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professor at the University of Chicago School of Law, where he will teach Torts and Water Law. Professor Bloomenthal will visit Duke University to teach there during the second semester. Mr. Trowsdale has resigned as law librarian and will become College Librarian at Loyala College, Montreal, Canada. Professor Stoddard resigned to return to the practice of law in Iowa.

Professor Rudolph will serve as Associate Dean during the year. Three visiting professors will round out the faculty. Dellas W. Lee, LL.B., University of British Columbia, LL.M., University of Illinois, has done graduate study on the Uniform Commercial Code and will teach the course in Commercial Law, among others. Mr. J. Wotten Pearce, B.S. and LL.B., Georgetown University, who practiced in Virginia and served with the Securities & Exchange Commission, will teach Corporations and Procedure. Mr. George W. Hopper, A.B., Sewanee College, LL.B., University of Wyoming, who has been with the Securities & Exchange Commission in Denver, will take over Mr. Bloomenthal's courses in Contracts and Advanced Corporations in the spring semester. Mrs. Catherine M. Mealey, B.A., M.A., J.D. from State University of Iowa, M.L.L., University of Washington, joins the faculty as Assistant Professor and Law Librarian. She will direct the Legal Research and Writing courses.

September 8, 1962

The Necrology Committee of the Wyoming State Bar Association regrets to report that seven respected members of the Wyoming State Bar have passed on to a higher jurisdiction.

Frank A. Barrett, Harold H. Healy, Noel Morgan, Walter A. Muir, Tom Rickard, Keith Thomson and R. Dwight Wallace cannot be present in person at this meeting, but they will be long remembered by those present here, either as close friends, respected acquaintances or worthy opponents.

FRANK A. BARRETT

Frank A. Barrett was born on a small farm in what is now part of the City of Omaha, Nebraska, on November 19, 1892. He was one of eight children of Patrick and Elizabeth Cullen Barrett, who moved westward to Nebraska from Pennsylvania. Both of the parents of Frank A. Barrett were school teachers. He received his degree of bachelor of arts and bachelor of law from Creighton University in 1916. Immeditely thereafter (due to the outbreak of World War I) he abandoned his plans to set up a law practice and entered the now disbanded balloon corps of the United States Air Force, serving his country in that capacity for 17 months. Married in 1919 to his childhood sweetheart by Father Flanagan, the

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founders of Boys Town, the Barretts moved to Lusk, Wyoming, to establish his law practice and rear their family. Beginning as County Attorney Niobrara County, he was next elected to the Wyoming State Legislature, then to the United States House of Representatives. He returned to Wyoming as Governor in 1950, and in 1953 began a six year term in the United States Senate. He was the only Wyoming citizen ever to serve his State in both houses of the United States Congress and as Governor. In 1959 he was selected as General Counsel for Department of Agriculture by appointment of the President. His first wife, Alice Donoghue Barrett, died in 1956. He died in Cheyenne, Wyoming, on May 30, 1962 at the age of 69 years. He was survived by his second wife, Augusta K. Barrett, and three children, Marilyce Barrett Tobin and James E. Barrett, members of the Wyoming Bar Association, and Dr. Francis A. Barrett, M.D., and his brother and his sister.

HAROLD H. HEALY

Harold H. Healy was born in Denver, Colorado, the son of a prominent physician. He attended the University of Colorado for his pre-law courses and Columbia University, where he graduated with LL.B. in 1914. He was in his lifetime active in the Alumni Association of Columbia. During World War I he served with the Infantry and Air Corps in England. He returned to Denver in 1919 and taught for a time in the Denver University Law School and later organized his own law firm in that city. In 1934 he joined the Ohio Oil Co. as its attorney for its Rocky Mountain Division. In 1942 he became manager of the division and in 1954 he retired after 20 years of outstanding service to his company, having won many citations for outstanding service in the oil industry. He was a member of both the Colorado and Wyoming Bar Associations. In 1954 he returned to the active practice of law to become a member of the firm of Brown, Healy, Drew, Apostolos & Barton in Casper. He was active in many civic, social and church organizations, having served two times as president of the Rocky Mountain Oil & Gas Association. He died on November 26, 1961 and was survived by his wife, Mrs. Lorena Healey, now of Denver, Harold Healey, Jr., his son, now practicing law in New York City, and Robert Healy, his son, of Salt Lake City, Utah.

