were held for Alumni of the University of North Dakota Law School at the Colonial Hotel, presided over by the Hon. H. A. Bronson and for the Past-Presidents of the North Dakota Bar Association and Judges of the Supreme Court and District Courts at Mitchell's Cafe - Past-President Fred J. Traynor, presiding.

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### ANNUAL ELECTION

The annual election was held just shortly prior to the adjournment of the meeting, at which the following were elected as your officers for the coming year, Aloys Wartner, Sr., President, Clyde Duffy, Vice-president, M. L. McBride, Sec'y.-Treasurer.

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Immediately following the adjournment of the annual meeting at Devils Lake the new executive committee met and organized. The new members are Clyde Duffy Vice-president, Mack V. Traynor, Pres. Lake Region Bar Association, A. Leslie, Pres., Third Judicial District Bar Association, Alfred Zuger, President Fourth Judicial District Bar Association; and Kurt H. Krauth, Pres., Sixth Judicial District Bar Association, the hold over members are Philip B. Bangs, Pres., First Judicial District Bar Association, O. B. Herigstad, Pres., Fifth Judicial District Bar Association, L. J. Palda, Jr., as Retiring President, Aloys Wartner, Sr., our new President and M. L. McBride, Sec'y.-Treas.

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### WANTS TO RETIRE

Mr. H. A. Armstrong, Attorney at Law of, Hazelton, N. D., who has practiced his profession in the territory of Dakota and State of North Dakota since the fall of 1883, has decided to withdraw from practice; he has a good location, a fair working library, book cases, and other office furniture; he solicits correspondence with attorneys desiring a location, and increase of practice.

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### OUR SUPREME COURT HOLDS

In Charles F. Russell, doing business as Russell Transfer & Storage Co., Applt. vs. Great Northern Railway Company, a corporation, and Interstate Transportation Company, a Corporation, Resp.