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# Mississippi's Two Per Cent Sales Tax

■ Martin (Mike) Sennett Conner, author of this article, is the newly elected Governor of Mississippi. He is also a member of Phi Alpha Delta, Calhoun Chapter. Governor Conner was elected to office in August, 1931, by the largest majority ever received by a gubernatorial candidate in that state. The sales tax plan advocated and put into effect by

the governor has been watched with great attention by economists throughout the nation. That it is proving a great success is a tribute to the author's

foresight and ability.

Born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in 1891, he received his elementary instruction in the public schools. In 1910, he received his B. S. degree from the University of Mississippi and graduated from the law department of that school, with honors, during 1912. The next year he received his LL. B. degree cum laude from Yale University. The same year he opened a law office in Seminary, Mississippi, where he also engaged in farming.

■ Business principles and methods have been recognized and applied to the fiscal affairs of the Mississippi state government. When our administration assumed control—in January of this year—we were confronted with the problem of providing for a large volume of inherited deficits. We were also called upon to do this in the face of



■ In 1915, he was elected to represent Covington County in the Mississippi House of Representatives and was chosen speaker of that body in 1916. Re-elected in 1919, he was made speaker for the term of 1920-24 and served as speaker during five sessions of the legislature without an appeal from any ruling. Brother Conner

was a staunch advo-

cate of the principles of the Democratic party. He was temporary chairman and keynote speaker of the State Democratic convention in 1916, and delegate to the National convention of that year. He represented Mississippi on the committee appointed to notify Woodrow Wilson of his nomination by the convention of 1916, and in the same year was committeeman for the Young Men's Democratic Clubs. He was also a delegate to the National Convention in 1924, and served on the rules committee.

Governor Conner is a 33rd degree Mason and Shriner and a member of Phi Alpha Delta and Kappa Alpha fra-

ternities.

diminishing revenues, from sources upon which the state had been accustomed to rely with reasonable safety in normal times.

The duty of safeguarding the state's credit has been recognized as our most sacred obligation, the full discharge of which is the highest form of public service. Our efforts have been largely in field of administrative reform, of adjusting government functions more accurately to the people's circumstances, as well as to their needs, and rendering governmental operations more efficient and less burdensome.

Not only has the state's budget been safely balanced, but we have adopted certain definite administrative reforms to protect the state against a recurrence of deficits, to assure economy, and eliminate waste and inefficiency. Definite limitations have been placed upon the money-expanding and debt-contracting powers of state and subordinate agencies and political subdivisions. By statutory enactment we now exact both civil liability and criminal responsibility of those who violate these limitations. An effective executive budget system for the supervision of all expenditures has been established.

Our budget has been balanced by a reduction of operating costs and an increase of current revenues. Without discontinuing or seriously impairing any necessary governmental functions or services, we have, at a single legislative session, reduced governmental costs by one-third. This was accomplished because the Legislature, acceding to the request of the Governor, reversed the usual legislative procedure which had obtained in our state during the past hundred years, of first voting appropriations and then considering ways and means of providing revenue.

The state's income has been increased by levying a 2 per cent general sales tax, or consumers' tax, which will furnish the required additional revenues for the present biennium with the widest possible distribution applies not only to the number paying the tax (which will include all persons), but to the load of the tax on each individual, since the burden is not allowed to accumulate as is the case with property taxes. It is distributed day by day, so that the citizen is never in debt to his state; and

his payments being made in such small amounts as never to become burdensome or unbearable.

In the regulation of his expenditures the taxpayer largely determines the amount of his sales tax payments. This is not true of any other form of taxation. The sales tax makes it unnecessary to levy large or unjust penalties on those who seek to develop resources and improve property, but rather encourages these activities so essential to progress and prosperity.

Another advantage of the consumers' tax is that it permits every citizen, however humble, to contribute his part, however small, to the support of his government. It awakens within the citizen who pays no other taxes a sense of his responsibility when he goes to the polls. He becomes tax conscious and is more concerned about the competency and honesty of the candidate he supports. His patriotic impulses are stirred. He is proud that he has become a contributing citizen and is no longer merely a beneficiary of the state. Representation without taxation is an unhealthy condition. The consumers' tax is democratic.

Many states, including Mississippi, have long recognized the principle of the sales tax by levying taxes upon sales of a limited list of articles or commodities. On many instances these taxes have been levied at such high rates that they have threatened confiscation, encouraged bootlegging and evasion, and resulted in opposition and inequality. They are generally known as "nuisance" taxes. It appears to be the height of inconsistency for those who condemn the principle of a low general sales tax to favor a high sales tax on a few commodities.

Four months were required to pass the general sales tax through the Mississippi Legislature. The opposition largely limited to merchants and allied interests, was aggressive. Mass meetings were held throughout the state, and special trains brought large delegations to the capital to lobby with legislators against its enactment. A state-wide anti-sales tax organization was formed and well financed, and almost all the newspapers bitterly denounced the measure and attacked those who supported it. It was freely predicted that the tax would destroy business, and even that the people would openly revolt against it. Theorizing economists were quoted to prove that the tax could not be enforced or collected, and that it was unsound and inequitable.

Today, after three months' experience with the sales tax in Mississippi. practically all opposition has vanished. The anti-sales tax organization league no longer exists. Merchants are cooperating whole-heartedly. Some of its most bitter opponents have become its strongest defenders, and it is a rare exception to the general rule when any complaint or protest is heard from the consumers, to whom the tax is passed. Receipts to date from this Mississippi sales tax are in excess of estimates that were made at the time the legislation was enacted. In August collections ran 25 per cent above budget estimates.

The general sales tax is especially acceptable to Mississippi. We have few large net incomes and no great industries to tax. Our rich mineral resources lie undeveloped. Despite our wonderful climate, unexcelled health record. long growing seasons and the fertility of our soil, we have more than twelve million idle acres. We need only settlers and investors. Development has been retarded because property taxes in Mississippi, as in many other states, have been too high. It is estimated that before the enactment of the sales tax more than 75 per cent of all tax revenues of the state and all political subdivisions were paid by property, and only 15 per cent of our people paid property taxes.

Not only in Mississippi, but almost everywhere throughout the nation, it seems agreed that there must be a reduction in property taxes in order that investments may be encouraged and employment opportunities furnished. I would not favor a consumers' tax to be levied in lieu of all other taxes, but only as a part of a system levying taxes upon property, net incomes, and privileges. Under such a system all citizens pay in accordance with their privileges, abilities, and possessions.

In Mississippi, under normal economic conditions, it is possible for the general sales tax levied at a reasonable rate to eliminate all state taxes upon property and to permit a 50 per cent reduction in the present property tax rates of counties and municipalities. It can make possible the exemption from taxation of homesteads of limited value. and of sufficient acreage to support the family. When we have accomplished this, which is the ultimate aim of those who have advocated the consumers' tax for the state, Mississippi's wonderful opportunities will be recognized, our natural resources developed, and our idle lands put to work.

It must be remembered that in Mississippi this sales tax is still in the experimental stage. Mississippi officials and our people generally are satisfied with its operation up to this time, but we make no wild claims for it. There remains no doubt that it will meet the immediate emergency for which it was adopted. Its success as a fixture in our revenue system will depend largely upon the cooperation and good will of our people, particularly those who are required to collect and remit it. Considered as a tax upon the privilege of doing business, it furnishes a most equitable basis for calculating the tax. But the present rate is probably too high. If it is accepted as a consumers' tax and passed to the purchaser, as was the legislative intent, it will hold great promise, and a much higher rate may be imposed without injury to business or complaint from the taxpayer.

Recognizing one of the chief arguments against the consumers' tax to be the supposed difficulty of its administration and enforcement, every possible provision has been made to guarantee an intelligent, equitable and businesslike system of administration. The Governor named as State Tax Commissioner, Alfred H. Stone, a practical business man and a recognized authority on tax problems. He has completely reorganized the administrative machinery of the revenue department during his brief tenure.

Experts from other states who recently visited the offices of our Tax Commission have expressed the opinion that
in point of mechanical equipment and
general efficiency it is the equal of any
similar department in the United States.
It is Mr. Stone's frankly expressed purpose to put his office in the front rank
of governmental departments charged
with the administration of tax and revenue problems.

Mr. Stone has now under way an intensive business survey of Mississippi. When completed this will give us a picture in minute detail of the basic facts of the state's entire tax structure. Mr. Stone will be able to tell us where the state's revenues are derived, both by counties and towns, and the per capita contribution made by the people of such political subdivisions.

He will be able to give us the amount of revenue by occupational origins—
that is, the number in each class or group of tax-paying units, and the amount of tax paid by each group. Mr.
Stone is familiar with the administrative problems which have caused the breakdown of so many systems of revenue elsewhere, and is making every ef-

fort to guard against any similar occurrence in our state. In his efforts he is receiving the wholehearted support of both the executive and legislative branches of the government. He and I are in entire accord in his program, and we are working in close cooperation. The people of the state are being kept fully advised as to Mr. Stone's plans and purposes, and they are giving a splendid response to his efforts in their behalf.

When considering the problem of governmental taxation, certain fundamental truths must be remembered always. Mankind has never approached a condition that would make possible the discharge of governmental taxing functions by voluntary action.

There is indeed no panacea for tax ills. No given tax system will operate with equal results in different governments, or under varying economic conditions. Public financing in this country has not kept step with commercial development and private financing. In fact, less progress has been made with tax matters than with any other governmental problem. Further development hinges upon the modernizing of tax systems in the direction of rigid economy and a more equitable distribution of tax burdens. This involves not only the discovery of new sources and methods of providing the public revenues, but (what is of even greater importance) the reorganization of governmental machinery to the end that less revenue may be required for its operation. No problem is more closely related to the public welfare at this time. In Mississippi, we realize that we have merely turned in the right direction, and we are continuing our efforts to make real progress.

# Supreme Justice's Letter

By ALLAN T. GILBERT



In addressing the Fraternity on this occasion, I find at hand such a wealth of material that it is difficult to concentrate on those things that I think would be of most interest to you. Of course, of prime importance in my mind is a short general report on the visitations made in October. I visited some fifteen chapters in three weeks, and without question I felt that great good had been accomplished for the Fraternity generally. The meeting with the boys in Chapter meetings, going over their reports, assisting in their rushing, speaking to them of the national aspects of our Fraternity, cooperating with the faculty in gaining a better understanding, to say nothing of working out individual problems and even, in some cases, finding ways and means in which the Fraternity or the Chapters could assist the law school or the university, could not help but be of benefit, not only to the Fraternity but to the profession as a whole. With the trips made by our Supreme Secretary and our Supreme Vice Justice, and with one or two other visits that will be made in the very near future, all of the Chapters of the Fraternity except the two in Florida will have been inspected.

It is strange to note that even in spite of a world-wide depression, all of the Chapters are functioning and have bright prospects for an exceptionally good year. The future looks bright for Phi Alpha Delta, and I agree with our Supreme Secretary when he stated, after having visited a number of the Chapters,

the future of the country looks bright because of the exceptional character and mentality of the younger men that are now coming in to the ranks of Phi Alpha Delta through our Chapters. I am sure that I voice the unanimous opinion of the national officers that these fall visitations should be made every year. Every opportunity should be taken to impress upon the older men of the Fraternity, as well as the active men, the power that our national organization can wield in local and national affairs, if properly directed.

We are happy to note that a great number of our Democratic brothers have taken places of leadership in the nation as a result of the last election. We are not a partisan organization, and it speaks well for our future that we have men of standing and leadership in both of the large political parties.

We have great strength in our Alumni Associations but I have come to the opinion, as a result of my recent visitation, that a number of the Alumni Chapters are not fully appreciating the opportunity that they have, not only to be of personal benefit to each other but to their local bar and to their active Chapter. It cannot be impressed upon them too much that they should arrange to have regular meetings, and most of them in cooperation with the active Chapter that is immediately located near them. The Alumni Chapters should not forget that even if the active Chapter is apparently progressing well, that they should keep constantly in touch with them, especially around the time of election of officers in the Chapter, so that the new officers may be properly instructed in their work and may carry the traditions of the Chapter forward. We are going through very serious times as a nation, and it is only through the type of leadership that our Fraternity could easily give to the nation that the fine old institutions of our country will be preserved.

We of course regret exceedingly that the visitations made by our Supreme Secretary were so rudely interrupted by his serious accident near Oklahoma City. I know that I speak for the entire Fraternity in wishing him a speedy recovery. We are happy to hear that there are no serious complications and that it is only a trial of extreme patience that he faces until he will be fully recovered. We wish him, for the entire Fraternity, God's blessing and the hope that he will be returned to full active life in a shorter time than is at present anticipated.

As you will note from the minutes of the Supreme Board meeting, there will be shortly printed a Handbook containing the history of the Fraternity, the Constitution, and such other material as will be helpful in the proper running of Chapter meetings and the cooperation of active and Alumni Chapters. This should be in the hands of the active Chapters well before the next issue of the "Reporter." We are also glad to report that the new Directory, which is being printed by Martindale's Law Fraternity Directory Corporation, should be in your hands on or before January 1st. We believe that this addition will mean a great deal to the future of our Fraternity, and we hope that all those who have not already subscribed will take advantage of the Directory.

There has also been announced the

holding of our Convention on September 1, 2 and 3 of 1933, in Chicago. Great plans are being made for the entertainment of the delegates and visitors by the local Alumni and active Chapters in the metropolitan area of Chicago. Of course there will be the additional attraction of the Pageant of Progress, and with these two drawing cards we expect a larger attendance than ever before. Arrangements will be made with the hotels so that all the visitors may take advantage of the rates given to the delegates, and of course there will be the advantage of the railroad rates which will be in vogue because of the Pageant of Progress. We are mentioning this now so that you will start immediately to make plans to be with us in September of 1933.

