



# NCACC NEWSLETTER

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MAY 1982

In the last newsletter I announced the unpleasant news that Clell Woods had passed away shortly before Christmas. Now that spring is finally here and taking hold across the country I have some very good news concerning our long-time friend and associate, Charlie Nelson. Charlie suffered a heart attack earlier this year and had open heart surgery. He came through the surgery in good shape and is now recuperating at home. The latest word is that Charlie and his wife, Lyn, are planning to be with us in Boston where we will toast to his health. All of us certainly wish Charlie a full and speedy recovery.

The Executive Committee met in mid-March in New Orleans where Frans Labranche showed us the sights, sounds, but mainly the tastes of his city--site of the 1983 meeting. The main topic of discussion was this summer's program in Boston which is scheduled for the week of August 1. Larry Donelson's committee has been working on a diverse but very interesting program. Dr. Herman Glaess who was so well received by the membership in Florida will again be addressing us along with a variety of other fine speakers. Jean Kennett has planned a clambake on Tuesday and has arranged for several receptions. The Copley Plaza where we will be staying exudes old world charm and elegance. It really looks like a great meeting and I hope that most of the membership will attend. A tremendous amount of work goes into the annual meeting which is for the benefit of the membership. So please make plans now to attend.

Another topic which was discussed at the spring Executive Meeting is NCACC's tax status. For approximately two years we have attempted to get our tax exempt status changed to that of a charitable organization so that grants or donations to the Conference will be tax deductible. At the Boston meeting you will be asked to vote on a By-laws amendment which will qualify NCACC for the IRS's organization test. Achieving this special tax status has been a long sought after goal to help strengthen our financial base.

The on-going work of the Conference is handled by the various standing committees. To those of you who have already generously contributed your time and energy to the many tasks which must be performed, I thank you. If you haven't contributed to the work of the Conference please get busy and contribute. We need everyone's help to keep NCACC strong.

Happy Spring,

*Bob*

## FROM FABULOUS NEW ORLEANS

President St. Vrain called the meeting to order at 9 AM. Present at this time were Luella Dunn, John Wilkerson, Dorothy Norwood, Joe Bellacosa, John Champagne, Marilyn Graves, Mary Ann Hopkins-Young, Frans J. LaBranche, Jr., Cliff Porter, Joline Williams, Mary Ellen Donaghy, and Jean Kennett.

President St. Vrain informed us that Claire Whitaker has left the DC Court of Appeals and is now with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Washington, D.C.

John Champagne gave a report stating that we now have a \$10,000 certificate of deposit at 13.52% which will mature in July. An extended discussion was had on investing our funds so that we can receive the best possible return rate.

At this point we have not yet received a final report on our request for tax exempt status from the IRS. President St. Vrain, Lu Dunn and John Wilkerson are going to meet to determine what can be done to have the IRS act on our request. Mary Ellen stated that the appellate judges fund raising efforts have been successful this year and it is estimated that we will have between five and six thousand dollars available for our own educational program. If we do obtain the tax exempt status, it was felt that we should coordinate with the ABA as they have been raising funds on our behalf in the past. Mary Ellen stated that information on the fund raising efforts of the ABA will be available to us.

The next item was a discussion on problems of continuity between the various committees of the conference. It was suggested that we have an annual report. President St. Vrain is going to write to each committee chairperson to see that a 2 to 3 page annual report will be submitted at the annual meeting and the President may request an interim report from each committee.

John Wilkerson moved that the Finance Committee be empowered with the approval of the President to invest NCACC funds in prudent and appropriate investments they deem proper for the conference. This was seconded by Mary Ann Hopkins-Young and was carried.

Regarding our status with the National Center's request for an assessment, Luella Dunn proposed we pay \$5.00 per member up to 145 members to the National Center for State Courts. Joe Bellacosa seconded the motion which carried with Frans LaBranche sustaining. President St. Vrain will write to Ed McConnell and inform him of the action of the Executive Committee.

Al Stevas is currently working to update the directory of court clerks. All members are requested to update their biographical sketch. If you have not sent in a biographical sketch and a photograph, please forward same to Al Stevas immediately.

Mary Ann Hopkins-Young reported for the nominating committee saying that she received 24 responses from the membership. A list of the final selections will be published in the upcoming newsletter.

