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The Committee Recommends that these oversights be corrected.

Ninth Proposal. Chapter 235, being the revision of the election laws, was enacted by the legislature in 1961. The method and procedure of nominating the mayor and councilmen in towns was repealed but no provision was made in this respect in the new act.

The Committee Recommeds that the law existing prior to the 1961 legislative session providing for the nomination of the mayor and councilmen in towns be re-enacted into law.

Tenth Proposal. The Committee was mindful of the problem of the clouding of land titles by old mortgages which contain a power of sale. The Committee is making no recommendation on the matter at this time but is continuing its study to determine whether or not a proper curative act can be made workable without invading vested rights of mortgagees under the mortgages.

The Committee urges all members of the Bar to submit their criticism of matters in this report to the Committee in writing or suggested changes. On all matters pertaining to legislation, we would like to have your information prior to October I so that we can meet and make a further study.

The Committee also urges all members of the Bar, whether you are drafting legislation for this Association, members of the legislature, or your own clients, to number all paragraphs in the bills, make each paragraph as short as possible. This will simplify future amendments or repeal of sections, make amendments more understandable to the legislature, save time and greatly reduce the printing costs.

We extend a note of special appreciation to Mr. George Rudolph and Mr. John Rames of the University of Wyoming College of Law and other members of the Bar for the fine assistance they have given the Committee.

Respectfully submitted.

Committee on Legislation and Law Reform
D. N. Sherard, Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF JUNIOR BAR COMMITTEE

As Chairman of the Wyoming Junior Bar Commtteie, it is a pleasure for me to address this 47th Annual Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar here in Worland. The Wyoming Junior Bar Committee is a regular committee of the Wyoming State Bar and as such has no independent activities of its own but operates within the framework of and as a part of the Wyoming State Bar. This arrangement was arrived at between President Sawyer, Mr. George Hopper and myself after concluding that it was neither desired by members of this Bar nor desirable for the Junior Bar of Wyoming to function as a separate association.

As a result of this decision the Wyoming Junior Bar Committee became affiliated with the Junior Bar Conference of the American Bar Association. The Junior Bar Conference is a non-dues-paying Section of the American Bar Association. This Conference is composed of all members of the American Bar Association in good standing, who have paid their annual American Bar Association dues and who have not attained the age of thirty-six (36). The Conference serves all of the individual members and the affiliated organizations, including our Junior Bar Committee. In general the Conference furnishes us with information and programs by which we can assist the younger members and our profession.

As a committee we intend to fulfill the following purposes and objectives:

- (1) To serve as a co-ordinator between the Junior Bar Conference of the American Bar Association and the Wyoming State Bar and its Junior Bar members.
- (2) To formulate and carry out programs in Wyoming which will be of assistance to the young Lawyers of this state.
- (3) To carry out specifically assigned projects given us by the Wyoming State Bar.

This year, your Junior Bar Committee accomplished its affiliation with the Junior Bar Conference of the American Bar Association. In June of this year Mr. Jim Applegate of the firm of Hirst and Applegate in Cheyenne, attended the Regional Bar Conference in Salt Lake City and represented our Committee at the regional meeting. As a result, Mr. Applegate brought back many suggestions, some of which I am sure we will implement this coming year.

As we are all aware, a young attorney who sets out to engage in the private practice of law has an arduous task ahead of him to bridge the gap between law school and the actual successful practice of what he has learned. This is true, even recognizing that we have one of the finest law schools in the country. Last year, under Dean Trelase, the law school included a seminar in "Beginning Law Practice," which I understand was quite instrumental in helping to bridge this gap. This year our Committee plans to assist the law school in presenting discussions on the beginning practice of law and the advantages and disadvantages of the various fields of practice which can be engaged in by newly admitted attorneys. A Co-operative program between the law school and the Junior Bar Committee will be worked out. We are also planning to disseminate to lawyers of the state, during their first couple of years in practice, information which we feel will be helpful to them.

So, as you can see, this Committee is in its formative stages and we hope that by next year we will have found our place and that we will be called upon to perform those obligations which will be of assistance to the Wyoming State Bar and to the junior members of our State Bar.

Mr. President, this concludes the report by the Junior Bar Committee of the Wyoming State Bar.

Donald E. Jones, Chm. Junior Bar Committee