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The New College of Law Building

Much progress has been made toward completion of the new College of Law Building. The outer structure is now complete and the work of finishing the interior goes forward rapidly. There is a feeling on the part of the architects and the contractors that the building itself will be ready for occupancy about April 1. A great deal of effort remains to be expended on the task of grading and preparing sidewalks, drives, and parking areas.

Judge Robert M. Jones Retires From Active Teaching

After a long and distinguished teaching career Judge Robert M. Jones, professor of law, has retired from active teaching in the College of Law. Nov. 4, 1949, a dinner was given for Judge Jones at which time the Student Bar Association presented his portrait to the College of Law, and his many friends, colleagues, and past students gave to Judge Jones a complete set of the Tennessee Reports for use in his law office.

New Law Librarian for The College of Law

Walter Garland resigned his post as assistant professor of law and law librarian in September 1949. His place was taken by Martin J. Feerick. Professor Feerick graduated from Manhattan College in 1935, from the School of Library Service at Columbia University in 1936 and received his law degree from the School of Law, Columbia University, in 1941. He has had several years' experience in the practice of law in New York as well as having served for some time in outstanding libraries.

Mr. Garland is associated in the practice of law in Erwin, Tennessee, with his brother Willard H. Garland under the firm name of Garland and Garland. Willard Garland recently was appointed assistant to the District Attorney of the Third District in Erwin. He is a U-T law college graduate of 1941.

Tentative Date for Dedication of New College of Law Building Set

Dean William H. Wicker has tentatively established the date of April 14, 1950, for dedication of the new College of Law building. Governor Gordon Browning, President C. E. Brehm, Dean Henry B. Witham of the Indiana University Law School, Dean Wicker and others are to be on the program. The faculty of the College of Law and the administration of the University of Tennessee will be pleased to have all the friends, alumni and former students of the College of Law in attendance. After the program, which will not be lengthy, all persons present will be invited to make tours of inspection around the new building, one of the finest ever built on the campus. Prof. Dix W. Noel, one of the editors of the Tennessee Law Review, announces the annual dinner of the Law Review Association will be held the evening of April 14.

Alumnus Makes Present of New York Reports to The Law Library

Mr. Arthur B. Hyman, member of the firm of Paskus, Gordon, and Hyman, New York, N. Y., who graduated from the College of Law in 1901, has given the law library an outstanding collection of New York reports, consisting in all of about 800 volumes. In addition the donor has also made available to the library 130 volumes of the Lawyers Reports Annotated. Dean Wicker said in accepting the gift, "More good books for our law library is now one of our prime needs. . . . We shall have space in our new law library for three or four times as many law books as we now have." Needless to say the faculty of the College of Law appreciates the fine donation of Mr. Hyman.

Recent Illness of Professor Harold C. Warner

The many friends and associates of Prof. Harold C. Warner will be pleased to learn that he is now convalescing at home after his sudden illness of November 6th. While Professor Warner has been seriously ill, he is now on the road to recovery. Mr. Ivan T. Privette, who had taught the courses in Real Property during Professor Warner's absence in the United States Army, took over and continued the courses for the first quarter. Mr. Privette is now teaching the real property courses pending the return of Professor Warner.

Annual Institute of The University of Tennessee College of Law

The annual institute of the University of Tennessee College of Law, sponsored by the College of Law and its Alumni Association, was held December 2 in Knoxville. The program was devoted to considerations of estate taxes. Principal speakers were Gilbert T. Stephenson, director of the Trust Research Department, American Bankers Association, who spoke on the topic "Estate Planning," and Prof. A. James Casner, professor of law, Harvard Law School, who discussed "Significant Tax Considerations in Formulating an Estate Plan." Both morning and afternoon sessions were well attended by members of the bar and guests. At the dinner session Prof. Malcom McDermott, dean of the University of Tennessee College of Law from 1920 to 1930, and now professor of law at Duke University, spoke on "Law and the Liberal Mind." Mr. Bruce Foster, president of the Knoxville Bar Association, presided at the morning session while Mr. W. Raymond Denny, president of the Bar Association of Tennessee presided at the afternoon meeting.

