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Ouray, Jerome Paul.
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 Yuma, M. M. Bulkeley.

Stanley H. Johnson, the executive secretary, now has his office at room 706 Ernest & Crammer Bldg., Denver, on the same floor as the office of the Judiciary Committee, which is room 727, CHerry 1384. The executive secretary is in process of analyzing and digesting the Model Judiciary Act and the Arkansas plan of the American Judicature Society, and will shortly make a report.

Many lawyers are now sending in their suggestions. We want suggestions and help from all of you.

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A bequest to Colorado University

Mrs. Sadie D. Rogers, who died recently in Denver, left the law school of Colorado University a bequest of \$5,000 for the benefit of the school and law library, in memory of her late husband, George Rogers, who lived many years in Boulder.

American Bar Association Meeting

This year's American Bar Association meeting, held in Atlantic City the last of October, was not quite the full-scale meeting which had been anticipated. Atlantic City is too far geographically from too many places and too far above the economic standards of too many places to attract many people. However, there was a good registration and Colorado was represented by her old faithfuls. The breaking out of two new sections—Administrative Law and Labor Law—adds to the confusion of sections already existing. Taxes

were again in evidence at the dinners, but with the price of meals running up into astronomical figures, the \$4.50 dinner of the Judicial Administration Section packed in the crowd. Of course, there were other reasons than the low (comparative) price. Something new has been added—a five buck registration fee. Just what this fee covered is not clear, because entertainment without cost to the visiting barristers was nowhere in evidence, as it always has been at American Bar Association meetings in the past. Possibly the outstanding event of the meeting was the Judicial Administration Section dinner. Chairman Bolitha J. Laws brought together a lawyer—Gov. Earl Warren of California—and a layman—Dean Elmer L. Kayser of George Washington University—to tell how the courts and laymen can cooperate in improving judicial procedures. Those who attended the Colorado Bar Association meeting will recall that Judge Laws proposed then to bring laymen into the field of improving judicial administration.

The weather was grand and the ocean was beautiful, so if one could avoid grabbing the check too many times, there was still plenty to enjoy and be inspired by.

And for those who wish to know what the future holds in store let it be said that the 1947 meeting will be in Cleveland, where it was last held in 1938, beginning September 22.

Bolitha J. Laws

We first met him at the Colorado Bar Association meeting at Colorado Springs when he appeared at President Moorhead's breakfast attired in his golfing togs. He was handsome, pleasant and congenial. Then we saw him at the luncheon when he made his powerful presentation on the work of improving the administration of justice, and how the layman must now be brought into the picture. He was fluent, dynamic. His presentation was interesting and powerful. We next saw him in Atlantic City presiding over the meetings of the Judicial Administration Section of the American Bar Association. There he brought a lawyer and a layman together to tell how the layman can help in improving the administration of justice. Whenever we saw him we were attracted by his fine features, his charming manner, and the trace of a smile which was always on his face. And now, it matters not that Bolitha J. Laws is Chief Justice of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, or that he is handsome or charming or a good speaker. What does matter is that Bolitha J. Laws knows and understands that the layman has a place in improving the administration of justice and that he, Bolitha J. Laws, is seeing to it that others know and understand this also.

Orie L. Phillips

Great tribute is paid to Judge Orie L. Phillips by the American Bar Association Journal in making him the subject of the first article in its series

about senior circuit judges. The article appears in, and his picture graces the cover of, the November issue of the Journal. The article gives an outline of his career, and a review of some of his decisions. That Judge Phillips is a great judge no one in the Tenth Circuit will deny. However, we are inclined to believe that he was the first senior circuit judge to be written of in the Journal, not because of his judicial brilliance as much as because of his long and faithful work in bar associations, working side by side with lawyers in the betterment of the profession and the improvement of the administration of justice.

Admitted to a Higher Court

SAMUEL G. McMULLIN, Grand Junction, died on November 15, at the age of 80, of a heart attack in his home. He leaves surviving him two sons: Howard H. McMullin, a prominent business man of Grand Junction, and Bentley M. McMullin, who is now practising law in Denver after his return from service during the war in the Navy. He was born in Philadelphia July 2, 1866, the son of a Presbyterian minister. He was educated in the office of his uncle, Stanley Matthews, who later became a Judge of the Supreme Court, and he also attended the Cincinnati School of Law. With a pioneer spirit, he went West when he was 23 years of age and came to Grand Junction in November 1889. He saw Grand Junction grow from an isolated frontier village to its present status as one of the most modern and progressive of the smaller cities of the West. Mr. McMullin was active and energetic in developing and building Western Colorado. He was admitted to the Colorado Bar in 1891 and actively practised as one of the leading and outstanding attorneys of Western Colorado until 1942 when he retired to devote his time to his business interests. With Guy V. Sternberg, he formed a partnership in 1924. This firm continued until 1942 when Mr. McMullin retired and the present firm of Helman & Younge took over the practice of the office. Mr. McMullin was instrumental in developing the oil shale and mining resources of Western Colorado and was interested in many of the successful irrigation projects. He helped develop the fruit industry and particularly the peach industry and the marketing methods now successfully used. As was well said in the Grand Junction paper: "Samuel G. McMullin was an able lawyer, a shrewd business man, and a citizen with undying faith in the community with which he has cast his lot. He was a man of strong convictions and outspoken in his advocacy of things in which he believed or in opposition to things with which he was not in sympathy. As a result, naturally, there were times when his vigorous personality was not always on the popular side. Truly a Grand Junction pioneer and a man whose life span embraced five and one-half of the six and one-half decades of this city's history, Samuel G. McMullin's passing is marked by sincere regret on the part of the community."