

## ARTHUR DOUGLAS HAY

Arthur D. Hay was born in Scotland on October 24, 1884, the son of Alexander and Jessie (Bruce) Hay.

He was educated in public and private schools, and at the Heriot-Watt College, Edinburgh. He served an apprenticeship to the law in an Edinburgh law office, but on arriving at the age of 21, decided that Scots law was too crowded a field. Whereupon, realizing an ambition of years, he emigrated to the United States, arriving at the port of New York early in February, 1906. After a brief sojourn in the East, he "went West", reaching the Pacific Coast in the fall of that year. Worked at everything that the Coast had to offer; in the woods, on surveying crews, in sawmills, at long-shore work, as deck-hand on coasting vessels, at rough carpentering (very rough), hop-picking -- even bull-cooking and dish-washing; and became rather thoroughly Americanized in the process.

In 1907 he became involved in the financial panic of that year, and completed his education in Americanism by going for three days without food (on one occasion) before his pride succumbed to his hunger, and he "asked for a hand-out"! At that, he claims that it took about a dozen tries before he finally got one!

Managed to wrangle a job from Balfour, Guthrie & Co., in Portland early in 1908, and stayed with that firm four years. Meantime, the law began to look more inviting, and he attended the University of Oregon Law School, from which he graduated in 1911. Practised law in Portland for a brief and inglorious period, and removed to Klamath Falls in 1912, remaining there three years. Removed to Lakeview in 1915 where he was for about a year associated with the late W. Lair Thompson. Since, has had much the usual experience of a country lawyer and judge. Served as City Attorney of Lakeview and District Attorney of Lake County. Member of the Lakeview School Board for nine years.

In 1933, the late Governor Meier appointed him Judge of the Circuit Court for the County of Lake; to which position he was afterwards (in 1934) elected, and re-elected in 1940.

He is a member of the Oregon Bar, of the American Bar Association, of the American Judicature Society, and an honorary member of Phi Delta Phi, and has been a lifelong Episcopalian.

In 1914 he married Edith Mary Lawson of Portland, and they have three children: Margaret, now a member of the teaching staff of Klamath Union High School, John Ralph, a member of the Oregon Bar, and Douglas Lawson, until recently a student at the University of Oregon. Both boys are at present serving with the United States Army.

On April 14, 1936, Judge Hay was appointed Grand Orator of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and on June 18, 1937, he was appointed

Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge. On June 13, 1941, at the Ninety-first Annual Communication, he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Oregon, and his term expired June 11, 1942.

On November 28, 1942, Governor Charles A. Sprague appointed Judge Hay to the Supreme Court to succeed the late Justice John L. Rand. Judge Hay took office December 28, 1942.