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ever, the economic consideration is not the most important aspect of this statistical pattern. He rather, regards with alarm the fact that the profession is failing to meet its responsibility as servants of the public when it permits others to take from it areas of service where it is best qualified to perform.

Specialization Answer?

One answer to this problem, and here again the emphasis must be on organization, is specialization. The doctors have shown the way here—and perhaps have gone too far. The medical societies are saying now that fewer specialists, and more general practitioners, are needed. But the lawyers, as a group, have been loathe to leave the field of general practice and to offer to the public trained men, in sufficient numbers, to serve the specialized needs of the public—in business, in taxation, in labor matters, and in estate planning, to mention only a few.

The North Carolina Bar association, through the efforts this year of the Committee on Continuing Legal Education, has made a beginning, at least, in its program to bring certain knowledge heretofore regarded as the particular property of the specialist to the general practitioner. And it is reassuring to observe—and ample proof of the proposition that, because of general educational background, the lawyer is best equipped to serve the public in a wide variety of fields—that, upon exploring the areas of the so-called specialist, the mysteries of those fields disappear. The general practitioner loses his fear, which has developed only because he had not given himself a chance in those particular realms of practice.

Institutes Commended

You will be interested and gratified to know that at the American Law Institute meeting some three weeks ago in Washington, D. C., North Carolina was singled out as a state of outstanding accomplishment in the field of continuing legal education due to the efforts of our Committee this year, which saw some 15 legal institutes held over the state from Asheville in the west to Greenville in the east. That Committee is to be commended for outstanding work, and for the resulting accolade to our association.

Perhaps it would not be amiss to philosophize for a moment on the essential nature of a profession. If we concede that we are servants of the public, it follows that the public is our master and, although its control is quiet and subtle, it is nevertheless powerful. If our performance is not competent, and given at reasonable rates, the public will correct the situation entirely from its point of view, to its liking, and in its own way.

Doctors' Plan

The members of the medical profession were shocked at the progress which had been made by the idea that the cost of their performance was too high for a large segment of society and at the quiet pressure which had grown for governmental control of certain of its activities; it was only by considerable and organized effort that the doctors were able to retain control of their professional affairs.

But this story is not yet completely told. The North Carolina Medical society within the past few weeks announced its own plan for sickness and hospital insurance for those in the modest income brackets. Those who describe this plan as socialistic are apparently unfair, inasmuch as it originated with the profession and was not imposed by the Government and thus lacks the compulsory aspect which generally accompanies a true socialistic product.

My point is this: By organized

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effort, the doctors successfully resisted a powerful threat to their professional freedom and by organized study and action, they have worked out a plan of their own—but it must be remembered that this was responsive to unrelenting pressure from the public.

Socialistic Threat

There are many thoughtful lawyers today, including the President of the American Bar association, who warn that the threat of socialization of the legal profession is very real, and that the danger can be met only by making needed legal services available to all, regardless of ability to pay.

Certainly we have seen that our profession is sensitive to the requirements of the public. When the lay community felt that the courts were not handling in an adequate way the broad field of employee personal injury and death cases—that the costs to the employee and his family were too great, that the delays in effecting settlements were too extensive, that the law, with its doctrines of contributory negligence, fellow servant, and voluntary assumption of risk, placed too great a burden on the claimant—it removed this field from the courts initially, and delegated it to a commission with quasi-judicial functions and with authority, among other things, to fix the lawyer's compensation.

Study Trends, Solve Problems

Gentlemen, only through the organized bar can we study the trends and resolve the problems which affect our profession; only we should be heard; can we be vocal on matters as to which we should be heard; can we be true to our heritage and offer constructive leadership to the community; and can we successfully meet the pressure of criticisms, whether they be the strident voice of the socialist or the quiet observations of our next door neighbor.

