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NEWS LETTER

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Tennessee Law Review Association Dinner

Annual dinner of the Tennessee Law Review Association was held April 2d, 1948 in Knoxville. Principal speakers were President Aubrey F. Folts of the Bar Association of Tennessee, Chattanooga; Dean William H. Wicker of the College of Law; Jerome G. Taylor of the Knoxville Bar and John H. Doughty, President of the Knoxville Bar Association. Keys were awarded senior members of the Tennessee Law Review: Andrew Johnson, Student Editor, Carter B. Wall, Case Note Editor, Paul A. Swafford, Marshall E. Duggin, Edwin H. Rayson Jr, John A. Thompson Jr, and Fred Williams Jr.

Mr. Folts in his address emphasized the need for higher requirements in legal education. There are more than 700 students, Folts stated, now studying law in the state of Tennessee in unapproved institutions. Tennessee and Georgia are the only states in the Union having more students in non-approved schools than in approved schools.

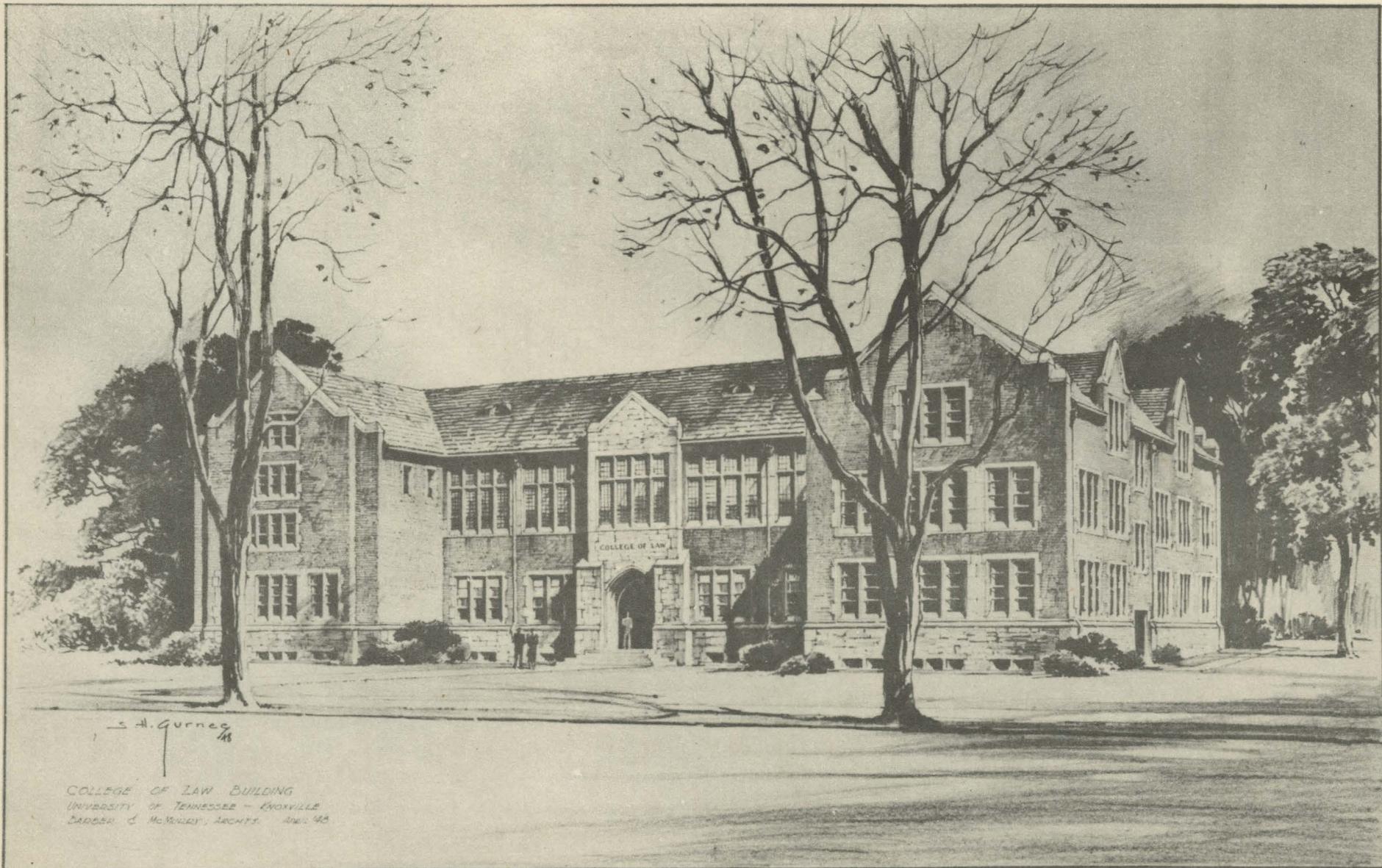
Professor Dix W. Hoel, Faculty Editor of the Law Review, acted as Toastmaster and arranged the program and dinner. More than 300 persons attended.

