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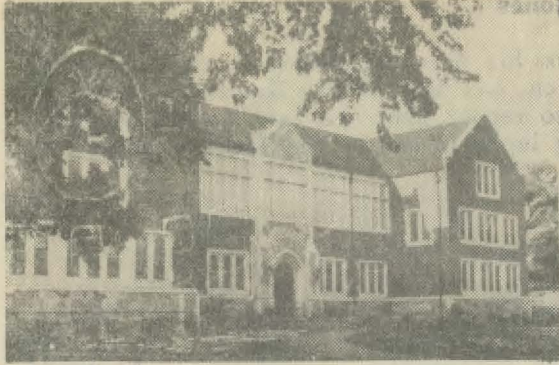


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The U-T Law Letter

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The University of Tennessee College of Law

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Occupancy of New Building

Moving into the new Law Building was a greater thrill than even we had anticipated. Each day we become more convinced that it is one of the finest physical plants in the country and our conviction is reinforced by the statements of the many visitors who pass through Knoxville and make this one of the stopping points in their tour. Within the past few weeks we have had, among others, professors from the law schools of the Universities of Vanderbilt, Duke and Northwestern, a student from Yale University School of Law, and a graduate of the University of Chicago School of Law, tell us how lucky we are to have such a wonderful building. There is nothing we can do but agree with them.

Many favorable comments have been received with respect to the student lounge on the walls of which appear pictures of those U-T law alumni who gave their lives in the last great war. These pictures are all beautifully done in a uniform fashion and were made possible by the contributions of their respective families.

Alumni Contributions to Picture Fund

The response of the alumni to the request of Dean Wicker for contributions to a picture fund for the new building was most gratifying. Receipts from some forty-five members totaled \$172.50, enough to defray substantially all of the expense of the project outlined in the Dean's letter. The money was used in preparing and framing the pictures of Dean Witham and Dean McDermott which were placed in the moot court room and were ready in time for the dedication of the building.

11th Annual Law Institute

The Eleventh Annual Law Institute, sponsored by The University of Tennessee College of Law and its alumni, will be held in Knoxville in the new College of Law Building on Friday, November 3rd. Speakers this year are drawn exclusively from the law faculty who will address themselves to a variety of subjects in an effort to provide something of especial interest to every member of the Tennessee bench and bar. This is something of an experiment on our part, the success of which will depend, as usual, on your attendance and participation. We are looking forward to seeing and visiting with many of you at that time. If you have not already done so, write immediately for luncheon tickets (\$1.50 each) to the Secretary, College of Law.

2nd District Congressional Race

One usually hesitates to make any prediction about the outcome of a hard-fought election campaign, but we are confident as to the result of the present 2nd District Congressional race -- the winner will be an alumnus of the U-T College of Law. The certainty of this result is assured since the two candidates are both graduates of our College. Frank W. Wilson, the Democratic nominee, was a member of the class of '41, and Howard H. Baker, the Republican nominee, was a member of the class of '24. Both are campaigning vigorously, and in a manner that does credit to their training and to their profession.

Note on Judge Jones

Judge Robert M. Jones, who recently retired from his teaching duties at the College of Law and whose friends throughout Tennessee are legion, has been in the Baptist Hospital at Knoxville since early last summer. We are happy to report that the last word from Judge Jones indicated that his condition was considerably improved and he was looking forward to being able to leave the hospital soon.

Alumni Recently Elected to Public Office

Just a few of the many law college graduates who are now serving the people of Tennessee in public office and who were recently elected to office are listed below. The list is not exhaustive, we are sure, but it represents the information we now have. We would appreciate the help of each of you in making our file a complete one.

Dick Jerman, class of '48, attorney-general, Alamo.
Wayne Oliver, class of '38, circuit judge, Maryville.
Otis Meredith, class of '49, county judge, LaFollette.
Barrett Ashley, class of '47, State Legislature.
John Badgett, class of '42, direct representative, Blount County.
Mark A. Walker, class of '31, circuit judge, Covington.
C. Howard Bozeman, class of '43, county judge, Knox County.
Hal Clements, class of '33, attorney-general, Knox County.
Howard Swafford, class of '47, city judge, South Pittsburg.
Glenn W. Woodlee, class of '31, chancellor, Dayton.
Jack Wilson, class of '36, circuit judge, Chattanooga.
W. Corry Smith, class of '26, district attorney-general, Chattanooga.
John M. Heiskell, class of '36, district attorney-general, Memphis.
Willard Garland, class of '42, assistant district attorney-general, Erwin.

Law Students and Alumni Called into Armed Services

We have received word that the following members of our alumni and student bodies have been called to duty with the armed services. This list is not exhaustive and we would appreciate news of other U-T law graduates now in the service of their country.

