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NCACC NEWSLETTER

March 1984

President's Message

I can't think of many better ways to break up the tedium of winter than receiving a warm NCACC Newsletter. Thanks to Frans and his committee for this refreshing pause.

Now into our second decade of existence, where would we be without great leadership? Thank you LuDunn for your highly successful year last year, and thank you J.O. Sentell, John Powers, Morgan Thomas, Al Stevas, Bill Young, Florence Peskoe, Ed Suzuki, Billy Kimbrough, Larry Donelson, Harold Booth, Jim Norris, Claire Whitaker and so many other active members who have made those first ten years such a significant beautiful part of our lives.

Speaking of people, committee assignments are enclosed. Thanks to all for so willingly agreeing to serve as chairpersons; our NCACC is ideally structured so everyone has an opportunity to participate in leadership roles. I've had reports on several committees hard at work. Keep it up!

Just received a copy of Frans' financial statement from our last conference. It was as financially successful as it was memorable.

Let me remind all to make plans to attend our annual educational conference in Seattle on August 5-10. Kevin "TV Anchorman" Swanson is putting his creative talents into a great program, and Dick Taylor has already arranged for an agenda that will introduce us to the magnificent northwest at its best. I'm already getting excited about it.

John Wilkerson
President



Editorial Note

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In spite of the above it has been our pleasure, delight, joy, relish, gratification and delectation to produce, assemble, collate, parent, fabricate, fashion, put together, turn out and engender this newsletter.

Your Publication Committee—Glen, Larry, Joe H., Al S., Morgan, Ella and Frans.

Court Technology Conference Chicago, Illinois

Loren Strotz would like to remind everyone of the Court Technology Conference to be held in Chicago

April 26 through 29th. Loren has generously asked that anyone attending contact him, as he may be able to help in accommodating some members. So please let Loren know if you plan to be in Chicago for that conference.

J.O. Sentell Award Nominations

The Awards Committee, chaired by Loren Strotz, requests that all nominations for consideration for the Annual J.O. Sentell Award be submitted as soon as possible with full details as to why the individual is being recommended for the award. The members of that committee in addition to Lauren are Marge Cambre, Ron Dzierbicki, Jill Engel, Betty Fritz and Alton Hawk.

Long-Range Planning

Juleann Hornyak is in the process of long-range planning and this is too soon for a long-range plan, so there is no report at this time, except that the members of this committee are: Clyde Davis, Marlene Lachman, Wes LaBur, Tom Lowe, Beth McHaney, Bob St. Vrain and Steve Townsend.

Membership

Marilyn Graves and her committee of Troy Bennett, Yvonne Burnham, Ethel Harrison, Allen Lucy, Hazel McLain, Betty McLaughlin, and Irv Tuszyński request that you help them with membership by signing up your Deputy Clerks. Although it may be impossible for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk(s) to attend the annual meeting, it is, nonetheless, very helpful and shows the unified membership when all of your Deputies are members of the association. Also the additional funds come in handy. Think about it.

WITH LOVE TO ALL
FROM
MARY ANN

My special thanks to all my friends for their love, support and prayers.

As you all know, my daughter Diane was in an automobile accident on August 1, 1983. Many of you met her at the conference in Florida. Her car turned over 3 times and was totally destroyed. She sustained serious head injuries.

I flew to Florida to be with her, as she was not expected to live through the night. She made it that night. Then her brain began to swell - they were able to control that. She seemed to stabilize after that and then her blood pressure dropped dramatically and it took 5 pints of blood to bring it back up. She was also on a respirator, had an IV going and a catheter. She stabilized once more. During this time, her eyes were wide open, her head was going from side to side and her right arm and leg were constantly moving. She had complete paralysis on the left side including the left side of her face. She made no sound.

Her sister and two of her three brothers arrived in Florida soon after I did. Her third brother was recovering from back surgery or he too would have been there.

By the 4th day, we realized that the hospital she was in did not have the proper facilities for head injury patients and we called a neurosurgeon one of my sons knew at Barrows Neurological Institute in Phoenix, Arizona. After explaining what had happened, he recommended that we move her to a neurological facility as soon as possible. There are 3 or 4 in the country equally as good as Barrows, but in head injury cases, family support is essential. After much discussion between Diane's husband, brothers and sister and myself, we decided it would be best for her to be in Phoenix. We are a very close family and all her brothers and sister live in the Phoenix area. Needless to say, I would go with her and her husband would not leave her side.