NOEL MORGAN

Noel Morgan was born January 2, 1895 in Iowa, but he was brought to Wyoming shortly after his birth, crossing the Big Horn Mountains in a covered wagon. His childhood days were spent in Basin and Bonanaza areas. His family moved to the Worland area in 1905 where his father owned a ranch in the Slick Creek area. He was graduated from the Worland High School in 1913 as a member of the high school's first graduating class, and thereafter he attended Drake University Law School, from which he was graduated in 1916. He returned to Worland to establish his law practice, but his practice was interrupted by World War I, in which he joined the army and served overseas with the 148th Field Artillery. He returned to Worland after the war and served as County Attorney from 1932-1934 and 1950 to 1958. He also served as Worland Town Clerk for more than 20 years, in addition to being City Attorney, Police Judge, and participated in many other official and civic activities. He died of a heart attack on November 5, 1961 and was survived by his wife, Helen Morgan, and a son, Tom, of Worland, a daughter, Mrs. O. J. Trimmer, of Lander, a daughter, Mrs. Paul Hixenbaugh of Littleton, Colorado, a son, Alfred, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and a son, Rev. Oyer C. Morgan, of Rock Springs.

WALTER A. MUIR

Walter A. Muir was born in Scotthaven, Pennsylvania, on November 6, 1885, and came to Rock Springs, Wyoming, in 1886 at the age of six months. He attended the University of Nebraska and graduated from the Denver University Law School in 1909. He was admitted to the bar in Wyoming in 1910 and engaged in the practice of law from 1910 until his retirement in December, 1959. During his long career he served as Mayor of Rock Springs, Wyoming, for six years, Prosecuting Attorney of Sweetwater County, Wyoming, for eight years and as President of the Sweetwater County Bar Association for many years, in all of which offices he served with great distinction and ability. Despite the fact that he officially retired in 1959, he was actually active in his profession until his death on January 29, 1961, and had been presented with his 50-year plaque by the Wyoming Bar Association. Although a general practitioner with a large variety of clientele, he was noted for his great ability as a defense attorney in criminal matters. He is survived by his widow, Mary, and his son, Walter J. Muir, who is a member of the Wyoming Bar Association, and his four daughters, Mrs. Marian Angus, of Lawton, Oklahoma, Mrs. John Moran, of Denver, Colorado, Mrs. Robert Lyons, of Greeley, Colorado, and Mrs. Helen O'Driscoll, of Denver, Colorado.

TOM RICKARD

Tom Rickard was born in California in 1926. He was only 36 years old when he died of leukemia. He had overcome several handicaps in his life including blindness and a broken marriage. He had just obtained his doctor of philosophy degree and was ready to take a job teaching law in Pakistan for the U. S. Government when death came. He first came to Wyoming for a refresher course in law at the University of Wyoming College of Law. Thereafter, he practiced law for four years in Lander, Wyoming, leaving Lander in 1959 to go to the University of Missouri, and then to the University of Illinois to get his Ph.D. degree in psychology. He died on January 11, 1962 in San Diego, California, and was survived by his wife, his father, and an uncle.

