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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joint Council of Legal Education

The President of the Indiana State Bar Association and the President of the State Board of Law Examiners have arranged for a meeting to consider the organization of a joint council of legal education for the state of Indiana. This meeting is called for Thursday, January 18th, at 6:30 P. M., at the Claypool Hotel, the evening before the annual mid-winter meeting of the State Bar Association. Certain committees and individuals peculiarly interested in legal education have been invited to attend the meeting. These include the members of the State Board of Law Examiners, Milo N. Feightner, Remster A. Bingham, Judge Julian Sharpnack, Dean Bernard C. Gavit and Lenn J. Oare; members of the Committee on Legal Education of the Indiana State Bar Association, John Randolph, Judge Alfred J. Link, Dean Thomas F. Konop, Joseph G. Wood, Rufus Hinshaw, Milo N. Feightner and Bernard C. Gavit; members of the Board of Managers and officers of the Indiana State Bar Association, Eli F. Seebirt, Wilmer T. Fox, Thomas C. Batchelor, John A. Gavit, Benjamin F. Long, Ira H. Church, James R. Newkirk, Robert M. Van Atta, Chase Harding, T. Morton McDonald, Carl M. Gray, Estal G. Bielby, George L. Tremain, Wade H. Free, J. W. Fesler and Frank H. Hatfield; the editor of the Indiana Law Journal, Fowler Harper; and Mr. Will Sharfoth, editor of the Bar Examiner and Chairman of the Committee on Legal Education of the American Bar Association.

MEETING OF LOCAL BAR ASSOCIATION OFFICERS.

Pursuant to the request of the officers of the American Bar Association, President Seebirt has called a meeting of the presidents and officers of all local and district bar associations of Indiana to be held at 2:30 P. M. Thursday, January 18th, in the Claypool hotel. This meeting is to be held the day before the annual mid-winter meeting so that those attending it may remain for the program the following day. President Seebirt has sent a letter to the president of every local bar association in the state explaining the purpose and objective of this meeting

and urging each association to cooperate with the State Bar Association and with the American Bar Association in carrying out the National Bar Program. Mr. Will Shafroth, Special Assistant to President Evans of the American Bar Association, will explain the details of this program and indicate the part which each local association can take in it. This invitation to the officers of local associations is made irrespective of their membership in the State or National Association. The entire National Bar Program is in no sense propaganda to increase the membership of the American Bar Association or the State Bar Association. It is a gigantic effort to mobilize the various and scattered units of the legal profession into one coordinated effort to eliminate the wide-spread abuses in the administration of justice.

COMMITTEE ON INDIANA ANNOTATIONS OF THE RESTATEMENT OF THE LAW

President Seebirt has announced the appointment of the following committee to cooperate with the American Law Institute in bringing the Restatements of the Law into active use by the profession and to have charge of the continued work of Indiana annotation to the Restatements: Herbert Wilson, Judge Walter E. Treanor, Judge William F. Dudine, Judge Donald Rogers and Walter Arnold. The American Law Institute has to date completed its two volume Restatement of Contracts under the direction of Professor Samuel Williston of the Harvard Law School, and the Restatement of Agency, under the direction of the late Professor Floyd Meachem of the University of Chicago and Professor Warren A. Seavey of the Harvard Law School. During the next ensuing year the Institute will publish the first two of the four volumes on Torts and the complete volume on Conflict of Laws. Thereafter each year will see one or more completed volumes of the Restatement until the entire program of the Institute has been completed.

As a vital and important part of the Institute's program the Bar Associations of each state are preparing under the direction of competent scholars, complete and exhaustive annotations to be appended to the appropriate sections of the Restatement. The Restatement itself and these annotations afford what will probably be the most scholarly statement of the common law ever prepared. The Restatement has behind it the combined judgment of outstanding judges, writers and law professors of the

country and the result represents the work of ten to fifteen years of constant and diligent examination of all available authority and the expenditure of well over a million dollars.

The work of annotation in Indiana has been going on under the auspices of the Indiana State Bar Association. This work has been allocated by the Association to Indiana University Law School and to Notre Dame University Law School. The work of annotation of Contracts has been completed by Professor Hugh E. Willis of Indiana University Law School and has been available to the profession for the last two weeks. This work represents three years of careful and continuous research by Professor Willis and comprehends the entire field of the law of Contracts as determined by the Appellate courts of this state. The Indiana State Bar Association is proud of this contribution to legal science, and the appointment of the present committee indicates that the Association will continue to cooperate with the Institute in carrying out its great program.

One of the educational tasks of the committee will be to emphasize to the profession the value and utility of the Restatement and annotation. The Appellate courts of this state as well as those of many other states are already citing the Restatements as authoritative enunciations of the common law. The committee will desire to encourage in every way the bench and bar of the state to rely upon and use what may well be regarded as the finest effort that the legal profession can make in stating and coordinating in clear and orderly manner the complex materials of the common law upon which our society is founded.