

Alaska Supreme Court Expanded On Appointments of Connor, Boney

JUNEAU—The Alaska Supreme Court was officially expanded from three to five justices today as Gov. Walter J. Hickel appointed George F. Boney and Roger G. Connor to the high court.

Boney, 38, is a former U.S. attorney now practicing law privately in Anchorage with the firm of Burr, Boney and Pease. Connor, 42, was raised in Juneau. He currently practices law in Anchorage. He is a former president of the Alaska Bar Association.

The two men were named to the supreme court from a list of five nominees submitted to the Governor by the seven-man Alaska Judicial Council chaired by Supreme Court Chief Justice Buell A. Nesbett.

The appointments of Boney and Connor are effective immediately in line with legislation passed in the first session of the Fifth Alaska Legislature in 1967.

The measure, submitted to the legislature at the request of the Governor, authorized expansion of the court effective Dec. 1, 1968.

The Governor signed the bill on April 11, 1967 and it became law on July 1, 1967.

Expansion of the court could only come in response to a request from the court itself; an action carried out in a letter submitted to the Governor by Chief Justice Nesbett.

As he announced the appointments today, Hickel said:

"We are pleased that we received five good applicants for the Supreme Court positions. All five men are qualified and competent."

"Our final choice of George Boney, at 38, and Roger Connor, at 42, not only gives us ability on the court, but also gives us relatively young men who can be an asset to the court system for years to come."

The three other nominees for the high court bench were Superior Court Judge James M. Fitzgerald of Anchorage; William V. Boggess, a Fairbanks lawyer, and Charles J. Clasby, also of Fairbanks.

The letter nominating the five was received by the Governor from the Judicial Council

on Oct. 17. The Governor had 45 days—plus today, since the day fell on Sunday—to make his appointments.

In their judicial posts Boney and Connor will join Chief Justice Nesbett, Associate Justice John H. Dimond of Juneau, and Associate Justice Jay A. Rabinowitz of Fairbanks on the high court.

Associate justices receive a salary of \$26,000 annually and the chief justice receives \$27,000.

Miss Semester: Vets Notify VA

Veterans who were enrolled in colleges and universities as beneficiaries of the Veterans Administration during the regular Fall semester are reminded they must notify the Veterans Administration promptly if they are not re-enroll for the immediately following semester.

This reminder came from M.W. McDonough, Manager of the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Juneau.

McDonough stated a major cause of overpayments to student veterans was failure to report non-enrollment for the second or succeeding semesters of school.

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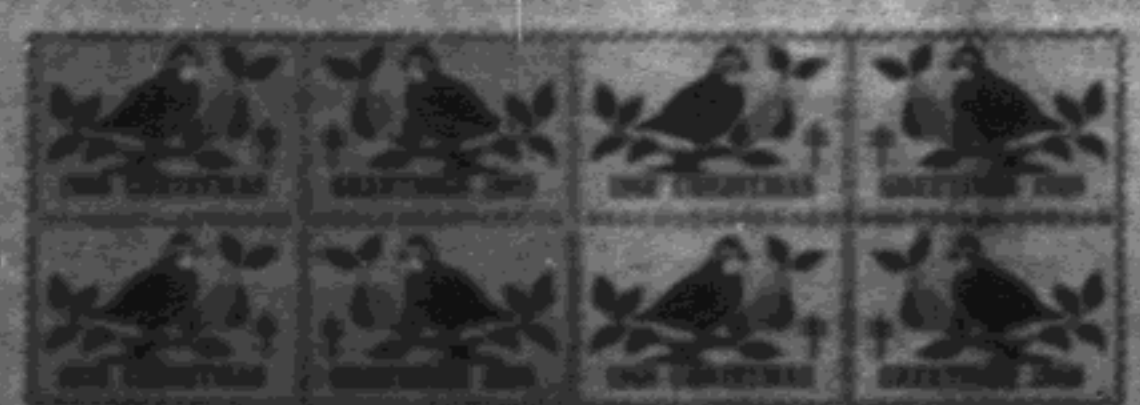
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