Joline Williams reported for the site selection committee stating that the committee had looked at four locations: Savannah, Georgia; Louisville, Kentucky; Nashville, Tennessee; and Seattle, Washington. The committee will meet in Boston and would like to make a recommendation for 1984 and 1985. Glen Clark, chairman of the site selection committee, says that he thinks the committee should be recommending for two years and that a definite recommendation will be made in Boston for 1984. Additionally, because of geography and the desire to alternate between various sections of the country the committee will probably recommend Washington State for 1984 and Georgia for 1985, but this will not be final until our Boston meeting. Glen is also preparing a package of invitations and information to pass on to the incoming site selection committee. There was also some suggestion that the committee contact Ed Suzuki about the possibility of a meeting in Hawaii in the future.

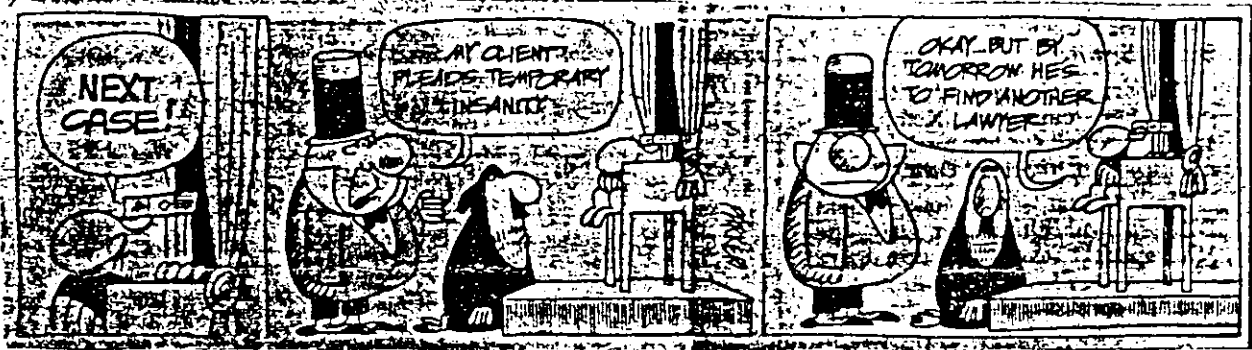
Dorothy Norwood presented the report of the awards committee for chairman J.O. Sentell. The request for nomination of recipients for the 1982 Achievement Award was solicited from the membership earlier this year. Seventeen nominations for six recipients were received from the membership. Morgan Thomas received the largest number of nominations. Claire Whitaker was second and Lew Carter was third. The Awards Committee recommended that the recipient of the 1982 J.O. Sentell Award be Morgan Thomas.

# HQST JEAN KENNETT ANNOUNCES PRICE BREAKTHROUGH FOR CONFERENCE !!!

COPLEY PLAZA, THE "GRAND OLD DAME", ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT RATES FOR NCACC MEETING WOULD BE THEIR LOWEST EVER !

SINGLE ROOM: \$ 55 DAILY  
DOUBLE ROOM: \$ 65 DAILY  
SUITE: \$ 125 DAILY

HOTEL IN IDEAL LOCATION TO START YOUR "ADVENTURE IN HISTORY" TOUR OF BOSTON AND SURROUNDING AREA, TOUR LIBRARIES OF PRESIDENTS AND MORE (SEE ARTICLE NEXT PAGE)



## DOROTHY NORWOOD'S MINUTES, EXEC. COMM. MTG. (CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)

This report was unanimously adopted by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee also authorized the chairman of the Awards Committee select the plaque for presentation at the Boston meeting. Since the chairman of the Awards Committee will not be able to attend the annual meeting in Boston, Lew Carter, a past President and a member of the Awards Committee, will be requested by our President St. Vrain to present the award this year.

Frans LaBranche and Jean Kennett reported on the plans for our Boston meeting. The conference will begin on Sunday, August 1, 1982, at the Copley Plaza, Boston, Mass. The Copley Plaza has guaranteed the following room rates: \$55 single, \$65 double, \$125 suite. There is no free parking at the Copley but discount parking will be available to members of our conference at the nearby Hancock Garage. Jean stated that the initial reservation forms will be sent out in early May and that follow up mailings will be done in June. She has a firm cut off date with the Copley Plaza that all reservations must be made by July 5. After that date, all unreserved rooms will be released for public sales and the rate will revert to regular prices. A reception will be sponsored Sunday afternoon by Bateman and Slade, Legal Printers of Boston at the Copley Plaza. On Monday, the conference will begin with opening remarks and welcome by President Robert St. Vrain and John E. Powers, Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court.