In spite of the disorganized condition of a great number of our old institutions in the United States, the national officers of Phi Alpha Delta are happy to report that we are in excellent condition. Without doubt, we will weather the storm and should, through this trying period, be able to accomplish much good in assisting other brothers of the Fraternity as well as encouraging assistance to our law schools, our local Bar Associations, and our legal institutions. We believe that great progress has been made with the fall visitations, with the work of the national officers and Alumni Chapters, as well as the assistance of a great many of the deans and faculty of our schools who are taking a keen interest in our Fraternity. We believe that the more we can impress on you the importance of Phi Alpha Delta and encourage you to actively take a part in its great work, the stronger we will grow and the greater good we can accomplish.

# Lay Encroachments

Editor's Note: Brother Snively has been a member of the Committee on Unauthorized Practise of the Law, American Bar Association, since it was first authorized in 1930. He has been reappointed to the committee by Clarence E. Martin, President of the American Bar Association. He is also Chairman of the Illinois State Bar Association Committee on Unlawful Practise of Law. As Associate Editor of the REPORTER, Brother Snively supplies the majority of the news under the headings of OUR POLITICAL MIRROR and NEWS OF ALUMNI.

■ In the past the legal profession has given little attention to the encroachment of corporations and lavmen upon the practice of law. However, the continued and rapidly increasing encroachment has caused considerable activity in the last several years. Many proceedings have been instituted in the courts over the country to check and pre-

vent the same. I desire, however, in this presentation to review the activities to eliminate the encroachments of Collection Agencies and Credit Associations.

In presenting the same I will first trace the development of the Collection Agency. The earliest encroachment upon the practice of law was made by the Collection Agency, yet the Collection Agency is of comparatively recent development.

Bradstreet Co. and R. G. Dun & Co., the two national mercantile agencies, were organized between 1842 and 1848. The former never entered the collection field, but the latter in 1851 established a collection agency service for the use of its own subscribers. For a period of approximately twenty years few com-



petitors appeared in the collection field.

About 1870, "Attorney Lists" came into existence . They were originally simply lists of attorneys that handled collections and were sold outright. However, it was only a short time until the publishers of the lists found that it was a source of considerable profit to take the collections direct, al-

though the original subscription fee was included in the contract for this service. The development of the Attorney's Lists was rapid until today there are over one hundred lists on the market.

The foregoing were for many years the only sources through which slow collections could be made. About 1888 an individual in Chicago conceived the idea of establishing an agency for the purpose of recovering that class of claims which the mediums then in the field failed to reach. His original plan consisted in selling to merchants throughout the country a system of form letters calculated to frighten the debtors into a settlement. The fame of this system spread rapidly. However, he soon changed the system and sent out the letters himself. In this way

a larger profit was possible. The methods resorted to through the mails became gradually more offensive until a storm of protests rendered interference by the postal authorities imperative. Finally, almost every objectionable feature of the system was absolutely prohibited. Inventive genius, however, was not lacking. The result was the bad debt collector. Burly, uniformed collectors were used. In many cities funeral equipages, with collection agency signs, called regularly on obstinate cases. Enraged victims reduced many of these Black Marias to kindling boow

The evils of this method soon resulted in as wide. a protest as the mail system precipitated. Civil suits were instituted and pressed vigorously. In the end many of the blackmail practices were eliminated.

The present day Collection Agency continues to use the personal solicitation and letter writing system. However, its activities consist largely of the institution of suit to enforce collection of the accounts. In the event that one or two letters fail to bring results it threatens to institute suit. Suit is then instituted by the Collection Agency and judgment secured.

■ Today, practically the entire collection business of the country is controlled by the Collection Agencies, Credit Associations and Law Lists. This business has passed into their hands because they can advertise for and solicit it. In addition, the Credit Associations solicit claims in bankruptcy from creditors. These claims are handled by the salaried lawvers and the fees that are received are used to support the other activities of the Associations. The Law Lists furnish an opportunity for the subscriber to advertise and solicit business. The basic weakness, however, is the fact that representation in the list is sold to the lawyer. Such lists should be supported, not by the lawyer, but by

the creditor. In this way the publisher would be able to select only lawyers who are thoroughly qualified.

During the past two years there has been considerable litigation in the State of Ohio. At Cleveland petitions for injunction have been filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Cuyahoga County against thirty corporations. These corporations include Automobile Associations, Credit Men's Associations, Property Owners' Associations, Title Companies and Trust Companies. Similar proceedings have been brought in the courts at Cincinnati, Columbus, Steubenville and Toledo. All of the proceedings were instituted by individual attorneys with the exception of the case of United Mercantile Agency v. Robert B. Lybarger, 28 Nisi Prius, New Series, 319, in the Municipal Court of Columbus. In this case the agency brought suit to recover a fee in a case in which it had instituted suit for a client. The Court held that it could not recover because it was engaged in the practice of law.

The most outstanding case is Dworken v. Apartment House Owners' Association of Cleveland, 38 Ohio Appellate 265, 176 North Eastern 577, which was decided by the Court of Appeals of Cuyahoga County on March 9, 1931. In this case the defendant maintained a legal department and employed lawvers to furnish legal services to its members. Such services included the collection of accounts and the institution of suit to enforce payment of the same. It also handled forcible entry and detainer cases. The trial Court held that the defendant was engaged in the practice of law and granted the injunction. The Court of Appeals entered judgment for the plaintiff. Thereafter, the defendant filed a motion in the Supreme Court for an order directing the Court of Appeals to certify its record. On June 10, 1931, the Supreme Court denied this motion.

In Dworken v. The Cleveland Retail Credit Men's Company, the Court of Common Pleas enjoined the defendant from advertising that it maintained or conducted a legal department for the benefit of its members, from soliciting memberships under any agreement whereby it agreed to furnish legal services or advice, from maintaining a legal department for any purpose other than to handle the immediate affairs pertaining to the corporate entity, from filing, prosecuting or defending, through itself or attorneys, any actions or suits on behalf of another and from furnishing legal counsel or advice to its members or others. It was further set forth in the decree that nothing therein should be construted to prevent the defendant from conducting a department for the collection of accounts, notes, contracts or other commercial obligations for its members if its services were limited to presenting claims for payments and remitting collections if received upon demand or presentment, or by handling without rendering any services requiring professional legal skill or the application of law to the facts.

At Toledo petitions for injunction have been filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Lucas County against the Merchants Credit and Adjustment Company, The Buckeye Mercantile Agency, and The Toledo Association of Credit Men. The petitions alleged in part that the defendants operated collection agencies for the collection of claims, debts and demands for the public generally and contracted with merchants and others to collect claims, debts and demands owing to them, for a valuable consideration. It was further alleged that the defendants attempted to collect and did collect for a valuable consideration, debts, claims and demands, belonging to persons and other corporations by threatening the debtors of such persons or corporations that if they would not pay the same the defendants would bring or cause to be brought, legal action against said debtors to enforce the payment thereof. The defendants in the first two proceedings filed motions to strike these allegations from the petitions on the ground that they were immaterial and irrelevant and that the facts did not constitute the practice of law. Judge Charles M. Milroy, on July 9, 1931, overruled the motions, thereby holding that such allegations constituted the practice of law.

The Buckeye Mercantile Agency case was heard by Judge Stuart in May of this year. I understand that he submitted the case to all of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Lucas County. A decision has not yet been announced.

In Blake v. Ohio Bureau of Credits, which was decided by the Court of Common Pleas of Franklin County, Ohio, on February 19, 1932, the Court said that the preparation of the necessary papers, filing and conducting suits, and endeavoring to enforce judgments by proceedings in aid of execution constitute the practice of law.

The Court further said that being precluded from either directly or indirectly bringing and prosecuting legal proceedings to enforce collections, the defendant had no right to threaten that it would institute legal proceedings and it would be enjoined from so doing. It would further be enjoined from sending. either by mail or otherwise, to a debtor any paper or document simulating or intended to simulate a legal document for the purpose of enforcing a collection. The Court allowed a permanent injunction which, in addition to the above, enjoined the defendant from maintaining a legal department for the benefit of others. (4 Ohio Bar 613).

In re Scott, 52 Federal (2d) 89, was decided by the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, on October 2, 1931. In this case the Grand Rapids Credit Men's Asso-

ciation solicited claims in bankruptcy suits. The proof of claim authorized the Association to attend all meetings of creditors and to vote in the election of trustee. The Referee refused to approve the selection of the Trustee made by the Association. The Court said that the power of attorney included the power to vote for or against any proposed resolution in reference to the estate, in the choice of trustee, to accept or refuse any composition, and do such acts as fully as the creditor could if personally present. It further said that the examination of the bankrupt and the participation in the election of a trustee by others than the creditor himself was the practice of law as generally understood and had been so recognized by the courts, citing In re Looney, 262 Federal 209, and In re H. E. Ploof Machinery Co., 243 Federal 421.

Public Service Traffic Bureau, Inc., vs. Haworth Marble Co., 40 Ohio Appellate 255, 178 North Eastern 703, was decided by the Court of Appeals of Cuyahoga County on November 2, 1931. In this case the plaintiff instituted suit in the Municipal Court of Cleveland to recover compensation for services rendered under a contract. By this contract the plaintiff had agreed to examine and analyze freight bills for the previous three years and to prepare, file, prosecute and adjust all claims developed on such bills, as well as to take the necessary procedure to effect all possible rate and classification reductions on defendant's shipments. The bills were examined and the plaintiff filed claims before the Interstate Commerce Commission and appeared before it.

■ The Court recognized in its opinion that the Interstate Commerce Commis sion was created by an Act of Congress and was given authority to adopt rules of practice. In this connection the Commission had adopted a rule allowing any person who was possessed of satisfactory legal and technical qualifications

to appear before it. The Court said that practice before the Interstate Commerce Commission, Commissioner of Patents, Treasury Department and United States Board of Tax Appeals was not limited to lawyers.

The Court further said that the collection of claims without resort to courts at law does not constitute the practice of law. However, this suit was based upon a contract which by its terms contemplated the prosecution of claims before a Court of Justice and this would render the contract void. Therefore, the Court held that the use of the words "to prosecute" without limiting them to activities other than the institution of proceedings before a Court, made the petition subject to demurrer and affirmed the judgment of thel tria Court.

State of Tennessee ex rel. v. Retail Credit Men's Association of Chattanooga, 163 Tennessee 450, 43 South Western (2d) 918, was decided by the Supreme Court of Tennessee on December 5, 1931. In this case the defendant operated a Collection department. It solicited claims for collection with the understanding with its clients that suit would be instituted by it and collection enforced by legal process. It also employed an attorney to bring suits on claims placed with it for collection. The Chancellor declined to vacate its charter but granted an injunction which enjoined these practices. The Court of Appeals affirmed the decree. It was also affirmed by the Supreme Court. However, the Supreme Court held that the defendant was not practicing law in making reports to its members as to the title to real estate.

In State Bar of Oklahoma v. Retail Merchants Association of Enid, the District Court on April 13, 1932 enjoined the defendant from soliciting, or advertising for or holding itself out as being engaged in the collection of debts, claims and demands through the courts, from threatening debtors by sending to them "Notice of Impending Suit", or any other similar threat, or to threaten them with any action by the Court, or from filing any suits, or from collecting any attorney fee on any claims placed with it for collection, or from rendering any legal advice, or holding itself out to the public as maintaining a legal department, or from employing an attorney to institute suits for it on any debt, claim or demand held by it for collection, or from taking any part of any fee allowed to any attorney in the collection of any such debts, provided that the defendant should be allowed to operate a collection agency for the collection of the debts of its members, however, to be limited to the solicitation of such debts against third persons and to presenting said debts for payment without however, rendering or attempting to render services requiring professional legal skill or knowledge.

The General Assembly of Virginia in 1924 passed an act which provided that it should be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation not being an attorney duly authorized to practice in Virginia, to present the claim or cause of any other person, firm or corporation before any Magistrate, Civil or Police Justice, Civil Justice Court or any other Court unless said person, firm or corporation so appearing has a property interest in said claim or cause, and that it should be unlawful for any firm. person, or corporation to assign to any other person, any claim or cause or any interest in any claim or cause, for the purpose of having the said claim or cause, or any interest therein represented before any Court by any person. firm or corporation, not an attorney. It further provided that nothing in the act should be construed to prevent any person, firm or corporation from representing his or their claim, or from preventing any person, firm or corporation from having his or their regularly employed agent or employee from appearing where such agent was regularly employed on a salary basis. (Code of Virginia 3426-A). An amendment of 1930 provided that if it appeared that any civil warrant issued at the instance of or on behalf of any person prohibited from representing such claim before a Justice, it should be the duty of the Justice to forthwith dismiss such warrant at the cost of the plaintiff.

About two years ago, Sam A. Pusey of the Pusey Adjustment Co. at Richmond, Virginia, had a civil warrant issued against Marie E. Gillespie on the claim of Dr. E. C. Bryce. A motion was made to dismiss the case and same was allowed. The case was then appealed to the Law and Equity Court of Richmond. This Court affirmed the judgment of the Civil Justice Court. A writ of error was granted to the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia where the case is now pending.

In 1927 the Legislature of Alabama amended Section 6248 of the Alabama Code, which theretofore merely provided that only persons regularly licensed should have authority to practice law and wrote into the section a definition of the practice of law. Subdivision D reads as follows: Whoever "as a vocation enforces, secures, settles, adjusts or compromises, defaulted, controverted or disputed accounts, claims or demands between persons with neither of whom he is in privity or in the relation of employer and employee in the ordinary sense, is practicing law".

■ In Kendrick v. State, 218 Alabama 277, the Supreme Court of Alabama passed upon the constitutionality of the Act. Kendrick, who operated a collection agency, had been arrested for practicing law. He was convicted in the Circuit Court. The Court of Appeals affirmed his conviction in a per curiam opinion reported in 120 Southern 140 and the case went to the Supreme Court. It held that the act was unconstitutional

insofar as it prohibited anyone but licensed attorneys from collecting claims because the act violated the Alabama Constitution which prohibited a statute from containing more than one subject, which must be clearly expressed in its title.

