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August 18 and the committee has given such draft its earnest consideration. As a result of that consideration the committee as a whole has serious fundamental objections both as to the substance and form of the proposed legislation. It is the sense of the committee that those objections can best be resolved at a meeting of the newly appointed legislative committee with the representative group from the Youth Council in the immediate future. It is recommended that the new legislative committee for the Wyoming State Bar be immediately appointed and that arrangements for such a meeting be consummated at the request of the Youth Council.

Dated at Buffalo, Wyoming this last day of September, 1950.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT OF THE COLLEGE OF LAW UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

For the past several years the Dean of the University of Wyoming College of Law has rendered to the Bar of the State a report of its activities during the last preceding academic year. I am pleased therefore to continue the practice and submit a survey of the work of the College for the academic year 1949-1950.

At the close of the academic year just completed the College rounds out 30 years of operation. It has made great progress during that period. Early in its history, indeed only three years after its establishment, it was approved by the American Bar Association and became a member of the Association of American Law Schools. Its standards have been consistently high, its curriculum has been kept abreast of modern developments in legal education, and the policy of the school has been and will continue to be to train a relatively small number of capable students for the practice, or work in fields related to the law. The College has not been and is not now interested in becoming a large school.

During the year the College suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Judge V. J. Tidball, who has been a part-time lecturer in the College from the date of its organization until his death on October 13, 1949. Judge Tidball had conducted the course in Wyoming Practice during this entire period, and generations of Wyoming lawyers will attest to the thoroughness of his instruction and his ability to inspire young

lawyers. His friendly interest in law students endeared him to all who came under his instruction. His advice and counsel will be sorely missed. The loss of the Judge from our staff has made it necessary to reorganize our Practice courses. Part of his work has been absorbed in other courses and the remainder of it has been in charge of part-time instructors from the Albany County Bar who were kind enough to help us out in this emergency.

As part of the Survey of the Legal Profession being conducted by the American Bar Association, the law schools throughout the country have been visited on behalf of the Association by its designated representatives. In May of this year the College was visited by Dean Orlando J. Hollis of the Law School of the University of Oregon. He spent two days with us and made a very thorough and searching survey of every phase of the operation of the College. To date we have had no report from the Association on the result of the survey, but have no reason to suppose that the administration, instruction, and the curriculum of the College is not up to standard. The survey, however, did reveal one deficiency, of which we were and have for years been quite aware, namely, the inadequacy of our quarters. Because of our crowded conditions it is impossible to organize our library for most efficient use. Indeed, lack of space renders it necessary to store a large number of our books. We have requested the University Administration to make available to the College the present College of Education building, completely remodelled for our purposes, when the College of Education vacates it and occupies its new building now under construction. While this building has not been assigned to us as of this date, there is reason to suppose that the present building program on the campus of the University will release space which will provide more adequate quarters for the College.

The enrollment for the fall quarter 1949 was 88 students. Of these 37 were first year, 33 second year, and 18 third year students. This enrollment represents a decrease from the 1948 fall enrollment by 6 full-time and 6 part-time students. Throughout the year 21 students were graduated as compared to 25 for the academic year 1948-49. Of the 21 graduates, 17 took and successfully passed the Wyoming Bar examination. Of this number 11 plan to enter the practice in Wyoming. The remaining 6 successful candidates have entered or plan to enter fields related to the law. Four graduates plan to practice in other states and did not take the Wyoming Bar examination. Of this four, one plans to practice in Illinois, one in California, one in Oregon, and one in Michigan. Of the total enrollment, 25 students were from out of state, and eleven states were represented. Of the states represented California lead the list with 6 student; Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, and Ohio come next with 3 students each; two came from Indiana, and Colorado, Mississippi, New Jersey, Washington and Wisconsin were represented by one student each. Of this year's 21 graduates, 8 were out of state students.

It is anticipated that there will be a further small drop in the enrollment for the 1950 fall quarter. It appears at present that 48 second and third year students will return next year. We anticipate an entering class of about 30, hence our total enrollment should be in the neighborhood of 75 to 80. Of course, the unsettled world conditions may affect our enrollment. Some unrest is evident among our students and a substantial number of them are reserve officers.

The College is again fortunate in being able to retain its complete full-time staff. The President of this Association, Mr. A. M. Pence, was kind enough to conduct the course in Municipal Corporations for us last year, but will be unable to carry on the work in that course next year. Mr. Gordon Davis, of the Albany County Bar, will teach the course conducted by Mr. Pence.

Professor Frank J. Trelease accepted an invitation to teach in the Law School of the University of North Carolina during the second 1950 summer session. The Dean lectured in Teachers College, Columbia University, the first three weeks in August.

Members of the Bar will recall that in the last two previous reports the matter of a Law Institute in connection with the Annual Meeting of this Association was discussed. We are indeed happy that at this meeting such an Institute is having its beginning and it is our hope that the members of the Bar will find it so useful and inspiring that the Bar will wish to expand the program in subsequent years. The College of Law stands ready to perform any service in this connection which the Association may request of it.

The College deeply appreciates the support accorded it by the Bar during the year and we earnestly solicit the continuation of such support and encouragement. We are eager to render any possible service to the Bar and to improve the work of the College to the end that the Bar of the State may be advanced. Any suggestions any member of the Bar may have to this end will be appreciated.

R. R. Hamilton
Dean.

REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

Since the 1949 Annual Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar at Rawlins, Wyoming, on September 2nd and 3rd, 1949, five members of our association have passed from this life to the great beyond.

VOLNEY JEAN TIDBALL

Volney Jean Tidball had been Judge of the District Court of the Second Judicial District of Wyoming, for more than 36 years, prior to