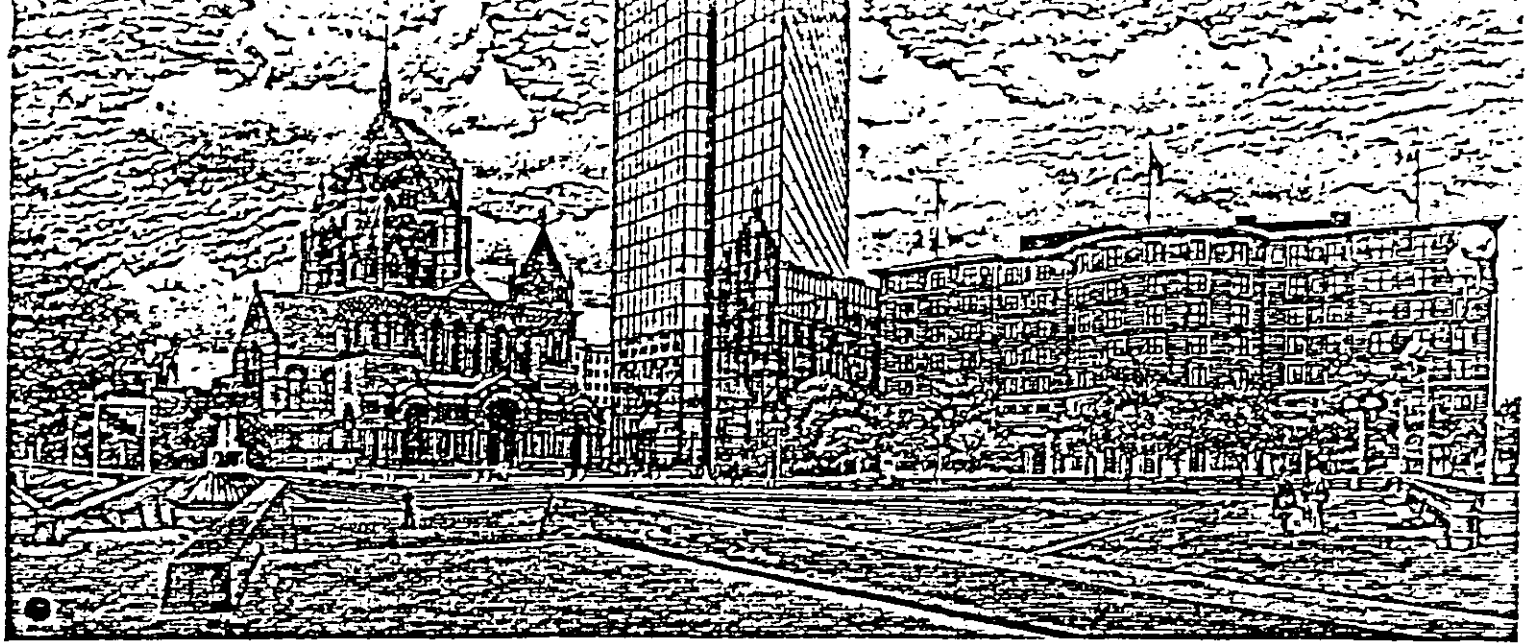
The program on Monday will focus on court management in the 80's. A reception will be hosted that evening by the Boston Bar Assn. Tuesday's program will contain a segment on preservation of historical records and we will have a free afternoon and evening. Jean has planned a tour of Plimoth Plantation and a clam bake for that afternoon. The Wednesday program will focus on case management systems with workshops being held in the afternoon. West Publishing cocktail party will be held Wednesday evening. The Thursday program will contain a section on stress management with Dr. Herman Glaess from Nebraska. On Thursday afternoon we will have our annual business meeting and committee meetings. Parker Bros. will host a reception prior to our annual banquet and we will dance the evening away to the music of Don Julio.

John Wilkerson stated that in the future he would like to see the conference adopt a budget and to set an established amount for use in planning our educational program each year. This would enable the program committee to have more flexibility in the planning of the program.

Jean Kennett will make a recommendation, after more arrangements have been made, as to the amount of the registration fee.

The Executive Committee unanimously agreed that the Southern hospitality extended by Frans LaBranche, his family and staff was unexcelled.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



TRINITY CHURCH

HANCOCK TOWER

COPLEY PLAZA HOTEL

MAKE IT TO MASSACHUSETTS

BY JEAN KENNETT

FIRST, A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE COPLEY PLAZA, THE SITE OF THE CONFERENCE. THIS IS BOSTON'S "GRAND DAME". BUILT IN 1912 ITS MOST RECENT RENOVATION AND REFURBISHING COMPLETED, YOU WILL FIND ITS ROOMS COMFORTABLE WITH THEIR OLD-WORLD CHARM, AND EXCELLENT RESTAURANTS WHERE LIGHT MEALS, HIGH TEA AND CHEERFUL LIBATIONS ARE SERVED WITH ELEGANCE.

