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question may be asked only if there has been an affirmative answer to the general interrogation.²² This may be the answer to the problem of the permissive scope of insurance questions. Certainly, the narrow question is not justified where the jurymen answer a general inquiry in the negative.

Almost from the beginning the court has said that the matter of examination on voir dire is largely in the discretion of the trial court.²³ This is the rule in most jurisdictions. But the time has come in Colorado for the Supreme Court to consider thoroughly the advisability of the practices permitted by the trial courts in regard to the insurance inquiries. A ruling prohibiting the specific question or limiting it as in the answer suggested above, would go far to assure for both the plaintiff and the defendant a fair and impartial trial.

OIL AND GAS LAW SUBJECT OF ANNUAL LAW DAY EXERCISES

The annual Law Day exercises at the University of Colorado this year will be devoted to a two-day conference on oil and gas law on Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5, at Boulder.

Dean Edward C. King and his able assistants have assembled their usual fine array of talent to discuss a field of law which is still new to Colorado. The following is a summary of the program:

Friday, May 4

- 9:00 a.m.—Registration at the law school.
10:00 a.m.—Convocation on "The Oil and Gas Industry" by Ernest O. Thompson, Chairman of the Texas Railway Commission.
11:00 a.m.—A panel discussion on "Taxation of Oil and Gas Interests," with John H. Tippit giving a paper on "Ad Valorem Taxes," and Floyd K. Haskell delivering a paper on "Income Taxes." President Robert L. Stearns will preside at the morning session.

After a luncheon recess, a panel discussion will be held on "Unitization and Conservation Techniques."

The participants will be James D. Voorhees, attorney with the Continental Oil, speaking on "The Mechanics of Unitization," Robert Hardwicke, attorney of Fort Worth, Texas, speaking on "Voluntary and Compulsory State Unitization Statutes," and Warwick M. Downing, Denver attorney and Colorado representative to the Interstate Oil Compact Commission on "The Interstate Oil Compact as an Impetus to a Sound Conservation Policy."

²² Dowd-Feder v. Truesdell, *supra*, note 7.

²³ Union Pacific R. R. Co. v. Jones, 21 Colo. 341 (1895).

Edward G. Knowles, president of the Colorado Bar Association, will preside.

Following the afternoon discussions, there will be a banquet at Blanchard's Lodge for all participants. Varsity Nights, the annual C. U. Days presentation, will be staged Friday evening.

Saturday, May 5

This is the Law Day proper and is also C. U. Days, with all the social and recreational activities that traditionally accompany the two events.

9:00 a.m.—Registration at law school.

10:00 a.m.—C. U. Days parade.

10:30 a.m.—Panel discussion on "The Oil and Gas Lease." Participants will be T. Murray Robinson, Oklahoma City oil and gas attorney, on the subject, "What an Oil and Gas Lease Should Contain," and Frederic L. Kirgis, Denver attorney, on "Leasing Public Lands." Dean Edward C. King, of the Law School, will preside.

The annual student bar luncheon will be held in the Student Union Building, with Philip Dufford, president of the Student Bar Association, serving as toastmaster. H. P. Macauley, independent lease broker, Denver, will speak.

The afternoon will be devoted to recreation consisting of golf, tennis, or attendance at the Nebraska-Colorado baseball game. The ladies in attendance are invited to the home of Mrs. Edward C. King for the traditional tea at 3:00 p.m. This will be followed by the Law Day banquet at Wayne's Cafe at 6:30 p.m. Governor Barrett of Wyoming will deliver the principal speech. John Mackie, president of the Boulder County Bar Association, will be toastmaster. Senior law students will again be the guests of the Boulder County Bar Association at this banquet. Announcements of the new members of the Order of the Coif will be made and prizes will be presented to the winners of the law school appellate brief competition.

THE LEGISLATIVE BOX SCORE

When the 38th General Assembly adjourned on March 21, the bar association found that they had chalked up a batting average of something over .500 as regards the various measures which they had submitted for the consideration of the legislators. The Governor had not yet had an opportunity to sign any of these bar-sponsored bills as this issue of *Dicta* went to press, but by the time the May issue appears he will have acted. It is hoped to devote the major portion of that issue to a detailed account of some of the more important enactments.

Meanwhile *passing* notice may be taken of the following. The most surprising success, in view of the powerful opposition of the holders of the copyright on '35 CSA, was passage of H.B. 201,