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### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

#### 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 22nd Annual Meeting of the Washington State Bar Association was called to order on September 3, 1954 in Spokane, Washington by President F. A. Kern, of Ellensburg. An invocation was given by the Reverend James V. Linden, an address of welcome by Harold W. Coffin, President of the Spokane Bar Association, and a response by George W. Martin of Seattle.

Most of the reports of committees have already been published in the July issue 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 adverted to in this volume.

With Charles Scanlan, of Spokane, moderating, the Public Service Committee conducted a panel discussion in the course of which John Gavin of Yakima spoke on "Personal Injury Cases and Public Relations," Justin C. Maloney of Spokane on "Probate Practice and Public Relations," and Harvey Erickson of Spokane on "Criminal Law Practice and Public Relations."

As in previous years, a number of legal institute sessions were held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. Subjects included: "Trial Practice," "The Highlights of the Revenue Act of 1954," "Creditors' Rights and Debtors' Estates," "Irrigation Law and Water Rights" and "Law Office Management—Time Records, Fees and the Client."

The Statute Law Committee, under the chairmanship of Ben C. Grosscup of Seattle, presented its report with the aid of lantern slides explained by Harry Ellsworth Foster of Olympia, showing the magnitude and seriousness of the discrepancies between the Session Laws as enacted and the Revised Code of Washington.

Dean Clarence E. Manion was introduced by President F. A. Kern. Last of the five resolutions recommended by the Resolutions Committee, and passed by acclamation, was the following:

"WHEREAS this convention and the members attending this meeting have been so cordially entertained by the Spokane County Bar Association and by its members and their ladies, who have opened their homes to visiting members, and have extended most gracious hospitality in many other ways.

"BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting hereby vote its thanks and appreciation to the Spokane County Bar Association and to its members and their ladies for the unbounded and gracious hospitality that has been extended to the State Association and to its members attending this meeting."

MARY ELLEN KRUG, *Editor*  
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#### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

By F. A. Kern

You know, ladies and gentlemen, that this is the time when your president is supposed to select some subject of the law that he knows more about than any of the rest of you, and tell you all about it. I regret to state that I am not in such a happy position.

I have practiced law all the time since I was admitted to practice in a country town, and my practice has been with the general practice of a lawyer in such a community, taking everything that would come his way.

However, I have lived in an irrigation section for the past 45 years, and if I have specialized along any line, it has been along the line of water law, and so I expected on this occasion to address you on that subject, and I started to get my material together, and I was notified that one of the subjects that you would have for discussion at the law institutes here, would be the same as I had selected for my subject, and