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Calendar

November 7—Regular monthly luncheon meeting of the Denver Bar Association, Chamber of Commerce Dining Room, at 12:15 p.m.

November 8, 15, 22 and 29—Continuation of the Junior Bar Institute on taxation, D. U. Law Library, 1416 Court Pl., Denver, at 8:15 p.m.

Highlights of The 1949 Convention

Some 400 lawyers from throughout the state attended the 51st annual meeting of the Colorado Bar Association which was held at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs October 13-15. At the final banquet on October 15, which was addressed by Judge Charles E. Clark of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, James K. Groves of Grand Junction took over the gavel from retiring president Wm. Hedges Robinson, Jr. of Denver.

The general business session on Saturday afternoon designated Edward G. Knowles of Denver to be President-Elect for 1950-51, and the following vice presidents were elected to serve this year with President Groves: senior vice-president, Judge Alfred Arraj of Springfield; vice-presidents, Albert S. Isbill of Denver, Hatfield Chilson of Loveland, and Charles A. Petrie of Montrose.

Judge Clark in his Saturday evening address, as well as Judge Alfred P. Murrah of the Tenth Circuit, who spoke at the Saturday luncheon, laid great stress on the long and arduous work required to put judicial tribunals on a business-like basis. The association demonstrated its appreciation of this fact most fittingly when President Robinson presented the new annual certificate of merit to Philip S. Van Cise of Denver for his untiring efforts as chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

Announcement was made that the American Bar Association's award of merit, presented annually to the state association which has demonstrated the greatest progress and activity, had been won by the Colorado Bar Association at St. Louis in September. To insure that the abilities of the president who had guided the association to this award would not be lost during the forthcoming year, and in order always to provide for continuity in administration, the general business session amended the by-laws to provide that a retiring president shall continue to sit as an ex-officio member of the Board of Governors for a period of one year.

The convention got underway on Thursday, October 13, with meetings of the District Judges Association, the County Judges Association, the District Attorneys Association, the Water Section and the Junior Bar Section. The district judges concentrated on a consideration of uniformity of sentence and personality factors in crime, with the discussion being led by Judge Paul

L. Littler of Grand Junction, Judge Claude C. Coffin of Fort Collins, and Warden Roy Best of Canon City. Officers elected for the forthcoming year were Judges Littler, president; Wm. H. Luby, Eagle, vice-president; and Edward C. Day, Denver, secretary.

The County Judges Association was largely concerned with a discussion of proposed uniform forms for probate procedure developed by a subcommittee of the Committee on Revision and Standardization of Forms, headed by John L. Griffith of Denver. There were some areas of disagreement among judges, however, and upon the basis of this the Board of Governors subsequently decided to put over the question recommending adoption until the mid-winter meeting.

The District Attorneys Association heard a distinguished panel of speakers including Chief Justice Benjamin C. Hilliard, Deputy Attorneys Frank A. Wachob and Allen Moore, and FBI Agent Russell Kramer. The Water Section presented a symposium on "State or Federal Control of Colorado Water" presided over by Section Chairman Malcolm Lindsey of Denver.

The Junior Bar Section elected the following officers for the current year: Louis I. Hart, of Denver, chairman; Wm. DeSouchet of Alamosa, vice-president; and Ira E. Tanner of Denver, secretary-treasurer.

The Friday and Saturday Sessions

The Probate, Real Estate and Trust Law Section, which met on Friday morning, was likewise concerned with the proposed uniform probate forms, as well as with a variety of other subjects. Real Estate Title Standards Nos. 57-62 were discussed and later adopted at the plenary session Saturday afternoon. Officers of the section for the new year are: Fritz A. Nagel of Denver, chairman; Judge Hubert Glover of Pueblo, vice-chairman; Simon Quiat of Denver, secretary-treasurer; Judge Wm. E. Buck of Boulder, Thompson G. Marsh of Denver, John D. Hartman of Fort Collins, Edward C. King of Boulder, Raphael Moses of Alamosa and Clifford H. Darrow of Glenwood Springs, members of the council.

On Friday noon, more than a hundred attorneys accepted the invitation to inspect the Shepard Citations plant and were later guests of the company for lunch at the El Paso club in Colorado Springs.

With the cooperation of the American Law Institute, an institute on the legal problems of small corporations was presented Friday afternoon, with Allin H. Pierce of Chicago, Richard Tull of Denver, and Thomas M. Burgess of Colorado Springs making up the panel of speakers. Taxation came in for a major share of attention in this discussion, as well as the following morning when T. Raber Taylor of Denver spoke on "The Lawyer-Client Relationship and Its Federal Income Tax Effects."

One of the most stimulating presentations of the entire convention was made on Saturday morning by Sydney H. Grossman, chairman of the Public Relations committee, speaking on "The Public Relations Program—Where

Now?" The high point of entertainment for the convention came Friday night with the presentation of the Law Club show, for which there was standing room only.

Actions of The Board of Governors

The Board of Governors carried on its deliberations from Thursday afternoon through Saturday morning, considering, for the most part, the operative detail of the association and the voluminous reports of the various committees. It approved the petition of the Ninth Judicial District Bar Association to become a constituent affiliate, separate from the Northwestern Colorado Bar Association, the jurisdiction of which had previously encompassed that of the new local association. A Patent Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association was established upon petition of various patent lawyer members. The "Declaration of Policy" developed by the Joint Professions Committee and the Colorado State Medical Society was adopted as published in the September issue, 26 DICTA 208.

Another sub-committee of Wm. E. Doyle's Committee for the Revision and Standardization of Forms, the civil instructions sub-group under Kenneth L. Wormwood, had presented some 14 recommended uniform civil instructions, and these were approved by the board and referred to the District Judges Association for adoption.

John E. Gorsuch's report as chairman of the Domestic Relations Committee and James S. Henderson's Criminal Law Revision Committee report both stirred extraordinary interest in the board, and both committees enter upon a new year with a mandate from the board to make definite recommendations to the next annual meeting as to suggested legislative changes.

To give the membership more time to consider nominations for association officers, the Board of Governors voted to constitute the nominations committee at least 90 days prior to the convention, and to direct that the committee act and publish its recommendations at least 30 days in advance of the annual meeting. It was decided that this change in procedure could be accomplished within the present structure of the by-laws.

New Officers of El Paso County Bar

Just prior to the state convention, the El Paso County Bar Association at its annual meeting elected the following new officers: Frederick T. Henry, president; Funston Clark, vice-president; Fillmore Gibson, secretary; and Robert H. Anderson, treasurer.

Harold Ward Gardner

DICTA has been negligent in failing to note the passing of one of the most distinguished members of the Colorado bar, Harold Ward Gardner, of Golden. Mr. Gardner was president of the First Judicial District Bar Association at the time of his death on July 19, 1949. He was also active in the work of engineering societies, being one of the few persons in the nation who actively practiced both the professions of law and civil engineering. The state and federal bar, as well as his own association, sustained a great loss with his death.