The aforementioned neurosurgeon became her attending physician and I must say that I, who expect so very much, found him to be the best. He is not only a great surgeon, but he has seen my daughter every day for the past 3 and 1/2 months. He explains and he listens. If he cannot give you an answer, he says "I don't know". I have found him to be an exceptional doctor and person. I hope that none of you will ever have the need of a neurosurgeon, but if you should, call me - I know we have the very best there is.

The next step was to get Diane to Phoenix. We rented an ambulance jet plane that brought us to Phoenix on August 6. There was an ambulance waiting at the airport and a team of doctors, nurses and technicians waiting for her at Barrows.

After waiting 4 hours outside of ICU, the doctor came out and gave us a layman's synopsis of her injuries and condition at that time. A fractured skull, fractured clavicle, brain damage on the right side of the brain (accounting for the left side paralysis) severe brain stem damage, pneumonia and a bladder infection.

Could she recover completely? It seemed unlikely BUT she was young and where the brain is concerned no one really knows. Of all the fields of medicine, the brain is still unexplored, knowledge limited and I never realized how little anyone really knows about what the brain is capable of.

I won't go into the next 3 months. She almost died three times. Finally they discovered she had developed massive hydrocephalus (liquid building in the brain cavities pushing the brain against the skull) and it was necessary to put in a shunt. For those of you who don't know what a shunt is, as I didn't, it is a tube into the skull, running under the skin and emptying into the stomach. It acts as a drain for the fluid build-up. It seems that in many head injury cases, one of the things that takes place is the inability of the body to absorb the excess fluid in the brain. Once the shunt was put in, she began to make amazing progress.

For three months, she was agitated a good deal of the time and made no sound. During the last 2 months, she had physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy and was moved to the rehabilitation floor at the hospital.

It seemed as though the clock stopped for me and my family 3 and 1/2 months ago and we have all been living in a state of "limbo".

NOW FOR THE GOOD NEWS!

Her present condition. Her paralysis is gone except for the left arm. She can feed herself, bathe, walk and talk (not well yet but every day she does better). She is the miracle of the hospital.

You have all been part of my life for a long time and you shared my sorrow, I ask that you also share my joy. My daughter is alive and although she has a long way to go, is once more making it possible for us to laugh again.

LOVE TO ALL OF YOU

MARY ANN (HOPKINS-YOUNG)

NCACC - COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Awards

Loren Strotz - Il, Chairperson
Marge Cambre - La
Ron Dzierbicki - Mi
Jill Engel - SD
Betty Fritz - AZ
Alton Hawk - Ga

By-Laws

Keith Richardson - Ia, Chairperson
Cornelia Clark - Wi
C.R. Davenport - Nv
Katherine Fox - Va
John Parker - Tn
Ed Seghers - La
Bob Womack - Ms

Finance

Peggy Stephens - Mo
John Cahill - NY
Lou Carter - Ks
Joe Fennessey - Il
Sam Makekau - Hi
John Scott - Ky
Karen Ziegele - Mi

Long Range Planning

Juliann Hornyak - Il, Chairperson
Clyde Davis - SC
Marlene Lachman - Pa
Wes LaBur - NJ
Tom Lowe - Tx
Beth McHaney - Mo
Bob St. Vrain - Mo
Steve Townsend - NJ

Membership

Marilyn Graves - Wi, Chairperson
Joe Bellacosa - NY
Troy Bennett - Tx
Yvonne Burnham - Ms
Ethel Harrison - Mt
Allen Lucy - Va
Hazel McLain - Al
Betty McLaughlin - NJ
Irv Tuszyński - Ca

Nominating

Joline Williams - Ga, Chairperson
Lu Dunn - ND
Joe Fennessey - Il
Dorothy Norwood - Al
Clay Robbins - Ca

Program

Kevin Swanson - Ca, Chairperson
Allen Cook - Az
Keenan Casady - Ca
Alex Cummings - Md
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Juliann Hornyak - Il
Mary Wakefield - Tx
Joline Williams - Ga

Publications

Frans LaBranche, La, Chairperson
Bob Bacon - Ak
Glen Clark - Az
Larry Gill - Ca
Joe Henry - Pa
Al Stevas - SC
Morgan Thomas - Ga
Ella Williams - Mi