Graduates During the Winter Quarter in the College of Law

Fifteen students completed the requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Laws during the past quarter. They were: John Frank Dugger, Elizabethton, to practice in Elizabethton; James M. Glasgow, Dresden; Vincent E. Knox, Dyersburg; T. M. Wynn Jr., Sevierville, to practice in Sevierville; Joseph C. Golden, Sparta, with the California Company, New Orleans; James W. Hale, Morristown; C. F. Fourny, Memphis, to practice in Memphis; Marion Minor, Knoxville; W. M. Higgs Jr., Martin; Joe L. Haynes Jr., Lewisburg, to practice in Knoxville; Philip O'Hara, Jellico, to practice in Jellico; Thomas E. Fox, Knoxville; Matt H. Rudolph, Clarksville, to practice in Clarksville; Fred Williams Jr., Chattanooga, to practice there, and Ivan B. Hobbs, Knoxville, with the California Company of New Orleans.

College of Law Building

An architectural sketch of the proposed College of Law Building is interleaved. Dean William H. Wicker, addressing those present at the annual Law Review dinner, expressed the hope that construction of the long deferred law building will begin this summer. Plans have been drawn, and the architects have promised that the detailed specifications for bids will be ready in May.



COLLEGE OF LAW BUILDING
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The C. M. Preston Annual Memorial Awards

To honor the late C. M. Preston the Hamilton National Bank of Knoxville has established an annual award to the students drafting the most satisfactory will from hypothetical facts furnished the contestants. The first prize winner receives \$125, second prize \$75 and third prize \$50. Two members of the Knoxville Bar appointed by its presiding officer and one member drawn from the Trust Department of the Hamilton National Bank of Knoxville constitute the judging board.

Student Grades for the Winter Quarter

Indicative of the efforts put forth by the students in their studies in the comparative study of grades made in the administrative offices of the College. The first year group accumulated 43 A grades, 129 B's, 226 C's, 46 D's and 6 F's. The second year class had a record of 24 A's, 110 B's, 137 C's, 23 D's, and no F's. The seniors had a rating of 39 A's, 63 B's, 91 C's, 7 D's and no F's. The cumulative grade averages for all classes percentage-wise the Fall Quarter were: 10% A's, 34% B's, 42% C's, 1% D's and 2% F's. For the Winter Quarter the same percentages were: 11.2% A's, 31.9% B's, 48 % C's, 8% D's and .6% F's. Improvement is registered.

Students Rate Professors

A unique experiment was tried at the College during the close of the Winter Quarter. The Student Bar Association petitioned the Faculty for permission to institute a rating system for the staff similar to one in use in the College of Agriculture. A faculty committee prepared a mimeographed form for the use of the student body. These sheets were handed out during the close of the quarter to be filled in and returned to the instructor. Statistical computations were made from the ratings and are to be used in remedying defects in teaching. The same program will be carried out at the end of the Spring Quarter in May.

Student Bar Association

The officers of the Student Bar Association having for the most part graduated with the class in the winter Quarter a new election was held to select officers for the coming quarter. W. C. Garlington was elected President, James Eden, Vice President, Carl Webb, Secretary and Guy Shanks, Treasurer. Committee Chairmen are: Eudell Gravely, Senior Advisory Committee, Harry Fortune, Program Committee, James Mitchell, Grievance Committee, J. L. Child, Publications Committee and Robert Dender, Social Committee.

Faculty News

Professor Harold C. Warner has been selected as one of the five persons to serve on a committee to recommend improvements in the election laws of Tennessee .

Faculty News (Continued)

The regular full time faculty will be present for the summer quarter of the College with the exception of Mr. Murphy who will be Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Illinois during a part of the summer and will do research for his oil and gas conservation book. No lessening of enrollment is expected for this quarter and more than 200 students will be pursuing their law studies here this summer.

Charles H. Miller, Director of the Legal Aid Clinic, attended the Atlantic City meeting of the National Probation and Parole Association.

Dix W. Noel, Faculty Editor of the Tennessee Law Review, attended the annual meeting of the southern law review groups in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with a group of the student editors.

