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## The Annual Meeting Program

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not to have confidence in our integrity or honesty and we do not make any effort, or the right effort, to vindicate ourselves. I believe this could all be changed if lawyers would just get to know each other, and become united and work more for our common good. We would be surprised to find that most lawyers are pretty good fellows, are patriotic citizens and honorable. A united bar would instill and strengthen our self-respect, would gain the confidence of our outside brethren. We would be well started on the way to remove the prejudices against our profession and the misunderstanding and misinformation about lawyers that are so prevalent. We would be more useful citizens and able to accomplish more for the welfare of our nation, our state and the community in which we live.

A year's service as president of the State Bar Association has convinced me that this organization can do little in building up morale and unity among lawyers. We meet once a year in our annual convention but do little except of a very general character. There is lots of preaching but little work. The lawyer's standing and the welfare of his profession can be built up and effectively served through local Associations, County and District. During the past year an effort has been made to have these local organizations become more active and there has been considerable improvement. Every county should have a militant bar association. There should be frequent meetings and interesting programs. In this way the lawyers get on friendly terms, and discuss their problems, and exchange advice and confidences. This gradually becomes a part of the business of lawyers perhaps more important and beneficial than work in the office or the court room. Next in importance are the district association meetings where larger groups have the opportunity to get together and legal business and affairs of perhaps a broader scope are subjects of consideration and discussion. More of these district meetings should be held. I would like to leave the suggestion with the incoming officers and committees of the State Association that they continue the work of building up and making more potent county and district bar associations. It is my firm conviction that in this way, and in this way only, can lawyers get to know and properly appreciate each other, and I believe that in this way much can be done to gain the confidence and respect of the great body of the public outside the profession.

C. J. MURPHY.

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### THE ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

The program proposed for the Annual Meeting at Valley City on July 16th and 17th has been drafted, and omitting social and entertainment features, is given below, but is subject to such change as may become necessary.

FRIDAY MORNING — District Court Room, Courthouse

9:00 Registration. Men and Women. Courthouse or Rudolph Hotel Lobby.

Banquet tickets available at registration desk.

- 10:00 Call To Order.  
         Invocation: Reverend T. E. Nugent.  
         Address of Welcome: Mayor Fred J. Fredrickson.  
   William R. Pearce.  
         Response: Hon. L. J. Paulda, Jr.
- 10:30 Address: President C. J. Murphy.  
         Committee Reports:  
                 Executive Committee.  
                 Secretary and Treasurer.  
                 Comparative Law.  
                 Jurisprudence and Law Reform.  
                 American Law Institute.  
                 Uniform Laws.  
                 Legislation.  
                 Americanization and Citizenship.
- 11:30 Address: Hon. A. M. Christianson.  
                         Chief Justice North Dakota Supreme Court.
- 12:00 Lunch. Rudolph Hotel. No Charge. No Program.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON — District Court Room, Courthouse

- 1:30 Appointment of Resolutions Committee.  
         Committee Reports:  
                 Ethics and Internal Affairs.  
                 Modification of the Jury System.  
                 Fee Schedule.
- 2:00 Address: Joseph M. Powers, Fargo.  
                         North Dakota Junior Bar Conference.
- 2:30 Committee Reports:  
         Legal Education.  
         Press and Public Information.  
         Unauthorized Practice of Law.
- 3:00 Address: Hon. Charles D. Hamel, Washington, D. C.  
                 Taxation.
- 4:00 Golf.

FRIDAY EVENING — Municipal Auditorium

- 7:30 Municipal Band.
- 8:00 Address: Hon. L. B. Nichols, Department of Justice,  
                 Washington, D. C.—Criminal Law Enforcement.
- 9:00 Reception for Justices of North Dakota Supreme Court  
         and Guests.

SATURDAY MORNING — District Court Room, Courthouse

- 9:30 Committee Reports:  
         Constitution and By-Laws.  
         Local Organizations.  
         Public Utilities.  
         Criminal Law Enforcement.
- 10:00 Address: Dr. J. Frederick Weltzin, Valley City, North  
                 Dakota,—World Education.
- 11:00 Unfinished Reports.  
         New Business.
- 12:00 Special Group Luncheons.

## BAR BRIEFS

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON — District Court Room, Courthouse

- 1:30 Committee Reports:  
       State Bar Board.  
       Resolutions.  
       Memorials.  
       Unfinished Reports.
- 2:30 Address: Hon. R. B. Graham, K. C., Winnipeg, Canada.
- 3:30 Election of Officers.  
       Unfinished Business.  
       Adjournment.
- 4:00 Golf.

## SATURDAY EVENING — Municipal Auditorium

- 6:30 President's Reception.
- 7:00 Dinner Dance.  
       Entertainment.

## LADIES' PROGRAM

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00 Tour of City.
- 3:00 Tea—Judge Englert's Residence.
- 7:30 Program at Municipal Auditorium.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30 Bridge Luncheon — Country Club.
- 6:30 Municipal Auditorium.  
       President's Reception.  
       Dinner Dance.

**GOLF**—Both the Country Club and College Club Courses are open to all registrants, both men and women, at all times during the convention.

## ENDORSED FOR SUPREME COURT OF UNITED STATES

Hon. L. E. Birdzell, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Dakota, who has been endorsed by the State Bar Association of North Dakota, and many local associations, for appointment as member of the Supreme Court of the United States to succeed Mr. Justice Willis Van Devanter.

If brilliant service, and a long worthwhile record on the Supreme Court of our state entitles one to the appointment to the Supreme Court of the U. S., then former Judge Birdzell will receive it. His host of friends here in North Dakota will consider it a just recognition of his abilities.



L. E. BIRDZELL