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EDITOR'S NOTES

The annual meeting of the Washington State Bar Association was called to order on the afternoon of September 5, 1952, in Tacoma, Washington, by Del Cary Smith, President. An invocation was given by the Reverend James V. Linden, S.J., an address of welcome by Wendell W. Duncan, President of the Tacoma Bar Association, and a response by Herbert Ringhoffer, of Walla Walla.

As is usual, space limitations have precluded publication of all the proceedings. Since the written reports of the various committees of the Bar Association have been published in the State Bar News heretofore, the oral reports of the committees, which were quite voluminous, have been omitted from this publication.

It is regretted that space does not permit the publication of any of the papers given in the course of the five legal institute sessions which were held as an adjunct of the state meeting. These sessions were well attended, and it was the consensus that they were of great interest and value. Institutes were held on the subjects of Trial Practice, Pre-Trial Practice, Organizational Problems of Small Business and Tax Problems Related Thereto, Estate and Insurance Planning, and Accounting Fundamentals.

Mention should be made of the particular emphasis placed at this meeting on public service and the relationship of the lawyer to the public. At a discussion of this subject, presided over by Eugene A. Wright of Seattle, Chairman of the Public Service Committee, reports of the work done in various media of public information, aimed at

informing the public of the role of law and lawyers in their lives and at correcting false characterizations of lawyers in entertainment media, were made by Mr. Wright, Charles Scanlon of Spokane, and Warren Dewar of Seattle. An address delivered by Judge Ward Roney of Seattle as a part of the discussion is printed herein.

It should be noted that all the addresses set out hereinafter apparently were delivered extempore. An unfelicitous printer's deadline did not permit the submission of transcripts to the speakers for correction, and for any stenographic or editorial errors which may exist in the printed versions, apologies are earnestly tendered. It is believed and hoped, however, that if there are any resulting deficiencies from a literary point of view, they are more than compensated for by the vigor and frankness of an undiluted extempore presentation and its element of communion with the audience.

DANIEL C. BLOM, *Editor*
Washington State Bar Journal

ADDRESS BY ARTHUR B. LANGLE
Governor of the State of Washington

It is a privilege again for me to be with you for a few minutes this afternoon and extend greetings to you on your annual meeting.

I always enjoy coming here, because it brings me back to the delightful days when I had a chance to associate with you more intimately. I am glad to be here today to express my thanks to the Bar Association of this State for the excellent cooperation that I have had, while serving as your Governor, in the matter of filling vacancies in our Judicial positions. While there were some contests in that area, at the present time, in the main, the people have expressed extreme confidence in your recommendations and there has been little opposition of many of the posts that have been filled. I feel that with your help the Bench has been strengthened and that we can continue to improve our administration of justice and our techniques in the judicial end of our businesses to the extent that the people of the State will benefit.

Every year as we come to an election, or every four years, it seems that the issues become more important for citizens to understand, in order that we may resolve some of these major questions on a factual basis.

The new techniques that are developing in communications make it easier in one way to get the facts to the people; easier in another