In the opinion Mr. Justice Sayre said:

"To engage in the business of collecting claims by demand or negotiation out of court is not to practice law."

It was soon discovered that the case had been decided without any brief being submitted by the State. An effort was then made to have the Court restore the case to the docket, so that the Bar might have an opportunity to present the matter. It was suggested that the Attorney General make application to the Court of Appeals for a rehearing. This was done. However, the petition was denied. Application was then made to the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari. The Court however, in a per curiam opinion reported in 120 Southern 144 denied the writ.

An Act, regulating and defining the practice of law in the State of Alabama was approved July 20, 1931. Subdivision D was the same as that in the former act. The validity of this Act was upheld in Berk v. State ex rel. Thompson, 255 Alabama ---, 142 Southern 832, which was decided by the Supreme Court of Alabama on May 26, 1932. The petition alleged that the defendant was engaged in the business of conducting a commercial collection agency as a vocation in which he was holding himself out to the public as being ready for a consideration to represent out of court anyone in the adjustment, collection or compromise of any defaulted. controverted or disputed account, claim or demand which such person might have against anyone else and that whenever in his judgment it was necessary he turned it over to his attorney for prosecution in court. It was further alleged that he threatened to institute suit and that upon the notes which were handled by him, he made a charge for services rendered. A demurrer to the petition was overruled. The lower court then ordered that the defendant be excluded from the practice of law until he became regularly licensed.

In its opinion the Supreme Court said that it had been the usual business of a lawyer, for the past hundred years in this state, to engage in office practice as well as in cases needed in and about the collection and settlement of claims and demands. The Court held that the acts recited in the petition constituted the practice of law as defined in the statute. It further said in the opinion that the act was a valid enactment under the police power, and offended neither State nor Federal constitution, was not an usurpation of judicial power and neither denied to citizens equal civil rights, nor granted special privileges and immunities. The judgment of exclusion and prohibition was affirmed.

■ In Hudson Valley Board of Trade, Inc. v. Fraser P. Price, which was decided by the City Court of White Plains, New York, on October 22, 1931, the plaintiff brought suit on a claim that had been assigned to it by Frank H. Knight. This claim had been solicited by the plaintiff for the purpose of bringing suit thereon. Such solicitation was prohibited by Section 280 of the Penal Law. The Court held that the plaintiff could not recover and dismissed the complaint.

In Retail Credit Men's Association v. R. E. Callahan, Judge Ida May Adams of the Municipal Court of Los Angeles in September, 1931, held that a collection agency that sued on assigned claims was engaged in the illegal practice of law.

The legality of an assignment depends upon whether or not it was for a lawful purpose. If the assignment is for the purpose of enabling the assignee to practice law when he is not licensed, the assignment is illegal and the defendant may raise the point in his an-

Whenever the matter of the legal purpose of the assignment has been properly raised, the Appellate Courts have uniformly held that it was a proper defense, and that if the assignment was in violation of the law as regards the right to practice law, the action could not be maintained. (Bulkeley v. Bank of California, 68 California 80; Tuller v. Arnild, 98 California 522; Koepple v. Morrison, 84 California Appeals 137).

■ It is our duty to protect the public from the evil effects of lay encroachments. The responsibility is our own. If the independence and integrity of this great profession is to be maintained, it is imperative that the members of the local bar association throughout the entire United States assume this responsi-

bility and take such action as may be necessary. Contempt, Injunction and Quo Warranto proceedings have been very effective. Such remedies should be pursued courageously.

However, this problem will never be solved entirely by the institution of legal proceedings against those who persist in such practices. It has been decided that any member of the bar who assists a corporation to pactice law or render legal services is subject to discipline by the Supreme Court. (In re Otterness, 181 Minnesota 254, 232 North Western 318). He may even be deprived of his right to practice. Hence, if we will proceed against the members of the bar who participate in such practices, we will strike at the principal cause of lav encroachments. Such practices will then largely cease and we will have rendered a great service to the public and the profession.



#### Phí Alpha Delta Directory

■ The Supreme Executive Board is pleased to announce the completion of the new PHI ALPHA DELTA DIRECTORY as prepared by Martindale's Fraternity Directory Corporation, of 21 West Street, New York City.

The new directory is a bound volume containing the names of all members of the fraternity listed by chapters, alphabetically and geographically. It will prove of great value to all members of the fraternity.

The price of the DIRECTORY is Five Dollars and copies may be secured through the Supreme Secretary's Office or from Martindale.

# INTRODUCING OUR DEANS

#### Charles Wylie Allen

Dean of Law, Chicago Law School

■ The appointment of Charles Wylie Allen as Dean of the Chicago Law School, was officially announced this month. For the last two years Charles Wylie Allen has been Professor of Law at the Chicago Law School. He was born



in Chicago 28 years ago. He graduated from the University of Chicago in 1925 fatter having received the degree of Ph.B. and J.D. and was soon thereafter admitted to the Illinois Bar. In 1932 he received the degree of D.C.L. from the Chicago Law School. While a law student, Brother Allen was a member of Marshall Chapter and served as Justice during his senior year.

Dean Allen was for two years a member of the faculty of the Brotherhood College of Chicago and the University of Chicago Settlement. He holds a commission as First Lieutenant, 332nd F. A. Reserve and for two years was Master of Instruction at Howe Military Academy, Howe, Indiana, and Instructor of Military Law at Camp Roosevelt, Ft. Sheridan, Illinois.

During the past six years Dean Allen has been actively engaged in the practice of law in Chicago, being for two years connected with the legal staff of the German Consulate there. He is at present Assistant State's Attorney in Chicago assigned to the Illinois Bankers Association and for the past two years has been a member of the Faculty of the Chicago Law School. He is also a special lecturer on Legal Ethics at Loyola University School of Law.

Brother Allen was one of the most popular professors at the Chicago Law School and is respected by both students and faculty for the scholarly manner in which he conducts his classes. He has at all times been active in fostering student activities; last year he organized and coached the basketball team and this year assisted greatly in organizing the Debating Club, and has given unselfishly of his time to other organizations including Phi Alpha Delta.

■ Dean Allen lives with his wife and small daughter at 6730 North Campbell Ave, Chicago. He is a member of the Phi Alpha Delta, Kappa Tau Phi, Beta Epsilon, and Acacia Fraternties and Order of Kedu Remthet; Order of Crossed Cannon and the University of Chicago Polo Association; the Executives' Club, Collegiate Club and the Illinois Bar Association.

#### James J. Cherry

Professor of Law, DePaul University

■ Teaching Air Law to a class of fortyeight, ten of whom were PAD's, filled the summer cavity for Brother James J. Cherry, past district justice.



With the weather quite warm, the students sat on the east side of the room at the top of DePaul University skyscraper -on the exposure side-so that they could be caressed by the succulent zephyrs which exuded from the friendly neighbor, Lake Michigan. Undulating radio waves which emanated from WGN and WBBM and which passed the school room windows in certain defined channels, as directed by the federal radio commission, also made the professor's task difficult. Then the many vehicles of the air that passed in the airway route or empyrean highway, defying the old Heaven-hell doctrine, distracted even the professor, for there were frequent digressions with many talks of the professor's travels through the west in the summer of 1931.

But, the students learned everything known about Air Law, for at times Professor Cherry commanded attention by telling humorous stories (not once did he repeat a story); and when he had attention his ebullient speeches transmitted a great store of knowledge.

■ Professor Cherry received his LL.B. degree at the Illinois College of Law in 1910. Not satisfied with this, he attained the degree of LL.M. in 1915. During the war he served in the War Department in Washington. In 1922, he began as a full time professor at De Paul University, which had taken over the Illinois College of Law. An outstanding work is his book on Partnerships.

#### Albert J. Farrah

Dean of the University of Alabama Law School

- Coming to the University of Alabama School of Law more than a quarter of a century ago, Dean Albert J. Farrah has seen some of his fondest dreams ripen into the fullness of uncontrovertible fact.
- Under his guiding hand the law school has developed from a small department of comparatively low standards (predominant among all law schools of that day), occupying a few rooms in a building of another department of the University, into an institution recognized as an A grade school by all the standardizing agencies, a member of the Association of American Law Schools, and producing lawyers of undoubted merit.
- Several years ago a most modern fireproof home was built for the school, a great portion of the funds being contributed by former students. When it came time to select a name the choice was unanimous. Today Alabama lawyers proudly point to Farrah Hall and speak affectionately of the Dean.

Dean Farrah teaches Contracts and Constitutional Law.

#### OUTSIDE THE COURT ROOM

Editor's Note: Letters keep coming to the Editor's desk with inquiries and problems that are very real to the PAD brothers writing them. Seldom will space permit "a leading article" in reply to them: at least not right at the time. However, such letters deserve careful consideration and comment that will assist in the search for a solution, even though a dogmatic answer is not possible.

May 1, 1932 . . . "but can the opportunity for publicity in a case like the Massie (Honolulu) trial be overlooked by a lawyer who is getting established? Or the Hickman case or the Capone case? The names of the defense in the Lindbergh case will be blazoned all over the country, if the kidnappers are ever captured. If the court is duty bound to appoint counsel, why shouldn't a lawyer take the case and get the publicity . . .?"

Probably every class in Ethics has battled with this question, yet here it is, ready to be answered once more. The answer that seems truest to professional ethics is embodied in the words, "Hold them to their proof." A man is presumed innocent until proved guilty before a regularly constituted tribunal. In all three cases referred to, the public's knowledge of the facts is so clouded and confused by the fiction writers covering the cases for sensational newspapers that there is always great danger of mob violence under the guise of speedy justice. A lawver who can keep his head. keep away from the cameras, hold the other side to facts, keep his defense on legitimate grounds, and endeavor to prevent a flimsy case being bolstered up with newspaper hysteria is most surely serving his proper function as an officer of the court. The publicity is of doubtful value, except to the criminal lawyer.

Oct. 12, 1932. "What are the advantages of corporate and of personal sureties in attachment cases?" If the amount is small and the trial held at the residence of the sureties, it is usual to have personal sureties. They cost nothing. But they are liable to the annoyance of appearance in court and of course to damages in event of loss. Personal sureties are the only thing in those numerous cases where no contest is going to develop.

Another '33 classman asks: "Do you advise a young lawyer to take advantage of a chance to go into the District Attorney's office?" To which we will answer, "Yes, if he will get into trial work and get plenty of it. Other considerations must affect his decision: the ability and integrity of the Prosecutor, and the public attitude toward the office in his county."

The gist of a lengthy inquiry is, towit: "What about a job with one of the Title Companies?" Answer: A good start if you do not take it too seriously as a life work, unless you are distinctly an inside man who will always find it easier to let others get the business. A year or two will give you a thorough insight into land titles but it is the old salary game that gets you out of the habit of thinking in terms of your own clients.

Bill Hoagland of Hoagland, Allum & Tunney, Chicago and New York investment bankers is a PAD brother from Blackstone Chapter. He has left active practice to others during his many years as banker.

Lew Sawyer, Calhoun brother may be addressed at Whittier, California, where he is Executive Vice-President of the Whittier Trust and Savings Bank, one of Southern California's leading financial institutions.

Quere: "What are the advantages in favor of practicing in a small town?" Probably he means "practicing outside a metropolitan center?" and we shall answer it in that spirit. You are in far closer contact with your Judiciary and other leading members of your Bar: your work is subjected to constant scrutiny of your fellow lawyers and you will find yourself more careful and more technically accurate. Smaller towns are usually very severe in their criticism of a lawyer who subjects the Bar to adverse comment.

Bob Stewart, Campbell '10, may be addressed at the Bank of America, Los Angeles, California, where he is Assistant Trust officer. He's been with them for over ten years.

He's called Dean George Burgess, at Pomona College, Claremont, California. George was a member of the lucky '13 class at Campbell Chapter, Ann Arbor. Since graduation his entire career has been associated with Pomona College. Other outstanding members of that same class were Ab Dilley, Dilley & Dilley, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Bob Clewell, of Dubuque, Iowa; both practicing attorneys. Yes, Yank Farrens, Campbell '12 was attorney for the Railway Administration in the Northwest during the War and is now practicing in Portland, Ore.

Aug. 19, 1932. "What do you advise for the average law office library?" Your own state reports in their own volumes: your statutes, then the A.L.R. series, Ruling Case Law, etc., etc., as you can afford them. Every law book salesman has some special work that may be very useful—when the time comes. Don't be in a hurry to load up: especially in these times.

August 23, 1932. We won't quote the letter: it asks for light on a Bar Association problem. We advised the writer as strongly as we could, to work with and through his own Alumni Chapter in attacking the problem he mentions. He can discuss it freely with his PAD Brothers and any action will have the weight of a unified group of lawyers working together.

Quere: "I don't see much difference between Common Law and Code States except in the ammes they call things: isn't it an advantage to have our laws codified?" Answer: it undoubtedly is a help to have all the laws on a given subject sorted out and gathered into one group. However, many of our great lawyers contend that this kind of codification has never taken place. They say that in every outburst of codification the personal ideas of the codifiers have supplanted the law as it is, with the law as they think it should be. And that usually the enthusiast endeavors to anticipate every possible future contingency, which tends to make our legal system rigid and inflexible.

Letters are always welcome. Several of our Faculty Brothers have offered to consider and answer knotty problems: give them some to work on. If stamped envelope is enclosed a reply will be given by return mail: otherwise in the next edition of the REPORTER. Address inquiries to the REPORTER, 5225 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, California.



