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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR LEGAL EDUCATION AND ADMISSION TO THE BAR

This year's program of continuing education for members of the Bar was initiated by the Committee at its first meeting on September 11, 1959. Four panels consisting of three members each were organized to discuss various legal subjects at local bar meetings throughout the year. Subjects were selected according to preferences voted by members of the Bar at the Cheyenne meeting, and panel members were selected upon the basis of ability, availability and lack of impressive excuses. The panel members and their subjects were:

CASPER PANEL

Members—William H. Brown, Jr., Richard Bostwick and Robert Burgess

Subject — Evidence and trial procedure

CHEYENNE-WHEATLAND PANEL

Members—William R. Jones, Fred Loomis, Carl L. Lathrop

Subject — Wyoming Boards and Commissions

CODY-POWELL PANEL

Members—Allan R. Carpenter, Ross D. Copenhaver and Henry T. Jones

Subject — Corporations and partnerships

SHERIDAN PANEL

Members—E. E. Lonabaugh, William D. Redle and Leonard McEwan

Subject — Probate procedure

Several appearances were made by the panels during the year including:

Cheyenne-Wheatland panel in January

Cody-Powell panel in Cody in April

Cody-Powell panel in Casper in July

Cody-Powell panel in Cheyenne in August

Cody-Powell panel in Rawlins in August

Sheridan panel in Sheridan in August.

The Casper panel spent so much time studying in preparation for their appearances that they had no time left to appear. The Sheridan meeting was highly successful and well attended partly because Commissioner Tom Morgan provided free drinks. Carl, Fred and Bill did an excellent job before a very large meeting in Cheyenne. Top honors go to Allan, Ross and Hank for the able and conscientious way they made four meetings throughout the State. Incidentally, we owe them some travel expenses. District Commissioners George Millett, Paul Godfrey, E. J. Goppert, Tom Morgan and Dick Tobin arranged the bar meetings for the panels.

Joe Geraud of the University of Wyoming Law School arranged the third institute on legal education for members of the Bar on February 19th and 20th, 1960, in Laramie. The theme was modern real estate transactions and despite adverse weather there was a good attendance. Bill Wehrli, Carlton Lathrop, Don Lesher of Denver, Joe Geraud, George Millett and Jim Wilson were among those who carried the load at the institute.

During the past year twenty-two (22) new members have been admitted to the Wyoming State Bar. These young men seem to be above average both mentally and physically and they are going to be tough competition very shortly for the firms they haven't joined. The load burden on the Board of Law Examiners does not diminish as time goes on despite the fact that the last Legislature reduced the expense appropriation for the Board by 60%. If the Board is to continue meeting twice a year either the former appropriation should be restored or the admission fee for new members should be substantially increased.

For the future we recommend that the program of panels and lectures be continued and expanded as a regular function of the State Bar and that special recognition be given those dedicated members who serve. We request that the State Bar budget sufficient funds to defray expenses of lecturers and panel members. We urge that the Law School continue the annual institute for the lawyers and suggest that if practicable, some of the institutes be held in various convenient locations around the State. Finally, we recommend to our fellow members that they attend the institutes, panel meetings and lectures.

Dated this 10th day of September, 1960.

Respectfully submitted,

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