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**FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING BREAKS ALL  
ATTENDANCE RECORDS**

**W**ITH three hundred sixty-three lawyers registered and approximately one hundred more in attendance, the forty-second annual meeting of the Colorado Bar Association at Colorado Springs on September 22 and 23, 1939, capped a successful year by breaking all previous attendance records. The next highest attendance record for an annual meeting was for the year 1938, when two hundred thirty-eight attorneys registered.

The successful program carried on by the state associa-

tion, plus the large and enthusiastic attendance at the yearly meeting, has proved that the affiliated bar system does work in Colorado. With the announcement that the last two regions in the state have been organized into local associations affiliated with the Colorado Bar Association, the board of governors stated at the meeting that the state association now covers the entire state and embraces some fourteen hundred lawyers.

Members attending the meeting were addressed by Charles A. Beardsley of Oakland, president of the American Bar Association; Jacob M. Lashly of St. Louis, chairman of the Commercial Law Section of the American Bar Association; Paul F. Hannah of Washington, D. C., national chairman of the Junior Conference, and Justice John C. Young of the Colorado Supreme Court.

Mr. Beardsley, who delivered the main address of the meeting, asserted in his talk, "The Need for Better Justice," that war is a challenge to the legal profession because it is a substitute for the civilized means of determining a dispute. He urged, therefore, that lawyers contribute to bar association work and under the joint membership of these organizations combat the elements which destroy the civilized methods for settling disputes.

Mr. Beardsley's speech on Friday evening culminated a day of business and social activities. The Friday morning session of the convention was devoted to committee reports. Following the morning meeting, Wilbur F. Denious acted as host at a reception to introduce Mr. Beardsley and thereafter entertained all members attending the meeting at a delightful luncheon that noon at the hotel. The Law Club of Denver, at the close of the luncheon, presented a humorous satire on a meeting of the club.

After the luncheon, G. Dexter Blount of Denver, retiring president of the association, delivered the president's address. Mr. Blount outlined the accomplishments of the affiliated bar system, which in the first year of its existence successfully held legal institutes in every part of the state, began the publication of a state bar journal, organized the lawyers all over the state into a cohesive unit, defeated unfavorable legislation, substantially increased the state membership in the

American Bar Association, undertook to rewrite the Colorado Code along the lines of the federal rules, and carried on the customary activities of a normal bar association.

The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to a discussion of the work of the committee on uniform procedure in state and federal courts. Philip S. Van Cise of Denver, chairman of the committee which has been redrafting the code of civil procedure in Colorado to conform to the federal rules, presided at the meeting. He announced that over a hundred lawyers and judges from all over the state have been working on this project for the past nine months, and that the present program called for a rough draft of the proposed revision to be placed in the hands of all attorneys by December first. One of the highlights of the afternoon was a discussion by Mark H. Harrington, Horace N. Hawkins, Jr., Thomas Keely, and Joseph Hodges, on the advisability of revision, the principles under which the work was being done and the personnel of the committee. Another interesting discussion by R. Hickman Walker and Jean Breitenstein pertained to the type of appellate procedure which should be adopted by the committee. The remainder of the session was devoted to a paper by Edward L. Wood of Denver on the "General Advantages of Discovery Under the Rules," and a short talk by Tom Chapin of Denver on how the statutes contain much code material and the need for correlation between the code and the statutes.

The Saturday morning session featured a talk by Jacob M. Lashly of St. Louis, chairman of the Commercial Law Section of the American Bar Association. Mr. Lashly discussed "The Fourth Co-ordinate Branch of Government," urging that administrative tribunals act solely as a tribunal and not as judge, jury and prosecutor, and that a uniform method of judicial review of all of the decisions of the tribunals be provided. William R. Kelly of Greeley, now president of the Colorado Bar Association, discussed local bar association institutes. The delegates to the American Bar Association convention reported through L. Ward Bannister of Denver and Robert S. Gast of Pueblo, that the San Francisco convention was a success from every standpoint. S. Arthur Henry, president of the Denver Bar Association, discussed features in the will of Mrs. Charles W. Waterman which re-

lated to indigent lawyers. A memorial to Fred Y. Holland, former secretary of the association, was read by Clay R. Appel of Greeley.

