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1935 ATTORNEY'S LICENSES

Mr. J. H. Newton, Clerk of the Supreme Court and ex officio Secretary of the State Bar Board announces that he is about to publish the 1935 pamphlet containing the names of members of the Bar of North Dakota who have obtained their 1935 licenses, and asks us to suggest as tactfully as we can that attorneys who have not attended to this detail do so within the next week or so in order that their names may appear in the list of licensed attorneys.

We have several times heard discussions as to the effect upon judicial proceedings, such as real estate mortgage foreclosures, taxation of costs in ordinary actions, etc., of the participation therein by an attorney who has not obtained his current license. So far as we are advised no one has ever been unkind enough to raise the question in any of the courts of this state, but nevertheless the question is there.

When the provision requiring the payment of this annual license fee was first adopted by the legislature there was more or less grumbling among the lawyers, one of the grumblers being the writer of this article; but under the present law the entire license fee is used for the benefit of the Bar of the state; that is, one-half enables the Bar Board to function and the balance keeps the wolf from the door of the Bar Association.

THOSE EMERGENCY MEASURES

And while we are being unpleasant we may as well mention the matter of contributions to defray the expense of printing certain of the measures passed by the last legislative session with the emergency clause. So far as we have heard to date the arrangement whereby these masures were sent to the members of the Association has met with general approval. The expense of preparing, printing and mailing in this connection was \$135.00, and as this is written we have heard from exactly fifty lawyers or firms with their contribution of fifty cents towards that expense, making a total of \$25.05, one attorney having sent 55 cents. No acknowledgments have been sent to those contributing, but in due time their names will be published or reported to the Association.

Inquiry at the office of the Secretary of State produces the information that the first paper-bound issue of the 1935 session laws will be ready for distribution on or shortly after June 1st. The permanent volume will be ready two or three weeks after that time.

LOST—ONE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Mr. L. J. Wehe, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, learns after considerable inquiry that there seems to be no complete copy of those documents. Former Secretary Wenzel kept them up to date with amendments inserted, but at one time loaned his copy to some member of the Association and apparently they were never returned to the Secretary's office. By reference to old issues of Bar Briefs we have made up what appears to be a complete copy; but if any member of the Association has these in complete form we should be very glad to receive the same.