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STATE BAR JOURNAL

President's Message

There will be introduced at this session of Congress a bill creating a new Circuit Court of Appeals embracing the States of Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana and the territory of Alaska. It is proposed that the headquarters of this new circuit be established at Seattle in the Federal Courthouse where ample facilities are now available for that purpose. Under this bill the three northwest judges now upon the bench in our ninth circuit would be transferred to the new circuit.

The Board of Governors has passed a resolution endorsing said bill and urging its passage. We have also contacted all of the local Bar Associations and requested them to pass and forward to our representatives in Congress a similar resolution. We feel that the proposed new circuit would be a great saving to the lawyers and litigants of the Northwest. It is important that our representatives in Congress be urged to secure the passage of this bill, and a letter to any of them from you would be helpful.

J. SPEED SMITH, *President*,
Washington State Bar Association.

Bar Briefs

N. K. Buck, President of the Yakima County Bar Association, recently appointed Judge Thomas E. Grady to arrange a one-day Bar Institute to be held in Yakima in the Spring. Members of the Kittitas and Benton County Bars are to be invited. Judge Grady announces he will seek the cooperation of the faculty of the University of Washington Law School in connection with this meeting.

Alexander Miller has put up a prize of \$50.00 to be awarded to the Yakima lawyer under the age of 36 submitting the best paper on a matter of civic interest. Elwood Hutcheson is chairman of the Contest Committee.

On December 16th, last, in Spokane, Judge Louis B. Schwellenbach was quietly sworn in as district judge. On the following day in the federal courtroom, members of the local bar assembled as Judge Schwellenbach took the bench for the first time. Ben Kizer and Richard S. Munter gave words of greeting on behalf of the local bar. Judge Lloyd L. Black welcomed Judge Schwellenbach on behalf of his fellow judges.

Clark County is building a six-story, reinforced concrete courthouse at Vancouver. The structure, of modern design, will be ready for occupancy in August. The completed cost will be about \$435,000.00.

Work is scheduled to begin in April upon a new courthouse for Klickitat County. This structure, also of reinforced concrete and of modern design, will be located at Goldendale. It will cost approximately \$170,000.00 and should be completed early in 1942.

In order to study more thoroughly the problem of juvenile delinquency in Clark County, Superior Court Judge Charles W. Hall appointed a coordinating committee of over thirty members representing nearly as many civic and social bodies throughout the County, for the purpose of studying, controlling and reducing juvenile delinquency in the County.

Wendell Duncan, until recently associated with Padden & Moriarty of Seattle, is now in the office of Cheney & Hutcheson in Yakima.

Oluf Johnsen, connected with the Inheritance Tax & Escheat Division of the State of Washington for several years, has opened a law office in Grandview, Washington.

New city attorneys were chosen at the recent city elections held in Camas and Vancouver. At Camas, Earl W. Jackson emerged victorious over Herman Estes. In Vancouver, D. Elwood Caples, incumbent for twelve years, retired the polls in favor of Everal Carson.

At bar meetings in Spokane, Yakima, Olympia, Bellingham, Everett, Bremerton and Seattle, State Bar President J. Speed Smith recently made known the efforts which the State Bar would make to facilitate the work of the 1941 Legislature. At most of the meetings local state senators and representatives were honored guests. He explained that Mr. Richard Ott of Ritzville had been selected to represent the State Bar at Olympia during the session. All legislators were invited to avail themselves of Mr. Ott's expert knowledge of legislative procedure and draftsmanship. Mr. Smith also explained that the Legislative Committee of the State Bar would propose several bills to improve the administration of justice in this state, among them a comprehensive adoption law and a bill to bring our exemption laws up to date.

In June, lawyers in the Second and Fourth Congressional Districts will elect members to the Board of Governors of the State Bar Association to succeed O. D. Anderson of Everett and Nat U. Brown of Yakima. Nominating petitions for these two positions will be available after May 1st in the offices of the county clerks in the districts involved and in the State Bar executive office, Dexter Horton Building, Seattle.

To accommodate graduating law students who may be drafted into military service, the Board of Governors has determined to hold two bar examinations in 1941. The first examination will be held April 15, 16 and 17.

Our State Bar Convention this year will be held at Paradise Inn in Mount Rainier National Park, July 25th and 26th.

Notices of Petitions for Reinstatement

E. S. Snelling

Notice is hereby given that the petition for reinstatement of E. S. Snelling, Seattle, Washington, will be heard and considered by the Board of Governors of Washington State Bar Association at its meeting to be held April 12, 1941. The petitioner resigned from membership in Washington State Bar Association on April 16, 1935, at the conclusion of a trial involving charges that he had procured subscriptions to the capital stock of a mining company upon false representations.

Howard C. Thompson

Notice is hereby given that the petition for reinstatement of Howard C. Thompson, Bellingham, Washington, will be heard and considered by the Board of Governors of the Washington State Bar Association at its meeting to be held April 12, 1941. The petitioner resigned from membership in Washington State Bar Association on August 27, 1938, after the filing of charges involving the wrongful withholding of funds belonging to clients.