Thomas W. Thompson, class of '42, 1st Lt., JAG.
Howard Swafford, class of '47, 1st Lt., Inf., now at Infantry Training School, Ft. Benning, Ga.
Clarence E. Goodman, class of '48, 1st. Lt., RA-JAG, now Ass't. Staff, JAG, 7th Div., Korea.
J. C. Winkles, class of '49, Capt., 191st FA Batt., Ft. Devens, Mass.
Fred Cagle, class of '50, 1st. Lt., AF, Kessler AFB, Biloxi, Miss.
Howard Trapp, class of '50, Maj., HQ. Co., 278th RCT.
William Maga, student, 1st. Lt., 278th RCT.
David E. Barnett, 1st. Lt., Batt. B., 191st FA, Ft. Sill, Okla.
Joe R. Rogoski, student, 278th RCT.
Hugh Overcash, student, ROM2d, USN.

Faculty Notes

Dean William Wicker served this past summer on the staff of the School of Law, University of North Carolina, teaching the course in trusts. Professor Tom Roady, Jr. taught a course in restitution at the University of Illinois College of Law.

Dean Wicker and Professor E. E. Overton attended the Southeastern Regional Conference of Law Teachers which was held in New Orleans in September. At the conference Professor Overton participated in a round table discussion on what the conference can contribute to legal education in the South.

The president of the Association of American Law Schools has announced the appointment of Dean William Wicker to the nominating committee for the year 1951-52. Dean Wicker is also serving as the chairman of the Association's Committee on Memorials and on a Committee on Special Problems of Smaller Schools.

Professor Charles H. Miller has been appointed by Gov. Gordon Browning to the Commission on Children and is serving as chairman of the commission's Legislative Committee.

Professor Harold Warner, Col. JAG, spent two weeks in September on active duty with the Staff JA Section, Ft. McPherson, Ga.

Changes in Faculty Personnel

The law college administration has announced the following changes in faculty personnel: Professor William Hawkland resigned effective September 1st, in order to accept a position on the faculty at Temple University College of Law in Philadelphia, Pa. Professor Blakely Murphy has been granted a year's leave of absence effective September 1st.

Marne S. Matherne, LL.B., 1946, Tenn., has joined the full-time men on the staff to do moot court work and to teach suretyship and legal drafting.

Richard M. Freeman, LL.B., 1948, Columbia, now with the TVA legal division in Knoxville, is teaching the course in partnerships.

John L. Murray, LL.B., 1948, Cornell, now with the TVA legal division in Knoxville, is teaching the course in bankruptcy.

Edwin H. Rayson, LL.B., 1948, Tenn., now associated with Kramer, McNabb and Greenwood in Knoxville, is teaching the course in labor law.

Sol. M. Edidin, J.D., 1948, Chicago, now with the TVA legal division in Knoxville, is teaching the course in bills and notes.

Visiting Dignitaries To Preside in New Moot Court Setup

Beginning this quarter, members of the Knox County Bar Association will preside over each bi-weekly session of Moot Court. The uptown lawyers are assigned by their president to this billet, the objective being to choose the lawyer most fitted by experience to the type of trial scheduled for the particular session. Already listed for hearings during this quarter are the president of the association, Frank Creekmore, and Wm. P. O'Neil, J. H. Hodges, S. E. Hodges, Warren Kennerly, and Clyde Key.

Moot Court students are presented with cases that have actually undergone litigation in the Tennessee courts with the testimony of each witness being narratively briefed, and each party having witnesses to whom the other side is denied access. The facts and issues of each moot case are confined to the facts and issues of the case upon which it is based. The students are responsible for their cases from the issuance of summons to the denial of certiorari. Clerks and sheriffs are elected by the sections for the issuance and service of process, and for filing pleadings, and the rule docket and minute book are realistically kept.

Pass Bar Examination

The following recent graduates have received word that they passed the June 29-30 bar examination: T. L. Wells, Herbert Bacon, Jesse Butler, W. D. Swanner, W. B. Black, Ben W. Williamson, J. L. Mercer, John A. Ayres, Jr., Claude Giles, William H. Garber, Leab F. Martin, Jr., William S. Haga, Conley E. Morris, A. G. Burkhart, Robert H. Nicholson, B. R. McGee, T. F. Longcrier, Marvin Kolodkin, Louis Epstein, Grady W. Agee, James F. Humphreys, Jr., Robert W. West, Thomas R. Grayson, Joe Page Peck, and William H. Robinson.

Associate in Memphis Firm

We have recently received word that Thomas R. Prewitt, class of '48, is now an associate in the firm of Armstrong, McCadden, Allen, Braden and Goodman in Memphis.

Information Solicited

We are urging especially that you keep us informed of things which happen to you so that we can pass them along to our alumni and friends. Even if you do not feel they are of general interest, pass them along to us since we get many requests for information about individual graduates which unfortunately we cannot now answer.