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it is to regain its place in government as the policy-making body. Considerable criticism has been directed at Connecticut's legislative procedure in connection with the proposal voted on this fall to provide for annual rather than biennial sessions. The president of the North Dakota State Bar Association has indicated dissatisfaction with the lack of interest in legislation by the lawyers. Probably one of the greatest reasons for the ascendancy, in recent years, of the federal government, and the decline of the states, is the failure of state legislative processes to keep up with the times. Inadequate salaries and biennial sessions are only two of the many things which are preventing legislatures from discharging their proper functions. We might observe here that those who are really interested in preserving states' rights would do well to make a real effort to improve our state legislative processes.

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Laurence Wheeler DeMuth, lt. col., Army Air Forces, served from July 1941 to Jan. 1946 in the Training Command and Central Flying Training Command. He was appointed to Command and General Staff School and has numerous letters of commendation. He has returned to the faculty of the Law School of the University of Colorado, Boulder. He has also resumed his duties as adviser to the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, and as general secretary-treasurer of Phi Delta Phi.

Richard M. Davis, lt. col., Air Transport Command, served from Sept. 1942 to Dec. 1945. He served 24 months at headquarters of the Air Transport Command in Washington and 13 months overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific theater. He has the Bronze Star Medal, six battle stars, and the Asiatic-Pacific service medal. He has returned to his position as a member in the firm of Newton, Davis and Henry, 215 Colorado National Bank Bldg., Denver.

James Quigg Newton, Jr., commander, U. S. N. R., served from April 1942 to Dec. 1945 at headquarters of the Naval Air Transport Service in Washington, as special assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air, and as member of the joint Army-Navy Air Transport Committee. He has the Navy Commendation ribbon. He has returned to his position as a member of the firm of Newton, Davis and Henry, 215 Colorado National Bank Bldg., Denver.

Samuel M. Goldberg, major, Judge Advocate General Dept., served from Nov. 1942 to Dec. 1945 as Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, Chief Taxation Section, Seventh Service Command, Omaha. He has returned to practice in his own office at 828 Symes Bldg., Denver.

Charles C. Nicola, lt., U. S. N. R., served from April 1942 to Nov. 1945 at San Francisco, California. He has returned to practice in

association with Ernest B. Fowler, 808 Ernest and Cranmer Bldg., Denver.

M. C. Garwood, lt. comdr., U. S. N. R., served from July 1942 to Feb. 1946 in San Francisco, Washington, D. C., New York City, San Diego and Okinawa. He is now associated with Home Builders, Inc., 1725 California St., Denver.

Douglas McHendrie, captain, Army Air Corps, Office of Strategic Services, served from May 1942 to Nov. 1945 in continental United States. He has returned to his association with Grant, Shafroth & Toll, 730 Equitable Bldg., Denver.

Oval A. Phipps, lt., U. S. Navy, served from 1943 to 1945 in the Pacific area. He has the Purple Heart. He is now located in his own office at 509 E. & C. Bldg., Denver. He was admitted to the Colorado bar in Jan. 1938 and had five years general practice before entering service. He has an A. B. from Colorado University, 1932, LL. B. from Colorado University, 1938, and an LL. M. from Colorado University, 1938.

Robert M. Gilbert, lt., U. S. N. R., gunnery officer, served from Nov. 1942 to Nov. 1945 in Southwest Pacific area. He has returned to practice in his own office at 230 Coronado Bldg., Greeley.

Harold Clark Thompson, lt. col., Field Artillery, served from Dec. 1941 to Oct. 1945 in San Antonio and Dallas, Texas, and in New York City. He was called to duty as a reserve officer in the Field Artillery and was assigned to the military staff assigned to the Office of Civilian Defense, where he helped organize civilian defense in the states in the Eighth Service Command. During the last fifteen months of service he was assigned to New York City as Industrial Protection Officer of the Office of Civilian Defense for New York, New Jersey and Delaware, in charge of a program which had as its purpose the protection of important industrial plants from fire, sabotage and accident. He has returned to his position as director of claims, State Compensation Insurance Fund, 642 Capitol Annex, Denver. He was admitted to the Colorado bar in 1921. He has an A. B. from Colorado University, 1919, and an LL. B. from the same school in 1921. He was assistant Attorney General of Colorado, 1923-1924, deputy District Attorney, Denver, 1925-1926, with Legal Salvage Dept., General Motors Acceptance Corp., 1927, in general practice in Denver, 1928, and since 1929 has been director of claims, State Compensation Insurance Fund.

