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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 congressional 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 constantly 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 Association at its annual banquet.

Considerable attention of course has been given to the forthcoming 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 committee 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 incidentally 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 Washington 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; Washington, 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.