#### NATIONAL OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE SUPREME BOARD MEET-ING HELD AT THE HAMILTON CLUB IN CHICAGO ON OCTOBER 1ST AND 2ND, 1932



Left to Right: Front row—Paul Meier, George E. Fink, Hon. Edgar A. Jonas and Frank L. Fawcett of Milwaukee.. Back row—Milton T. Miller, Frank E. Rutledge, Supreme Vice Justice of Buffalo, N. Y.; George Brennan, treasurer of Chicago Alumni Chapter; Allan T. Gilbert, Supreme Justice; Henry L. Chatroop, Frank M. Ludwick, Supreme Secretary, and James Turner, President of the Chicago Alumni Chapter.

# Twenty-Five Years Ago

By GEORGE E. FINK
Past Supreme Justice

This article has to do with that period in our Fraternity history following the Madison Convention May 10 and 11, 1907. The official organ of the Fraternity was known simply as "Phi Alpha Delta", (being later known as the "Ouarterly" and at present as the "Reporter.") No. 2 of Volume 1, dated July 1, 1907, made its appearance about August 1st.

The subscription price was 75 cents per year. That number, counting the covers, consisted of 48 pages. The Editorial committee was made up of Charles Henry Wilber (Marshall), W. Crown Smith (Story), Richard J. Finnegan (Webster), Lyman P. Wilson (Marshall) and Lawrence W. Ledvius (Ryan). Of these men only Richard J. Finnegan and Lyman P. Wilson are living. Brother Finnegan is Managing Editor of the Chicago Times and Lyman P. Wilson is on the Law faculty at Cornell University.

At this period in the history of the University, there were eleven active chapters, viz: Benton Chapter, at Kansas City Law School; Blackstone Chapter at Chicago Kent College of Law; Campbell Chapter at the University of Michigan; Fuller Chapter at Northwestern University; Garland Chapter at the University of Arkansas; Hay Chapter at Western Reserve University; Magruder Chapter at the University of Illinois; Marshall Chapter at the University of Illinois of



versity of Chicago; Ryan Chapter at the University of Wisconsin; Story Chapter at the Illinois College of Law and Webster Chapter at the Chicago Law School.

The matter of establishing C h a p t e r Houses for the chapters in Chicago was being earnestly advocated and discussed at the meetings of the C h i c a g o Chapters

and was one of the principal topics of conversation at the Fraternity Table which was then maintained at the Boston Oyster House. How these discussions eventually brought about a Chapter House at the University of Chicago and a joint Chapter House for the other Chicago Chapters will be detailed in a later article.

Among the "Notes" in the above mentioned number, appear the following:

"Thomas P. Octigan and Lewis C. Garver have formed a partnership with Avery R. Hayes. The firm has new enlarged quarters in the Roanoke Building, Chicago. Sam Roberts of Campbell is associated with the firm of MacChesney & Bradley, The Temple Chicago \* \* \* Frank Rutledge of Webster is becoming one of the pace-makers among La Salle Street Real Estate men. (Brother Rutledge had a full page advertisement of his firm in that and many succeeding issues of "Phi Alpha Delta"). \* \* \* \* George E. Fink, our new Treasurer is

a papa now. It was a girl. George has already pledged her to the Ladies Auxiliary, PAD. \* \* \* National Recorder Finnegan was married July 6 to Miss Lucille B. Adams. The ceremony was performed in Milwaukee and PAD was represented by former Chief Justice Waldemar C. Wehe, who presided at a wedding luncheon in the Fern Room of the Pfister Hotel. \* \* \* George L. Stewart of Story has gone to California to spend a few months with relatives. . . ."

No. 3 of Volume 1, Phi Alpha Delta, recorded the death of Robert E. O'Brien of Story Chapter on November 1, 1907. He was initiated into Story Chapter in 1899, later becoming Justice of the Chapter. He was Assistant City Prosecutor for the City of Chicago under the administrations of Mayors Dunne and Busse.

■ The seventh annual outing of the Fraternity was held at Mineola House, Fox Lake, Illinois, on July 26, 27 and 28th in 1907, about sixty attending. (The annual outing was again held there in the year of Our Lord Nineteen Thirtytwo and about the same number again attended). One large room housed some sixteen members, whose joyous evenings prevented many of our members and other guests of the hotel, from sleeping. The second night they became so hilarious that a guest in the hotel who was so unfortunate as to occupy the next room, found it necessary to threaten to shoot through the wall to restore a semblance of quiet. His voice eventually attained such tone and vol-

ume that the boys finally concluded he meant what he said, and he was accommodated with about 40 minutes of comparative quiet which remained before dawn. The evening were devoted partly to dancing and partly to bowling. Those who attended will never forget Merkey's Place, which was reached through a winding pathway through the woods. Chris Whalen retired comparatively early, but having been missed at Merkey's the crowd returning from there awakened him at the hotel and it is doubtful if he got any sleep that night.

After luncheon on Sunday, vesper services were held on the lawn adjacent to the hotel. They were conducted by Bill Prentiss with the assistance of Brothers Whalen and Octigan. Aside from "amens" from the crowd, the services passed off smoothly, except that Brother Ledvina tried to leave without permission and was brought back and made to stay until the services were over.

Correction: In the preceding Article, statement was made that the convention held in Madison, Wisconsin, on May 10th and 11th, 1907, was the only convention that our Fraternity ever held there. The writer meant to say that this was the only convention ever held in Madison prior to 1907.

#### HELP!

Oldtimers are cordially invited to forward to the writer of these articles such bits of P A D history and experiences as can properly be printed.-G. E. F.



# Supreme Více Justíce's Page



By FRANK E. RUTLEDGE

During my recent active chapter inspections I was very pleased to see the interest shown in the activities of our alumni chapters. For the past five years efforts have been directed towards increasing the number of our alumni chapters and we shall continue until we have an alumni chapter in every large city. Five years ago Phi Alpha Delta had sixteen alumni chapters whereas now there are twenty-two.

The alumni chapters offer graduates the following:

1st. Contact with older and experienced attorneys who are always glad to assist the younger members with advice.

2nd. Assistance in obtaining positions.

3rd. As PAD increases in prestige each year, affiliation with an alumni chapter becomes more valuable in both a political and business way. Many hundreds of PAD politicians owe a great deal to the help and assistance given them by members of alumni chapters who have helped make their elections possible.

4th. In many cities members of PAD are very active in the local bar associations and a membership in an alumni chapter will help pave the way for younger members in the activities of

these local bar associations.

5th. Many non-practicing PADs are affiliated in an executive capacity with commercial firms and belong to alumni chapters. A contact with them may lead later on to legal business which can be very remunerative.

6th. PAD is about equally divided in politics and through the contacts made in an alumni chapter, the younger members are enabled to become closely connected with both leading Republican

and Democratic politicians.

7th. An affiliation in an alumni chapter often leads to the receiving of legal business sent by members in other cities.

3th. There are scores of legal firms composed of PADs exclusively, or in part. Many of such firms originated through contacts made in the alumni chapters.

9th. Members of alumni chapters all over the country are represented in all branches of the federal, state, county and city government. Many judges are PADs.

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#### OUR POLITICAL MIRROR

#### George S. Meyers

■ George S. Myers, Democrat, was elected to the post of Secretary of State in Ohio at the general election last month, winning over his Republican opponent by more than 44,000 votes.



Brother Myers, member of Hay Chapter, went out and captured the primary almost single-handed, without party backing. When the returns from the primary had been tabulated he easily led the field.

Though the Democratic party then naturally backed him as one of the party candidates, he still continued his own campaign, touring the state and talking before Democratic rallies.

His election is the high point of a career devoted to law and politics. Previously Myers was a member of the Ohio General Assembly. Later he was the Democratic nominee for Lieutenant Governor and United States Senator from Ohio.

Born in the early eighties in Sandusky County, Ohio, George as a boy had his first schooling in the traditional red brick schoolhouse. This particular school house that he attended was so old that the directors shored up the side walls with planks and huge large log braces to keep the building from falling down. After school Myers, like other boys, worked on the farm.

When sixteen years old he secured a teacher's certificate and began teaching his first term of country school before his seventeenth birthday. At the age of twenty-two he enrolled at Wooster College. Upon graduating he studied law at Western Reserve University. Following his admittance to the bar he has practiced law for the past twenty-two years mostly in trial work in state and federal courts.

Initiated into Hay Chapter in 1907 he served as Acting Supreme Recorder of Phi Alpha Delta from 1916 to 1919. He has been very active as an alumnus of Hay Chapter and a loyal friend of the brothers.

He will take the oath of office some time the early part of January, 1933. The post of Secretary of States is the third highest office, ranking next to the office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

#### John Y. Brown

■ Brother John Y. Brown (Clay) of Lexington, Kentucky, was elected to Congress from the state-at-large at the general election which was held on the eighth day of November. He was born in Union County, Kentucky, and lived there until he entered Centre College at Danville. Upon graduation from Centre College in 1921 he enrolled in the University of Kentucky Law School where he received his law degree, having worked his way through both institutions.

During his senior year at the University of Kentucky, he commenced the practice of law at Lexington. He has since successfully engaged in his profession and has offices in the Citizens Bank Building.

He has served two terms in the House of Representatives of the State of Kentucky. In the last session he was Speaker of the House and has secured much valuable legislative experience.

In the primary campaign last spring he demonstrated unusual ability as a campaigner and was one of the two candidates, who were not incumbent members, to win a Democratic nomination. He is a gifted public speaker.

Brother Brown, who is thirty-two years of age, is a member of Henry Clay Chapter. He represented his chapter at the St. Louis convention. In 1929 he was married to Miss Dorothy Inman of Somerset. They have two children, Dorothy Ann and Betty Bruce.

When he assumes his duties as a member of Congress on the fourth of next March, he will be the youngest member of the Kentucky delegation. In addition, with his legislative experience, he is sure to make an exceedingly able record in Congress. This will bring to him further advancement in public service.

## F. Ryan Duffy

■ Brother F. Ryan Duffy of Fon du Lac, Wisconsin, was elected United States Senator at the general election which was held on the eighth of November, having defeated John B. Chapple of Ashland, the Republican candidate.

He was born at Fond du Lac on June 23, 1888, the son of F. F. and Hattie (Ryan) Duffy. His early education was received in the public schools of that city. After graduation from High School in 1906, he entered the University of Wisconsin, where he was graduated from the College of Letters and Science in 1910 and from the College of Law in 1912.

Brother Duffy was President of the Class of 1906 of the Fond du Lac High



School and also President of the Class of 1910 of the University of Wisconsin. While in High School he was a member of the Interscholastic Debating Team and later was a member of the Intercollegiate Debating Team of the University. In addition to his interest in debating and other literary activities in the University, Brother Duffy showed his fondness for athletic sports and was a member of both the University Track and Cross Country Teams. He also became a member of Edward G. Ryan Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta.

■ In 1912 he commenced the practice of law at Fond du Lac. With the exception of twenty-five months that he was in the United States Army during the World War, he has practiced there continuously since that time. He is now senior member of the law firm of Duffy, Duffy and Hanson and has been engaged in many important cases. He has been particularly successful as a trial lawyer and has been called in as counsel by various attorneys to assist them in the trial of cases. For two years he served as President of the Eighteenth

Circuit Bar Association and was appointed Circuit Court Commissioner by both Judge Chester A. Fowler and Judge Clayton F. Van Pelt.

Brother Duffy was the first professional or business man in Fond du Lac to offer his services in the World War. He served on the Mexican Border and was with the American Expeditionary Forces for fourteen months overseas, having been discharged with the rank of Major. Since the organization of the American Legion he has been active in its affairs. He has served as Department Commander for the State of Wisconsin and at the San Francisco convention was elected National Vice-Commander. For the past seven years he has served as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Department of Wisconsin

■ His entry into politics was during the Delegate contest prior to the election last April. Brother Duffy stumped the state for the Roosevelt delegates and received over 143,000 votes, which was the highest vote given to any Democratic delegate. Following his election he was selected as Chairman of the Wisconsin delegation to the Democratic National Convention at Chicago.

Brother Duffy, who is married and has four children, has always been active in the civic and fraternal affairs of his home city. He is Past Exalted Ruler of Lodge No. 57 of the B. P. O. E. In addition to being a member of the Eighteenth Circuit Bar Association, he is a member of the State Bar Association of Wisconsin and has been active in its work.

The people of the State of Wisconsin are indeed fortunate to have selected Brother F. Ryan Duffy as one of their representatives in the United States Senate. He is sure to secure new and better consideration for the needs of his native state.

#### Perry H. Stevens

Brother Perry H. Stevens of Akron. Ohio, member of the law firm of Sheck and Stevens, was elected Judge of the Court of Appeals for the Ninth District of Ohio at the recent general election. He was born at Ravenna, Ohio, on October 7, 1892, the son of Dr. Thomas H. and Perla A. Stevens, and received his early education there. Upon graduation from the Rayenna High School, he entered Dartmouth College where he was a student during the years 1911, 1912 and 1913. In the fall of 1913 he entered the Law School of the University of Michigan and graduated from there in June, 1916. At Dartmouth, he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and at Michigan he became a member of John V. Campbell Chapter of our fraternity. Upon graduation from Law School, he immediately took the bar examination and commenced the practice of law at Cleveland.

In August, 1917, he entered the United States Army as a buck private in a Matchine Gun company. Later he was transferred to Company B of the 11th Machine Gun Battalion in the Fourth Division after having first been transported to France. He served with this company in France, having been promoted from buck private to commissioned officer. After the Armistice he served with the Army of Occupation in Germany. Upon his return from France he was promoted to the rank of Captain. He was discharged from the service in June. 1919.

■ Thereafter, he commenced the practice of law at Akron where he practiced for several months alone. He then entered into a partnership with Mr. Edward S. Sheck, a graduate of the Law School of Ohio State University, and has been associated with him from 1920 until the present time.