The luncheon meeting was devoted to the Junior Bar Conference, a fuller report of which follows this article. A. Pratt Kesler, national vice-chairman of the conference, and James D. Fellers, councilman for the tenth circuit, spoke briefly. Following these talks the conference selected Hugh D. Henry of Denver chairman, Leo S. Altman of Pueblo vice-chairman, and John W. O'Hagan, secretary.

The afternoon session convened to hear an address of Justice John C. Young of the state Supreme Court on "Is There Need for Integration of the Judiciary?" Paul H. Hannah, national chairman of the Junior Bar Conference, then outlined the work and plans of the conference. He stressed the fact that the legal profession is fighting to make democracy safe for America and to maintain the profession of law. After outlining the attacks made on democracy and the legal profession, Mr. Hannah said that the junior bar was enlisted "for the duration," and that it intended to rout the attacks by hard work intelligently directed and carefully executed by a unified bar.

Following the adoption of a resolution providing for a revision of the by-laws to provide greater flexibility and workability, the association selected William E. Hutton of Denver as president-elect, Edward L. Wood of Denver senior vice-president, Judge John R. Clark of Glenwood Springs, Robert Tarbell of Saguache, and Jacob S. Schey of Longmont as vice-presidents. Edward C. King of Denver was reappointed treasurer, and Wm. Hedges Robinson, Jr., of Denver, as secretary. William R. Kelly of Greeley, president-elect for the past year, automatically became the new president at the close of the convention.

Several delightful social programs were arranged. The ladies present at the convention were entertained on Friday at a tea at the Fine Arts Center as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Caruthers, and on Saturday by a trip to the Will Rogers Shrine and a luncheon at the Cheyenne lodge as guests of the El Paso County Bar Association. Saturday afternoon Mr. and Mrs.

Spencer Penrose entertained the entire membership at a cocktail party at the hotel.

The final session of the convention was the annual banquet, at which George P. Winters acted as toastmaster. Short talks were given by Messrs. Beardsley, Lashly, and Kelly, Ralph L. Carr, governor of the state, Justices Francis E. Bouck and Ben C. Hilliard of the Supreme Court, following a welcome extended by John A. Carruthers, president of the El Paso County Bar Association. The banquet program closed with entertainment furnished by the Cheyenne Mountain Dancers under the direction of Lloyd Shaw.

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### Junior Bar Has Two Successful Meetings

The annual meeting of the Colorado Junior Bar Conference was held on September 23, 1939, at the Broadmoor Hotel in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Colorado Bar Association. The Tenth Circuit meeting of the Junior Bar Conference of the American Bar Association was also held at the same time. Present at the circuit meeting were members of the Junior Bar from Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Utah, Kansas and Oklahoma. Paul F. Hannah, national chairman of the Junior Bar Conference, was introduced to the gathering and later spoke before the Colorado Bar Association meeting.

Speakers on the program were A. Pratt Kesler of Salt Lake City, Utah, national vice-chairman of the Junior Bar Conference, who spoke on the results of Junior Bar Conference work in Utah; James D. Fellers, member of the Junior Bar Conference Council for the Tenth Federal Circuit, who spoke on the Junior Bar Conference program in Oklahoma, and Jack Hunt of Topeka, Kansas, who reviewed the Junior Bar work in the state of Kansas. Kansas was the first state to organize a Junior Bar Conference unit, and Oklahoma and Colorado shortly followed. Among some of the practices found to be beneficial in those states are the following:

The aiding of young attorneys suffering tragedies temporarily incapacitating them.

The giving of dinners to newly admitted members of the bar.