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The lawyer's effort in winning the war will be the theme of the forty-fifth annual convention of the Colorado Bar Association to be held at Colorado Springs in the Broadmoor Hotel on September 18 and 19, 1942, according to Tom Keely of Denver, convention chairman.

George Maurice Morris, the incoming president of the American Bar Association, will speak at the annual banquet on some of the problems engendered by the war and the place of the lawyers in solving them. Mr. Morris, a nationally recognized authority upon taxation matters, is the author of several books dealing with tax matters and has been a frequent contributor to law reviews. He has long been active in the American Bar Association, serving as chairman of the committee on federal taxation, chairman of the general council, and chairman of the house of delegates.

The annual address will be delivered on Friday evening by Philip G. Wickser, chairman of the board of directors of the Buffalo Insurance Company. Mr. Wickser, who is one of the few men responsible for the reorganization of the American Bar Association, is a former chairman of the national conference of bar examiners, and a forceful and entertaining speaker. His speech will deal with the lawyer's part in the war and peace programs.

The convention will open on Friday morning with reports of the various committees. Among the outstanding reports will be the one by John L. Zanoni, chairman of the committee on national defense. This committee has established legal clinics in all of the army posts in the state, has aided the navy in its recruiting program, and has assisted in the draft registration. Another outstanding report is that of the committee on legal education, which urges that the state bar association adopt the conclusions of the legal council of the section on legal education of the American Bar Association, urging that the standards for admission to practice be not lowered in favor of students or prospective students who are entering the armed services or who have been engaged in military service.

W. W. Platt, president of the state bar, will open the Friday afternoon session by delivering the president's annual address. He will be followed by Dr. A. D. H. Kaplan, regional price executive of the Office of Price Administration, who will speak on the place of price control in war strategy. W. W. Grant of Denver will also speak on particular phases of the legal problems arising out of the course of the war. The Friday afternoon program will be concluded by an ad-

dress delivered by Berton Gobble, state inheritance tax commissioner, on the problems of multiple taxation of intangibles in estates of decedents.

The Saturday morning program will feature section meetings. The committee on revision of probate law, at its meeting, will petition the state bar for the right to become a section of the association and will present a trust code and certain statutes dealing with the estates. This committee, under the chairmanship of Hugh D. Henry of Denver, has been active in revising probate and trust statutes for the past two years. Also meeting on Saturday morning will be the District Attorneys' Association, under the chairmanship of James T. Burke of Denver. This association's program will consist of a talk by Stanley H. Johnson of Denver on parole conditions and a talk by an official of the Judge Advocate General's staff stationed at Lowry Field on the relationship between civil and military control of offenders. The water section, under the chairmanship of Malcolm Lindsey of Denver, will present a code of water procedure for adoption by this section and will urge its passage in the state legislature. Details of the proposed code are set forth on another page of this issue of DICTA. Also meeting on Saturday morning will be the local bar association executives, who will discuss means of financing the local associations, coordination of the association with the war effort, and other details of bar association work. Likewise, the junior bar section will hold its meeting Saturday morning to formulate its program for the oncoming year and hear committee reports and the address of its president, Ray Moses of Alamosa. Among the other outstanding reports is a report by William E. Hutton of Denver on the proposed uniform code of evidence and the report of the delegate to the American Bar Association of its annual convention, which will be given by James A. Wood of Denver.

Saturday afternoon's session will be devoted mainly to a program prepared by the Boulder County Bar Association, under the direction of Milton Green of Boulder. This program, which will feature "experts" of the Boulder County Bar Association, will be fashioned upon the "Information, Please" program of radio fame. This session is intended to be instructive but will also be entertaining, and lawyers in the audience are also invited to sharpen their wits with the "experts".

Entertainment features of the convention have not been neglected although they are not as elaborate as in the past years. Friday noon the Law Club of Denver will take over the entertainment at the luncheon, and, based upon past performances, which J. Ramsay Harris, president, says will be equaled this year, an entertaining luncheon can be expected. Saturday's luncheon will be supervised by the junior bar section, which is planning to present an entertaining program dealing

with the needs of reform of the new rules of civil procedure. Entertainment for the ladies has been arranged for by Mrs. G. Russel Miller of Colorado Springs, chairwoman of the ladies' committee. Full details of this program appear in the program which has been previously mailed.

The convention will close on Saturday evening with the annual banquet, at which time Mr. Morris will speak. It is expected that other notable guests, including Governor Carr, will be present and will be presented to the group at that time. The new officers of the association will also be presented.

A complete program of the convention, which has been mailed to all of the members of the association, will give the details as to room rates and arrangements for accommodations at the hotel. Members of the association are urged to make reservation for accommodations as soon as possible and to bring their program with them to the convention.

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## Water Rights Section to Present Proposed Water Code

The water rights section of the Colorado Bar Association, working through its council consisting of Malcolm Lindsey of Denver, chairman, George M. Corlett of Monte Vista, William R. Kelly of Greeley, John B. O'Rourke of Durango, Miss Vena Pointer of Pueblo, Silmon Smith of Grand Junction, and Allyn Cole of Glenwood Springs, will submit to the Colorado Bar Association a draft of a water procedural code and urge enactment of this legislation. The drafted code, which is in twenty-nine sections, covers the procedure to be followed in irrigation cases.

After defining the various terms used in the code, the proposed statute vests jurisdiction regarding the appropriation of water and water district litigation with the district court exclusively. The proposed code specifying the form of the petition for adjudication, provides methods of trial, including the right to appoint referees or masters to hear the evidence and the method of issuing notices to all persons concerned. Supplemental general adjudications may likewise be initiated under the proposed statute, which also permits anyone whose rights have been adjudicated as a member of a class to have his rights as a member of that class especially adjudicated. Claimants or owners of water rights are forbidden to produce evidence in any adjudication suit