Resolutions

Howard Friedman - Md, Chairperson
Mac Danford - Co
Ramsey Leathers - Tn
Joe Lucchi - NY
John Powers - Ma
Bob Schulman - La
Ashward Theriot - La
Dona Williams - Ar

Site Selection

George Miller - Tx, Chairperson
Marge Cambre - La
James Kelley - Oh
Jean Kennett - Ma
John Parker - Tn
Irvin Selkin - NY
Dick Taylor - Wa
Rita White - Wy

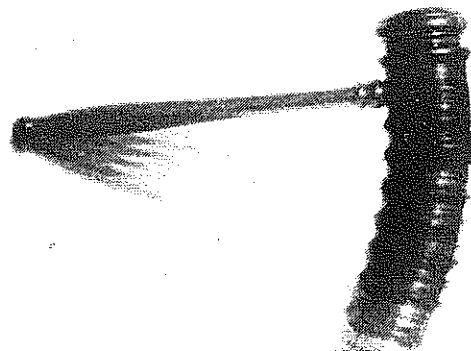
Technology

Will Kramer, Ca, Chairperson
Peter Fitzgerald - La
Dan Haggerty - La
Hank Henson - Mi
Al Herman - DC
Richard Hoffman - DC
David Lampen - NJ
Greg Wallace - NC

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Court News Roundup



HAVE YOU HEARD

Ross Lillard of Oklahoma has decided to join the ranks of the retired. We wish Ross a long, healthy, happy and relaxed retirement.

Well, you just never know. Mary Ann (Hopkins-Young) is now a Bostonian. Her new address is 122 Bowdoin St., Apt. 44, Boston, MA 02108. If the address looks familiar, she is in the same apartment building with Jean Kennett.

Speaking of Boston, the Honorable Patrick Hurley, Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court, will soon be making the move to the state bench. We wish Patrick well as he embarks on his judicial career. We are proud of you, Patrick.

Margie Cambre, of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal of Louisiana, has recently undergone major surgery and is now at home recovering. We know that Marge would appreciate your prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery. A few bowls of gumbo should soon have Marge back in circulation.

We wish Bob Bacon well as he launches into his new career. Please see his interesting letter attached and you will also solve the mystery as to whom his replacement is. Just a hint - someone said it would be a tall job filling Bob's shoes.

AFTER CONFERENCE TOUR

Larry Gill and Frans Labranche are planning to do some camping, hiking and sightseeing following our conference in Seattle. We have plans to visit the Olympic National Park area, Mt. Ranier National Park and probably Victoria Canada. If any of you are interested in joining this type of activity following the conference in August, please contact either Larry or Frans for more details.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE
FINANCIAL REPORT

OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE	CALENDAR 1983 ESTIMATE	EXPENSES CALENDAR 1983 ACTUAL	INCOME	NET	
BANQUET (FOOD, TIP & TAX)	\$3000.00	\$2,247.21		(\$2,247.21)	
ORCHESTRA	700.00	700.00		(700.00)	
FLOWERS (15 TABLE DECORATIONS)	225.00	-0-		-----	
COFFEE BREAK EXPENSES	675.00	974.16	\$500 ⁽¹⁾	(474.16)	
LOCAL ACTIVITIES & TRANSPORTATION	2540.00	1,885.09	250 ⁽²⁾	(1635.09)	
VISUAL AID EQUIPMENT	150.00	49.34		(49.34)	
PLANTATION TOUR		2,080.85	1250 ⁽³⁾ 1060 ⁽⁴⁾	231.15	
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING		179.91	179.91 ⁽⁵⁾	-0-	
MISCELLANEOUS			2.00		
AWARDS RECOGNITION	200.00	- 0 -			
NAME BADGES	100.00	61.46		(61.46)	
PRINTING	35.00	- 0 -			
TIPS, ETC.		59.43		(59.43)	
REGISTRATIONS 68 Members @ \$75			7050	7050	
39 Spouses/Guests @ \$50					
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$7625.00	\$8,237.45	\$10,291.91	\$2,054.46 Profit	

(1) Contribution by Circuit Courts; (2) Contribution by Supreme Court; (3) \$1,000 La. Trial Lawyers Assoc.; (4) Tour Fees
\$ 250 Office Automation (5) Century Bank

THANK YOU

THANK YOU

Our New Orleans conference would not have been as enjoyable or affordable without the generous assistance of Robert Parker of Parker and Son, George Bateman of Bateman and Slade, Mead Data, Vincent Ambrosia and Office Automation Consultants, Joe Connally and Century Bank, The Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association and Joan McCann, the Appellate Courts and Supreme Court of Louisiana, and last but certainly not least Charles and Lynn Nelson and West Publishers.

