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A Message from the President

August 28, 1940.

To the Members of the Denver Bar Association:

It has been suggested that some space in DICTA might to advantage be devoted to reporting current activities of the Board of Trustees and the committees, to the end that you may be better informed as to what is happening and what may be expected. I favor the suggestion and take this opportunity to mention briefly some of the more important happenings and features of the program which are contemplated for the current year.

THE BLUE CROSS PLAN

The Board of Trustees, after conferring with William S. McNary, Executive Director of the Colorado Hospital Association, and considering the proposal, has approved the plan for members of this association. As a result, members may now enroll to receive the benefits of hospitalization which it offers. You will receive more detailed information in a letter from Mr. McNary.

Under the plan any member of this association may enroll, pay a monthly or semi-annual schedule of rates and thereby receive hospitalization for himself or family in any one of fourteen Class A hospitals in Denver, Colorado Springs or Pueblo who are members of the Colorado Hospital Association sponsoring the plan. Further features include hospitalization expense in any hospital if desired. The plan is managed by a Board of Trustees composed of public-spirited citizens who serve without pay. It is patterned after similar plans which have been in successful operation for some time in other states. The trustees have approved the plan in order that it might be made available to any member of this association who may wish to take advantage of its benefits.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

Suggestion that American Bar be invited to Denver in 1941 considered by special committee and trustees. Unanimous action favored postponing invitation until later—perhaps 1943. Indianapolis will probably issue invitation for next year. New York City in 1942 seems likely.

Reasons for postponement: Unsettled conditions, finances, local problems of importance first.

THE WATERMAN TRUST

The income in perpetuity from a trust fund which will in all probability aggregate several hundred thousand dollars will, following the demise of three life tenants, come to this association to be used preferentially for alleviating financial distress of aged members. This benefaction is the result of the generosity of Mrs. Waterman, widow of the late Senator Charles Waterman, whose will so provided.

DICTA

DICTA editorial staff favors more articles of practical benefit to lawyers, some space for current Bar activities and committee reports, and improved method of reporting Supreme Court decisions by R. Hickman Walker assisted by O. A. Phipps, all decisions being reported, most important summarized.

MEETINGS

Predominance of talks on subjects of practical value with occasional purely social meetings, possibly evening dinners. Those considering selves with voice see Irving Hale for a Bar quartet.

LEGAL INSTITUTE

Several afternoon Institute sessions planned. Lectures on subjects of general interest by specialist members, after the style of the successful institutes sponsored by Colorado Bar Association.

MEMBERSHIP

Strenuous effort to bring in new members and rehabilitate few old ones whose interest or dues have lagged. Communicate with me or Secretary Woods if your delinquent dues have reached staggering proportions.

These are in brief a few of the features of the program. We solicit suggestions or criticism. I respectfully suggest that every lawyer will receive from this and from membership in the Colorado Bar Association a total of at least \$7 of value. If you agree, send Woods your check if you haven't already done so.

Cordially yours,

BENJAMIN E. SWEET, *President.*