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Fargo, entitled "What becomes of my property if I die without leaving a will?"

The article was written by the Editor, following complaints of several attorneys regarding the pamphlet, copies of which were enclosed with the complaints.

We have since received from the Bank & Trust Company copies of other pamphlets put out, also excerpts from advertising and radio addresses. In fairness, therefore, it should be said that the pamphlet referred to last month appears to be the only one that is really objectionable and subject to criticism. The other matter put out, while it borders on legal advice in several instances, does plainly refer the reader to a lawyer or "your" lawyer. It is unfortunate that these facts were not known or presented along with the complaints.

The Editor's views, however, remain unchanged. He insists that no bank or trust company has any authority, directly or indirectly, to give legal advice, to solicit legal business, to publish or circulate schedules of fees for legal work, or to supply, offer or direct people to legal talent, because no corporate entity can comply with the essential requirements of education, training, experience, character qualification, or oath of office, or be subjected to discipline for unprofessional conduct.

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Reports from President Traynor and local officers of the district associations tell of some very fine meetings this past month at Minot for the Northwest District, at Bowman for the Southwest District, at Wahpeton for the Third District, and at Rugby for the Lake Region District. The First District meeting, slated for Grand Forks June 30th, will probably not be reported in time for this month's publication. The leather medal, for best attendance and interest, goes, if we read the reports correctly, to Wahpeton, where "a most successful and inspiring meeting" was concluded with an outing at Long Lake, Shady Rest Resort being leased for the occasion.

Officers elected at these meetings were: Northwest District—President, H. L. Halvorson; Secretary, C. E. Brace; Treasurer, V. E. Stenerson; Vice Presidents for the Counties, James Johnson for Ward; Earl P. Walter for Burke; E. J. McIlraith for Divide; C. N. Cottingham for Mountrail; J. J. Weeks for Bottineau; D. J. O'Connell for McHenry; J. S. Taylor for McKenzie; A. J. Gronna for Williams; S. A. Sorenson for Renville. Southwestern District—President, H. P. Jacobson; Secretary, M. S. Byrne. Third District—President, Geo. M. McKenna; Secretary, not reported. Lake Region District—President, J. J. Kehoe; Secretary, not reported. First District—President, Tracy R. Bangs; Secretary, not reported.

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