Blakely M. Murphy, representing the state of Tennessee on the Legal Committee of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission, is at its spring meeting in Chicago. Mr. Murphy, who acts as Executive Secretary for the Legislative Drafting Subcommittee meets with this group during the same session.

Retirement of Miss Helen Turner

Miss Helen Turner, Assistant Law Librarian, has announced her retirement from duty June 1. With this in mind, and anticipating the interest her announcement would make, she was asked to prepare the material here presented.

"My father, Charles W. Turner, who had been Dean of the Law College, died in May 1922, and in July of the same year I was offered the position of Assistant Law Librarian which I am now reluctantly resigning. I can truly say 'reluctantly' for I have thoroughly enjoyed the work, and the friendships I have formed through these twenty-six years mean a great deal to me. As knowledge of law is not hereditary, unfortunately, and as faculty members are not apt to reveal secrets of their profession in the privacy of their homes, I had to learn the hard way, made especially difficult by the Law School's location at that time. Before we moved into our present quarters we were bottled up in three or four rooms in the basement of Ayres Hall where it was almost impossible to keep a quiet atmosphere for study, and where I might easily have acquired some legal knowledge as the faculty's instructions were audible even behind closed doors. The Law School was much smaller than it is now and the first class to graduate had been taught by my father which gave them a special claim on me. Soon after I had started I had a call from Dean Hoskins who gave the following advice which I can say that I have tried to follow: 'What the University wants of you is a friendly attitude towards law students. Knowledge of law isn't everything. Making them feel, as your father always did, that you are their friend counts even more.' I cannot look back on a brilliant career, but I can say sincerely that it has been a very happy one, and I hope I have been of use in a small way."

Notes About People You Know

Response to the requests for information have been excellent, as a matter of fact, it has been impossible to personally answer all of the interesting letters sent in. Accept our thanks for your responses and our apologies for not being prompt in correspondence. From these letters we were able to locate new addresses for alumni enabling us to reach more persons. Those of you failing to send in the sketch requested are still asked to do so. From the materials received the following interesting items have been culled: the graduate the farthest from U-T was ANGEL MANUEL CIORDIA, Vega Baja, Puerto Rico. Ciordia writes: ". . . following Judge Jones advice, I started working by myself, with an office in a neighboring town. Now I have three offices. . .". Certainly of all the material received the reply of WILLIAM HENRY CROWELL, Shelbyville, comes from one of our oldest graduates. Mr. Crowell, graduating in 1896, mentions that Judge Ingersol was Dean and Dr. Charles Turner, a professor during his attendance in the College of Law.

Recent graduates will know these people: CAYCE L. PENTECOST, '47, is now Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee; ROBERT JOYNER is associated with the firm of Taylor and Quick, Memphis; WILLIAM R. KINTON, '47, is practicing law in Trenton and reports since leaving us that he has acquired a new daughter - Martha Sue; JESSE P. WILLIAMS, '47, is with the Employers Insurance Company Claim Department in Birmingham; THOMAS F. GUTHRIE, '47, Practicing at Dayton is busy with a multitude of activities; ALAN M. PREWITT, JR., '47, now in Bolivar, sent in a list of classmates with whom he had spent an "enjoyable two days" in Memphis; FLEMING HODGES, '47, is with the firm of Taylor and Taylor, Memphis. PERRY P. THOMAS, '47, is working in the Office of the Solicitor, Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.

Hopscotching around among the classes: JOHN FRANK BRYANT, '35, Johnson City, was presiding officer of the Washington County Bar Association, 1945-46; WILLIAM OWEN MYNATT, '37, is with the Legal Service, Veterans Administration, Atlanta, Georgia; REECE K. ACUFF, '47, now practicing with Judd Acuff, Knoxville; FRED S. PRICE, '36, now in Sevierville practicing law; DAVID C. POWERS, '30, is Assistant Trust Officer in the City Bank Farmers Trust Company, New York, engaged in the administration of personal estates and trusts; W. M. BURKHAITER is an associate member in the Detroit and Washington, D. C. legal firm of Brown Fenlon, Lund and Babcock in Washington.

Former Dean HENRY B. WITHAM, now Dean of the Indianapolis Division, Indiana University School of Law, 102 West Michigan Street, Indianapolis, expresses the wish that friends going through his city stop in for a visit. Dean Witham says "As you know, Indianapolis is the center of everything and in going from any place to anywhere, one must go through here. Hence, there is no excuse for not stopping."