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Mr. Arthur K. Vanderbilt

The address of Mr. Vanderbilt, the president of the American Bar Association, before the Seattle Bar Association on April 28, left his enthusiastic audience deeply impressed with his sincerity, ability, energy and charm.

Pointing to the work that has been done in the Revision of the Federal Rules (reported elsewhere in this issue) as one example of what can be done by the bench and bar to simplify and speed up administrative law, Mr. Vanderbilt indicated that much is yet to be done among the states along these lines. Mr. Vanderbilt also stressed the work that is being done by the sections of the American Bar Association in various branches of adjective law, notably that of the section on Evidence under Dean Wigmore, as great forward strides in bringing the practice of law "up to the twentieth century".

Significantly, Mr. Vanderbilt suggested that all that the American Bar Association can do is furnish guidance—that the actual work of making corrective changes rests in the hands of the lawyers and judges in each locality. While Congress is assisting the Supreme Court in clarifying the federal practice and in the better organization of the work of the federal courts through such instrumentalities as the Ashurst Bill now pending and provision for increasing the federal judiciary, the bench and bar of each state must shoulder the task of improvement of local administrative law, according to Mr. Vanderbilt.

"The product of the court is the joint work of the lawyers and judges," said Mr. Vanderbilt.

Washington lawyers hail the latest achievement of the Judicial Counsel, the new changes in the Supreme Court Rules and the collection of these rules into one grouping as advancing Washington in the vanguard of the states that already have undertaken the task of bringing local administrative law "up to the twentieth century".

Suggested Reading

The encroachment of lay organizations and agencies on fields of activity once exclusively within the confines of the lawyer's domain has received unusually careful and sane analysis in the Winter Number of *LAW AND CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS*, the quarterly periodical of Duke University School of Law, which is devoted entirely to a symposium on this vital issue. Particularly recommended is the article entitled, "The Bar's Troubles, and Poultices—and Cures?" by K. N. Llewellyn, Professor of Jurisprudence, Columbia University Law School. Copies of the periodical may be obtained at 75 cents per copy by addressing the periodical, in care of the Duke University School of Law at Durham, North Carolina.

The Statement of Facts

Your Friend, the Washington Lawyer, Works Hard and Plays Occasionally; Here He Is:

On February 12, 1938, the TACOMA BAR ASSOCIATION held its annual Lincoln Day Birthday Banquet. The principal speaker was JUDSON FALKNOR, Dean of the University of Washington Law School. Chief Justice WILLIAM J. STEINERT spoke on behalf of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington, and Judge E. D. HODGE of the Superior Bench of Pierce County and President of the Superior Court Judges Association, spoke on early reminiscences of the Pierce County Bar. FRANK HALE spoke on behalf of the newly admitted members of the Bar. Judge ERNEST M. CARD spoke on behalf of the Superior Court Judges. RALPH THOMPSON, President of the Bar Association, presided as toastmaster.

FRANK NEAL, senior member of the firm of Neal & Bonneville, is in Southern California and New Mexico on an extended pleasure trip.

ELMER HAYDEN, senior member of the firm of Hayden, Metzger & Blair, is also travelling in Southern California and Northern Mexico.

BARTLETT RUMMEL resigned as assistant corporation counsel of the City of Tacoma and entered the private practice of law, having offices at suite 1114 Rust Building, to which location WALLACE W. MOUNT moved on the first of the year.

JOSEPH W. QUICK retired February 23rd as assistant Western counsel for the Northern Pacific Railway Company, and the firm of Henderson, Carnahan & Thompson has been appointed local counsel of the Northern Pacific in Tacoma.

JOHN O'CONNOR and MARSHAL McCORMICK, newly admitted attorneys in Tacoma, have located respectively in the offices of Ellis & Evans and A. G. Laffin.

Judge W. O. CHAPMAN, dean of Superior Court judges, is temporarily in Spokane trying the Davenport Hotel picket case.

The deadline for this issue came too early to permit a report on the annual dinner jointly sponsored by the King County Medical Society and the SEATTLE BAR ASSOCIATION, scheduled for May 9. Meeting on a common ground of professional character, these lawyers and doctors are cementing a closer bond of understanding between the two greatest professions—a bond that daily becomes of increasing importance in a world of change and uncertainty.

The SEATTLE BAR ASSOCIATION has adopted a resolution authorizing its trustees to devise a workable plan for LEGAL AID without the use of state assistance. The trustees are now formulating the program which shortly will be placed in actual operation.

The SEATTLE BAR ASSOCIATION will have its own representative in the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association, according to word received by S. HAROLD SHEFFELMAN, president. Not more than fifteen local Bar Associations throughout the United States have qualified for this representation under the constitution of the American Bar Association, which provides that any local Bar Association having 800 or more members in good standing, at least 25 per cent of whom are members of the American Bar Association, can have its own representative in the House of Delegates, in addition to the two state representatives otherwise provided for.