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## COLORADO BAR SPEAKERS FEATURED ON AMERICAN BAR PROGRAM

**A** NUMBER of Colorado attorneys are among the featured speakers at the various section meetings to be held in conjunction with the annual convention of the American Bar Association at San Francisco on June 10th to 14th. Among those listed in the advance program of the Association, as speakers, are William R. Kelly of Greeley, Mark H. Harrington of Denver, Lowell White of Denver

and Dean Robert L. Stearns of the University of Colorado Law School. Judge Orié L. Phillips, Judge of the Circuit Court of Appeals in this district, will also give an address.

At a joint meeting of the sections on legal education and admission to the bar and bar organization activities, Mr. Kelly, the President-elect of the state association, will discuss "Institutes for Smaller Local Bars from a Consumer's Point of View." This joint meeting will be held in the Veterans' Building on Wednesday, June 12th, at 2:00 o'clock. On the following day, Judge Phillips will address the section on real property, probate and trust law in the Veterans' Building, on various phases of irrigation law.

One of the round-table discussions on insurance law will be led by Mr. White on Tuesday at 10:30 o'clock, on the question of the relation between death statutes and automobile guest statutes.

Mr. Harrington, as President of the Junior Bar Conference in Colorado, will lead a discussion on the formulation of the program for the coming year for the conference, at 2:00 o'clock on Sunday, July 9th, at the Palace Hotel.

Dean Stearns is also scheduled to address one of the sections of the Association.

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E. Gene Nikkel of Joes, Colorado, a graduate of the University of Colorado Law School, 1938, has opened offices for the practice of law in Fort Collins. He is located in the Wilson Block, and is the fifth new lawyer within a year to start the practice of law in that city.

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The annual meeting of the Bar Association of the First Judicial District was held in Central City on June 24th. Among the guests were Governor Ralph L. Carr, Justice Benjamin Hilliard of the State Supreme Court and Mr. William R. Kelly of Greeley, President-elect of the State Bar Association. This meeting, at which approximately sixty-five were present, was the regular annual outing of the association. Among the featured events was the customary horseshoe pitching contest. Dinner that evening was held in the historic old Teller House.

### Code Revision Committees Hold Weekly Meetings

The committees on the revision of the code in the State of Colorado are now meeting weekly in the auditorium of the Capitol Life Insurance Company at 16th and Sherman Streets in Denver at 7:30 P. M. These meetings are scheduled for each Monday night at 7:30 P. M. from June 26th to September 18th, inclusive, and Phillip S. Van Cise of Denver, general chairman, has urged that as many of the committee as possible attend these weekly meetings. To date, practically all of the committees have filed reports, indicating progress on the code, and Group No. 4, relating to depositions and discovery, has virtually completed its work. So far, federal laws 29 and 32 have been recommended for adoption verbatim, and rules 26, 28, and 33 have been modified to a minor extent and certain additions have been made to these rules. A comprehensive report of the work to date will be outlined in one of the succeeding issues by the general chairman.

Any persons having suggestions relating to code revision or procedure are urged to get in touch with Mr. Van Cise as soon as possible.

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### TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS IN HOME RULE CITIES

JUDGE ROBERT STEELE on June 26, 1939, quashed an information filed against a hit and run driver under the state law because the offense occurred within the city and county of Denver. This decision is in line with the one mentioned in the preceding issue of Dicta where Judge John B. O'Rourke ruled similarly in *People vs. Daniels*, No. 1743, in the District Court of La Plata County. Judge Steele, in the case of *People vs. Graham*, No. 34452, held that the hit-and-run provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act are inoperative within home rule cities because they are a part of the regulation of traffic which has expressly been declared a matter of local concern for home rule cities under *Denver vs. Henry*, 95 Colo. 582, and because they are provisions affecting the welfare and safety of the inhabitant of Denver, the power to regulate which under the charter rests in the city.

Judge Floyd Miles on June 27, 1939, however, held in the matter of the petition of Humphreys, No. A-24762 that the state could revoke an operator's license where all of the offenses occurred within a home rule city. This ruling was based upon the wording of Section 145 of the State Motor Vehicle Act as amended in 1939 which gives the state power to suspend a license for violation of traffic laws. Judge Miles ruled that the word "laws" also included ordinances, and hence the state department was invested with authority regardless of where the offenses occurred.

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### ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Committee on Program and Arrangements, of which William E. Hutton, Esq., is the Chairman, has announced that the next annual meeting of the Colorado Bar Association will be held at the Broadmoor hotel, Colorado Springs, September 22nd and 23rd. The agenda of this session assure that it will be one of the most important sessions that the Colorado Bar Association has held. In attendance at the convention will be Charles A. Beardsley, President of the American Bar Association, Justice Wiley Rutledge, of the United States Court of Appeals, and others prominent in the state and nation who will address the Assembly. The complete program will be announced later.

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### COMMITTEE ON LAW BOOK PUBLICATIONS

Joseph D. Pender, Chairman, has issued a call to members of this Committee to attend a meeting at his office, 551 Equitable Building, Denver, at 10 A. M., Thursday, July 20th. A report to the State Association will be discussed and drafted.

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### AMERICAN BAR CONVENTION

As this is written a large number of Colorado lawyers are planning to attend the annual convention of the American Bar Association, at San Francisco, July 10th to 15th. We have in mind: G. Dexter Blount, President of the Colorado Association; Wilbur F. Denious, L. Ward Bannister, Byron Rogers, Charles Q. Queary, Lawell White, Fred Y. Holland, William R. Kelly, of Greeley, Dean Robert L. Stearns and Larry Demuth, of Boulder.