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THE MID-WINTER LEGAL INSTITUTE AT GREELEY

By JOHN W. O'HAGAN

THE first of a series of Legal Institutes sponsored by the Colorado Bar Association was held at Greeley on February 4, 1939. It was planned by William R. Kelly, chairman of the Committee on Legal Institutes, and conducted under the immediate supervision of the Weld County Bar Association. Eighty-five lawyers from seventeen different towns of northern Colorado were in attendance, and all were enthusiastic in their praise of the success of the meeting. Chairman Kelly announced that a second institute would be held at Pueblo on March 10th.

The institute was opened by M. E. H. Smith, Vice-President of the Weld County Bar Association, who introduced Chairman William R. Kelly. The first speaker on the program was President G. Dexter Blount, who spoke of the origination of the idea of holding legal institutes in Colorado. Mr. Blount explained that the intention was to hold meetings at different times and places during the year and that practical

legal questions of general interest to Colorado lawyers would be introduced and discussed by men who specialized in that particular field. In addition to the scheduled Pueblo Institute others are planned for Alamosa and Grand Junction. He stressed the value of the institute as enabling lawyers to obtain first-hand knowledge of important current questions, as well as creating a medium by which attorneys in the various localities could get together and cooperate to their mutual benefits.

Wilbur F. Denious, past president of the Colorado Bar, was next introduced by Mr. Kelly and received a splendid tribute from the speaker and all those assembled for his untiring efforts in the successful reorganization of the state bar.

Albert J. Gould of Denver was the leader of the afternoon session, which was devoted to the subject of "Tax Highlights for Busy Lawyers." In a brilliant manner Mr. Gould outlined briefly the many and varied types of tax problems which face the practicing lawyer and suggested methods leading to the solution of these problems. In regard to corporations, he stressed the necessity of proper and full corporate minutes and outlined the reason and necessity for any given corporate action. "The closed corporation is no longer economically sound," in the opinion of Mr. Gould, "because of the excessive taxation which it faces." After Mr. Gould's address, the remainder of the afternoon was given over to questions asked by the attending lawyers. Thereafter the afternoon session was adjourned at 5 o'clock and a delightful social hour, arranged by the Weld County Bar, was enjoyed by all those present. The dinner meeting was in charge of Vice-President Smith. Acting as toastmaster for the occasion, Chairman Kelly introduced members of the judiciary and officers of local bar groups present. The toastmaster also acknowledged his appreciation for the successful manner in which the various committees had handled the institute.

In a speech full of witticisms, S. Arthur Henry, of the Denver Bar, compared the lawyers pictured in reel life with ones in real life. He concluded that, in view of all considerations, the screen portrayal was quite benevolent.

The evening institute was under the direction of Golding Fairfield of Denver, who delivered an able and timely address on the "Delivery of Deeds and New Developments in Real

Estate Law." Following the procedure inaugurated at the opening session, Mr. Fairfield devoted the last half of the meeting to answering questions on the subject.

Before adjournment of the institute, Fred Y. Holland, Secretary of the State Bar Association, offered a resolution of sympathy to Delph Carpenter of Greeley, who was prevented by illness from attending the meeting. John W. O'Hagan of Greeley, Secretary of the institute, was requested to forward the resolution to Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter. A resolution was also adopted by the gathering thanking the Weld County Bar Association for its hospitality, and expressing appreciation for the benefits gained from attendance at the institute.

It was the consensus of all present that the institute was a valued addition to bar association activities. Urging that the institutes be incorporated in a permanent program of bar activity, the lawyers attending the sessions called on the committee of legal institutes to outline future meetings.

"We are highly pleased with the results accomplished at the Greeley meeting," said Mr. Blount after adjournment. "In our greatest expectations, we did not hope for a crowd to exceed sixty lawyers. The response to this meeting encourages everyone charged with the duty of planning these institutes, and augurs well for the future success of our plans. In addition to the instructive benefits which are to be derived from these meetings, lawyers become acquainted with each other. We feel that this personal acquaintanceship improves bar association work in addition to being a matter of personal gain to the attorneys themselves. We are all looking forward to the Pueblo meeting on March 10th."

**COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT
ELECTED TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE AMERICAN BAR**

G. Dexter Blount, President of the Colorado Bar Association and state delegate to the American Bar Association, was nominated at the mid-winter meeting of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association held in Chicago on January 9th and 10th, for a three-year term on the Board of Gov-

ernors to represent the 10th Judicial Circuit. Mr. Blount will succeed Robert Stone of Topeka, whose office expires at the July meeting of the association in San Francisco, and unless independent nominations are made by petition, he will be elected without opposition next July. The Board of Governors is composed of ten members, one of whom is elected from each of the United States Judicial Circuits, and they, together with the five principal officers of the association; namely, the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman of the House of Delegates and Editor of the Journal, exercise administrative control over the affairs of the association during the periods between meetings. Charles A. Beardsley of Oakland, California, was the unopposed nominee for the presidency. Other nominees for three-year terms on the Board of Governors were: First Circuit, George R. Grant, State Delegate from Massachusetts; Second Circuit, Philip J. Wickser, State Bar Association Delegate from New York; Sixth Circuit, Carl J. Essery, State Bar Association Delegate from Michigan.

To our genial and fast-stepping President, we extend hearty congratulations.

JUNIOR BAR CONFERENCE

By WILLIAM H. ROBINSON, JR.

The northeastern section of the Junior Bar Conference of Colorado met in an informal session at Greeley on February 4, 1939. Approximately twenty-five young lawyers from Denver and northeastern counties were present.

Mark Harrington of Denver, president of the conference, who presided at the meeting, gave a brief history of the growth of the conference in Colorado, and outlined the purposes of the group. He stressed the need for such an organization and the good that it could accomplish in the state. As councilman for the eighth judicial district, Barney Houtchens of Greeley welcomed the group to Greeley, and spoke briefly of the work being done by the conference in his district.

Various committee chairmen present at the meeting reported on the program from their committees. Hugh Henry of Denver, Secretary-Treasurer of the conference, announced

that the state membership had exceeded by one hundred per cent the quota set by the national body for last year, and that early indications for this year gave promise of again exceeding the quota.

Announcing that his committee on meetings and arrangements had planned a gathering of Junior Bar members at Pueblo immediately preceding the Legal Institute in that city, John W. O'Hagan of Greeley stated that a series of sectional meetings of the state conference were being planned for the state. Present plans call for a gathering to be held on the Western Slope this summer prior to the Colorado State Bar Association meeting.

If the plans of the committee on sponsoring newly-admitted members of the bar can be successfully worked out with the consent of the various groups and officials concerned, this committee hopes to have the new brothers as guests of the conference at a dinner to be held on the day of admittance, according to the report made by Norman E. Bradley of Denver. In addition to welcoming the group into the profession, the committee plans to sponsor the new members wherever they are located in the state until such time as they become acquainted with the procedural aspects of law practice.

Wm. Hedges Robinson, Jr., of Denver, chairman of the Public Relations Committee, spoke briefly on the need for the work of this committee and of a plan to undertake a study of the economic status of lawyers with a view toward aiding a law school graduate to familiarize himself with the possibilities of practice in any given district in the state.

After the meeting adjourned, members of the conference attended the Legal Institute.

COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION REPORTS

The Forty-first Annual Reports of The Colorado Bar Association Proceedings, 1938, have been delivered or mailed to the entire membership. Pursuant to provisions of the new by-laws, which may be found in the Reports, all members of affiliated associations automatically became members of The Colorado Bar Association. Accordingly, over 1,100 copies of