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BUTTE MEN ON MINERAL LAW INSTITUTE PROGRAM

A lawyer and a geologist from Butte are among the 21 experts in oil and gas and mining law scheduled to speak at the third annual Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute, which will be in session at Montana State University, Missoula, August 1, 2, and 3, according to Robert E. Sullivan, dean of the MSU Law School and director of the institute.

James A. Poore, Jr., partner in the Butte law firm of Poore and Poore, will speak on Friday, August 2, on "Hard Mineral Leases." Reno H. Sales, consulting geologist to The Anaconda Co., will also speak on Friday, on "Geophysical Mining Claims."

The institute is sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, which was organized in 1955. Its members include law schools, industry associations, and state bar associations in the Rocky Mountain States, and the Mineral Law Section of the American Bar Assn. The yearly institute provides a "continuing education" for practicing attorneys and members of the oil and gas and mining industries, Dean Sullivan said.

Poore, a native of Butte, holds an A.B. degree from Stanford University and an LL. B. degree from the Harvard Law School. He was admitted to the Montana bar and to the California bar in 1940, and has practiced in Butte since then, first with his father, James A. Poore, and since 1950, with his brother, Robert A. Poore.

Sales, former chief geologist with The Anaconda Co., came to Montana from his native Iowa in 1881. He received a B. S. degree from Montana State College,  
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Bozeman, and the degree of engineer of mines at Columbia University. In 1906, he became chief geologist for The Anaconda Co., a post he held until his retirement in 1948. He is still associated with the company as consulting geologist. Credited with the introduction and development of geological field and office methods that are widely used throughout the industry, Sales has been honored on many occasions by his professional colleagues. In 1939, he received the Penrose Gold Medal, awarded for outstanding accomplishments, and he was selected to deliver the first Daniel C. Jackling lecture, in 1954. He was president of the Society of Economic Geologists in 1937, and he has held offices in other professional societies. Columbia University gave him the Egleston medal in 1942, and MSC awarded him the degree of doctor of science in 1935.

Other mineral law specialists on the institute program are John P. Akolt, Harold S. Bloomenthal, Frank M. Cavanaugh, and William S. Livingston, all of Denver, Colo.; Clyde O. Martz, Boulder, Colo.; Warren Turner, Grand Junction, Colo.; Earl A. Brown, Jr., New York, N.Y.; William H. Brown, Jr., John W. Gee, and Thomas J. Files, Casper, Wyo.; Edmund T. Fritz and Earl J. Thomas, Washington, D. C.; Fred Moulton, Billings; R. Elmo Thompson and Joseph W. Morris, Tulsa, Okla.; Robert K. Sands, Dallas, Tex.; W. Hume Everett, Houston, Tex.; Richard C. Maxwell, Los Angeles, Calif.; and George W. Hazlett, Cleveland, Ohio.

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