To all our benefactors our eternal and abundant thanks!

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

"The Program Committee is moving ahead on the theme of 'Court Technology' for the Seattle meeting in August, but is also planning on other subject matter to round out an interesting program.

If you have any thought on what you'd like to see and hear that maybe was not expressed at the end of our New Orleans Experience, please contact any of the following Program Committee persons: Kevin Swanson and Keenan Casady, California; Alan Cook, Arizona; Alex Cummings, Maryland; Carol Justus, Oregon; Juliann Hornyak, Illinois; Mary Wakefield, Texas; or Joline Williams, Georgia."

IT WAS GREAT
WAY DOWN YONDER IN NEW ORLEANS

By
Morgan "Tootsie" Thomas

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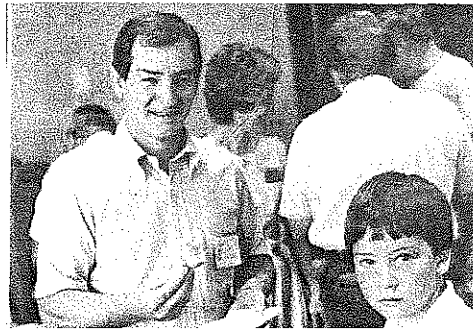
Frans was the most
As a wonderful host
And also served as a guide;
He went to great lengths
To remove any kinks
And gave us a heart warming ride.



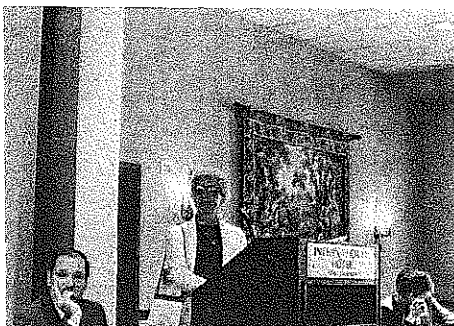
There were numerous chores
Like knowing which doors,
But Frans had the help of his Staff;
They were friendly and nice
Like sugar and spice
And could even give us a laugh.



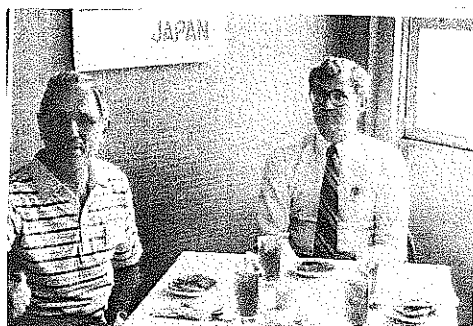
The fun started soon
Sunday afternoon,
Thanks to Bob Parker's crew;
We converted our friendships
Into never-end-ships
And enjoyed a taste of good brew.



If you get up early
And your spirit seems curly,
How do you manage to be sane yet?
It's not so tough,
It's easy enough
With a cup of good coffee and beignet.



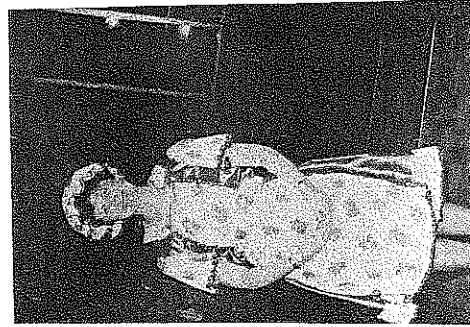
Our work began
With the business in hand
And President Lu presided;
Public Relations, it's plain
Need not be a pain
And our doubts all quickly subsided. And it was a little hard to stop.



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We continued the subject
Of Clerks and the public
And how to come over in style;
Finally we knew
That an interview
Can sometimes be worth our while.



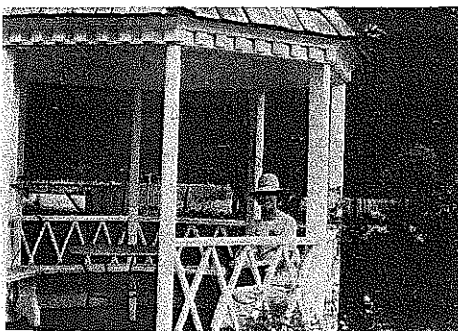
At the Mardi Gras dance
We really could prance
And dress up in cute looking clothes;
We had many a beauty
Who was also a cutie
And Dottie was one of those.