KEITH THOMSON

Edwin Keith Thomson was born in Newcastle, Wyoming, February 8, 1919. He attended the public schools in Beulah, Wyoming, and Spearfish,

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South Dakota. He was graduated from the University of Wyoming Law School in 1941. Although he had worked his way through college, he was able to marry Thyra Godfrey, of Cheyenne, while at the University of Wyoming Law School. During World War II he was called to active duty on March 24, 1941. He commanded Second Battalion, 362nd Infantry Regiment, 91st Division, and was released from active duty as a lieutenant colonel on January 24, 1946. During his army career, he was in 1943 the youngest battalion commander in the army. He was awarded Combat Infrantryman's Badge, Purple Heart, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, and the Italian Cross of Valor. In 1941 he was admitted to the Bar and commenced the practice of law in Cheyenne in February, 1946, with Harry B. Henderson. In addition to conducting an active law practice, he found time for a political career, and was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1952, was a member of the Wyoming House of Representatives from 1952 to 1954. In 1954 he was elected to the United States House of Representatives, in which he served from January 3, 1955 until his death. He did not seek renomination to the Eighty-seventh Congress but was elected to the United States Senate on November 8, 1960, for the term of six years commencing January 3, 1961. He died suddenly in Cody, Wyoming, on December 9, 1960, and was buried in the Arlington National Cemetery, Fort Myer, Virginia. He was survived by his wife, Thyra, and three sons, William, Bruce and K.C., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Thomson, of Newcastle.

R. DWIGHT WALLACE

R. Dwight Wallace was born in Independence, Kansas, in 1907. He moved with his family to Casper, Wyoming, in 1919, at the age of twelve years, where he attended the Natrona County High School. He received his bachelor of arts degree and his law degree from the University of Nebraska in 1930. He was admitted to the Nebraska Bar in 1930 and was admitted to the Wyoming Bar in 1931. He served as State Assistant Attorney General from 1931 to 1933, before moving to Evanston, Wyoming, where he practiced law until his death. He served as Evanston City Attorney, as Uinta County Attorney from 1942-46, District Court Commissioner from 1934-42, and as President of Wyoming Bar Association in 1953-54. He was a director and the attorney for The First National Bank of Evanston, Wyoming. He organized the State's first Young Republican Club and became its president in 1934. He was a member of the Wyoming Republican State Committee. He had been a member of the State Supreme Court Commission for rules of civil procedure since 1947. He died suddenly on August 9, 1962, and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nancy G. Wallace, and his two minor children, George Robert and Anna.

CLARENCE W. COOK

Clarence W. Cook was born May 23, 1989 in Evanston, Wyoming, and had made his home in that city during his entire life. He was a son of Charles A. and Hannah DeLoney Cook. He was educated in the Evanston schools and following his graduation, he was employed for a period as clerk in the United States Land Office in Evanston. Later he served as court reporter of the Third Judicial District under Judge John R. Arnold. During that period he compelted a law correspondence course and was admitted to practice law in Wyoming in 1928. He served as County and Prosecuting Attorney of Unita County from 1934 to 1942. During his lifetime he was active in the Evanston Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club and was a former Red Cross County Chapter Chairman and fund drive Chairman, and at the time of his death, was Justice of the Peace, a position he was elected to in 1959. In addition, Mr. Cook was also a long time member of the Uinta County Welfare Board, acting as its Chairman from its first meeting in 1949 until the date of his death 13 years later. He died on January 29, 1962, after many months of ill health, and is survived by his wife, Susie Sanford Cook, and two brothers, Leonard Cook and Louis Cook, both of Evanston.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming State Bar, at its regular annual meeting held in Worland, Wyoming, on September 6, 7 and 8, 1962, does hereby pay its respects to: Frank A. Barrett, Harold H. Healey, Noel Morgan, Walter J. Muir, Tom Rickard, Keith Thomson, R. Dwight Wallace and Clarence W. Cook, in recognition of their many services and contributions to the legal profession and the people of the State of Wyoming, and that their memory be perpetuated by extending this Resolution upon the minutes of the meeting of the Wyoming State Bar.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the families of these distinguished members of our profession.

Respectfully submitted,

THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE Clarence A. Brimmer, Jr., Chairman R. B. Bowman Thomas D. Kidd