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The annual dinner on Saturday evening will be preceded by the usual cocktail party. At the dinner, Frank Ongley Darvall, British consul for Colorado, Utah and Wyoming, will present the subject, "Britain's Role in the Post-War World." Mr. Darvall is a speaker of repute, having been a member of the British Universities debating team while at Cambridge, and head of British Information Office for the United States, in London, during the war. Special entertainment will be provided by Shorty, Sally, Sue and the Boys of Radio Station KOA. Ben Sweet will bow out as president and turn the gavel over to incoming president Frank L. Moorhead, Boulder, and the meeting will be over, except for extra-curricular activities.

All members and guests registered at other hotels than the Broadmoor will be expected to take part in all the activities at the Broadmoor.

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Grievance and Ethics

BEN S. WENDELKEN, COLORADO SPRINGS, CHAIRMAN

The committee has followed the policy, wherever possible, of referring complaints to local associations. Seven complaints were filed. In two cases, full restitution was ordered and made. In one of these cases the lawyer has removed from the state. In one case disciplinary action was justified but not taken because of the physical and mental condition of the lawyer. In one case no determination has been made. Two of the cases were referred by the Supreme Court.

Reorganization

ALLYN COLE, GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CHAIRMAN

The committee adheres to its former opinion that no reorganization should take place until the return of the lawyers now serving in the armed forces, but that the committee should be continued. When integration is accomplished, it should be by rule of the Supreme Court rather than by legislation.

Local Bar Associations and Law Institutes

HARRY S. PETERSEN, PUEBLO, CHAIRMAN

The committee is negotiating with the deans of the law schools regarding refresher courses for law graduates who never practiced. As to practicing lawyers who went into the armed services, a series of institutes should be planned in the key cities on changes in the law since the beginning of the war.

Legislative

ALLEN MOORE, DENVER, CHAIRMAN

The work of this committee has been reported on several occasions in previous issues of DICTA. As several reports of the bills passed by the 35th General Assembly have been contained in DICTA and the loose leaf service, they will not be discussed here, but this committee did present to the general assembly, and did assist in the passage of several bills this year. The committee had several meetings, particularly one at the mid-winter meeting in February. The committee recommends that the committee be appointed in even numbered years to serve for two years.

Traffic Courts

JOHN C. YOUNG, COLORADO SPRINGS, CHAIRMAN

This committee was created for the purpose of continuing the Colorado Bar Association's participation in the traffic court improvement program. It was originally planned to hold a state traffic courts conference, similar to that held in January, 1944, and a series of district conferences similar to those held in May and June, 1944. These meetings, for which the Colorado Bar Association had primary responsibility, were very effective and have become models for many other states. Because of gas rationing and other matters connected with the war, it was felt inadvisable to hold conferences this year. However, with the end of the war and gas rationing, the problems of highway safety are much greater than they have been for a long time. One of the most important parts of a highway safety program is adequate enforcement through proper court results. It is now imperative that Colorado continue with traffic courts conferences, and your committee is cooperating with state officials and others interested in the program to get a permanent state traffic courts committee organized. It is expected that such a committee will be appointed shortly and will be able to start another series of state and district traffic courts conferences in January, 1946.

Economic Survey and Placements

MARK H. HARRINGTON, DENVER, CHAIRMAN

This committee was started as a committee of the Junior Bar Section, inasmuch as the younger lawyers are primarily interested in its work. However, during the war it has been necessary to keep the work in an established office, as so many younger lawyers were away. The last six years have convinced the committee that a placement office is very necessary and should be continued. Lawyers desiring positions list their names with the committee and law offices desiring to place a lawyer may apply to the committee for the names and qualifications of persons listed with it, without the risk of disclosing generally that the office is seeking to place a lawyer. At the present time many lawyers, particularly men

returning from service, are listing their names with the committee, and all offices having openings should contact the committee to get these names.

Lawyers War Emergency

HORACE F. PHELPS, DENVER, CHAIRMAN

Because of the increasing volume of requests for assistance, cases this year have been referred to all members of the bar. Although the number of cases handled by various county committees is unknown, the chairman has handled over 300 cases and 800 to 1,000 interviews, requests for information, etc. The committee sponsored three bills in the legislature, which were passed and became law. Veterans' organizations have requested and received the assistance of the committee. The committee has also handled many cases referred to it by various branches and organizations of the armed forces and government, and organizations working with servicemen. The committee has interested itself in legislation for the benefit of servicemen and veterans. At the present time the committee is cooperating in setting up refresher courses for veterans. Although the contribution of the bar to the war effort through this type of legal service has been considerable, the future requirements of the servicemen and veterans will be greater and more onerous, and this committee should be continued to carry on this work.

Juvenile Delinquency

PHILLIP B. GILLIAM, DENVER, CHAIRMAN

This committee was appointed to work on a great and continuing problem. The committee is studying the problem, particularly as it is handled elsewhere, and has made a number of addresses on the subject before high schools. Although the work of the committee has just begun, it has already been effective.

Real Estate Standards

EDWIN J. WITTELSHOFER, DENVER, CHAIRMAN

The committee has continued its policy of recommending to the other local associations the adoption of the standards of the Denver Bar Association, now 43 in number. Where these standards have been adopted incalculable benefits have resulted. The extent of the benefits to be derived depends upon the number of associations adopting the standards and the uniformity of the standards adopted. The committee recommended to the Legislative Committee nine bills, many of which were passed, with too many amendments, by the last legislature, and some of which have already been found helpful.

Unauthorized Practice of Law

A. X. ERICKSON, DENVER, CHAIRMAN

Some of the acts of unauthorized practice of law prevalent after the last war have been detected during this war and the return to normal living. If these acts continue they will bring about a dangerous condition, which should be prevented by this committee. The McCarran-Sumners Administrative Procedure Bills (S. 7 and H. R. 1203), now before Congress, contain dangerous provisions, granting to every person appearing before administrative agencies the right to appear by counsel or other qualified representative. In view of the fact that such representation is the practice of law, and the rights of persons appearing cannot be protected properly except through counsel understanding evidence and procedure, the committee proposes that the Colorado Bar Association adopt a resolution urging that the right to appearance before administrative agencies by representatives other than legal counsel be eliminated from these bills.

Probate and Trust Law Section

FLOYD F. WALPOLE, DENVER, CHAIRMAN

This section sponsored, in conjunction with the County Judges' Association, several bills before the 1945 legislature. The legislature passed the bill on legal investments approved by this section at its 1944 meeting, and also passed the other bill principally sponsored by the section and the County Judges. However, the legislature, on its own initiative, made an amendment to the probate bill, to which there has been some objection among lawyers, and it is suggested that the Governor include the correction of this matter in a call for a special session, and that the legislative committee of the section draft a proposed bill to make proper change, and present it to the legislative committee of the County Judges' Association for its suggestions.

Newly Admitted Members of the Bar

The following persons who took the bar examination in June have passed and been admitted to practice:

Walter A. Ballou, 2383 So. Williams St., Denver

James F. Friel, 2267 Hudson St., Denver

L. V. Hallen, 1180 Sherman St., Denver

Alice B. Loveland, 1145 Sherman St., Denver

Joseph E. Maker, 285 So. Lincoln St., Denver

Neil Tasher, 76 Emerson St., Denver

George L. Strain, La Junta