

MORE HISTORY OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION -- MOSTLY STATISTICS

As I mentioned in the last Newsletter, I am trying to write a history of the Rocky Mountain Section in honor of its Seventieth year. The Section was founded in 1917. In my readings and brousing, I have discovered quite a few oddities and statistics that you might find interesting.

The Annual Banquet has long been a tradition as it started with the very first meeting at the University of Colorado in 1917. Until 1931, the host institution presented the banquet free of charge to the membership. At that time, there were formal toasts between the President of the University and the Chair of the Section (fruit juice during Prohibition?) with flowery phrases and wishes for good health and prosperity; perhaps we have lost something there and should consider reinstating this fine old protocol.

In 1920 at the Colorado College Meeting, hotels were advertised at "2 dollars with a bath at the end of the hall." This included breakfast. There are several references to "modern" hotels. Will the Program Chairs please try to find these hotels for our future meetings; travel budgets are getting tight!

The first registration fee was imposed at the 1926 Meeting after considerable debate in 1925 and again in 1926. It was "25 cents" and for the first few years was voluntary; once there was a request that "If you don't pay, don't use the refreshments."

In the sixty-nine years of our Section's existence, there have been 936 papers presented. I attempted to classify these by using their titles and the abstracts (which used to be published in the Monthly) to see what our interests have been; this was quite difficult in many instances and the following accounting should be considered as only approximate.

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Education	199
Analysis	198
Algebra	194
Geometry	102
Applied Math	90
Statistics	66
Computers	36
Recreational Math	16
History	15
Topology	14
Logic	5

There were many more Applied Math papers during the wars than at any other time. Geometry was very popular in the first fifteen years, with Topology having most of its papers in the '50s and '60s. Of course there were very few papers on computers in the '20s and '30s, but it might surprise you to know there was one. Papers on Education, Analysis and Algebra have been fairly uniformly distributed over time.

Eighty-nine institutions, high schools, industries and private individuals have been involved with these papers. The top five institutions and their numbers of representatives are:

<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
University of Colorado	261
University of Wyoming	95
South Dakota School of Mines	86
Colorado State University	82
Colorado School of Mines	46

The top individual presentors have been:

<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Aubrey J. Kempner	31	Louis C. Barrett	17
F. Max Stein	16	Charles Hutchinson	13
Duane A. Porter	13	David Ballew	12
Andrew G. Clark	12	C. H. Sisam	12