Robert Daniel Charlton, colonel, Field Artillery, served from Feb. 1941 to Jan. 1946 in the United States, New Guinea and the Philippine Islands. He commanded the 983 Field Artillery Battalion (155 mm. guns—long toms) for approximately three years. This was formerly the 2nd Bn. 168 Field Artillery, Colorado National Guard. This battalion participated in one operation in New Guinea, the Leyte invasion.

Luzon invasion and the recapture of Mindanao. In the Luzon campaign it assisted in the liberation of Bataan. The battalion had eleven months of continuous operations in combat. Col. Charlton ended the war on the island of Mindanao and received his final promotion while on terminal leave. He received the Bronze Star with an oak leaf cluster. He has returned to practice as a member of the firm of Van Cise, Robinson and Charlton, 602 E. & C. Bldg., Denver.

John F. Mueller, T/5, U. S. Army, served from March 1945 to Dec. 1945 in the Staff Judge Advocate's Office at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and at Fort Ord, California. He has returned to practice at 506 Midland Savings Bldg., Denver. Mr. Mueller has been appointed by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals as special master to refund approximately six million dollars to natural gas consumers in Denver, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, northern Colorado and Cheyenne.

Arthur Wm. Krauss, colonel, Army Air Forces, served from March 1941 to Feb. 1946 in the Mediterranean area, Italy, and in the continental United States, southern and southwestern United States. He received the Bronze Star Medal. He has returned to his former position with the Standard Oil Company of Ind., Railway Exchange Bldg., Denver.

Ralph E. Waldo, Jr., lieutenant (s.g.) USNR, served from March 1942 to Sept. 1945. He served aboard the destroyer U. S. S. Case for two years in the Southwest Pacific, engaging in carrier operations with Task Forces 58 and 38 and bombardment missions most of that time. He attended Gunnery School at Navy Yard in Washington, D. C., last summer, during which time he was admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court. He has returned to practice with his father, R. E. Waldo, at 416 Greeley Bldg., Greeley. He was admitted to the Colorado Bar in 1938 and had 3½ years in private practice in Greeley before entering the service. He has a B.A. and an LL.B. degree from the University of Colorado, 1938.

John W. O'Hagan, sergeant, United States Army, served from Oct. 1943 to Nov. 1945 in the Southwest Pacific and Philippines. From Feb. 1945 to July 1945 he was in the Judge Advocate's Office on Luzon and was in the United States to attend Judge Advocate Officer Candidate School, from which he resigned in September to return home. He has returned to private practice with offices in the Greeley Building at Greeley. Mr. O'Hagan was formerly chairman of the Junior Bar Section of the Colorado Bar Association.

L. B. Flanders, Jr., lieutenant, U. S. N. R., served from 1943 to 1945 in the Atlantic, Mediterranean and Pacific areas. He has now returned to practice in the firm of Secor, McCarty & Flanders at Longmont.

Louis O. Kelso, lieutenant, U. S. Navy, served from July 1942 to

Dec. 1945 on the west coast in San Francisco, and Central America where he was based at Balboa, Canal Zone. He received letters of commendation from the Commandant, Navy Yard, Mare Island, and the Director of Naval Intelligence. He has returned to practice with the firm of Pershing, Bosworth, Dick & Dawson, Equitable Bldg., Denver.

Roy C. Bloye, lieutenant, U. S. N. R., served from Oct. 1942 to Jan. 1946 in the Central Pacific and in the Bureau of Ordnance in Washington, D. C. He received a letter of commendation from the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance. He has returned to his position as Secretary-Treasurer of the Denver Federal Savings and Loan Association, 719 17th St., Denver.