If you ask anyone
It was beautiful fun,
With joy that was shared by all;
But to make it complete
Step up and meet
The King and Queen of the Ball.



Then all of us Clerks
Got back to the works
With Ethics the subject in hand;
We got around to it
And learned how to do it
In an ethical manner grand.



Then with joyous fuss
We get on a bus
And off to plantations we go;
At the Houmas Place
With placid grace
Was a Fox out in the gazebo.



Then we rode
On down the road
The Hermitage our goal;
We found it to be
And all would agree
A house with a sort of a soul.

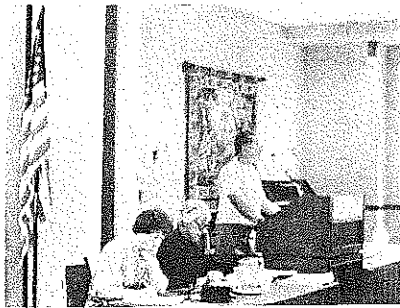
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Our next endeavor
Was finding out whether
Our funding was ample enough;
Budgeting's tricky
And sometimes quite sticky
And the way to sufficient is rough.



We worked away
Throughout the day
And exchanged professional views;
Then we took stock
And ran to the dock
For a lovely river cruise.



We explored other fields
Like speeding appeals,
And found that time was fleeting;
So we settled down
And gathered around
To have our Annual Meeting.



Thanks to Bateman and Slade
We had it made
Before our Annual Dinner;
We could proudly inspect
Our Prexy-Elect
And felt we had a winner.



Our final fling
Was a happy thing
We knew we had to travel;
But we had to applaud
Lew Carter's award
And Luella who handled the gavel.



We welcomed John with joy, indeed,
But there was a note of sadness, too;
As we said hello to Wilkerson
And said goodbye to Lu.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN SEATTLE AND WASHINGTON STATE - A PREVIEW

Have you ever thought about taking a cruise through the Greek Islands, or visiting the Swiss and Bavarian Alps, or strolling through the Rain Forests of the Tropics, or visiting the deserts and wastelands of North Africa or wondered what the American coastline looked like to the first settlers who arrived on this Continent? Come to Seattle this summer for the Annual Meeting, take some additional time, and see it all.

