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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,

which provides for a statutory revision committee and a state revisor of statutes to prepare a recodification of the statutes of Colorado for submission to the 1953 General Assembly.

The bill was adopted largely in the same form as submitted by the Statutes Publication committee,¹ except for the addition of an appropriation of \$25,000 to get the project underway and a section providing for the surcharge of \$1 on plaintiffs' docket fees to reimburse the state for the moneys thus expended. Legislative enactment of H.B. 201 against such strong opposition was accomplished only because of the indefatigable work of Representative Louis I. Hart of Denver, ably supported by Senators Carlson, Gobble, and Henry, and Representatives Wade, Viggo Johnson, and Sayre.

THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE'S PROGRAM

The Judiciary Committee was successful in gaining acceptance of its several measures pertaining to salary increases for judges, but did not get a favorable reception for its judicial department and county court reform bills. House Concurrent Resolution No. 1 was passed providing for the submission of a constitutional amendment to the people in the general election of 1952 which would permit the increase or decrease of judicial salaries during term of office and provide for the disability retirement of judges.

The judges' salary bill, S. B. 225, which was adopted did not grant as great an increase as the committee had recommended, but it did raise the salaries of Supreme Court justices to \$8,500, of District, Juvenile and Denver County court judges to \$7,500, and of other county judges proportionally as follows: Class II, Group A—\$6,500, Group B—\$5,000; Class III, Group A—\$4,000, Group B—\$3,500; Class IV, Group A—\$2,750, Group B—\$2,500; Class V—\$2,000; Class VI, Group A—\$1,700, Group B—\$600, and Group C—\$400.

Another bill which survived the legislative process was S.B. 296, providing for the reimbursement of judges for actual expenses incurred by reason of service outside their own counties.

The Denver Bar Association Legislative committee was successful in securing adoption of a large number of non-controversial bills correcting and clarifying certain areas of substantive law. Greatest defeat for the Denver Bar Association came when the bill to create two additional judgeships in the Second Judicial District became enmeshed in a political patronage fight, and died in the Senate for want of a constitutional majority.

The Patent Section of the Colorado Bar Association was successful in procuring passage of a new trade mark registration law, S.B. 323. The implications of this new law for the general practitioner will be discussed in the May issue.

¹28 DICTA 78 (Feb. 1951).