He was married in October, 1921, to Miss Lucy Sawyer, daughter of Mayor William T. Sawyer of Akron. To this union was born one daughter, Bessie Voris, since deceased. They now have two foster children, Mary Jane and Karl.

Brother Stevens has never heretofore sought nor held an elective public office. In the general election which was held on the 8th of November, he opposed Honorable William E. Pardee, who, for eleven years had served as Judge of the Court of Appeals for the Ninth District, and who was the recognized Republican political power in that community and district. He will assume the duties of his office on the ninth of January. His term is for six years.

#### **David Sholtz**

■ Brother David Sholtz of Daytona Beach, Florida, member of the law firm of Sholtz, Green & West, was elected Governor of the State of Florida at the recent general election. Born at Brooklvn, New York, on October 6, 1891, the son of Michael and Annie (Bloon) Sholtz, he received his early education there and graduated from the Boy's High School in 1910. He then entered Yale University, where he became a member of John C. Calhoun Chapter in 1914 and also received the degree of Bachelor of Arts the same year. Coming to Florida in the summer of 1914, he attended the Law School of the John B. Stetson University at DeLand. There being no law fraternity at this University, he organized the petitioning group, and in the Spring of 1915, David T. Brewer Chapter was installed, he being the first Justice of the same. The same year he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws from the University. He was also awarded the honorary degree of Master of Arts in 1921.

He was admitted to the bar in 1915 and commenced the practice of law at Daytona Beach. He was elected to the House of Representatives of Florida in 1916 for a two year term but resigned to enlist in the naval forces of the United States. He attained the rank of Ensign and is now a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Naval Re-

Upon his return to Daytona Beach he became State's Attorney for the Seventh



Judicial Circuit, and in 1921 he was elected Municipal Judge of Daytona Beach.

He has been active in Chamber of Commerce work, being a former President of the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce, the second largest in the United States, The Association of Chambers of Commerce of the East Coast of Florida, and the Florida State Chamber of Commerce. He has also been identified with several Banks, Title Companies, and Bond and Mortgage Companies, and has served as a Director of the same.

■ Brother Sholtz has also been active in fraternal organizations. He is a 32nd degree Mason, Knight Templar, Shriner, member of the Elks and Past Exalted Ruler, member of the Moose and Past Dictator, member of Woodmen of the World, Modern Woodmen of America, Daytona Rotary and Past President of the same, American Legion, Volusia County Bar Association, Florida State Bar Association and American Bar Association. In addition to being admitted to the Florida Bar, he has been admitted to practice in the United States District Court and the Supreme Court of the United States.

He was married to Miss Alice M. Agee at Daytona Beach on December 29, 1925.

In his campaign he waged a strenuous fight for the reduction of taxes and economy in government. He also urged a revision of the banking laws, protective insurance for the workingman, development of agriculture and industry and free school books. His presentation of his program won the confidence of the voters and enabled him to secure one of the most decided victories in the history of the state.

He will assume his duties as Governor at Tallahassee in January. His term is for four years,

### J. Harry La Brum

■ J. Harry LaBrum was elected to the high office of Vice-Justice of the American Bar Association at the annual meeting in Washington, D. C., during October of this year.

LaBrum received his LL.B. degree at Georgetown University, where he was an active and energetic member of Phi Alpha Delta. He graduated with honors in 1925, President of the Senior Class of the Georgetown Law School and Justice of Taft Chapter, Phi Alpha Delta

He practices law as a member of the law firm of Colen, LaBrum & Beechwood, in Philadelphia. Other associations are membership in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations; Lawyers' Club, Caveat Club, Marine Club, Propeller Club, Racquet Club and The Art Club of Philadelphia; Whitemarsh Valley Courtry Club: Pennsylvania Historical So-



ciety; Metropolitan Club and India-House, in New York City.

LaBrum is also Secretary of the Georgetown Club of Philadelphia, and Secretary of the "Pioneers", a non-partisan group of young members of the Philadelphia Bar.

As the years pass by more and more of the members of the fraternity participate in the political affairs of their respective cities, counties and states. There is indeed an unusual opportunity for leadership and public service. Every member of the fraternity should assume the responsibility that rests upon his shoulders and take a greater interest in the affairs of your respective governments.

In this article we will relate the part that various members had in the campaign prior to the general election which was held on the eighth of November and also give you some results of the same. We hope that their efforts will inspire you and arouse you to take an active part in politics.

■ Brother Henry J. Allen (Benson) of

Wichita, Kansas, former United States Senator and close personal friend of President Herbert Hoover, served as Director of Publicity for the Republican National Committee at Chicago. Ha also delivered several addresses during the campaign and accompanied the President on a part of his Western trip. Brother Allen visited the President at the White House on the 17th of November. The following night he sailed for Europe.

■ Brother Silas H. Strawn (Campbell) of Chicago, Illinois, former President of the American Bar Association and long active in Republican politics, served as Chairman of the Republican Finance Committee for Illinois. He was appointed by the Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

■ Brother Albert E. Carter (Temple) of Oakland, California, was re-elected as Representative in Congress from the Sixth District. He is a Republican and is serving his fourth term.

■ Brother Fletcher B. Swank (Harlan) of Norman, Oklahoma, was re-elected as Representative in Congress from the Fifth District. He is a Democrat and is serving his fifth term.

■ Brother William P. Lambertson (Marshall) of Fairview, Kansas, was re-elected as Representative in Congress from the First District. He has long been active in Republican politics in the State of Kansas, being a former member of the House of Representatives and also the State Senate. He is serving his second term in Congress.

■ Brother Werner W. Schroeder (Campbell) of Chicago, Illinois, is Treasurer of the Republican State Central Committee. He gave considerable time to the state campaign. Brother Schroeder is the personal attorney of former Governor Len Small who was defeated in

the general election by Judge Henry Horner of the Probate Court of Cook County.

■ Brother John J .Nangle (Benton) of St. Louis, Missouri, was Campaign Manager for the late Francis M. Wilson, who had been nominated as the Democratic candidate for Governor of Missouri last August and who died several weeks prior to the general election. Brother Nangle is Executive Vice President of the Utilities Insurance Company which is operated by Lynton T. Block & Co. He is a former Supreme Justice of the Fraternity and at present Chief Tribune.

■ Brother Scott W. Lucas (Capen) of Havana, Illinois, served as a member of ' the Managing Committee of the Democratic campaign in the State of Illinois. He had charge of the Speaker's Bureau. In the primary campaign last April he had been a candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator but was defeated by Honorable William H. Dieterich. Mr. Dieterich was elected at the general election. Brother Lucas is one of the most prominent members of the American Legion in the State of Illinois. He is a former State Commander and a former National Judge Advocate. In addition, he is a former State's Attorney of Mason County, It is expected that he will be appointed to an important state or national office.

■ Brother Clarence N. Goodwin (Marshall) of Chicago, Illinois, former Judge of the Appellate Court for the First District, was a Vice Chairman of the Roosevelt Business and Professional League for this state. In addition, he served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Lawyers Division of the League. Brothers Edward F. Dunne (Webster), former Governor of the State of Illinois, and Joseph B. Fleming (Fuller) of Chicago were also members of the Executive Committee of the Law-

yers Division. Brother Fleming also served as a member of the General Committee of the Lawyers Independent Horner for Governor Committee.

■ Brother Charles O, Parker (Marshall) of Chicago, Illinois, served as Secretary of the Lawyers Independent Horner for Governor Committee. He has offices at 7 South Dearborn Street.

Brother Duncan U. Fletcher of Jacksonville, Florida, was re-elected United States Senator on the eighth of November. He is one of the most prominent Democrats in the United States Senate and is the ranking Democratic member of the Committees on Banking and Currency, Commerce, Military Affairs, and Printing, having been a member of the Senate since March 4, 1909. Brother Fletcher is an honorary member of Duncan U. Fletcher Chapter at the University of Florida.

Brothers Edward F. Dunne (Webster) and Cornelius J. Harrington (Story) of Chicago, Illinois, have been appointed by the Mayor as members of a committee to revise the election laws of the City of Chicago. Brother Dunne is attorney for the Board of Election Commissioners and Brother Harrington is a Master in Chancery of Cook County. Both are Democrats.

■ Brother Joseph A. Graber (Story) of Chicago, Illinois, Associate Judge of the Municipal Court, has been assigned to preside over the Women's Court this month.

■ Brother John E. Nelson (Hamlin) of Augusta, Maine, who has represented the Third District in Congress for the past ten years, will retire next March. He was defeated in the Democratic landslide that swept the State of Maine on the 12th of last September. In Congress he has been a member of the important Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. He is a member of the law firm of Andrews, Nelson & Gardiner. His partner, Honorable William Tudor Gardiner, also retires as Governor of Maine in several weeks.

■ Brother Andrew J. Montague (Jefferson) of Richmond, Virginia, was reelected as Representative in Congress from the Third District. He is one of the most prominent Democratic members of Congress, being a former United States Attorney, Attorney General and Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia. He is second ranking member of Committee on the Judiciary and has served in Congress for twenty years.

■ Brother Virgil Chapman (Clay) of Paris, Kentucky ,who has represented the Seventh District in Congress for three terms, was elected from the stateat-large. He is a Democrat and has his law office at Lexington.

■ Brother John Young Brown (Clay) of Lexington, Kentucky, was elected as Representative in Congress from the State-at-Large. He has served two terms in the Kentucky House of Representatives, being Speaker of the House during his second term. He has offices in the Citizens Bank Building.

■ Brother Burnett M. Chiperfield (Magruder) of Canton, Illinois, who represents the Fifteenth District in Congress, was defeated in his race for re-election by the Democratic landslide that swept practically the entire State of Illinois. He has long been active in public service and is one of the best trial lawyers in Central Illinois. He is President of the First National Bank at Canton and has served some years as Judge Advocate General of the Illinois National Guard.

■ Brother Lloyd Morris (Benson) of Oskaloosa, Kansas, was elected Judge of the District Court for the 37th District which is composed of Jackson, Jefferson and Pottawatomie counties. He is a Republican and was formerly in the State Legislature.

■ Brother A. O. Delaney, Jr., (Green) of Troy, Kansas, was elected as State Senator from the First Senatorial District on the Republican ticket.

■ Brother Roy N. McCue (Benson) of Topeka, Kansas, Vice Justice of the Topeka Alumni Chapter and a Republican, was elected to the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas.

■ Brother Perry H. Stevens (Campbell) of Akron, Ohio, was elected Judge of the Court of Appeals of the Ninth District of Ohio for a term of six years. He is a Democrat.

- Brother George W. Blanchard (Ryan) of Edgerton, Wisconsin, was elected as Representative in Congress from the First District on the Republican ticket. He was elected to the Assembly in 1924 and has been a member of the State Senate since 1926. In recent months he has been prominently mentioned for appointment as United States District. Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin. He will assume his duties in Congress on the fourth of next March.
- Brother John S. Dawson (Benson) of Hill City, Kansas, was re-elected as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Kansas. He has been a member of the Court since January 11, 1915, and is a Republican.

■ Brother Wm. Easton Hutchison (Green) of Garden City, Kansas, was re-elected as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Kansas on the Republican ticket.

■ Brother R. Wilford Reigle (Benson) of Emporia, Kansas, was also elected to the House of Representatives of the

State of Kansas on the Republican ticket. He is completing his third term as Probate Judge of Lyon County.

- Brother Roland E. Boynton (Green) of Emporia, Kansas, was re-elected as Attorney General of Kansas. He is a Republican and is located at Topeka.
- Brother J. Wirth Sargent (Campbell) of Wichita, Kansas, was also elected to the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas. He is a Republican.
- Brother Allen F. Myers (Benson) of Topeka, Kansas, was re-elected Judge of the Court of Topeka on the Republican ticket. He was unopposed in either the primary or general election.
- Brother John Kaster (Benson) of Topeka, Kansas, was re-elected Probate Judge of Shawnee County. He is a Republican and was also unopposed.
- Brother J. H. Wilson (Benson) of Clay Center, Kansas, was elected County Attorney of Clay County with a large majority.
- Brother John Bremer (Benson) of Oberlin, Kansas, a Democrat, was elected County Attorney of Decatur County. He was one of the few successful Democrats in the State of Kansas.
- Brother J. Rodney Stone (Benson) of Newton, Kansas, was elected County Attorney of Harvey County on the Republican ticket.
- Brother Walter Hembrow (Benson) of Council Grove, Kansas, a Republican, was elected County Attorney of Morris County. He had the distinction of carrying every precinct in his county.
- Brother Don Allen (Green) of Oskaloosa, Kansas, a Republican, was elected County Attorney of Jefferson County.

