

### PRETRIAL PLAN IS URGED HERE

Pretrial procedure, which is used in many states, would save money for litigants, eliminate many delays and make for speedier justice if adopted by the courts in Washington State, Superior Judge E. D. Hodge, of Tacoma, told members of the Seattle Bar Association yesterday in the Arctic Club.

Whether pretrial procedure is feasible for this state will be debated at this summer's session of the State Superior Judges' Association. Judge Hodge said after his speech. If the association approves the plan, it next will be considered by the Washington Judicial Council, which is composed of State Supreme Court justices, Superior Court judges, prosecutors and legislators.

**Calendars Speeded**

Judge Hodge declared pretrial procedure in Detroit, Boston and other cities has helped to speed up trial calendars and also has resulted in the out-of-court settlement of litigation instead of having actions brought to trial.

Pretrial procedure, which was adopted recently by United States District Courts, provides that judges call opposing attorneys and clients together in attempts to clarify issues so that lengthy arguments and delays will not result when the action is called for trial.

**Tried in Boston**

"Pretrial procedure was tried in Boston in 1935 when courts there were four and one-half years behind," Judge Hodge told the lawyers. "In less than three years, the time has been reduced more than one-half."

Of 4,637 actions considered in pretrial conferences in Boston, Judge Hodge continued, 1,099 were settled out of court. In others, non-suits and defaults resulted, and ultimately only 1,562 actions were sent to the courts for trial, the jurist declared.

Judge Hodge asserted that approximately 50 per cent of the actions begun in Washington State never go to trial.

Benefits of pretrial procedure, as outlined by Judge Hodge, are: Number of "dead" and "live" actions are determined; real issues to be tried are decided; unnecessary witnesses are eliminated, and cases are disposed of quickly.

**Justices to Organize**

An organization meeting of the Washington Justices of the Peace, Inc., will be held in the Mirror room of the New Washington Hotel at 8 o'clock Monday evening.

**German Society to Dance**

The German Society of Seattle will hold a dance at 8:30 o'clock Saturday evening at Odd Fellows Hall, 915 E. Pine St.

### Singer



Ray Benson, who will sing at the Ballard High School music department's midwinter concert to be held at the school auditorium at 8 o'clock Friday evening, Benson will sing with a double quartet and will be heard in a solo, "Hark, Hark My Soul."

### Washington Fairs' Leaders Will Meet

Members of the Washington Fairs Association will discuss problems regarding operation of fairs at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning in the New Washington Hotel.

Reports will be heard on the National and Western Fairs' meetings at Chicago and San Francisco. Speakers will be Walter J. Robinson, state director of agriculture; A. E. Bartel, manager of the Western Washington Fair at Puyallup; and Lloyd Spencer, its advertising counsel; Henry Walker, state Four-H club leader.

Lyle Abrahamson, Tacoma; J. A. Guitteau, state director of Future Farmers of America; and O. M. Plummer, manager of Pacific International Livestock Show.

**'Met' Singer Has Daughter**

NEW YORK, Thursday, Jan. 19.—(AP)—A girl was born yesterday to Susanne Fisher of the Metropolitan Opera Company and her husband, Clifford Menz, tenor.

### CLUB TO SEEK TRACK PAVING

Paving to replace the present wooden planks between street car tracks in Meridian Avenue and Latona Avenue, between North 45th and North 58th Streets, will be sought by the Meridian District Improvement Club, A. T. G. Novak, club president, said today.

"This is the No. 1 public enemy of Seattle," Novak said. "For years the city has been periodically placing a plank or two on these much-traveled streets and despite pleas of residents of this district has failed to make a permanent improvement on these streets."

The Phinney-Ridge Community Club is supporting the Meridian Club in this campaign, Novak said.

### North End Clubs Fight Postoffice Removal

Removal of the Interbay post-office substation to the vicinity of Smith Cove will be opposed by the North End Federated Clubs club officers said today.

"The present substation is centrally located," James E. Dupen, president of the club, said today. "Moving the postoffice down near the Garfield Street Bridge would isolate it from the principal business district of the community."

The present substation is pointed out that the transfer of the substation to 15th Avenue West and West Barret Street, near Smith Cove, would be more convenient for carriers. Four mailmen working from Interbay station have routes in the Magnolia District, while only one carrier is assigned to the Interbay area. The office will be moved June 15.

The North End group also announced it will present a resolution to the Legislature recognizing the right of legislators to "a reasonable compensation for extra expenses incurred while at Olympia." The resolution will be drawn by Harold Kimball and N. C. Mann.

### Whittier Heights Will Hear Councilman Levine

Councilman David Levine will discuss "Civic Affairs" at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening at a meeting of the Whittier Heights Community Club in the basement of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, 11th Avenue Northwest and West 65th Street.

The proposed salary and expense allowance increase for state legislators will be discussed, James E. Dupen, program chairman, said.

Arthur Krueger will explain workings of the Social Security Act. Refreshments will be served.

