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creasing the amount of pre-legal work required for admission to the College from 2 to 3 years. In fact, students have been urged to take a minimum of 3 years of pre-legal work if at all possible, and an increasing number have done so. Many are taking advantage of what we term the 3-3 combination, which enables a student to earn a degree in Liberal Arts, Commerce, and certain other fields at the end of his first year of legal study, and the LL.B. degree at the end of an additional 2 years of work in the College of Law. The number of ex-service men who were eager to complete their law work as quickly as possible has delayed consideration of putting into effect the 3 year pre-legal requirement. Since the enrollment peak of veterans seems now to have been reached, it is probable that such requirement will be adopted within the next year or so.

Serious consideration is also being given to raising the minimum grade requirement for admission into the College. At present it is the minimum average required for graduation from the University, namely, "C" or III. This consideration is the result of our experience that students who enter the College of Law with the minimum grade average have extreme difficulty in doing acceptable work in law, although there are, of course, exceptions. Details on this point have not been worked out, but will be a subject of investigation by the law staff during the first part of the 1948-49 school year. It is hoped that the adoption of either or both of the requirements indicated will result in the improvement of the over-all quality of students entering the practice in the State.

Work by students on the Wyoming Law Journal has contributed to improvement in the work of such students far beyond our expectations. Since each of you receive a copy of the Journal you have read the Comments and Casenotes written by students, under faculty direction, and have doubtless appraised their quality. Work on the Journal has proven to be an extremely valuable and effective teaching device. The principal share of the credit for the success of this work is due Professors Trelease and Rudolph, Faculty Advisers of the Board of Editors of the Journal.

The staff of the College appreciate the interest of the members of the Bar of the State and earnestly solicit its continuance. We deeply appreciate your cooperation, particularly with respect to the publishing of the Journal, and we shall strive to merit your continued co-operation and support to the end that the Bar of the State may be constantly improved. The College is eager, not only to improve the quality of its instruction, but also to be of service to the Bar. It welcomes suggestions from members of the Bar as to services it may render, and you are invited to visit the College at any time, inspect its work and visit the students and staff.

> R. R. Hamilton, Dean.

### REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

During the past year, the Wyoming State Bar has lost three of its most outstanding members. Each was a leader in his community. Each was a leader in his profession. Each of the three had long and outstanding careers in the legal profession in Wyoming, and contributed much to the development and progress of that profession. The Wyoming State Bar mourns the loss of Judge R. R. Rose, Judge Charles E. Winter, and the Honorable W. O. Wilson.

Judge Rose was born October 15, 1880 at Tripp, South Dakota. He was a graduate of the Law School of the University of Denver, and entered the practice of law at Kemmerer in 1914. He also served as County and Prosecuting Attorney of Lincoln County. In 1923 he moved to Casper to become Judge of the Judicial District there, in which position he served for two years and was not a candidate to succeed himself. Thereafter he engaged in the general practice of law at Casper, Wyoming, during which time, he was recognized as one of the outstanding practitioners of the State. Throughout this time, he engaged in activities for the benefit of his community and state. In everything he undertook, both in the line of his work and the field of community service, he threw the boundless energies of his talents. His efforts were a credit to himself and his family and the community in which he lived. Judge Rose died at Casper, Wyoming on March 30, 1948. He is survived by his wife and two children.

W. O. Wilson died April 14, 1948 at Cheyenne, Wyoming. General Wilson was born at Pardee, Kansas in 1870. He graduated from the College of Law at the University of Chicago in 1899. He was admitted to the Illinois Bar and began his practice in Chicago. In 1907 he moved to Casper, Wyoming where he became one of the most prominent and influential men in the State. He served as City Attorney of Casper, Wyoming, County and Prosecuting Attorney of Natrona County, Attorney General of the State of Wyoming, was a member of the State Board of Law Examiners, President of the Association of Attorney Generals of the United States, and President of the Wyoming State Bar. He was active in civic and patriotic activities in Casper, Chevenne, and in the State of Wyoming, and devoted much of his time to these efforts. General Wilson, throughout his legal career, was always active in the affairs of the Wyoming State Bar and in the American Bar Association. For many years he served upon different committees of the American Bar Association, as well as in the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association. He is survived by his widow and two children.

Judge Charles E. Winter died in Casper, Wyoming, April 23, 1948. Judge Winter was born in Muscatine, Iowa, September 13, 1870. He was a graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan of Lincoln, Nebraska in 1892, and thereafter entered upon the study of law. He was admitted to the Nebraska Bar in 1895. He practiced two years at Omaha and then moved to Encampment, Wyoming, where he continued his practice for eleven years. He moved to Casper, Wyoming in 1913, and a short time later became Judge of the 6th Judicial District, in which position he served with distinction until 1919. Judge Winter was elected to Congress in 1922, and served there for three terms. Thereafter, he devoted his time to writing and to the practice of law. He was extremely interested in helpful work and in all matters which were for the betterment of the community and state. He was the author of the Wyoming State song and was a literary writer of attainment.

Judge Rose, General Wilson, and Judge Winter spent their lives in the legal profession. Each was an outstanding man in his chosen profession. Each contributed much to that profession. Each contributed much to the betterment of his community, his state and his country. Each took active part in the political affairs of his state and country. Each lived a full, honorable and complete life. Each left a son to carry on his work in the legal profession.

#### RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Wyoming State Bar, at its annual meeting held at Cody, Wyoming, September 3 and 4, 1948, pay its respects to Judge R. R. Rose, General W. O. Wilson, and Judge Charles E. Winter, and recognize their contribution to the legal profession in Wyoming, and that their memory be perpetuated by spreading this resolution upon the minutes of the Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the families of each.

Respectfully submitted,

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