We cannot properly evaluate our professional responsibility in these times without taking a broad view of the scene today. In the 5,000 years of recorded history the struggle for wealth and the struggle for power have been violent and unceasing. And it is interesting to note that, in all this time, up to some 200 years ago, there has never been at any one time, out of all the hundreds of millions of people who inhabited this earth, more than two or three percent who enjoyed liberty and freedom as we here in America know these priceless treasures—and that in all of those thousands of years, out of all of those hundreds of millions, there have been never more than two or three percent who had any more than mere sustenance—a little food—a little ragged clothing—and some form of inadequate shelter.

And then about 200 years ago a little group of men set up a new nation on these shores, and a kind God brought together a small band of statesmen and patriots, determined to be rid of tyranny forever, determined to be masters and not the servants of their government—men whose spirit was typified by John Hancock who said, "I write my name large so that the King's hangman might make no mistake."

And so there was built here in America, under our constitution, a system and standard of living that gave more people liberty, and more people a better standard of living than humanity had known anywhere, at any time, in all history in any country in the world.

Menace of Communism And now has appeared Communism on the world scene, and the world struggle is so great that in our time we will know whether we are going to be able to continue the kind of life that we want to live, or whether we will be forced to live the kind of life under the Marxian ideology that 800 million people live in this world today.

Therefore, it behooves us to "write our names large" so that the people of this country can make no mistake. The lawyers have written their names large in the past. People, generally, should know their achievements; the Magna Charta; the American Declaration of Independence; the American Constitution; the Virginia Bill of Rights; the State Constitutions and many others.

Bar Association Program

In the very bigness of the world struggle, the efforts of the bar association may seem small indeed, but they are, nevertheless, important. The programs of the associations in this country include improvement in the administration of justice; careful selection of judges; high standards of administration; legal aid for those who cannot pay; protection of the public from untrained and unskilled advice; study of ways and means to combat the divorce evil, and to guard always the American home and family; study of ways and means of combating juvenile delinquency; studies in the field of international and comparative law, and of the work of the United Nations; and perhaps most important of all, American citizenship, the education and understanding of its privileges and responsibilities.

And who is better qualified than

the American lawyer to lead the way in good citizenship—who knows better than he the genius of our democracy, the deep sources of its strength and the things which have made it great?

Dedication To Task

The time is here and now when men of your kind—men of your position—and others like you all over this state and nation must dedicate themselves to the task of serving this country, making secondary the pursuit of fees or reputation or comfort. By such men was this country created, and by such men will this country be preserved.

Uniting and coordinating the bar is but the minutest part of this broader task. When we return to our homes, will this have been just another meeting where we have heard some addresses and enjoyed the fellowship of our brother lawyers—or will we make the dedication and sacrifice to this big job that someone has to do?

Will we tell the people that these are no longer times in which men can go about saying "What can I get out of my Government?" But rather they must say, "How can I serve my country?"

And if we want a client, what better client can we have than our homes, our families, our churches, and this country—which has made us what we are today, and if we truly dedicate ourselves to this high purpose, the lawyer, indeed, will be the "aristocrat of the democracy."

CARTHAGE

Bride-Elect Feted

Miss Elizabeth Currie, whose marriage to Oscar LeRoy Shoemfelt, Jr., will take place tomorrow afternoon in the Carthage Presbyterian church, was given a bride luncheon by Mrs. Daniel Roberts on Monday.

The Roberts home was decorated with summer flowers. The honoree's place was marked with a nosegay and she also received a gift of crystal in her patterns from the hostess.

Guests with Miss Currie were Mrs. W. H. Currie, Mrs. Wilton Brown, Mrs. L. R. Sugg, Mrs. Dudley Pendleton, Mrs. J. K. Roberts, Mrs. Wendell Chaffin, and Misses Kitty, Ann, and Ruth Douglas Currie.

Mrs. Brown won the high score bridge prize. On Tuesday, honoring Miss Currie, Miss Maida Jenkins gave a luncheon at her home.

