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ANNUAL CONVENTION

While various national conventions will not be held this year due to the emergency and scarcity of oil and tires and saving on oil and tires, the Board of Governors were of the opinion (unanimous as usual) that operating under the integrated Bar Act the Annual State Bar Convention should be held.

Adequate rail facilities into, and hotel accommodations at, Spokane will in no wise burden the national set-up especially if the members bring their own sugar.

Lawyers will have many problems to consider, many in connection with the war, taxes, priorities, wage contracts, administrative controls, etc., etc.

The convention affords both public and round table discussion of all such problems.

Then sufficient time must be given to that highly controversial subject, comparative negligence.

We meet, of course, in conjunction with the Association of Superior Court Judges. The courts will adjourn so that trial lawyers will have the time "out of court".

An interesting and educational program is promised and the Spokane Bar is noted for its "dissenting opinion" entertainment. So gear up your bicycles for September 25 and 26 at Spokane.

TRACY E. GRIFFIN,
Chairman of Convention Committee.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

This being a non-legislative year, the Washington State Bar Association has not been in the public eye as much as during legislative years, but the Board of Governors has been exceedingly busy and all routine matters which came before the Board have received prompt attention and all matters which could be disposed of have been attended to.

I trust that all of you know that the annual meeting of the State Bar Association will be held at Spokane, Washington, on Friday and Saturday, September 25th and 26th, 1942. The above date was selected for many reasons, and especially on account of the fact that the month of September is usually a very delightful time to be in Spokane, and the above dates do not conflict with the usual trips and vacations which the lawyers and judges take during the vacation term of the courts, and will afford a splendid opportunity for the lawyers to get together and discuss problems which are of interest both to the lawyers and to the judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts. It is a chance to renew personal acquaintances as well as to keep in touch with the important work being done by the State Bar Association. The cooperation of every lawyer is needed if we are to get the best results, and cooperation is made much easier when it is accompanied by personal acquaintance. The program committee is actively at work securing speakers and mapping out subjects for consideration and discussion. I feel sure that each and every lawyer and judge attending this meeting will find the program both instructive and entertaining.

The lawyers' wives of the City of Spokane have formed an organization and they are anxious to meet the wives of other members of the Bar throughout the State. They are taking upon themselves the function of seeing that the visiting wives are entertained during the session, and they are earnestly and cordially asking that the wives accompany their husbands at this gathering. Needless to say, the men of the Bar Association heartily join in this invitation.

The Superior Court Judges' Association have signified their intention of being here and there will be a joint meeting of the judges' association with the Washington State Bar Association.

Harmony and good will prevails throughout the association; the Board of Governors have been diligent and most conscientious in the performance of all of their duties, whether large or small, and are prepared to meet the many problems which will confront them in the ensuing year due to war conditions.

JAMES P. DILLARD,
President.