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April 1	District Court Room, Boulder	10:00 A. M.
	Annual election of officers.	
April 15	Ladies' night.	Boulder
May 20	An open date.	Boulder

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**Committees for the Year**

Legal Assistance	Real Estate Standards
Frank F. Dolan, Chairman	Dudley I. Hutchinson, Chairman
Commercial Relations	
Vergyl H. Reynolds, Chairman	

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*The Annual Meeting*

In February your Board of Governors, at a special meeting, authorized an application to be made to the Office of Defense Transportation for authority to hold the annual meeting at Colorado Springs during September or October. The ODT, on August 4th, disapproved the application for the reasons, among others, that transportation facilities will, because of relocation and demobilization of members of the armed services, be more heavily taxed during that time than at any time in the past. Whether the end of the Japanese war and the termination of gas rationing will alter the situation cannot be foreseen, but we have renewed our application for permission to hold the convention and hope that it will be granted. If it is not granted your officers and the Executive Committee have determined to hold a meeting of the Board of Governors, committees and delegates from the local associations, in Denver, some time during the month of October.

Through cooperation with the officers of the Denver Bar Association a dinner will be held and some speaker of prominence secured. The morning and afternoon will be devoted to meetings of the Board of Governors, committees and a general session to be attended by delegates and alternates to be selected by each of the local associations.

The regulations promulgated by the ODT prohibit the holding of a convention without consent of the ODT where more than fifty attend from outside the immediate area. It seems clear that a meeting of the Board of Governors, committees and delegates would not violate this provision and at the moment it appears to be the only method by which your association can carry out the provisions of the by-laws and to pro-

vide for the transaction of certain necessary business which would ordinarily be taken up at the annual meeting.

The date and place of the meeting will soon be announced in the columns of the Public Ledger and by communications addressed to the presidents of each of the local associations.

If there should be a change in the regulations of the ODT so as to permit the holding of the annual meeting as in the past, we are hopeful that the meeting can be held.

#### *Refresher Courses*

As a result of recent discussions it is expected that the three law schools of the state, in cooperation with our committee on Legal Institutes and War Committee, will soon begin refresher courses and institutes designed primarily to aid those of our members who have been away in the service to study and review the changes in the law since Pearl Harbor. The law schools will likely assume the task relative to those students whose courses were interrupted by the war and their recent graduates whose entry into the practice was postponed, and our committees will handle the problem of the practicing lawyer who needs a review and bringing up to date on certain essential subjects, such as real estate, probate and trust, taxation, rules of civil procedure, etc. Since many of these returning lawyers and other members of the bar who are interested will be unable to attend such refresher courses or institutes, it is our hope that the lectures on these subjects can be mimeographed or published in DICTA or the Public Ledger so as to be available to them.

The re-establishment of legal institutes, the operation of which was interrupted by the war, is one of the aims of your officers, and we feel that the need for refresher courses will advance the opportunity for re-establishing such institutes on a permanent basis. I have suggested that when we are again able to hold our annual meetings two or three days immediately preceding such meetings be set aside for legal institutes on essential subjects.

#### *Committee Activities*

The Lawyers War Emergency Committee continues to function as the most active and important committee of the Association. National recognition which has been expressed by the Army, Navy and heads of other military and governmental services and by the soldiers and their dependents who have been benefited, gives us just cause to be proud of the part which our association has played in the war effort and will continue to play in the post-war reconstruction period.

Since this association must of necessity operate to a considerable extent through its committees, I urge the chairman of each committee to prepare a report and transmit it to me or to the secretary as soon as possible so that it may be published and be available for presentation to such meeting as we may be able to hold.

By action of the Board of Governors, I have been authorized and directed to appoint a special committee to make a thorough study and recommendations regarding the judicial machinery and administration of justice in the state. I have consulted with a number of members who have agreed to serve on that committee and expect soon to announce the names of the committee personnel. It is the consensus of your governors that there is a need for such a study and that it should be thorough.

*Other Activities*

A recommendation authorized through your Board of Governors for the appointment of the Honorable Ori L. Phillips, senior judge of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, to the vacancy on the Supreme Court of the United States was recently forwarded to the president and the attorney general of the United States. At this writing no appointment has been made. If Judge Phillips should be selected, it will not only be a recognition of the bar and bench of our state, but will provide a representative on that court from our western country, and we shall be pleased.

Each of the local associations has been asked to study the suggestion regarding a judicial council and information concerning this is embodied in a pamphlet issued by the American Bar Association and in the hands of the officers of each local association. The plan is for the establishment of a council, composed of representatives selected from the Supreme Court, the district courts, the bar associations and other lay organizations, the selections being made by such courts or organizations and by the governor. Its purpose is to study during the recesses of the legislature problems relative to the improvement of government and to make recommendations to each session of the legislature. If the local associations approve the plan, our association expects to recommend the establishment of such a council to the legislature and an appropriation to finance its activities.

I am glad to report that the finances of the association are in excellent condition. This is due not only to the prompt payment of the regular dues by our members, but to the generous response of a large number of our members taking out sustaining memberships.

BENJAMIN E. SWEET,  
*President: The Colorado Bar Association.*