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FOREWORD

The Wyoming Law Journal is pleased to perform, with this issue, the double function of reporting the Proceedings of the Institute on the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure, and of presenting a Symposium on the Rules prepared by the staff of the Journal and other students of the College of Law.

The Institute, held on the campus of the University of Wyoming on January 10 and 11, 1958, was the first venture of the College of Law into the field of continuing legal education. We of the faculty of the College feel it was a resounding success. We were able to bring to the campus outstanding speakers: the Honorable Charles E. Clark, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, who as Reporter to the original Advisory Committee on Rules for Civil Procedure to the United States Supreme Court was perhaps more responsible for the Federal Rules than any other one person; the Honorable Alfred P. Murrah, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, who is chairman of the Pre-Trial Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States; and Fred M. Winner and H. Gayle Weller, eminent Denver attorneys who have practiced under the corresponding Colorado Rules in the eighteen years since their adoption. The real measure of success, however, is indicated by the fact that more than one-half of the members of the Wyoming State Bar attended.

The proceedings here published are edited transcripts of the talks given at the Institute, except the papers of Judge Murrah and Mr. Winner, who spoke from manuscript. In many instances points raised by questions from the audience have been incorporated in appropriate places into the transcript, although in some instances the recorder was unable to preserve all questions. So while the Proceedings are not given verbatim, it is hoped that the informal teaching atmosphere of the Institute has been preserved and that this publication will constitute a record of what was learned by those who attended and will make the benefits of the Institute available to those Wyoming attorneys who were not able to attend.

The Symposium of articles prepared by students of the College of Law presents a more intensive treatment of a number of important phases of practice under the Rules. In these articles, each directed to a point of practice new to Wyoming, the experience under the corresponding Federal Rules is explored in some detail and the changes made in the Wyoming practice are emphasized.

It is hoped that this issue of the Journal will be valuable and instructive to the lawyers and judges of the state, and will forward the objectives of the University of Wyoming College of Law to be of service to the legal profession and to aid in the development of the jurisprudence of the State of Wyoming.

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