Recent Graduates from The College of Law

The following students graduated from the College of Law in August 1949: W. O. Haynes Jr., J. W. Robertson, R. E. Cate, F. T. Parsley, W. P. Goodman, J. P. Cooley, R. H. Baker, D.K. Thomas, D. R. Roark Jr., L. F. Franklin, R. E. Vineyard, W. N. Groover, J. D. Duncan, F. M. Milligan, D.L. Sledge, D. B. Hon, W. A. Watt, H. R. Oliver, R. H. Gibbs, S. T. Bull, W. R. Dunn, and H. F. Peters Jr. These students graduated from the College of Law at the December 1949 commencement: C. T. Davenport, K. D. Saulpaw Jr., W. R. Webster, C. L. Forinash, J. H. Waller, F. D. Benton, A. L. Hill, S. E. Widener, T. J. Swafford, W. L. Tunnell, S. M. Dattel, W. P. Flatt Jr., R. H. Coulter, J. I. Foster, H. C. Walter, C. V. Amburn, M. M. Moore, M. L. Buford, C. E. Leatherman, and L. G. Snow.

Student Bar Association Elects Officers for 1949-1950

The usual heated election campaign preceded actual balloting for student officials for the bar association. Henry Ogle was elected president, Robert McSween, vice-president, Fred Astley, secretary, and William Crawford, treasurer.

College of Law Graduates Appointed to Judgeships

The Tennessee General Assembly created a new judgeship in 1949 which has been filled by Jack Wilson, graduate of 1936. Edith H. Cockrill recently was elected for a six-year term as Juvenile Court Judge in Washington, D. C. A graduate of 1940, Judge Cockrill has practiced in Knoxville and Washington and at one time was attorney for the Office of Price Administration.

Brief Notes About The College of Law

Dean William H. Wicker has been appointed one of the commissioners from Tennessee on the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and also as the United States Jury Commissioner for the eastern district of Tennessee.

Prof. Dix W. Noel has one of his usual outstanding law review contributions appearing in the current (November 1949) issue of the Columbia Law Review. Its title is "Defamation of Public Officers and Candidates." The coming election year finds it most apropos.

Professors E. E. Overton, William D. Hawkland, and Dix W. Noel represented the University of Tennessee at the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in Chicago during December. Mr. Noel was a member of the round table on torts.

Southeastern Regional Conference of Law Teachers

Last September the Universities of Tennessee and Mississippi and Vanderbilt University sponsored the Southeastern Regional Conference of Law Teachers. Meetings were held at Gatlinburg and

representatives were in attendance from the College of William and Mary, Duke University, Emory University, John B. Stetson University, Louisiana State University, Loyola University of New Orleans, Mercer University, Tulane University, the Universities of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisville, Miami, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Virginia, and Vanderbilt University, Wake Forest College, Washington and Lee University, Cumberland University, Columbia University, Harvard Law School, Northwestern University, the Board of Bar Examiners of Tennessee, the American Bar Association, and the Knoxville Bar Association.

Prelegal Education Report for Survey of The Legal Profession

As a part of the Survey of the Legal Profession currently under way the College of Law was asked to secure certain information from its students; it is thought our readers might find these figures interesting. Prof. Thomas G. Roady Jr., has furnished the following tabulations.

Question I: At what age did you decide to study law?

AGE	1ST YR. CLASS	2ND YR. CLASS	3RD YR. CLASS	TOTAL	AGE	1ST YR. CLASS	2ND YR. CLASS	3RD YR. CLASS	TOTAL
7	0	0	2	2	22	5	6	3	14
10	1	1	1	3	23	1	3	3	7
12	0	1	1	2	24	3	6	0	9
13	0	4	1	5	25	2	1	3	6
14	5	4	1	10	26	3	0	2	5
15	5	2	5	12	27	0	0	1	1
16	12	10	4	26	28	2	0	1	3
17	9	4	6	19	29	0	0	1	1
18	7	4	9	20	30	3	0	0	3
19	5	6	8	19	32	1	0	0	1
20	5	8	7	20	36	1	0	0	1
21	3	4	2	9	40	1	0	0	1

Question II: At what stage of your career did you decide to study law?