- Brother Howard Wilson (Benson) of Jetmore, Kansas, a Republican, was elected County Attorney of Hodgeman County.
- Brother Lloyd Miller (Benson) of Hiawatha, Kansas, a Republican, was elected County Attorney of Brown County. He received more votes than any candidate either 'Republican or Democrat on either national, state or county tickets.
- Brother John W. Wood (Benson) of Wichita, Kansas, a Democrat, was elected County Attorney of Sedgwick County. He is a charter member of Alfred W. Benson Chapter. His brother, James B. Wood, also a charter member of Alfred W. Benson Chapter, came within several thousand votes of being elected Lieutenant Governor of the State of Kansas. No Democrat has ever been elected to this office and Brother James B. Wood is to be congratulated upon the splendid race that he made.
- Brother Alvin D. Stevens (Lurton) of Eldorado, Arkansas, was elected Prosecuting Attorney for the 8th Judicial District. He is a Democrat.
- Brother Franklin U. Stransky (Campbell) of Savanna, Illinois, was elected State's Attorney of Carroll County on the Republican ticket. His father, Mr. Franklin J. Stransky, served several terms in this office years ago. Later he became Circuit Judge. However, he is now a member of the law firm of Sims, Stransky, Brewer & Poust of Chicago and also Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee.
- Brother Clarence T. Smith (Magruder) of Flora, Illinois, a Democrat, was re-elected State's Attorney of Clay County. He is Second Vice President of the Illinois States Attorneys Association. It is expected that he will be advanced to the office of First Vice President

- dent of the Association at the annual meeting which will be held at Chicago the last of this month.
- Brother Robert P. Shonkwiler (Magruder) of Monticello, Illinois, retired as State's Attorney of Piatt County this month. He was defeated for re-election by the Democratic landslide.
- Brother David E. Shanahan (Webster) of Chicago, Illinois, was re-elected to the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois. He is a Republican and has served longer as Speaker of the House than any other person in the history of the State. The next General Assembly will be organized by the Democrats.
- Brother James F. Fardy (Blackstone) of Chicago, Illinois, a Democrat, was elected Judge of the Superior Court of Cook County on the eighth of November and has already assumed his duties. He was serving his second term as an Associate Judge of the Municipal Court at the time of his election to the Superior Court.
- Brother Howard L. Bevis (Chase) of Cincinnati, Ohio, who is on a leave of absence from the faculty of the College of Law of the University of Cincinnati, is serving his second year as Director of Finance of the State of Ohio. It is expected that he will be re-appointed for another term as Governor George White was re-elected on the eighth of November for another two year term.
- Brother Frank H. Harvey (Chase) of Akron, Ohio, was elected Judge of the Municipal Court of Akron last year. Prior to his election to the Municipal Court he was engaged in the practice of law with Brother S. Bernard Berk (Brewer). At the time that Brother Harvey assumed his duties on the bench, Brother Donald Reichert (McKinley) went into the office of Brother Berk, and

now Brother Karl Meisner (Hay) also has his office with Brother Berk in the Second National Bank Building.

■ Brother Gillum H. Doolittle (Hay) has been serving as Director of Law of the City of Akron, Ohio, since his appointment to that office last year. Brother Charles D. Evans (Hay) is one of his assistants. With the exception of a period of two years in the past twelve, there has been at least one member of the fraternity in the City Law Department.

■ Brother Fred E. Renkert (Chase) of Akron, Ohio, has been Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of Summit County for the past four years. It is reported that he will resume the private practice of law at the end of this year.

■ Brother Theodore G. Lewis (Ryan) of Madison, Wisconsin, has been reelected City Attorney by the Common Council of Madison.

■ Brother Homer A. Dodge (Benson) of Chicago, Illinois, who has served several years as an Assistant State's Attorney of Cook County, retired on Saturday, the third of December. He has resumed the private practice of law as a member of the new firm of Swanson, Butler, Dodge & Ham with offices at 111 West Washington Street. Honorable John A. Swanson, who retired as State's Attorney, is the senior member of the firm. Brother Dodge made an able record as an Assistant State's Attorney.

■ Brothers Edgar B. Elder (Story) and John E. Pedderson (Blackstone) of Chicago, Illinois, Republicans and Assistant States Attorneys of Cook County, are expected to retire soon. Honorable Thomas J. Courtney, a Democrat, assumed his duties as State's Attorney on the fifth of December. He is a former State Senator.

■ Brother Richey V. Graham (Blackstone) of Chicago, Illinois, who represents the 19th Senatorial District in the State Senate, is being prominently mentioned for the office of President Pro Tem of the Senate. He has made an able record in the Senate and is well qualified for the post. Brother Graham is a son-in-law of Honorable Anton J. Cermak, Mayor of Chicago and Democratic National Committeeman for Illinois.

■ Brother Jay A. Schiller (Story) of Chicago, Illinois, Associate Judge of the Municipal Court, has been assigned to preside over the South State Street Court this month.

■ Brother Fred J. Kullberg (Fuller) of Rockford, Illinois, has been appointed an Assistant State's Attorney of Winnebago County and assumed his duties on the fifth of December. Brother Kullberg was admitted to the bar two years ago.

■ Brother Olger B. Burtness (Corliss) of Grand Forks, North Dakota, who has represented the First District in Congress for the past twelve years, will retire next March. He is a member of the law firm of McIntyre & Burtness, a Republican and a former State's Attorney of Grand Forks County.

Brother William A. Johnston (Green) of Minneapolis, Kansas, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kansas, completed forty-eight years of service as a member of the Supreme Court on the first of December. This is the longest, continuous record of judicial service on the same tribunal that any person has ever served. He has had a remarkable career and we extend to him the good wishes of the entire fraternity. His record of public service should inspire you always.

For several years the Pittsburgh Alumni has held weekly luncheons each Tuesday at the Hotel Henry dining room. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to every PAD, alumni or otherwise.

The monthly evening meetings, held regularly last year, have been resumed. The first meeting entertained visiting Supreme Secretary Frank M. Ludwick. The usual procedure is dinner followed by a discussion of some topic of legal interest by an outstanding lawyer. All PADs are welcome.

The Pittsburgh Alumni cooperates with Watson and Wiley Chapters in every way possible.

■ Brother Kimpton Ellis, (Calhoun), Justice of the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta, has recently been appointed as Chairman of the Legal Aid Committee of the California State Bar. Judging from the past record of Brother Ellis on both State and National Civil Service Commissions and many other civic activities in which he has engaged we predict increased activity in this important work which has been somewhat neglected in recent

years. This committee contemplates the supervision of some twelve or fifteen legal aid bureaus now in existence and the organization of about the same number of new ones.

- Walter V. Fackler, formerly of the Law Department of the Chicago Title and Trust Company and Robert E. Owens (Hammond Chapter), formerly with the law firm of Sims, Stransky, Brewer and Poust, announce the formation of a partnership for the general practice of law, specializing in corporate reorganizations, real estate and chancery practice under the firm name of Fackler & Owens with offices in the Foreman Bank Building, in Chicago.
- Brother J. Orrin Vining (Dunbar) of Seattle, Washington, was elected Secretary of th Seattle Bar Association at the annual meeting which was held on June 29, 1932.
- Brother Arthur A. de la Houssaye (Martin) of New Orleans, Louisiana, has offices at 710-711 Masonic Temple Building. He is practicising alone.



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10th. The friendships you will make in an alumni chapter will inspire you and your life will be more pleasant and successful. You will learn to appreciate PAD more as a member of an alumni chapter than you did while attending school.

11th. A membership in an alumni chapter anywhere will give you the privileges offered by the New York Alumni Chapter. They maintain permanent headquarters in the Interfraternity Club Bldg., 38th and Madison Ave.

12th. It should be the goal of every member of an active chapter to eventually become a member of an alumni chapter and no time should be lost in doing this after graduation.

## Supreme Secretary's Page

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By FRANK M. LUDWICK

The press and the public forum have of late repeatedly called for leadership. Unquestionably we have had too many politicians and not enough statesmen. We have had much to say about the high quality of our membership and have urged our members to unite in giving to the country the leadership which it so badly needs. The material which has poured into the office for this issue of THE REPORTER is significant. Because of lack of space we have been unable to print it all without making this issue a pure political one. Your attention is invited to the large number of Phi Alpha Deltas who have been elected to high positions. It is indeed an encouraging sign.

For me to report generally on the chapter inspections which I made this fall would be for me to attempt to reiterate what our Supreme Justice has so ably said in his letter in this issue. Our Fraternity is in an almost unbelievably good condition and we have much to be thankful for this year.

The purpose of these inspection trips is, of course, to bring about a closer contact between the local chapters and the Supreme Chapter, to give to the men in school an increased understanding of the national scope of the fraternity and to create an increased appreciation of and enthusiasm for their membership, and to assist the chapters in the solution of their local problems. But as I have heretofore said I frequently wonder who profits the most, the local chapter or the inspecting officer.

Filled with enthusiasm, new ideas and plans, to return home from my trip with four crushed verterbrae tightly encased in a plaster cast (some wag slanderously remarked that I came home well plastered) is indeed disappointing.

Having been unable to answer the numerous telegrams and letters from various Brothers I desire to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude and appreciation of their thoughtful consideration. They were indeed a great comfort and help.

To all of our membership we extend the seasons greetings, our hope that your holidays may be most enjoyable and that 1933 will be a year of progress for our members individually and for our Fraternity as a whole.

## ACTIVE CHAPTER NEWS

#### BENSON Washburn College

■ Brothers Buellesfeld, Harman, Hall, Weeks, Howe and McAlister received honor rating in their grades for the last semester. Benson Chapter now holds second place in the intramural program conducted by the college.

In the all school election last spring Brother Auburn Light was elected President of the Student Council; Brothers Jerome Harman and Arthur Lepper were chosen as editor and business manager, respectively, of the Kaw, the school year book. In the elections this fall Benson Chapter succeeded in placing three pledges in office; Don Hyames being elected President of the Freshman class, while Lloyd Baker and Charles Clark were chosen to lead the school cheering.

### BENTON Kansas City School of Law

■ Benton Chapter reports twenty active members and fifteen pledges. Two of the pledges have particularly distin-

guished the mselves as students. Harry Miller is a Phi Beta Kappa from Kansas University, Don Miller is a Kansas City man who won a scholarship and spent a vear at Harvard.



On October 8th, Benton Chapter held its Silver Anniversary celebration and gave a party at the President Hotel later. Visiting Supreme Justice Allan T. Gilbert was guest of honor.

Several brothers and pledges are candidates for the Debate Squad. Kansas City School of Law is sponsoring a basketball team this year and Phi Alpha Delta shows promise of placing several good men on the team.

The Kansas City School of Law announced that entrance requirements would be raised, to take effect next year. Candidates for the school will need at least 60 hours of Accredited College. The laws of Missouri do not make this requirement and there are only two law schools in the state requiring college work for entrance. This action was taken by officers of the school in anticipation of a State Statue, and in effort to raise scholastic standing and producing more capable lawyers.

#### BLACKSTONE

Chicago-Kent College of Law

■ Brothers Munroe, Vig and Stokes represent the chapter on Chicago-Kent's famous "Round Table". The other brothers are also

succeeding in carrying the scholastic traditions of the chapter. Pledges are selected only after careful consideration. This years pledges are the pick of the new men and appear to be of the calibre to uphold Blackstone's ideals and to maintain its



reputation and standing in the school.

Although Blackstone has only two members in the February graduating class, both have been very prominent and active in fraternity and school affairs. Brother Kula has been elected Vice-President of the graduating class and Brother Munroe is on the executive committee of the Round Table. They will be greatly missed in the happy, intimate little gatherings of the chapter where such good fellowship emanates and so many close friendships are formed.

Blackstone played host at a number of smokers this season. They were held at the Hotel La Salle, new chapter headquarters. The purposes of these smokers are to afford the new and more likely men at the college an opportunity to meet the brothers and to become acquainted with the camaraderic that marks Phi Alpha Delta affairs.

The most interesting event of the season was the visitation, October 21st, of Supreme Vice Justice Frank E. Rutledge accompanied by Brother George E. Fink, Past Supreme Justice: Brother Jim Turner, Justice of the Chicago Alumni Chapter, and Brother William Basile, Treasurer of Marshall Chapter. These Brothers and Brother Patterson (Blackstone '24) made short addresses. Six candidates were pledged. After dismissal of the pledges an inspection of the chapter was conducted by Brother Rutledge. In addition to active members and pledges, there were present Brothers Patterson, Klein, Carpenter, Stromquist and Benson, Alumni of Blackstone Chapter.

Because of the failure of Brother Keeling to return to school this fall, the Treasurer's post was left vacant and at a special election, Brother Root was chosen for the office.

### CLAY

### University of Kentucky

On November 1st, Clay Chapter held a smoker at the Lafayette Hotel. A number of first year students were invited as guests. A good number of alumni were present and plans for bringing the alumni and active chapter together were discussed.

#### CHASE

University of Cincinnati

Twenty-five new pledges is the proud record of Chase Chapter. Upholding the

scholastic honors of the chapter, Brother Frank Wiseman, Junior, received the highest class average for the first two years. Chase Chapter also captured five out of six elective offices. Brother



Justice Arata was elected President of the Third Year class; Will Atkinson, PAD pledge, was elected President of the First Year class; Brother Ed Heilker was elected to the Student Senate from the Second Year class; Brothers Wiseman and Fetich were elected to the Student Senate from the Third Year class.

To assist the pledges in their work the chapter is arranging a quiz class, headed by a Third Year PAD.

On election eve, November 7th, Phi Alpha Delta held a joint party with Phi Delta Phi at the Hotel Alms, in Cincinnati.

### COLE Drake University

■ Chester C. Cole Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta reports an auspicious beginning for the present school year. Again maintaining the system, inaugurated last year, of having clubrooms at which to meet for

s e m i-w e e k l y luncheons and for weekly meetings, all have the advantages of fellowship without the financial diffi-



culties of supporting a house. And following the plan of last year, weekly meetings are made more interesting and more valuable by talks by Des Moines' leading lawyers and jurists, on practical problems confronting the young lawyer. This feature is one of the most outstanding on the program for the year; it is certainly proving an asset, not only to the members individually, but to the Chapter as an organization within the Law School.

PAD again was at the top of the scholastic ratings of the legal fraternities on the Drake campus last year, and we are proud to report that every one of our seniors passed the Bar in June. Brother Hornaday, a senior this year, turned the trick this October when he successfully took the Bar examination.

Efforts are not confined entirely to the study of the law, however, as evidenced by the record of members on the campus at large. Brother Larson, treasurer, represents the law school on the Student Council, of which Pledge Byron Guessford is president; Brother Schulte is a member of the Inter-fraternity Council; Brother Ferguson is president of Helmet and Spurs, all-university men's honorary; Brother Briggs is student manager of the football team.

The members of Chester C. Cole Chapter recently anjoyed a visit from Supreme Secretary, Brother Ludwick. To talk with a man so interested in the welfare of the organization, so helpful in his advice on the problems confronting the Chapter, was indeed a pleasure and a source of inspiration to all.

