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OKLAHOMA LAWYERS ON MINERAL LAW INSTITUTE PROGRAM

Two Oklahoma attorneys 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.

R. Elmo Thompson, president of The First National Bank and Trust Co., Tulsa, will speak on Thursday, August 1, on "Legal and Other Aspects of Financing the Oil Industry." Joseph W. Morris, staff attorney for Shell Oil, Tulsa, is scheduled to speak on Saturday, August 3. His topic will be "Future Interests in Oil and Gas Law."

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.

Thompson received B. S. and LL. B. degrees from Vanderbilt University in Tennessee. He resigned as vice president of The First National Bank and Trust Co. of Tulsa in 1939 to become executive vice president and director of Sunray Oil Corp., but he continued as a director of the bank. In 1941, he left Sunray to become president of the Superior Oil Corp., and again became vice president of Sunray when that company merged with Superior in 1943. He rejoined First National in 1946. He has been an officer in national petroleum and banking

organizations and is currently a director of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce.

Morris holds A. B. and LL. B. degrees from Washburn University, Topeka, Kan., and LL. M. and S. J. D. degrees from the Michigan Law School. In addition to serving on the legal staff of Shell Oil Co., he teaches oil and gas law at the University of Tulsa School of Law. Dr. Morris is active in civic and professional affairs.

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, Color.; Warren Turner, Grand Junction, Colo.; Earl A. Brown, Jr., New York, N. Y.; William H. Brown, John W. Gee, and Thomas J. Files, Casper, Wyo.; W. Hume Everett, Houston, Tex.; Edmund T. Fritz and Earl J. Thomas, Washington, D. C.; George W. Hazlett, Cleveland, Ohio; Richard C. Maxwell, Los Angeles, Calif.; Fred Moulton, Billings, Mont.; James A. Poore and Reno H. Sales, Butte, Mont.; and Robert K. Sands, Dallas, Tex.

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