DID YOU KNOW THAT MOTHER GOOSE LIVED IN BOSTON ? SHE IS BURIED IN OLD GRANARY BURYING GROUND.

REVOLUTIONARY SCENES OF PAUL REVERE ("ONE IF BY LAND, TWO IF BY SEA"), BUNKER HILL ("DON'T FIRE UNTIL YOU SEE THE WHITES OF THEIR EYES"), AND THE BOSTON TEA PARTY ARE ALL IN BOSTON.

NEARBY WAS "THE SHOT HEARD ROUND THE WORLD" AT CONCORD.

THE FIRST AMERICAN SETTLEMENT IN THE NORTHEAST HAS BEEN RECREATED IN PLYMOUTH AT PLIMOTH PLANTATION, AND IN PLYMOUTH HARBOR IS A REPLICA OF THE "MAYFLOWER" RIDING AT ANCHOR.

A VISIT TO THE JOHN HANCOCK BUILDING NEXT TO YOUR HOTEL CAN START YOU ON YOUR "ADVENTURE IN HISTORY". 740 FEET UP IS THE OBSERVATORY. STRATEGICALLY PLACED TELESCOPES PROVIDE A PANORAMA OF THE BOSTON SCENE.

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YOU MAY SEEK THE ADVENTURES OF BOSTON BY FOOT, BUS, HORSE-DRAWN SURREY OR TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY TROLLEY.

MUSEUMS ABOUND IN BOSTON: THE NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM, JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY AND CALVIN COOLIDGE LIBRARIES, THE HARVARD UNIVERSITY MUSEUM ARE ALL SPECTACULAR, BUT WHEREVER YOU GO WEAR COMFORTABLE LOW-HEELED SHOES. BOSTON DOES NOT HAVE SMOOTH PAVEMENTS, BUT INSTEAD ASPHALT, BRICKS, COBBLESTONES, CONCRETE AND GRANITE BLOCKS.

THE CRUISE ON THE LAGOON IN THE PUBLIC GARDEN IS A CHILD'S DELIGHT; THE "FREEDOM TRAIL" IS EVERYONE'S DELIGHT. IT IS A WALKING TOUR TO PAUL REVERE'S HOUSE, THE OLD NORTH CHURCH, KING'S CHAPEL AND THE CRADLE OF LIBERTY (FANUEIL HALL).

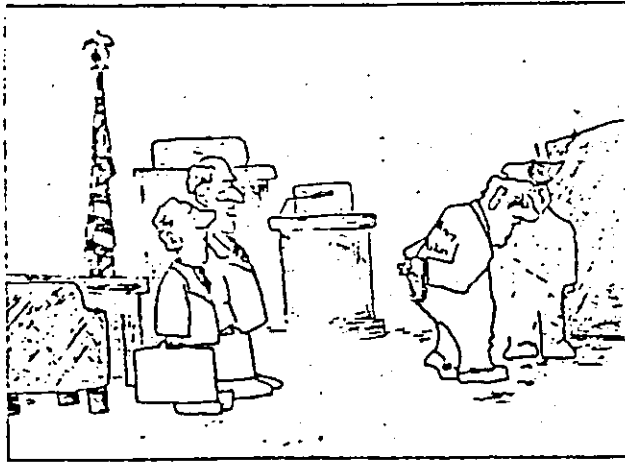
EVERYONE SHOULD GO TO QUINCY MARKET, FOR IT IS THE BEST FREE ENTERTAINMENT IN TOWN. BROWSE, PEOPLE-WATCH, LISTEN TO MUSICIANS, WATCH JUGGLERS, SNIFF FRESH COFFEE, SPICES, PIZZA, SCENTED CANDLES, BREAD IN ITS BAKING.

IF YOU WANT TO GET OUT OF BOSTON AND SEE THE REST OF NEW ENGLAND, THIS IS A PERFECT CHANCE TO TAKE THAT TRIP THROUGH ITS SIX STATES. YOU MAY EAT A MAINE LOBSTER IN MAINE -- SEARCH FOR A LOCH NESS MONSTER IN VERMONT -- TOUR THE MANSIONS OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND -- VISIT A WHALING SEAPORT IN CONNECTICUT -- SAMPLE MAPLE SYRUP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE --- ALL THESE THINGS ARE WAITING FOR YOU WITH YOUR CONFERENCE PLANS IN BOSTON AND THE NCACC IN 1982 !

## RED SOX PLAN SPECIAL PROMOTIONAL GAME FOR COURT CLERKS

The Boston Red Sox baseball club announced that Saturday, August 7th is "BARE FEET DAY" at Fenway Park. Realizing that National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks will be in sad shape after walking all over Boston that week, President Haywood

Sullivan has indicated that between the home RED SOX and the visiting WHITE SOX from the Windy City there would be enough socks at the game and the clerks could come and soak their feet at the Saturday day game at Fenway. What a way to go!



