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Prospect and Retrospect

The Quarterly Letter to the State Bar From a Member
of the Board of Governors

The April issue of the Bar Journal carried the notice of an
election of new members to the Board of Governors from two con-
gressional districts. Ballots were counted at the Association offices
in Seattle on June 15th, resulting in the election of Mr. Joseph E.
Hall of Vancouver, from the third district, formerly represented
by Mr. A. A. Hull of Chehalis, and the re-election of Mr. Hugo
Metzler, of Tacoma, from the sixth district. The new governor
takes office at the first Board meeting following his election, which
will be July 20th, 1939.

The members of the Board of Governors express their gratitude
for the valuable and conscientious services of Mr. Hull, who is
retiring after six years’ membership on the board. He has given
unstintingly of his time and his sound judgment and counsel have
been of untold help in solving the many perplexing problems that
contantly confront your Board of Governors.

Since the last issue of the Journal meetings have been held at
Yakima and Aberdeen. Following the business meeting at Yakima
the members of the board were the guests of the Yakima Bar at
its annual banquet and were most interestingly entertained by
the Hon. Ralph Kauffman of the Ellensburg Bar who has been
practicing law since territorial days. In addition to the routine
matters at the Aberdeen meeting, considerable time was spent in
passing upon the applicants for the July examinations. To date
sixty have qualified for the examinations. At noon the board met
with the members of the local administrative and trial committees
and in the evening were guests of the Grays Harbor Bar Associa-
tion at its annual banquet.

Considerable attention of course has been given to the forth-
coming annual convention to be held in Spokane, July 21 and 22.
From the program which appears in this issue of the Journal I
am sure you will agree that a most interesting and instructive
program has been arranged. All formal committee reports will be
eliminated inasmuch as they are published before the convention.
This will make more time available for matters of utmost interest
to the members of the association.

Now that the weatherman has gone into reverse the local com-
mittee virtually guarantees that on July 21st and 22nd the weather
in Spokane will be ideal and conducive to a real enjoyable visit if
you will just accept its hospitality. By way of entertainment
for the men, the high spot on the program will be the High Jinks
and buffet supper Friday night, at the Dessert Hotel. You are
all invited to this event as guests of the Spokane Bar Association.
This may be eclipsed, however, by the banquet Saturday night, as
we have just received a flash that Associate Justice W. O. Douglas
of the United States Supreme Court may be on hand. Another
last minute attraction is the Spokane Mendelssohn Club under the
direction of our own member, Harold E. Fraser. This club is
now in its thirty-third season and just recently won a Pacific Coast
network contest.

For the ladies, there will not be an idle minute so bring them
along and make a real vacation out of it. You can even stop and
see the Coulee Dam on your way or visit some of the numerous
lakes after the convention. If you play golf bring along the clubs
because you are going to be turned loose Saturday afternoon and
you will have the choice of four splendid golf courses.

Scattered as we are in the various parts of the state, this is our
annual opportunity to get together, discuss some of the problems
facing the legal profession today, pick up a few new ideas and in-
cidentally get away from the office and have some fun.

Spokane—the Friendly City—not only invites, but really wants
you to come!

Philip S. Brooke.

Board Elects Honorary Members

Meeting on June 3, 1939, the Board of Governors of the Wash-
ington State Bar Association elected as honorary members of the
association the following former lawyers and judges of the state
of Washington:

O. G. Ellis, Tacoma—Age, 78. Place of birth, Nodaway County,
Missouri. Admitted in Missouri, 1886; Washington, 1892. Judge
of Washington Supreme Court from January, 1911, to May, 1918.

O. S. Galbreath, Tacoma—Age, 92. Place of birth, Nashville,
Tenn. Admitted in Tennessee, 1867; Colorado, 1882; Washington,
1913.

S. H. Greene, Castle Rock—Age, 89. Place of birth, Adel, Iowa.
Graduate of Iowa State University Law Department, June 28,
1871. Practiced at Adel, Iowa, for seven years; in Portland, Ore.,
for thirty years. Admitted in Washington at Spokane, February,
1887.

O. R. Holcomb, Olympia—Age, 71. Place of birth, Gibson
County, Indiana. Admitted in Illinois, 1891; Indiana, 1892; Wash-
ington, 1894. Formerly Judge of Washington Supreme Court.

Honorary membership is conferred from time to time by the
Board of Governors upon members who have retired from active
practice and who have practiced for fifty years or have made
signal contribution to the law and the profession in the state of
Washington.