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Bankers' Association if it would appoint a Committee for such purpose and authorize it to employ an attorney to do such research and to report both to the Committee of the Bankers' Association and to this Committee. In April 1944, such action was authorized by the Bankers' Association, and accordingly, your Committee with that of the Bankers' Association will have the full time services for some months at least of an attorney for such purposes. It is evident that the work cannot be completed prior to the 1944 Annual Meeting of the Bar Association, and at that time a further oral report will be made upon its progress.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT OF LEGAL INSTITUTES AND BAR CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

TO THE MINNESOTA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

RECOMMENDATIONS

Your Committee recommends:

1. That the holding of Legal Institutes by the State Bar Association at its annual meetings and from time to time by the affiliated associations be continued.

2. That "Sections" within the Association are desirable and should be created similar insofar as practicable to those existing in the American Bar Association.

3. That a special committee of the Association be appointed by the president for the purpose of submitting to the Board of Governors a Section plan including:
   a. The organization of Sections.
   b. Qualification for membership and administration matters generally.
   c. The number of Sections and manner of determining topics to be assigned to each.
   d. Meetings—when and where to be held.
   e. Amendments to the constitution if any be necessary and to the by-laws for the purpose of consummating the plan.

4. That upon approval by the Board of Governors of the Section Plan submitted to it, the Board of Governors take such steps as may be necessary for the purpose of making the plan effective.

5. That hereafter the members of the Legal Institutes and Bar Conference Committee be nominated by the president elect and submitted to the Board of Governors for confirmation each year at the first meeting of the new Board.

6. That the 1944-5 Committee on Legal Institutes in cooperation with the Committee on Jurisprudence and Law Reform attempt to secure the consideration of the court reorganization plan by each of the affiliated associations during the current year for the
purpose of securing the submission of that plan to the Association at its 1945 annual meeting for its consideration and recommenda-

REPORT

Your committee has found that the matter of the holding of Legal Institutes has been well received by the Bar generally. The Institutes held were well attended and the topics discussed were ably presented. Those attending were enthusiastic and the committee is firmly convinced that the Bar generally is in favor of continuing the holding of Institutes on current subjects and that it would be a mistake and a step backward to discontinue them.

As far as known to your committee, the following Institutes were held during the past year:

On August 21, 1943, the Bar Association of the Seventh Judicial District held a meeting in St. Cloud, at which the court reorganization plan was discussed although, strictly speaking, the meeting was a general Bar meeting and not in the nature of an Institute.

On September 4, 1943, the Eighteenth Judicial District Bar Association held an Institute at Anoka at which income taxes were discussed in the afternoon by representatives of the Department of Internal Revenue. In the evening the subject was Title Standards for the Examination of Abstracts, in which the leader was Mr. Carroll Patton of Minneapolis.

On October 30, 1943, the Sixteenth Judicial District Bar Association met at Wheaton and discussed Title Standards. At this meeting there was no outside discussion leader.

On November 2, 1943, The Eleventh Judicial District Bar Association held an Institute at Duluth in the afternoon and evening. Mr. Ralph Comaford of Minneapolis discussed Joint Tenancies and Mr. Philip Sherman discussed tax problems relating to Joint Tenancies, including income, inheritance, gift and real estate taxes.

On November 4, 1943, the First Judicial District Bar Association held an Institute on the Court Reorganization Plan at Hastings, Minnesota, led by Mr. Milton I. Holst, of Red Wing.

On November 26, 1943, the Ramsey County Bar held an Institute on income taxes. Mr. John Connelly acted as discussion leader.

On December 17, 1943, the Ramsey County Bar Association held an Institute. Mr. Russell M. Carlson discussed the O.P.A. Rules and Mr. Ralph McCarens discussed the Emergency Price Control Act of 1942 as amended by the Second War Powers Act. Mr. Leonard H. Murray discussed Price Regulations and Mr. Glenn Catlin discussed Rationing Regulations.

On January 5, 6 and 7, 1944, a three day income tax course was given at the Dyckman Hotel in Minneapolis sponsored by the Extension Division of the University of Minnesota in cooperation with the State Bar Association. This course was attended by approximately eighty practicing lawyers of the state. The course was under the direction of Mr. J. M. Nolte, a member of your committee. Prof. Henry Rottschaefer of the University Law School and Mr. Hayner N. Larson of the Minneapolis Bar acted as discussion leaders.