STAGE	1ST YR. CLASS	2ND YR. CLASS	3RD YR. CLASS	TOTAL	STAGE	1ST YR. CLASS	2ND YR. CLASS	3RD YR. CLASS	TOTAL
GRADE SCHOOL	2	4	3	9	GRADUATION FROM COLLEGE	4	0	0	4
1ST YR. HIGH	5	7	4	16	1ST YR. SERVICE*	2	5	7	14
2ND YR. HIGH	8	4	2	14	2ND YR. SERVICE	2	3	5	10
3RD YR. HIGH	12	9	5	26	3RD YR. SERVICE	2	0	4	6
4TH YR. HIGH	11	4	11	26	4TH YR. SERVICE	1	0	1	2
1ST YR. COLLEGE	7	9	9	25	5TH YR. SERVICE	1	2	1	4
2ND YR. COLLEGE	9	5	4	18	END OF SERVICE	3	6	2	11
3RD YR. COLLEGE	3	4	0	7	AFTER ENTERING BUSINESS	1	2	2	5
4TH YR. COLLEGE	0	0	1	1					
1ST YR. TEACHING	1	0	0	1					

*SERVICE WITH THE ARMED FORCES DURING WORLD WAR II

Question III: What was your major interest in college?

INTEREST	1ST YR. CLASS	2ND YR. CLASS	3RD YR. CLASS	TOTAL	INTEREST	1ST YR. CLASS	2ND YR. CLASS	3RD YR. CLASS	TOTAL
HISTORY	10	8	4	22	MARKETING	1	2	0	3
ACADEMIC	2	0	1	3	BIOLOGY	1	0	0	1
PRE-LAW	5	9	14	28	PSYCHOLOGY	2	1	2	5
ACCOUNTING	6	1	1	8	PHILOSOPHY	2	1	0	3
SOCIAL SCIENCES	8	11	3	22	ECONOMICS	2	2	2	6
SOCIOLOGY	1	0	0	1	GEOLOGY	1	0	0	1
BUSINESS ADMIN.	11	5	3	19	JOURNALISM	1	0	0	1
ENGLISH (LIT.)	2	1	8	11	NAVAL SCIENCE	1	0	1	2
ENGINEERING	2	2	0	4	OBTAINING DEGREE	0	1	0	1
POLITICAL SCIENCE	10	10	14	34	PUBLIC SPEAKING	0	3	0	3
INDUSTRIAL MGT.	1	0	0	1	MATH	0	0	1	1
PHYSICS	1	0	0	1	EX. CURRICULAR	0	5	4	9
CHEMISTRY	3	1	0	4	UNKNOWN	1	1	3	5

Question IV: What caused you to turn to law?

CAUSE	1ST YR. CLASS	2ND YR. CLASS	3RD YR. CLASS	TOTAL	CAUSE	1ST YR. CLASS	2ND YR. CLASS	3RD YR. CLASS	TOTAL
INTEREST IN LAW	29	29	24	82	DISSATISFACTION WITH OTHER PROFESSIONS	1	3	2	6
MILITARY EXPERIENCE	2	1	1	4	SPEECH WORK	1	0	0	1
INTEREST IN POLITICS	9	4	3	16	INTEREST IN FBI ACTIVITIES OF LABOR UNIONS	2	0	0	2
FURTHER BUSINESS TRAINING	7	3	1	11	JUVENILE DELINQUENCY WORK	1	0	0	1
LEGAL OFFICE WORK	1	0	0	1	INTEREST AS EXPERIENCE AS JUSTICE OF PEACE	0	1	0	1
FAMILY INFLUENCE	5	4	3	12	UNKNOWN	1	0	0	1
FRIENDS INFLUENCE	5	5	9	19		4	7	9	20
DESIRE TO SERVE PUBLIC	3	3	4	6					
ECONOMIC SECURITY	2	4	5	11					

Question V: Is any member of your family a judge or a lawyer?

	YES	NO
1ST YR. CLASS	23	51
2ND YR. CLASS	25	39
3RD YR. CLASS	18	43

Question VI: How many cases have you seen tried?

NUMBER	1ST YR. CLASS	2ND YR. CLASS	3RD YR. CLASS	TOTAL	NUMBER	1ST YR. CLASS	2ND YR. CLASS	3RD YR. CLASS	TOTAL
MANY	5	10	11	26	25 TO 50	5	8	10	23
SEVERAL	10	3	6	19	50 TO 100	3	4	4	11
1 TO 10	26	15	15	56	NONE	10	6	5	21
10 TO 25	14	16	6	36					

Question VII: Are you looking forward to taking an active part in politics?

	YES	NO
1ST YR. CLASS	51	23
2ND YR. CLASS	38	26
3RD YR. CLASS	40	21
TOTAL	129	70