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THE NEW PRESIDENT

EXIT FRANK AND ENTER FRED—INTRODUCING YOUR PRESIDENT FOR 1945-46

Your Board of Governors, consisting of a Democratic-Republican conglomeration, having voted to adhere to ODT regulations and forego the calling of an annual meeting, determined to meet at Ellensburg and select a new President—not that Frank Holman wasn't an excellent one, but the Republican end of the Democratic board was still "term conscious" and so they cast about the state for a man equal in ability, in story-telling, in speech-making and geniality as "Frank." Result—Fred.

Fred hails from Tacoma. He may be intelligent, because he was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford. While in England he met Frank (also a Rhodes scholar), and all because of Fred's "Watch Tacoma Grow," did Frank finally come to the Northwest to "Watch Tacoma Grow"—(Frank claims that he is still "watching"). I have it upon good authority that Fred's "stories" are rare, and he claims that he doesn't make speeches but only "talks." He can "throw a hitch," saddle a horse and outride any cowboy, and so he should be able to ride herd on the board.

Just to be polite, the board asked its new chairman if he had any suggestions to make for a more complete program for the ensuing year now that the war is over, and much to its surprise, he said he did—

First—The returning lawyer veterans must be given every assistance that the bar can give in aiding them to reestablish themselves as practicing lawyers.

Second—Consideration should be given to publishing a monthly bulletin devoted to the interests of the State Bar.

Third—Further consideration should be given to the rules governing the admission to practice of lawyers from other states. Should more definite and perhaps more stringent requirements be established, as, for example, examinations as are required in California, or should the existing rules be relaxed in the case of young lawyers employed during the war years in government service.

Fourth—More aggressive action with respect to the unauthorized practice of law, with perhaps financial assistance to the committee handling that subject.

Fifth—Definite plans for an annual meeting in 1946, with a program evoking the interest of all and inspiring the active participation of more of the members of the profession.

Gentlemen, the Board of Governors presents your president—Fred D. Metzger, of Tacoma.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW

(This report of the Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law is being printed in this issue of the LAW REVIEW so that every member of the Bar may have the opportunity of reading it. Shortly you will receive a postal card asking you to record your vote as to whether or not you desire the Board of Governors to raise your dues in an amount sufficient to put the program, as suggested by the committee in this report, into effect.—ED.)

The committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law appointed by you met January 5, 1945, for the purpose of considering the proposal of the Board of Governors of the Association to assess the members of the Association \$1 per year, to be used by this committee.

This committee has in the past filed reports indicating a classification of persons who are engaged in the unlawful practice of law. We desire to call your attention to the following violators and the acts which they are committing which we think are violations:

Certified Public Accountants and Public Auditors. This group is probably the most persistent violator we have. They are engaging in the following activities:

1. Filing protests to deficiency income tax assessments.
2. Appealing deficiency income tax assessments to the tax court.
3. Renegotiating war contracts.
4. Filing applications for employers for wage adjustments, and appealing the same to the Labor Board.

Title Companies. The title companies persist in handling escrows, upon which they draft the instruments, issue printed forms of deeds, contracts and mortgages, and in many instances close real estate contracts between the parties. Some progress has been made in the solution of this problem by negotiating with the title companies, but much work is yet to be done.

Insurance Adjusters. These men often solicit personal injury cases arising out of automobile accidents, and in some instances, make settlements without the aid of a lawyer. We do not know if this practice is