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REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

September 10, 1964

The Necrology Committee of the Wyoming State Bar Association reports that since we last met, the Association has suffered the loss of six of its respected members.

ARTHUR OELAND, JOHN C. KARJANIS, CHARLES LANE, J. BYRON McHALE, L. A. BOWMAN and JUDGE PERCY W. METZ will be remembered by this Association as respected members of the profession and for their respective contributions to its growth and service to the people of The State of Wyoming.

Arthur Oeland was born in 1906 and upon his graduation from the University of Wyoming, College of Law, was admitted to the Wyoming Bar in 1927. He first commenced practice in Pinedale and while there served as County Attorney of Sublette County. He moved to Lander about 1932 and remained in the practice there until his death this past year. He served as Deputy County Attorney of Fremont County. In later years he formed the firm of Oeland and Tschirgi, with his daughter Elizabeth as a member. He is survived by his widow and two daughters.

John C. Karjanis was born in Salonika, Greece and died in an unfortunate automobile accident on October 3, 1963 at the age of 35 years. He graduated from the University of Wyoming College of Law in 1958, after prior attendance at the University of South Dakota. He served 2½ years with the Counter-Intelligence Corps of the United States Army, and during this period attended the American Foreign Affairs College in Vienna and Salzburg, Austria. Upon his admission to the Wyoming Bar in 1958 he entered practice in Cheyenne as a member of the firm of Cole, Carrol and Karjanis, and also served 2½ years as Deputy County Attorney of Laramie County. He is survived by his wife Myra and two small children, John and Michele.

Charles Lane was born in Cheyenne in 1879 and resided there all of his lifetime. He received his masters degree in law and a masters degree in patent law from Georgetown University. He was admitted to practice in 1911. He was a delegate to the National Republican convention in 1900, served in the House of Representatives of the Wyoming legislature from 1927 to 1929, Laramie County Attorney from 1918 to 1921. In 1921 he served on the Commission on Uniform Laws. During his college career he was Executive Secretary to Senator Frances E. Warren, and later served as Assistant Clerk to the United States Senate Committee on Military Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations. Mr. Lane was admitted to the Bar of the District of Columbia, The United States Supreme Court, and the Wyoming Bar. A veteran member of the American Bar Association, he was a member of the

President of The Wyoming State Bar Association. In 1955 he served as State sections on property law and criminal law. He also served on the Hoover commission. He received his fifty year plaque from the Wyoming State Bar Association in 1961. He died in Cheyenne on June 15, 1964. He is survived by his widow, Alma and three children, Mary Ellen Wayne of Cheyenne, Dr. Robert Lane of Victoria, B. C., Canada, and William H. Lane, Aspen, Colorado.

L. A. Bowman was born on May 28, 1889 in Salina, Kansas and received his legal education from The University of Colorado where he graduated in 1911. Bow always took great pride in recounting his prowess as the smallest quarterback in the history of the University. He was admitted to the Colorado Bar in 1912, and in 1916 was admitted to The Wyoming Bar and moved to Lovell, where he resided and practiced until his death, since 1948 as Senior partner of the firm of Bowman and Bowman. He died in Lovell on January 15, 1964. He was a member of the House of Representatives of The Wyoming State Legislature in 1923. In the late 1930's and early 1940's Bow was named Special Drainage Commissioner for the State of Wyoming. In 1942 he was Senator from Big Horn County, and was for several years a member of the Commission on Uniform Laws. He was a member of the American Bar Association, the Fifth Judicial District Bar Association, and particularly the Wyoming State Bar Association, which he enjoyed so thoroughly and seldom, if ever, missed an annual convention. He is survived by his widow, Bertha A. and one son, Robert, the remaining member of the firm, and two grandchildren.

J. Byron McHale was born in the year 1902 and died in Greybull, Wyoming in November, 1963. He received both his pre-legal and law degrees from the University of Colorado, graduating in 1928. Byron spent his entire legal career as a sole practitioner in Greybull and acquired a reputation in the profession as a true legal scholar. His practice was curtailed in the later years of his life by ill health.

He is survived by his widow Claudis.

Percy W. Metz was born in Odell, Illinois on October 12, 1883 and died on May 7, 1964. He received his legal education at The University of Nebraska, and opened a law office in Basin in 1906 in association with his father and Carl Sackett. He served two terms as Big Horn County Attorney. Upon the formation of the Fifth Judicial District in 1911, he was appointed as the first Judge at the age of twenty-eight. He ran successfully for re-election at each term, until his retirement from the bench in 1950. Many of the lawyers in this association received a good deal of their practical education by appearing before Judge Metz. After his retirement in 1950, Percy continued to live an active business and social life, and spent much time traveling about the world. He served as a director of the Security State Bank of Basin for some thirty-two years prior to his death. He is survived by his widow,

Cornelia, a daughter Mrs. Louise Hunton, and two brothers Dr. Charles W. and Will G. Metz.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming State Bar, in its regular annual meeting held in Cody, Wyoming on September 9, 10, and 11, 1964, does hereby pay its respects to our deceased members named herein, and to their bereaved, in recognition of their many contributions to the profession and to this Association, and that their memory be perpetuated by spreading this Resolution upon the minutes of this annual meeting of the Wyoming State Bar.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the families of these distinguished members of the Bench and Bar.

Respectfully submitted:

NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

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