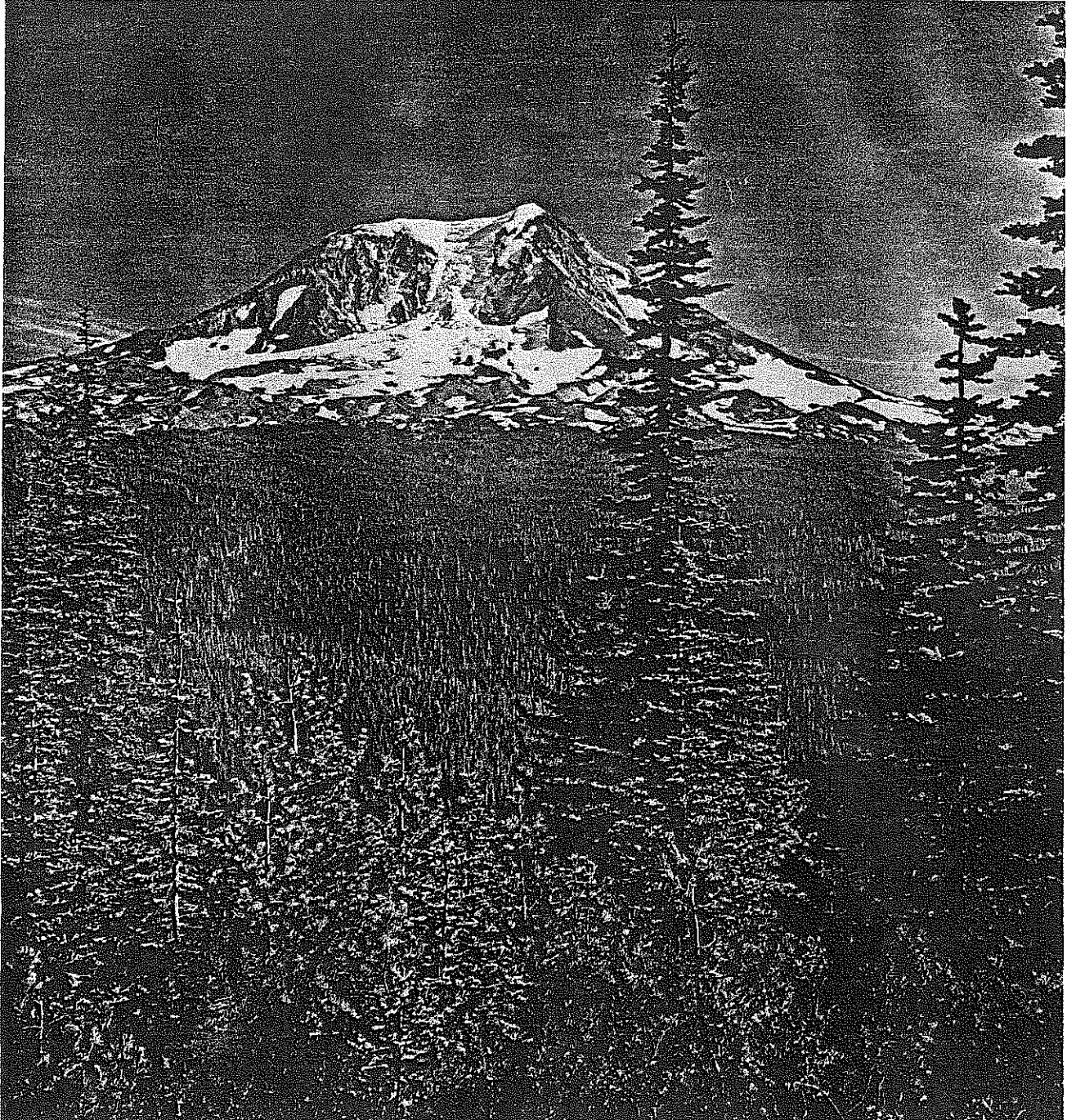
It's true! You can see it all within a 200-mile radius of Seattle. World renown travelers have been quoted as endorsing a cruise through the San Juan Islands as one of the finest, most beautiful cruise experiences of the world. One can charter a Yacht, take a commercial cruise, or take one of a multitude of rides available on Washington State ferries, with or without an auto. One has a choice of a number of trips that criss-cross Puget Sound, known to the natives simply as "The Sound", or one may ride a Washington State ferry through the San Juan Islands. It's said that they number well over a thousand, all extremely picturesque. Of course, at this latitude, the tides range in feet rather than inches. So, it matters a great deal whether you are counting islands at low tide rather than at high tide. A favorite circular excursion is to take a Washington State ferry from just north of Seattle through the islands to the tip of the Olympic Peninsula. If you have an automobile, you can make a loop by land down the peninsula through some of the most beautiful country on this earth, back to Seattle. Of course, even if you're afoot you can stop off at such places as "Friday Harbor" or "Orcus Island." You can step back into history on San Juan Island and visit American Camp and English Camp where garrisons from both countries nearly went to war over a boundary dispute in the 1840's. The only casualty was a pig. It seems that the pig belonged to one side and was shot by the other, nearly provoking the war. The Washington State history books commonly refer to it as the "Great Pig War."

An excursion of world wide popularity is to take a "Princess Ship" from Seattle to Victoria, Canada, to see a bit of old England. The ships are all named after princesses, i.e., The "Princess Charlotte," etc. It is interesting that this steamship line is operated successfully by a railroad company. The trip takes all day. The cruise is gorgeous. The shopping and tours, available in Victoria, particularly Buchtarts Gardens, are world famous.

If you're looking for the exhilaration of seeing mountain goats perched on rock outcroppings or herds of Olympic Elk standing belly deep in fields of breathtakingly, beautiful wild flowers, with a range of rugged glacier covered peaks in the background, go to Hurricane Ridge, just out of - or I should say, straight up from - Port Angeles on the northern tip of the Olympic Peninsula.