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CORLISS
University of North Dakota

■ Corliss chapter enjoyed a visit from Supreme Justice Allan Gilbert and the members are eager to meet more of the National Officers.

Brother Vice Justice Walsh is a member of the informal committee in charge of all university dances. He is also President of



the Interfraternity Council and of the Campus Democratic Organization. Brother Teigen was elected "Queen" of the law school at the annual election. Brother Bruchman was elected Chancellor of the law school.

## DUNBAR University of Washington

■ Following a stag party for members during October, there was a very successful smoker held in November to which twenty-five rushees were invited. A get-together for active and alumni members of PAD was planned for the day of the Washington-UCLA football game, in December. The meeting was to be at the Washington Athletic Club and all attending could hear the results of the game over the radio.

Dunbar Chapter took an active part in the successful banquet given by the Law School in honor of Professor Lantz. The professor has instructed in law, at the University of Washington, for 27 years. Brother Al Cheleden was general chairman of the banquet.

Dean Harold Shepherd is making definite strides in the revision and reorganization of the Law School and its curriculum. The new Law Building is rapidly nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy immediately following the Christmas vacation.

## FULLER

Northwestern University

■ In the election of officers of the Freshman class, Fuller Chapter secured two positions, electing Barney Fitzsimons as President and Edgar Melchione as Secretary-Treasurer.

In the 1933 class Brothers Anderson, Barber, Brieggle and Knudsen earned high scholastic honors. Brothers Stafford and Wiedel were among the leaders of the 1934 class.

The chapter has been active in intramural athletics. The touch football team, champions of last year, have lost one game this year, but are still in a position to contend for the champion-

Members of the chapter are on the student board of the Illinois Law Review. Brieggle is Case Editor and Barber is Book Review Editor on the Legal Publications Board, while Sullivan, Stafford and Wiedel are competing for positions there.

This fall, an initiation will be held for Pledges Dapples and Hunt. Formal pledging ceremonies will be held in the near future.

#### GUNTER University of Colorado

Another successful year appears to be in store for Phi Alpha Delta at the University of Colorado as Gunter Chapter convenes again in Boulder. Rushing holds the limelight, with the campaign directed by the officers elected at the last meeting in the Spring. They are: James A. Erwin of Mount Vernon, Indiana, Justice; Neil A. Putnam of Fort Lupton, Colo., Vice-Justice; Merrill Knight of Denver, Colo., Clerk; Lennart Erickson of Johnstown, Colo, Treasurer; and Fred Mack of Pueblo, Colo., Marshal.

Gunter Chapter placed itself in the limelight at the last dinner of the University of Colorado Bar Association, when it awarded a cup to be known as "The Phi Alpha Delta Service Award", to be presented each year to the student who contributes the most to the success of the Bar Association. A student and faculty committee made a joint award at this dinner, the cup going to Brother Fred North and Terrill C. Drinkwater, retiring Presidents of the Association. At this same dinner it was announced that Brother Erwin had been elected Treasurer of the Association for this year and Pledge Charles Keen, Vice-President.

Seven men were initiated into Gunter Chapter at a combined initiation ceremony with Hughes Chapter in Denver on May 14th in the Colorado Supreme Court chambers. The new Gunter Brothers are Lennart T. Erickson, Merrill A. Knight, Richard McKinley, Neil Putnam, Fred Mack, Roy Anderson, and James Erwin. Following this initiation the two chapters were hosts to many alumni at a dance in honor of the initiates at the new Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house on the University of Denver campus.

Members of Gunter Chapter who received their Law degrees last year were: Homer Baker, Charles R. Corlett, E. L. Fundingsland, Clark Gore, Robert La Grange, H. A. Lennartz, Albert B. Logan, Richard McKinley, and Fred J.

North.

Past Justice Charles R. Corlett has announced his engagement to Miss Jean Connolly, of Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Brother Robert La Grange announced his engagement to Miss Rosemary Pryer of Pueblo, Colorado.

#### HAMMOND University of Iowa

Hammond Chapter has moved into a new house of its own and completely and newly furnished it. With this great advantage, the chapter has been able to come to the front with an impressive group. With nineteen new pledges, two new initiates this fall and one transfer from Drake Chapter, they are looking forward to a banner year.

Several smokers have been held in the new house. On alternate Tuesday nights a special dinner is held with members of the faculty as guests.

## HAY

### Western Reserve University

On October 1st, Hay chapter entertained with a smoker at the Cleveland Club. The active and alumni chapters were well represented. The purpose of the smoker was to introduce prospective pledges to the chapter and to the alumni.

In November the formal initiation was held at the Allerton Hotel, followed by a joint banquet with the alumni chapter. The new members initiated are: Philip M. Carmody, Colman G. Lajack, Edward Koatek and Marston Bergman.

The alumni and active chapter have entered into a plan whereby the alumni chapter will entertain with a luncheon once each month during the year. At each luncheon they plan to secure a speaker to discuss some current legal question of general interest. The active chapter will, in turn, hold a smoker at the chapter rooms once each month to be attended by both the active and alumni chapters.

#### JAY

## George Washington University

Starting the year with 15 active members and three pledges, John Jay Chapter entered another year of activity. In addition to the usual number of dances the monthly dinners, started last year, are still being held, featured by talks given by some member of the faculty or by prominent local attorneys.





H. Stull

J. Goode

Brothers Jack Goode and Bill Ellis were appointed to the staff of student editors of the George Washington University Law Review, which makes its initial appearance this year.

Brothers Allan and Stull were married this summer.

### KEENER

## Emory University

Keener Chapter reports the reversion of two new attorneys to the country at large. A bright and hopeful

group of neophytes now entering the university is expected to swell the membership of

this chapter.



the chapter, describes activities as fol-

"In the ancient quest for knowledge the journey of a privileged few leads past the foot of the rainbow of scholastic attainments wherein is the pot of gold. And in that small but mighty caravan Keener Chapter led all of the rest. Brother Bill Brown received the Harrison and Company prize for having the highest average on his examinations throughout the three years, a fine set of law books: he also received the Samuel C. Williams Gold Medal for the highest average for the third year examinations. Brother Warren Cox tied for second honors for having the best examination record for the three years. Brother Russell Grove received the W. M. Pharr Gold Medal for having the highest average of the first year examinations.

Realizing that all work and no play can be given a legal interpretation as well, it is recorded that Brother Brown was editor of the Student Law Review Board of the Georgia Lawyer; that Brother Williams is the all-law school president for the coming year just as Brother Howard guided us through the past year from such a point of honor.

In the field of sports Brothers Howard. Arias, and Rufty were cogs in the Lawvers' Nine and Brother Sellers won his third varsity letter as fullback on the football team. Brother Grove, champion in his weight, won a varsity letter on the wrestling team.

Even tradition, falling in line with the other activities, found itself momentarily enlarged by the onward wave of performance. In the past, that member of P A D who had most distinguished himself, was the recipient of a key upon graduation. This year two keys were given to the graduating past justices William G. Brown and James C. Howard, Jr., and peculiarly it was not an even vote that caused the change but the unanimous vote for each that did the trick."

#### MAGRUDER University of Illinois

■ Supreme Justice Allan T. Gilbert and Supreme Secretary Frank M. Ludwick visited Magruder Chapter late in September. The members of the chapter were delighted to meet with the national officers and have

been instilled with a new spirit of enthusiasm.

Brother- Rich ard F. Hahn, Justice of Magruder Chapter, was selected by the Law Seniors as class President. In the election he was supported by Phi Alpha Delta, Phi Delta Phi, and



many independents. In his pre-legal years, he was prominent in extra-curricular campus activities, having served as President of the Commerce Council.



Richard F. Hahn

the Inter-Literary Council and the Illini Chamber of Commerce; Secretary of the Intrafraternity Council; assistant manager of the Star Course, a concert organization; and later as a student member of the Star Course Board of Control. Dick also worked on the Business Staff of the Daily Illini newspaper, and as a sophomore won the Intra Mural Fenching Championship. Besides his affiliation with Phi Alpha Delta, Brother Hahn is a member of Delta Alpha Epsilon social fraternity, Alpha Kappi Psi commerce, Kappa Phi Sigma literary, Phi Delta Gamma forensic, and Phi Eta Sigma honorary freshman scholarship.

Brothers Brainard and Lee were appointed to the Senior class Cane Committee; Brother Stern and Pledge Carlson to the Dance Committee; and Brother Johnston and Pledge Kaiser to the Picture Committee.

## McKINLEY Ohio State University

■ Due to the absence of several men who were unable to return to school, McKinley Chapter is small in number of members, at present, but mighty in spirit. With the kind co-operation of the Alumni Chapter at Columbus, the chapter is planning an extensive rushing program, and expect, before the year is up, to make McKinley Chapter a strong factor on the campus.

McKinley Chapter sends season greeting and best wishes for the coming year to all of the National Officers of Phi Alpha Delta and their families and to the various chapters.

### MITCHELL

University of Minnesota

■ Mitchell Chapter is proud of their scholastic average of 1.436. Donald Pratt, Moritz Blomquist and Fallon Kelley all had a B average or better.

Pratt led the list with 24 hours of A out of a possible 36 hours.

The chapter held several rushing smokers and luncheons and held a dinner in honor of Supreme Justice Allan T. Gilbert, who visited the chapter during the fall.

## REESE

University of Nebraska

■ Reese Chapter is enjoying a most satisfactory season. Twenty new pledges and more expected is indicative of the reputation this chapter enjoys on the campus.

Brother Taylor leads the Junior class scholastically with Brother Keriakedes fourth. Brother Marold graduated last June with the Order of Coif and is now engaged in insurance practice. All of last year's graduates are now practising law. It is pleasing to report that 11 active members of the chapter are well up in their classes.

Brothers Thompson and Keriakedes are on the famous Nebraska football squad. The chapter tennis team finished well up among the leaders and a fast basketball squad has been entered for this season.

The chapter has moved from their old house to a new and finer home. Here weekly dinners are held and members of the faculty, leading jurors and well known attorneys are invited as guests and speakers. The annual smoker given in honor of the Freshman class was attended by the entire law faculty and many prominent jurors and lawyers. The Alumni Chapter is taking a great interest in the active chapter and has given valuable assistance to all activities.

Two house parties have been held and were well attended. Phi Alpha Delta parties have developed a great reputation on the campus and students invited feel priviledged and honored. On the night of November 12th, a party was held in honor of alumni visiting to watch the Nebraska-Pittsburgh football game which was won by Nebraska.

#### RYAN University of Wisconsin

■ The grade point average for the entire chapter for the last semester was 1.012, which is considered very satisfactory in the Wisconsin Law School.

Four men were chosen from Ryan Chapter for the Board of Editors of the Wisconsin Law Review. They are Norris Maloney, Daniel Hopkinson, Ernest Feidler and Thomas Stone. Ernest Feidler has also been chosen as Secre-

tary of the publication.

One evening every week is devoted to a dinner meeting with a prominent speaker discussing topics of a legal nature. This year, the chapter has been privileged in hearing Harold Wilke, prominent local attorney; Brother Fred Hilyer, who told of work in the Justice Court; Mr. Kelley of the Wisconsin Taxpayer's Alliance; Justice Wickhem of the Wisconsin Supreme Court; and Judges Schein of the Superior Court.

On Friday, October 28th, the chapter held an informal party at the Lorraine Hotel.

On December 20th, the annual Christmas Stag party will be held. At this time, the members of the chapter will discharge the ancient and time-honored ceremony of the Election of the Shovel.

This year the chapter is voluntarily taking a step toward the initiation and pledging of only those men whose scholarship record is satisfactory. Heretofore, there have been no scholarship requirements necessary for initiation into a professional fraternity. Ryan Chapter, however, has decided to make a scholastic standing, equivalent to the necessary average for graduation from the law school, one of the requirements for initiation in the fraternity. This is a weighted average of seventy-seven.

Initiation will be held on December 11th, with the usual solemn examination, before Brother Sylvester, preceding the ceremonies. As scholarship is not determined until the end of the first semester, in accordance with the new scholarship requirements, no first year men will be initiated at this time.

Club rooms have been located at 606 University Avenue, with four of the men living there to help pay expenses and keep things in order. Both alumni and active members seem satisfied with the arrangement.

Rushing has been very successful this year. The following new men have been pledged: Ken McKivett, Charles Wolf, Robert Born, Emery Benson, Arnold Spenser, Ferdinand Rusch, Earl Vogel, Marvin Fugina, Robert Johns, Hugh Oldenberg, Thomas Ryan, Sol Empey, and Wilbur Cooper.

Two graduate brothers of Ryan Chapter were successful in the November election. Brother F. Ryan Duffy of Fond du Lac, was elected to the United States Senate on the Democratic ticket, while Brother George W. Blanchard of Edgerton was elected a member of Congress on the Republican ticket.

#### STAPLES

## Washington and Lee University

The Walter R. Staples Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta is now commencing another year on the Washington and Lee Campus, and from all indications this year will be an outstanding one.

Although the chapter lost several valuable men by graduation, there are still fourteen (14) active men in the chapter who are determined to make Phi Alpha



Delta the leading legal fraternity on the

Much credit for the renewed spirit in the chapter is due to Justice George H. Strouse, an outstanding student and a tireless worker. He will be aided in his work this year by the following officers: Jerome Framptom, Jr., Vice-Justice; Jack Marinari, Clerk; William Coleman, Treasurer; and George A. Pruner, Marshal. Already the work for the year has commenced by the appointment by the Justice of a Social Committee of which Brother Pruner is Chairman; a Finance Committee of which Brother Strouse is Chairman; and a Rushing Committee which will be headed by Brother Framptom.