Louis E. Gelt, corporal, United States Army, served from April 1945 to Dec. 1945 in the continental United States. He has returned to practice as a member of the firm of Gelt & Grossman, 617 Symes Bldg., Denver, which firm is in need of additional office space. Mr. Gelt has been active in civic affairs in addition to membership in bar organizations. He is a member of B'nai B'rith and Z. O. A. He is secretary of the Denver Boy's Clubs, Inc., and he is a member of the Boy Scout Committee, Old Timers. He is a member of the Board of Guldman Community Center and of the Board of Directors of Young America League, Inc.

Paul A. Ruston, captain, Air Corps, served from Dec. 1942 to Feb. 1946 in the American theater. He is deputy district attorney, West Side Court, Denver.

Irving Howbert, lieutenant (j.g.) U. S. N. R., served from Feb. 1943 to Nov. 1945 on P. T. boats in the South Pacific, Solomon Islands, New Guinea, and the Philippines. He has now returned to practice with Haney & Haney, Mining Exchange Bldg., Colorado Springs.

Wilbur M. Pryor, Jr., lieutenant, U. S. Navy, served from June 1942 to Feb. 1946 in the United States and Okinawa. He is not presently located and is seeking an association with a law firm in Denver. He was admitted to the Colorado bar in September 1941, and was associated with Remington Arms Company before entering the service. He has an LL.B. degree from the University of Colorado, 1941.

Bernard E. Teets, lt., U. S. N. R., served from March 1944 to March 1946 in the Philippines, Okinawa and Japan. He has returned to his position as director of the Department of Employment Security, 468 State Capitol Annex, Denver.

James B. Day, lt., Naval Reserve, served from Sept. 1941 to Oct. 1945 in the Central and South Pacific and the Continental United States. He received a letter of commendation from Commander of South Pacific Forces for action in the battle of Santa Cruz in 1942. He is practicing law at 429 University Bldg., Denver.

Joseph L. Morrato, sgt., Army, served from Feb. 1944 to Sept. 1945 at Ft. Logan, Colorado, Army Induction Center, Mental Testing Section, as assistant physiologist and personnel consultant. He is now practicing law at 1916 13th St., Boulder. Mr. Morrato has an LL.B. degree from Denver University in 1930. He was admitted to practice in Colorado in 1930 and from that time up to the time of his entrance into the army he was in general practice in Denver with Charles R. Enos.

J. Colin James, Jr., lt., U. S. N. R., served from Jan. 1942 to Jan. 1946 in Atlantic, Mediterranean, Caribbean and Pacific areas. He has now returned to practice as a member of the firm of Davis, Klahr and James, 714 Equitable Bldg., Denver.

Vance R. Dittman, Jr., chief petty officer, U. S. N. R., served from Aug. 1942 to Sept. 1945 in Denver and Pueblo, Colorado, and in Rome, Athens and Atlanta, Georgia. He has now returned to his position as associate professor of law at the University of Denver Law School.

Shields Mason, captain, army, served in the Quartermaster Corps, from March 1942 to Dec. 1945. He was Chief, Contract Claims Section, Legal Branch, Procurement Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C. He is not yet re-established in practice and would like to have office space in an established firm or suite sharing expenses with another attorney. Prior to entering the army he had eleven years in general practice in both state and federal courts specializing in casualty and surety insurance law. He received an A.B. degree from Colorado University in 1928 and an LL.B. from Denver University in 1930 and was admitted to practice in Colorado in 1931.

James R. Hoffman, colonel, army, served from Nov. 1940 to Jan. 1946. He commanded the 21st Armored Infantry of the 11th Armored Division and served in the Third Army under General Patton. He served in the European theater, Battle of the Rhine, Ardennes Battles and the Battle of Central Europe. Since VE day he was assigned to the war crimes branch of the Judge Advocate's Section of the War Department, investigating and prosecuting Nazi war criminals. He received the combat infantry badge, three battle stars and the Purple Heart medal for wounds received near Bastogne, Belgium. He does not yet have a permanent office and would like to have space in a suite on share-expense and work arrangement. He is at present temporarily practicing from his home at 2503 Dahlia St., Denver. Col. Hoffman was a second lieutenant of Infantry in World War I. He received the degree of B.A. from Colorado University in 1923 and LL.B. degree from Colorado University in 1922. He was admitted to practice in Colorado in March, 1923, and from that time until his entrance into the army was in general civil practice in Denver.