*Chandler v Florida:  
"Poor devil! Convicted on both  
counts and his trial lost in the  
Nielsen ratings to 'Little House  
on the Prairie.'"*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS JOHN SCOTT,  
JILL ENGEL, LARRY DONELSON, GLEN CLARK,  
YVONNE BURNHAM TO FILL VACANCIES

Chairperson Mary Ann Hopkins-Young announced the nominations of her committee and said, "This was the toughest job - to select just a few from so many highly qualified people wanting to serve the Conference."

Committee members Judy Cizmich, Reba Mims, Keith Richardson and Ed Suzuki were all in agreement with Mary Ann's thought.

Their nominations include:

JOHN C. SCOTT for Vice President:

John is a church elder and a charter member of the conference. A chief deputy clerk for 14 years, John was appointed clerk of the Kentucky Supreme Court in 1979.

JILL ENGEL for Secretary-Treasurer:

Jill is Clerk of the South Dakota Supreme Court. Her active participation has caused those who know her to seek a position where her talents can be better utilized.

FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

LARRY DONELSON of Nebraska:

Chairman of the Program Committee, Larry has been clerk of his state supreme court since 1977. He attended the very first conference in Louisville and has been active in committee work since that time.

GLEN CLARK of Arizona:

Chairman of the Site Committee, Glen has been clerk of an Arizona Court of Appeals since 1977. His committee work has been termed outstanding.

YVONNE BURNHAM of Mississippi:

Serving with the Mississippi Supreme Court since 1955, Yvonne has shown a willingness and the ability to effectively participate in committee activities and at the annual meeting.

Although these are the official candidates of the Nominating Committee, members of the conference may make additional nominations from the floor during the business meeting.

PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON DONELSON ANNOUNCES HIGHLIGHTS  
OF 1982 BOSTON NCACC MEETING

LARRY DONELSON, Program Chairperson for the 1982 annual meeting in Boston, has indicated the highlights of the week long affair are these:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 1982

1 - 5 PM REGISTRATION  
LATE AFTERNOON:  
RECEPTION, HOSTED BY  
BATEMAN & SLADE, LEGAL  
PRINTERS OF BOSTON

MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1982

AM: WELCOME BY BOB ST.  
VRAIN AND JOHN POWERS  
"COURT MANAGEMENT IN  
THE '80s"  
PM: WORKSHOPS, broken out  
into three groups  
EVENING:  
RECEPTION, HOSTED BY  
THE BOSTON BAR ASSN.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1982

AM: PRESERVATION OF  
HISTORICAL RECORDS  
PM: FREE TIME  
OPTIONAL TOUR OF  
PLIMOTH PLANTATION  
FOLLOWED BY AUTHENTIC  
NEW ENGLAND CLAMBAKE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1982

AM: THREE PRESENTATIONS OF  
CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS  
MANUAL SYSTEM;  
TRANSITION SYSTEM;  
COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM;  
PM: WORKSHOPS, broken out  
into three groups  
EVENING: THE WEST PUBLISHING  
COMPANY COCKTAILS,  
Your host: Charles Nelson

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1982

AM: DR. HERMAN GLAESS  
PRESENTATION ON STRESS  
MANAGEMENT  
"LOOKING IN, LOOKING  
OUT, LOOKING UP"  
PM: BUSINESS MEETING AND  
ELECTIONS  
EVENING: PRE-BANQUET RECEPTION  
HOSTED BY PARKER BROTHERS  
BANQUET  
DANCING TO DON JULIO

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1982

AM: CLOSING SESSION:  
CRITIQUE; COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS

WHAT IN THE WORLD PREVENTS YOU FROM GOING ? ?

## MORGAN'S MUTTERINGS :

Sometimes it becomes a matter of interest to "SHAPE UP".  
Someone pointed out a verse which is titled "REAR VIEW":

I've seen those tight, seductive britches  
On Adults as well as Teens;  
And from my vantage point I know  
The Ends don't justify the Jeans.

JOHN PARKER of TENNESSEE is one who also keeps things SHIPSHAPE.  
You will remember some of his suggestions for court improvement  
in connection with the 1981 PAUL C. REARDON awards.

John has been notified by Carole J. Todd, editor of the  
National Center's State Court Journal, that his recent  
paper was judged one of the top and will be appearing  
in summary form in the next issue of the State Court Journal.  
The entire membership is proud of you, John. WAY TO GO.

# it's illegal:

