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The Colorado Bar Association dues-paid membership has trebled in the three years since its reconstruction. There are now over 1,100 members. This averages 2 out of every 3 of the 1,550 lawyers in the State of Colorado as members. The Colorado Bar Association can now rightfully claim to speak for a majority of the Colorado bar—a claim it could not make three years ago. More than that—7 out of every 10 of the lawyers in Colorado, outside of Denver, are members of the state association, and 6 out of every 10 lawyers in Denver are members of the state association. These are “round” figures, based on Martindale’s Directory. In this total are included judges as well as practitioners. The criterion has been to include those whose life activities depend upon the fact that they are members of the great profession.

Lawyers out in the state have been a little more prompt than those in Denver in joining the reorganized association. “Country” lawyers supposed that Denver lawyers were more organization minded, but it seems that about 360 lawyers in Denver, men who profit because they are members of the profession, are neither members of their local bar association, nor of the state bar association. Not that the out-in-state lawyers can throw stones. It is a fact that some who have profited most out of the legal profession are not those who do their share in supporting its organization. At any rate, we want to get the membership ratio of lawyers in Denver equal to that of those outside of Denver. By joining us, they will help us while helping themselves. The regeneration of the Colorado Bar Association had its main leadership in Denver.

This is a day when the unorganized in any profession or country are going down in the contest with the better organized. It is time for lawyers to look about and see what other groups have been doing while we were complacent. We were organizing others, but not ourselves. In five states bordering Colorado, they have the integrated bar; that is, every lawyer must be a member, and must pay annual dues, which are about double those in Colorado. We have been hoping an integrated bar would be unnecessary in Colorado, and that we could meet the problem by voluntary membership.

In our last fiscal year, 70% of the income of the Colorado Bar Association was taken for printing and postage expense of the monthly *DICTA* and the annual proceedings. Probably we should get in line with what neighboring states are doing. We would like to render more service to the members of the bar in Colorado. Every lawyer should have a part

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in it. If we had their dues of three dollars (\$3.00) each, from the 500 lawyers in Colorado who have not joined, it would go a long way toward solving our problem.

The increased attendance at Legal Institutes held over the state this year shows that lawyers value the Colorado Bar Association.

The voluntary response of Colorado lawyers to the code revision printing expense to supplement that being contributed monthly by the association has been good. Over 200 lawyers in the state, about half of them from outside Denver, have responded with subscriptions from one dollar to twenty-five dollars. This will pay part of the cost of mimeographing, printing and mailing a copy of the draft to the 1,500 lawyers in the state. This alone would have taken half of the present gross annual income of the association.

Our hope for new members and solution of our balancing of our budget and extending beneficial activities of the association is mainly in the capital city of Denver. A Denver lawyer, Charles M. Sheldon, is the chairman of our membership committee. The other members of his committee (made up as the by-laws require, of one from each Congressional District) are: Frank D. Allen, Akron; Paul L. Littler, Montrose; Raphael J. Moses, Alamosa; and John W. O'Hagan, Greeley. They are a good committee. Our hope is in them.

The Ninth Judicial Bar Association met in Glenwood Springs on June 22, and elected officers for the forthcoming year. M. J. Mayes of Glenwood Springs was selected as president; Winbourn MacDonald of Meeker and Ross I. Newmann of Aspen were chosen Vice-Presidents and Carl W. Fulghum was elected Secretary and Treasurer.

In conjunction with the annual meeting of the local bar association a legal institute was also held. The afternoon session was opened by John R. Clark, who introduced Albert J. Gould of Denver. Mr. Gould spoke on "Tax High-lights for the Busy Lawyer". The evening meeting commenced with a banquet held at the Colorado Hotel, with C. H. Darrow, retiring president presiding. Louis A. Hellerstein of Denver addressed the institute on "Chattel Mortgages in Colorado."

A two-day institute on Taxation will be held at Boulder under the auspices of the Colorado School of Law on July 20th and 21st. The speakers will include George Bogart, author of Bogart on Trusts and other books; Thomas Reid Powell; Charles F. Rittenhouse and John MacGuire. All lawyers planning to attend the Institute should register at the office of the Dean of the Law School. Special arrangements are being made to house the attorneys attending at a very nominal cost. Full particulars concerning the Institute and the cost may be obtained from the Dean's office.

Code Revision Progressing Swiftly; Contributors to Fund Listed

The committee on Code Revision of the State Bar Association met in Denver on June 20, 21 and 22 to discuss the second proposed revision of the rules. The first draft of the rules was placed in the hands of the committee approximately two months ago. According to Mr. Philip Van Cise, Chairman of the Code Revision Committee, the second draft of the rules will be placed in the hands of every lawyer in the state by August first. Members attending the three-day meeting in Denver went over the rules with the idea to correct terminology, made improvements in the first draft and to insure consistency throughout the entire rules. The program of revising the Colorado code called for an expenditure of approximately two thousand dollars, some of which is already assumed and paid by the State Bar Association. To meet this extra expense President Kelly, acting under the authority of the Board of Governors, requested various lawyers to subscribe to a special fund to be used for revising the Colorado Code. A list* of the subscribers to this fund follows:

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*As of June 20, 1940.

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