### Highline Men's Club To Hold Party Tonight

The Highline Men's Progressive Club will sponsor a "Community Night" meeting at 8 o'clock tonight in the Log Cabin Community Hall at Burien. C. I. McJunkin, president, will preside.

The South End Associated Clubs' "flying squadron," a group representing various South End clubs, will attend.

### Arbor Heights to Hear Community Club Problems

A. G. Crockett, Seattle business man, will discuss "Some Problems Community Clubs Meet" at 8 o'clock this evening at a meeting of the Arbor Heights Improvement Club at the clubhouse, 42nd Avenue Southwest and South 100th Street.

Arthur Kramer, power company official, will explain "Polaroid," a new control of light rays.

### Phinney Ridge Club Will Play Cards

The first in a series of card parties by the Phinney Ridge Community Club will be held at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening at the Phinney Ridge Clubhouse, 309 W. 79th St. Mrs. J. C. Olsen is in charge. Chinese checkers also will be played.

### Club to Work For Redondo Road Project

Completion of the Marine View Highway from Lakota to Redondo will be sought during 1939 by the Inter-City Federated Improvement Club, C. V. Brown, recently elected president of the club, announced yesterday.

### Youngstown Club Will Meet Tomorrow

The Youngstown Improvement Club will meet at 8 o'clock tomorrow night at the clubhouse, 24th Avenue Southwest and West Hudson Street.

## Strolling Around the Town

"Where is Mac?" is being asked up and down Second Avenue these days. The answer is that John D. (Mac) McPherson, past 85 years old, is taking the first vacation in fifteen years from duties at one of Seattle's clothing stores.

In those fifteen years, McPherson, born in Scotland, unlocked the store each morning and locked up in the evening when his fellow workers had gone. During the day the sprightly little Scot kept busy greeting customers on the floor (he is an authority on anything Scottish) and banking for the store.

When McPherson went on his vacation—to continue until he is rested—A. F. Getchell took over the banking duties. His first greeting from bankers, doormen and many others was: "Where is Mac?"

Fellow workers at the store recall that McPherson made his first trip to a dentist last year, had several teeth pulled and worked the rest of the day.

To give McPherson a vacation send-off, his coworkers handed him a box of cigars (he is an inveterate cigar-smoker) and some Scottish merchandise (bottled). While resting, McPherson will visit relatives at Tacoma and play golf. He swings left-handed and can break 100.

Laird Peterson, 6705 Beach Dr., University of Washington student, told The Stroller that when he was looking up material on defense of the United States recently for a history course, he found a book in

the University Library that had an unusual history itself.

The book concerned lectures on protection of the United States, most of them delivered in or before 1886.

The original return-date form was still pasted in the book. It shows that the book had been checked out twice in 1910 and once each in 1913, 1914 and 1916. Then it remained on the shelves fourteen years till 1930, when a lone reader scanned its ancient pages. It was read again in 1933, and then stored away until Peterson checked it out for the first time in six years.

Jim Marshall, who was on the Panay when she was sunk by Japanese bombing planes, and has been a lot of other places, before and since, was telling the other evening of some incident that happened "just as we were sailing for China or South America or some place."

Making The Stroller wish he could change the title of this column to "Strolling Around the World," as Jim could if he were writing a column.

Two former reporters of The Times have stories side by side in the February number of Adventure. Paul O'Neil and Robert Emahiser.

### Students to Entertain

A group of students from Lincoln High School will afford musical entertainment at a luncheon of the North Central Kiwanis Club tomorrow, at the Twin T-PS, 7200 Aurora Ave.

### JAPAN'S POLICY HIT BY CHINESE

A. C. Wang, chancellor at the Seattle Chinese consulate, declared yesterday at a luncheon meeting of the Religious Educational Workers, that Japan is "fighting to annex China, dominate East Asia and subjugate the world."

Wang, whose uncle, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, is foreign minister for China, asserted that incidents leading to the undeclared war were brought about purposely by the Japanese, who refused to negotiate and settle the dispute between the two nations without arms.

Wang discounted reports that Japan is stamping out Communism in China, and declared the Nipponese merely are "playing diplomatic psychology."

Wang, who is visiting the United States for the first time, expressed confidence China "will not be a stepping stone to Japan's material designs, because China will fight until she wins a final victory."

### Mrs. Penrose Gets Walla Walla Honor

WALLA WALLA, Thursday, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Mrs. Mary Shipman Penrose, wife of Dr. S. B. L. Penrose, president emeritus of Whitman College, was given the "award of merit" of the Walla Walla Chamber of Commerce last night for "outstanding community service."

Mrs. Penrose was the fifth recipient of the honor and the first woman to be so honored. Her husband was named in 1937.

**Gaels to Give Dance**

The Gaelic-American Club will give a dance at 9 o'clock Saturday evening at the Young Ladies Institute, 1103 16th Ave.

**W. R. C. Group to Meet**

John F. Miller, Woman's Relief Corps No. 51 will meet at 1:30 o'clock Saturday at the Veteran's Hall, State Armory.

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