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It is more than ordinarily fitting that this issue of the Land and Water Law Review be dedicated to Frank Trelease. It was largely at Frank's initiative and through his efforts that the Land and Water Law Review was founded in 1966 as successor to the Wyoming Law Journal. Frank had also played the leading role in establishing the Wyoming Law Journal in 1946. It is worth noting that he contributed the lead articles for the initial issues of both publications.

The Law Journal article was entitled, "A Proposal for Wyoming Procedural Reform." Almost concurrently with the appearance of this article Frank was appointed to the original Advisory Committee on Rules of Civil Procedure by the Wyoming Supreme Court. From the beginning he played a major role in the work of the committee leading up to the adoption of the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure in 1957. He continued to serve on the committee until his retirement from the law school.

The article in the first issue of the Land and Water Law Review was entitled, "Priority and Progress-Case Studies of the Transfer of Water Rights," and was co-authored by Dellas Lee who was then serving as a visiting professor at the law school. It dealt primarily with a number of precedent setting instances involving the transfer of water rights in Wyoming. Water law, of course, became Frank's principal area of interest and he is certainly best known for his work in that field.

Over the years he has served as a consultant on water law legislation to the states of Wyoming, Alaska and Nebraska as

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well as a number of foreign countries, including the Philippines, Jamaica and Swaziland. He has also provided consulting services to the Public Land Law Review Commission, the National Water Commission and various agencies of the United Nations. He has published many articles and papers on water law which, of course, is an area of increasing importance and interest. Significantly the most recent edition of his casebook is entitled "Water Law: Resource Use and Environmental Protection". This is in keeping with Frank's view that water law provides an ideal vehicle for studying the methods of environmental control and the conflicting policies involved in environmental questions.

For those of us who have been his colleagues over the years Frank will be best remembered for his services as Dean of the College of Law during the years 1960 to 1971. It was a period during which the law school came of age in terms of enrollment, faculty size and educational programs. Frank was instrumental in establishing not only the Land and Water Law Review, but also the original clinical courses, the Defender Aid Program and the Legal Services Program.

It is with a profound sense of loss and a good deal of regret that we mark Frank Trelease's retirement from the faculty of the Wyoming law school. But, it is good to know that he remains active and engaged, and we wish him well in his new position at McGeorge School of Law.

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