On January 14 and 15, 1944, the Ninth Judicial District Bar Association held an Institute at New Ulm. Mr. Knute Stalland of St. Paul discussed Unemployment Compensation. Prof. Henry Rottschaefer discussed the Income Tax Law as well as Inheritance, Estate and Gift Tax. Mr. Joswick of the Internal Revenue office discussed the preparation of income tax returns, including farm returns.

On January 18, 1944, the Eleventh Judicial District Bar Association held a midwinter meeting in Duluth at which Mr. Warren E. Burger, a member of the committee on Public Relations of the State Bar Association, discussed the subject of Public Relations.

On January 21 and 22, 1944, the Seventeenth Judicial District held an
Institute at Fairmont. Mr. Philip Sherman discussed Joint Tenancies, Inheritance, Estate and Gift Tax Law. Mr. Stanley B. Houck discussed the Income Tax Law as well as Administrative Law and Cooperation with Lay Groups. Mr. C. L. Engelbert of the Internal Revenue Department discussed the preparation of farm income tax returns.

On January 28, 1944, an Institute was held by the Ramsey County Bar Association on the subject of War Contracts, Re-Negotiation and Termination. Discussion leaders were Messrs. George F. James, Chief of the Price Adjustment Section of Chicago, and Wilbur Katz, Dean of the University of Chicago Law School. This Institute was in the nature of a joint meeting by the Ramsey County and Hennepin County Bar Associations.

On February 10, 1944, an Institute was held by the Hennepin County Bar Association on Income Tax problems led by Messrs. Hayner N. Larson and John W. Windhorst of the Hennepin County Bar and by Mr. Charles Colburn of the Internal Revenue Office.

On February 12, 1944, the Fourteenth Judicial District held an Institute and dinner at Crookston. The dinner was in honor of Chief Justice Loring and was attended by every member of the Supreme Court, each of whom made a short address. Your chairman attended this meeting as the guest speaker. The subject discussed at the Institute was the income tax law and was led by Prof. Henry Rottschaefer.

On February 19, 1944, the Twelfth Judicial Bar Association had a meeting and dinner which was not, strictly speaking, an Institute.

On February 22, 1944, the Eleventh Judicial District held an Institute at Duluth on Income Tax Law led by Prof. Rottschaefer and Mr. H. V. Spehar of the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue. A Bar luncheon was given at noon, which was attended by your president and vice president, your secretary and executive secretary.

On February 26, 1944, the Range Bar Association had an Institute on the subject of the New York Automobile Insurance Law, at which Mr. James J. Courtney of the Duluth Bar acted as discussion leader.

On March 31, 1944, the Ramsey County Bar Association held a clinic on the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act, which was led by Mr. R. G. Patton of the Hennepin County Bar and the Honorable Albin S. Pearson of the Ramsey County Bar Association.

On April 15, 1944, the Range Bar Association held an Institute on Social Security and Unemployment Compensation addressed by Prof. H. L. McClintock of the University Law School.

As far as disclosed by our records, several of the affiliated associations did not hold Institutes during the past year.

This, no doubt, was largely due to transportation difficulties and other conditions brought about by the war.

Upon the termination of the war, your committee believes there will be need of and a demand for refresher courses for the benefit of those who have been in the Service or engaged in war activities, which demand can and no doubt will be supplied by the Committee on Legal Institutes then acting. Your committee recommends that this matter receive serious consideration and that the Bar of the State be ready to supply this service when the time arrives.

Your committee gave serious consideration to the question of establishing Sections within the Association. It feels that the establishment of Sections would be beneficial since it would give each member of the Bar an opportunity to associate himself with that branch of the law in which he is most interested. It is felt that the matter was of such importance that if established, the details of the organization and the subsequent operation of sections should be left to a special committee and it has so recommended.

Your Legal Institutes and Bar Conference Committee held a meeting with representatives of the affiliated associations in St. Paul on the afternoon of September 10, 1943. The meeting was well attended and the program included a brief discussion of various matters of current interest followed by a dinner addressed by Mr. George Jordan of the Minneapolis Star Journal.