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BURLEIGH F. SPALDING

Judge Burleigh F. Spalding answered the last roll call of members of this Association a few weeks ago. When he did the State lost a good lawyer, a fine judge, an upstanding sound-thinking citizen. Faithful to ideals and fearless of political punishment, Burleigh F. Spalding gave greatly to this State. Astute opportunists can add nothing to the lustre of his life work, nor detract from its solid achievement. Bombast, hypocrisy, pettifoggery, sophistry were unable to get on speaking terms with him, ever. Some men preach ethics, but Judge Spalding lived and practiced it. Somewhat retiring, he may have lacked hangers-on, but never friends, for he was, himself, friendly. His was, indeed, a life well spent.

RESOLUTION

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Dakota State Bar Association held on April 18, 1934, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas there appeared in the February, 1934, issue of Bar Briefs articles entitled "A Matter of Ethics," "Famous Sayings" and "Crime in Office" and

Whereas the publication of said articles was not authorized by the Executive Committee or any member thereof, and

Whereas the officers of this Association did not have, nor did any member of the Executive Committee have any notice or knowledge that the said articles were to be published, and

Whereas such articles are claimed to reflect upon the integrity and standing of certain members of this Association,

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Executive Committee of the State Bar Association that we regret the publication of said articles and disapprove of the use of Bar Briefs for the publication of articles which tend to reflect upon the character or integrity of any person.

J. P. CAIN,
President.

CRIME IN OFFICE

That phrase was used in the February issue, as a heading to a short article. The term related only to the Editor, being used originally with respect to his position as a compensation commissioner, and was reported again to be invoked against him in relation to his position as Secretary-Treasurer of the Bar Association in connection with the matter appearing under the heading. It was not intended to and did not accuse any other practitioner. The filing referred to was for the purpose of preserving the record, and the notice in Bar Briefs was for the purpose of advising all North Dakota lawyers where that record might be available.

FAMOUS SAYINGS

That phrase was used in the February issue. The matter under the heading was treated as a "slip of the tongue," appropriate for any wit and humor column. It was not used or intended to be used as a charge of unethical practice against anyone.