Small tables were set up in the living room, each with a miniature centerpiece of white flowers and fern, and after the guests found their places, they were invited into the dining room, where Mrs. Charles T. Grier and Mrs. John M. Currie served, seated at the dining table which was covered with an imported cloth of hand-embroidered linen and lace. The centerpiece was an artistic arrangement of white carnations, asters, mums and feverfew.

After luncheon, the bride-elect was showered with gifts of linen.

The guests with the honoree were Mrs. W. H. Currie, Mrs. Reid pleasants, Mrs. Wilton Brown, Mrs. E. S. Adams, Mrs. W. G. Brown, Mrs. Charles T. Grier, Mrs. John Currie, Mrs. Daniel Roberts, Mrs. Dudley Pendleton, Mrs. John Hutchins, Mrs. W. D. Sabiston, Mrs. L. R. Sugg, Mrs. J. M. Lane, Misses Frances McKeithan, Jean McDonald, Kay Boyette, Frances Golden, Kitty, Ann and Ruth Douglas Currie.

Tuesday evening, Mrs. John Hutchins of High Point and Mrs. Dudley Pendleton entertained at bridge for Miss Currie at the home of Mrs. Hutchins' mother, Mrs. J. A. Davis.

Summer flowers in pastel shades were used in decorating throughout the house. The guests made up six tables of bridge and after several progressions, the hostesses served a dessert course. Mrs. Hutchins and Mrs. Pendleton presented the guest of honor with lovely bridal gifts.

Birth Announcement

A daughter was born to Dr. and Mrs. Dwight Currie of Baltimore, Md., on July 17. Dr. Currie is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Currie of Carthage.

Briefs

The Rev. and Mrs. George W. Blount and Susan Hill and George, Jr., are spending several weeks at Lake Junaluska.

Mrs. Dan Carter is a patient in the Moore County hospital.

Mrs. J. K. Roberts returned last week from Pittsburgh, Pa., where she had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. William Eaves, for the past two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin G. Spencer spent the weekend at Pawley's Island, S. C.

Mrs. Lilly McPhail and grandchildren, Dick and Beth Leach, from Washington, N. C., are visiting her daughter, Mrs. John M. Currie.

Mrs. L. P. Tyson and Miss Ruth Tyson spent several days last week in the mountains of North Carolina.

Mrs. Don Hyman left Sunday

for an extended visit with relatives in eastern North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Caddell and children vacationed in western North Carolina last week and attended a performance of the pageant, "Unto These Hills."

Mrs. Harry Schler and children of Augusta, Ga., visited her mother, Mrs. R. S. Shields, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald Whitlock of Baltimore, Md., recently visited their mother, Mrs. B. F. Whitlock, Sr.

Mrs. Randall Tate of Aberdeen spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Carl Frye.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sabiston and Bill, Jr., and Kinsey, left Thursday for a week's stay at the beach.

Mrs. Maxwell Gardner and young sons from Alexandria, Va.,

are visiting Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Spence this week.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF MOORE

The undersigned, having qualified as executrix of the Estate of Mary B. Hall, deceased, late of Moore County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present such claims to the undersigned, on or before the 24th day of July, 1953, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 24th day of July, 1952.

RUBY HALL, Executrix Estate of Mary B. Hall.

NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA, MOORE COUNTY.

KATHARINE T. McDONALD, Trading as THEODOTA, Plaintiff, vs. MRS. JULIE D. BANIGAN, Defendant

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

Mrs. Julie D. Banigan, the defendant above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Moore County, in which the plaintiff claims the sum of \$351.22, for goods sold and delivered by the plaintiff to the

defendant.

Said defendant will also take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Moore County on the 4th day of September, 1952, and answer or demur to the complaint, or plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief therein demanded.

Said defendant will further take notice that in said action an order of attachment against the property of said defendant has been issued and all property of the defendant located in the house at 335 S. May Street, Southern Pines, N. C., has been attached.

This 23rd day of July, 1952.

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