The Olympic Peninsula is truly unique, with a wide range of climate zones and variations of natural beauty, all within close proximity to one another. Farmers in Squim, located just a few miles from one of the several rain forests on the peninsula, have to irrigate. within a matter of a very few miles, one can savor four distinct climate zones, from coastal seascape, to rain forests, to covering all of the Zones. There are degrees of accessibility wilderness areas available only to the backpacker and climber. At Klalock, Highway 101 follows the Ocean. Further north lies more than 20 miles of untouched wilderness beach where one can backpack to sandy beaches, laced with irregularly shaped rock spires, extending far out into the surf. Further south are a series of very accessible long beaches. Long Beach is known as the longest beach you can drive a car on in the world, 28 miles.

Beautiful Washington



If you're looking for an accessible alpine experience beyond description, go to "Paradise" on Mt. Rainier. There you can stroll through fields of wild flowers to ice caves with vistas of natural beauty in every direction that defy description. On a clear day, you can see Mount Hood in Oregon.

If you're looking for a wilderness experience, or just car camping or touring, go to the North Cascades, experience the deep forests, the valleys, the mountain lakes, streams, alpine meadows and snow capped mountains.

If you're looking for samples of the world famous "Wenatchee Apple", or other delights from the orchard region, go to the east slope of the Cascade Mountain range, to the Wenatchee and Yakima Valleys.

If you're looking for Texas style cattle ranches or the remnants of gold mines from the last century, go to the Okanogan area in the northeastern part of the state. There rich pine forests are very different from the fir forests of the western side of the state.

If you're looking for some of the richest farmland in the world, you can find it in the Columbia River basin, reclaimed from desert by the Grand Coulee and other dams.

If you're looking for landscape of still different character in the nature of fertile valleys, semi-desert lands, barren mountains, canyons, coulees, and deep gorges cut by picturesque rivers, go to the southeast corner of the state. There you can find canyons of the Snake and Palouse which rival those of the Colorado.

If you're looking for a beautiful city by the sea, come to Seattle, bordered on one side by salt water, Puget Sound and on the other by fresh water, Lake Washington. The world's longest floating bridges traverse the Lake. Seattle, with one of the most beautiful skylines in the world, is truly a cosmopolitan city with good restaurants, fine art, and excellent performing arts. The World's Fair grounds of 1962 have been preserved as the "Civic Center." There you can find the space needle restaurant and observation deck, a fountain that plays music, a space museum and an international sampling of restaurants and shops, served one mile from downtown by an elevated monorail. At lunch time, you can ride it for a dime. By all means go into the city. The waterfront is a special delight. There is a new "Aquatic Park" and terrific aquarium, lots of import shops and restaurants.

There is a hotel on a pier that rents fishing poles in the lobby, so you can fish out of your room window. Of course, there are harbor tours and a special boat trip out to an Indian village on Blake Island, in the Sound. There they recreate a Puget Sound salmon bake over an Alder wood fire, in a traditional Indian lodge complete with Indian dancing.

So.....if you like it hot or cold.....or if you like it damp or dry.....or if you like it high or low.....or if you like it somewhere in between, or some, or all of the above, you'll love Seattle and Washington State this summer.
Ya all come, ya hear! (added the last line for Morgan Thomas).

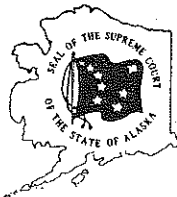
Larry Gill

AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

The Bylaws Committee asks that any proposed amendments to the Bylaws be submitted to the committee not later than March 15, 1984. The proposed amendments must be submitted to the Executive Committee not later than April 1st to be considered at the annual meeting.

Send the proposed amendment(s) in the form in which it is to be adopted to Keith Richardson, Clerk, Supreme Court, State Capitol Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

Supreme Court



Court of Appeals

ROBERT D. BACON
Clerk of Courts

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January 11, 1984

As I told you last summer, I will soon be resigning as clerk.

Dave Lampen, who has been the Deputy Clerk of the New Jersey Supreme Court for the last several years, has been appointed as my successor and will be moving to Anchorage next month. I am sure that he will be an excellent clerk, and I know that he will remain an active member of the National Conference.

I have accepted a position with the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals, the division of our state Attorney General's office which represents the prosecution in criminal appeals. Effective February 14, my address will be: Office of Special Prosecutions & Appeals, 1031 West Fourth Avenue, Suite 318, Anchorage 99501, telephone number: (907) 279-7424. Feel free to pass this information along to the folks on the newsletter committee.

I'm still hoping that I will be able to make it to at least a day or two of the conference in Seattle, even though I won't have to introduce my successor to you all.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "R. Bacon", is written over the typed name.
Robert D. Bacon