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Report of Committee on Selection of Judges

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should continue and be expanded to all areas of the state through education and cooperation of the members of the bar and through active cooperation of local area committees. Otherwise, the association will fail in an important phase of public relations and in our responsibilities as a profession.

REPORT OF LEGAL INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

BY CLARENCE J. COLEMAN

The Board of Governors this year requested the committee each time that the Board of Governors met in the various communities to put on an institute. Most of the communities chose "Trial Practice" and institutes were held in Walla Walla and Tacoma. At Spokane they asked for "Estate Planning."

Next year the committee hopes in conjunction with the University of Washington and Gonzaga Law Schools to be able to put on an institute and cover some subject such as "Taxation." Since the lawyers are saying that the accountants should not practice law in regard to taxation, it should really rest upon the lawyers to get better acquainted with taxation; and so the committee really hopes to be able to put on a program that will be of help with taxation. However, you need experts for that sort of thing. A charge must be made and you will be charged for that. I assume that the Board of Governors will want to have those meetings in your communities at the same time they have their regular meetings, and my suggestion to the local bar associations is: when they decide what they want us to put on, and when we know that the Board of Governors will be there, we will get a panel for that subject.

I want to express my appreciation on behalf of the committee for the excellent support, and the attendance was very good and we got a very fine reception and cooperation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SELECTION OF JUDGES

BY PHILIP D. MACBRIDE

The previous report of the committee, I think, summarizes the activities. Since it has been prepared there have been a couple of additional vacancies. Otherwise, I think that the report as presented stands.

As pointed out in the report, the duties vary with regard to superior

court vacancies and appointments and supreme court vacancies and appointments. It has been the policy of the committee to obtain from the local bar a selection preference by secret ballot with respect to vacancies occurring in the superior court. The state committee, in view of the obvious inability to know the local citizens, acts only as a screening committee and submits subject to special screening the results of the opinions of the local bar. In some cases the selection is made by names and they are submitted alphabetically, and sometimes it reaches the Governor's office with a number of sheets; but, in any event, the preparation of lists with regard to the superior court originates and should originate in the local bar where the appointment is to be made.

With respect to vacancies in the supreme court, the committee seeks to keep ready at all times a list, with an eye to geographic distribution, of available, able, qualified men who will accept the appointment to the supreme court should it be tendered to them.

It should be borne in mind that the Governor has the sole prerogative of making the appointments, and the committee's work is purely advisory. We have had excellent cooperation from the various members of the committee and the local bar, and on behalf of all of them I want to thank you for the cooperation which has made the work of our committee relatively easy.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP

BY HAROLD COFFIN

The Committee on American Citizenship is allied with the American Bar Association committee of the same name. The objective of your committee is to implant in the citizen the widest knowledge of his rights and his duties—how his rights were achieved and what is required for their preservation.

To accomplish this objective the following suggestions are made by your Committee:

1. Start with the high schools and find out from the school authorities what is being done to accomplish the committee's objective. American History, which should include American Constitutional History, should be a required course of study.

2. Sponsor local Americanism essay, oratorical, and debate contests on historical and patriotic subjects among junior and senior high schools with suitable prize awards. Present a bar association