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ANNUAL MEETING

EDITOR'S NOTES

Owing to limitation of space, it has been necessary to omit from this volume certain portions of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting which will be mentioned below.

The 21st Annual Meeting of the Washington State Bar Association was called to order on August 7, 1953 in Bellingham, Washington by President Philip D Macbride, of Seattle. An invocation was given by the Reverend James V. Linden, an address of welcome by Leo C. Goodman of Bellingham, President of the Whatcom County Bar Association, and a response by William Ennis of Spokane.

Most of the reports of committees have already been published in the June and July issues of the Washington State Bar News, and only the reports, given at the meeting, of those committees whose reports did not appear in that publication are set forth in this volume.

With Chairman Eugene A. Wright moderating, the Public Service Committee conducted a panel discussion in the course of which Judge Frank D. James of King County spoke on "Trial Lawyers: How They Appear to Courts and Litigants," John N. Rupp of Seattle on "Telephone Manners in a Law Office," and DeWitt Williams of Seattle on "Office Reception and Correspondence." Judge James' address which appears in this volume, is representative of that discussion and of the continuing emphasis on public service displayed at the annual meetings.

As in previous years, a number of legal institute sessions were held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. Subjects included: "Medical Aspects of Personal Injury Cases," "Appellate Procedure," "Tax Problems in Converting a Partnership into a Corporation," "Anti-Trust Law," and "Law Office Management."

While the two resolutions processed through the Resolutions Committee and reported herein fared less well, the following resolution was passed by acclamation at the end of the Annual Meeting, on August 8, 1953:

"Resolved that we express our deep appreciation to the officers and members of the Whatcom, Skagit and San Juan County Bar Associations and their wives, and to the operators and employees of the Leopold Hotel and the Bellingham Hotel, and to the members of the Bell-

ingham Golf and Country Club for the many acts and courtesies extended to us and our wives during our convention in Bellingham.”

DANIEL C. BLOM, *Editor*
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ADDRESS OF JUDGE DONALD A. McDONALD

President of the Superior Court Judges' Association

I was confronted with considerable difficulty in knowing just what I could say that was either entertaining or instructive in 10 minutes. It occurred to me that you might wonder as to just what this organization is that I represent.

The Superior Court Judges' Association was created by the Extraordinary Session of the 1933 Legislature.

In the beginning of the year 1933, the condition of the calendar in King County was badly congested. There was a backlog of 2,500 cases awaiting to be set for trial and it took 18 months to get a case set after it was at issue.

The state was broke and the counties were broke and the legislature enacted Chapter 59, a statute increasing the filing fees in King County out of which the salaries of 4 new judges were to be paid. The Act became effective on March 4, 1933.

Governor Martin appointed the late John S. Robinson, the late James T Lawler, the Honorable Hugh C. Todd and the Honorable John Bowen, now United States District Judge.

On April 26, 1933, our Supreme Court, in the case of *State ex rel. Pischue v. Olson*, 173 Wash. 60, held the act unconstitutional.

For many years the late Judge William A. Huneke of Spokane had advanced the formation of a statutory body to facilitate the work of the superior courts of the state. A large number of representatives in the Extraordinary Session of 1933 were lawyers from Spokane County and they refused to join with the King County delegation, of which I was a member, unless we would vote for Judge Huneke's plan, and so the act was passed increasing the number of the King County bench from 13 to 15. Governor Martin appointed, on February 17, 1934, James T Lawler and Roger J Meakim.

It occurred to me that it was peculiarly fitting to detail the history