Staples Chapter has voted to complete its reorganization program by holding regular bi-monthly meetings at which time the business of the Chapter will not only be conducted but also when guest speakers will be invited to talk on some practical present day legal problems which face young lawyers. The Chapter will also be working on a strict budget plan for the first time in several years and by the end of this year intends to have all of its obligations taken care of and a surplus in the treasury. The Chapter is at this time also looking forward to and planning for its outstanding Fall event when it will have as its guest speaker one of the outstanding United States Congressmen from the Commonwealth of Virginia. At that time the Faculty and all Law School students will be invited in order that all may have an opportunity of profiting from the address.

As a result of the elections held last Spring, Staples Chapter is well represented in the coveted offices on the Washington and Lee campus. Brother Norbert Gladden, after conducting a brilliant campaign against three other candidates for the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the Student Body, was elected by a handsome majority. Brother Gladden attributes his success to the two-for-fives he so zealously passed out and to his great campaign speech the night before election which held his hearers spellbound for the period of one minute. Brother Jerome Framptom. Jr., was chosen to represent the Senior Law Class on the Executive Committee of the University. Another Brother who holds an office this year is John Warren Rice, who was unanimously chosen Vice-President of the Senior Law Class. Brother Rice makes the statement that he thinks he can find time between his week-end excursions to devote himself to the arduous duties of the office.

Two of the Brothers from Connecticut have recently given the Chapter a surprise, Brother John L. Erickson of New Britain by announcing his engagement and Brother Morris T. Booth of Stamford by announcing his wedding. Brother Booth this year will attend the T. C. Williams Law School in Richmond, Virginia. Staples takes this opportunity of congratulating both of these Brothers and of wishing them the very best.

Brother Raymond Cundiff of Lynchburg, Virginia is now a full fledged Attorney and Counsellor at Law in the Commonwealth having passed the Virginia Bar Examination in June. He will receive his law degree next June. The Chapter is also happy that Brother Paul A. Holstein '32 has opened an office in Lexington and is fast becoming one of the outstanding members of the local bar.

The Chapter is also happy to report that Phi Alpha Delta Professors Raymon T. Johnson and Charles R. McDowell have returned, each beginning his sixth consecutive year of teaching in the Washington and Lee School of Law. Brother Johnson graduated from Chicago and Brother McDowell from Yale.

As has been suggested, the whole atmosphere in the Chapter is one of optimism and from all advance reports Walter R. Staples will during 1932-33 enjoy the banner year of all its history.

## STORY De Paul University

Joseph Story Chapter played a trump at the close of the last school year by presenting DePaul University with a highly polished metal plaque. The senior attaining the highest scholastic grade of the year will have his name engraved on this plaque as a permanent record. So effective was the honor of this record that all PADs graduating in the last class made straight A's in the finals, attempting to be named for the plaque. Now the school officials await the arrival of someone with a derby hat so that a winning name may be drawn.

Prominently displayed, the plaque rests beside the picture of Alfred E. Smith, in the school library, and receives considerable attention.

With the first meeting of the chapter, the 20 active members launched an attack on all unnecessary expenses. Salaries were slashed and many economies effected. The house card sharks were unwillingly drawn into the moratorium on unnecessary expenditures.

#### WEBSTER Chicago Law School

Never before have the prospects for an active and progressive year been so pronounced for Daniel Webster Chapter. The new members selected are enthusiastic and capable. Since members of the chap-

ter selected as pledges must come from the upper 25 per cent in scholastic standing they represent the best students in the school.

All members of the Chapter at the present time have a scholastic standing which is above the average in the upper half of their respective classes.



Several in the senior class have an average of 90 per cent or better for their entire law school work, among

these being Brothers Holland, Hale and Clarke.

Among the regular social activities of the Chapter are the following, which are annual events:

In the fall, soon after the opening of school the Chapter entertains at a smoker and buffet supper to which are invited the alumni of the Chapter and also such students as appear to be good prospects for membership.

An informal dance usually held during the Christmas holidays.

In the latter part of January or early February the Chapter holds their annual initiation and reunion banquet. The initiation is held on a Saturday afternoon followed by a dinner party in the evening. All of the alumni members of the Chapter are sent invitations and urged to attend. Usually several prominent speakers are present. At this time the active members of the Chapter have an opportunity to meet the alumni brothers and the new initiates are introduced.

The Spring Formal Dinner Dance in April, usually at the Shoreland Hotel. Faculty luncheon about two weeks

before graduation, at which time the Chapter entertains the members of the Faculty.

Numbers of the Chapter always take

some active part in the activities of the school. Several class offices this year will no doubt be held by PADs. Brother Mullaney is Treasurer of "The Brief", the yearbook of the school, and Brother Hale is Business Manager of the Debating Team. Many of the faculty

Brother Hale is Business Manager of the Debating Team. Many of the faculty this year are PADs, including Brothers C. W. Allen (Marshall), Elmer J. Tone (Webster), Loren P. Oaks (Marshall), Orin J. Bingaman (Marshall) and Harry C. Moran (McGruder).

Brother Sten L. Carlson died suddenly last July after a minor operation. Brother Carlson graduated from The Chicago Law School in 1922. While there he was very active in Webster Chapter, holding several offices. Brother Carlson was a member of the Chicago Bar, Illinois Bar and American Bar Associations and the Alumni Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta. He was 35 at his death.

Brother Sheridan E. Fry, honorary member of Webster Chapter, died last summer. Brother Fry was for many years a Municipal Court Judge in Chicago and at one time was a member of the faculty of the Chicago Law School. He was a member of the Chicago and Illinois Bar Associations.

Due to the addition of a day school and the need for larger facilities, the Chicago Law School last May moved from its quarters in the Ashland Block at 155 North Clark Street and is now permanently located at 14 East Monroe Street, where it occupies the entire De Jonehe Building.

It might be of interest to the fraternity to know that it was in this same building just thirty years ago that Phi Alpha first came into existence. Brother George Fink in his article in the May, 1932, issue of the Reporter (page 35) mentions the meeting on November 8th, 1902, at which time the name Phi Alpha Delta was chosen and the first national officers elected. The room in which this meeting took place is now fitted up as a court room and the Chicago Law School holds its practice court there on Thursday evenings.



## IN MEMORIAM

## Lawrence W. Ledvina

Lawrence W. Ledvina was born at Kellnersville, Wisconsin on September 28th, 1880, the son of Lawrence and Catherine Reif Ledvina. His paternal grandfather, Wenzel Ledvina, brought his family from Bohemia to America



and settled on wild land in Franklin Township, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. Peter Reif, his maternal grandfather, was born in Rennish, Prussia and after being shipwrecked on his journey, walked all the way from Buffalo, New York to Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, in the year 1846, being one of the first settlers of the town of Kossuth, where he built the first grist and saw mill.

After graduating from the Parochial School at Kelhersville, Lawrence W. Ledvina started teaching school at the age of sixteen years, teaching at Kellnersville and Four Corners. He later entered the University of Wisconsin, taking up the study of law. He com-

pleted his course with high honors being one of the four highest ranking members in the class of 1906. He had not yet finished his law course when he was brought forward by his constituents in the Second Assembly District of Manitowoc County to run for the legislature on the Democratic ticket. He was the youngest member of the Wisconsin Assembly and served during the sessions of 1905, 1907 and 1909, in the latter Session being chairman of the Judiciary Committee, the most important in his House.

In 1909, he served by appointment of Governor Davidson, as a member of the Joint Committee to settle suits pending against various railroads for back taxes due the State of Wisconsin.

■ In 1907 he was elected Supreme Justice (at that time called National Justice) of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity and was one of the committee to journey to Washington to confer honorary membership on William Howard Taft.

Brother Ledvina practiced law for some time at Two Rivers, Wisconsin, where he was elected States Attorney for several terms, going later to Manitowoc, Wisconsin to engage in the practice of law with Edward L. Kelley. He later became City Attorney of Manitowoc.

■ During the World War, Ledvina was a member of the Exemption Board of District No. 1 of Manitowoc County. He felt the urge to serve his country actively however, and volunteered for active service. He was assigned to the Naval Officers Reserve Corps and was first stationed at Princeton, N. J. and later at Great Lakes Naval Training

Station. In a special citation on his Discharge, he was commended by Captain K. M. Bennett of the United States Navy for valor, ability and fidelity in the service of his country and at the time of Honorable Discharge on June 3, 1919, he had the rank of Ensign. He spent the greater part of four years in his country's service.

■ Upon his return to Manitowoc, he joined the law firm of Nash and Nash, which became Nash, Nash & Ledvina. After several years with this connection he opened his own law office and continued practicising alone until his final illness.

He was a member of the Guy Drews Post of the American Legion, of which he was at one time Commander, and was Secretary of the Soldiers Relief Commission for fourteen years, in which capacity he is credited with bringing thousands of dollars into the County for disabled veterans, which work he rendered without thought of compensation for himself.

He was also a member of County Soldiers Relief Board and was instrumental in securing government insurance reinstatement for scores of war veterans.

■ Brother Ledvina passed to his reward on September 26th, 1932 at the Holy Name Hospital at Manitowoc, Wisconsin, the immediate cause of his death being embolism. He had been ill for seval weeks but was believed to be on the road to recovery. He had been at the hospital once before, but recovered quickly and was taken to the home of his sister. He suffered a relapse and was returned to the hospital and was apparently gaining.

He was laid to rest in the family lot adjoining St. Joseph's Catholic church at Kellnersville, Wisconsin. He was a member of the Elks, Knights of Columbus. The Eagles, Holy Name Society. Catholic Order of Foresters, Loyal Order of Moose, Manitowoc County Bar Association and Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

The history of Phi Alpha Delta records the activities of Lawrence Ledvina as one of the most loyal and earnest workers in the growth and progress of the fraternity. Initiated into Ryan Chapter he became National Treasurer for 1926-27. Elected Supreme Justice in 1907, he held this office until 1909. Following the end of his term he continued his interest and activity in behalf of the fraternity until the time of his death.

Mr. Ledvina was never married. His home was at 501 North Sixth Street, Manitowoe, but he spent much of his time with his sister and also made frequent visits to Kellnersville to visit his aged mother.

## Sten Linne Carlson

■ Sten Linne Carlson was born in Wilcox, Pennsylvania, on April 3rd, 1897, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl V. Carlson, now of Riverside, Illinois.

He departed this life at Chicago, Illinois, on July 19, 1932. His remains were cremated and his ashes interred at Forest Home Cemetery.

He was educated at the Wilcox Grammar School and High School of Wilcox, Pennsylvania, and at the Chicago Law School, from which he graduated in 1902 with the degree of LL.B.

He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 362 A. F. & A. M., of Riverside, Illinois, and Berwyn Chapter No. 232 R.A.M., of Berwyn. He was a member of the Chicago Bar Association, the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity (Webster Chapter), and the Nordic Law Club of Chicago.

## Harry G. Keats

■ Brother Harry G. Keats, of Blackstone Chapter and a charter member of the Fraternity, died at his residence in Chicago, on September 27th, 1932, after a long illness. Brother Keats was born



in England and was a direct descendant of the famous poet of the same surname. For many years he sat as an Assistant Judge in the Probate Court at Chicago, and there became endeared to thousands of the legal profession. As a candidate for Judge of the Municipal Court of Chicago he received the highest vote in the Chicago Bar Association's ballot for its endorsement, but was compelled to abandon his candidacy because of ill health. In late years Judge Keats was Trust Officer of the Union Bank of Chicago.

Judge Keats was a former Justice of the Chicago Alumni Chapter and one of the most active members of the Fraternity, and a frequent attendant at our national conventions. He was a Past District Justice of the Fraternity, 1924-1925, and was a welcome visitor at the five active Chicago Chapters, where his counsel and words of cheer were deeply appreciated.

Perhaps the best expression of Brother

Keats happy attitude toward life is imprinted in this expression that was so much a favorite of his that he gave printed copies to his friends:

#### SMILES

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor that he cannot be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought. begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

Burial services were held on September 29th at Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago. Among the active pallbearers were Brothers Judges Edgar A. Jones, Kickham Scanlan and Denis E. Sullivan. The Fraternity was represented by Brothers George E. Fink, Harry C. Moran, James H. Turner, Thomas Hollywood, Dwight McKay, Francis L. Boutel, William Nealon, Justin Mc-Carthy, J. Arthur Friedlund, Leon A. Mitchell and Louis Horner. Brother Arthur C. Kraft of Blackstone Chapter, a noted vocal instructor, rendered the solo. The Chicago Bar Association was represented by a large committee.

Brother Keats is survived by his widow, Hattie F. Keats, and a son, Harry J. Keats.

In the passing of our beloved brother, the Fraternity has lost one who has made much of its history.

## Elhanan W. Colby

Elhanan Wayne Colby was born April 18, 1875, at Beloit, Kansas. At a very early age, his parents returned to his father's old home at Libertyville, Illinois, where Brother Colby resided until the time of his death.

He was educated in the public and high school at Libertyville, Illinois, later attending Northwestern Academy and Northwestern University, being graduated from the same in June, 1901,

with the degree of L.L.B.

He was admitted to the bar of Illinois in October of the same year, at which time he immediately formed a partnership with Mr. William Ritchie (retired) and Brother Sidney B. Meyer, a classmate, and retained that partnership until the time of his death.

Colby was a very successful trial attorney and specialized, also, in real estate and probate law. He was prominent in politics in Lake County, Illinois, a member of the Central Republican Committee, and also held offices of trust in his own community, being Village Attorney and President of the Village Board of Libertyville, Illinois, for several years.

Brother Colby was a charter member and one of the founders of Fuller Chapter, Lambda Epsilon, (Past Justice of the Chapter) and later joined the other members at the time of the reorganization of the fraternity under its present name. He was deeply interested in the fraternity and proud of his membership with the organization and participated in many of its outines.

Brother Colby was a member of the distinguished Colby family of Vermont, and a cousin of Bainbridge Colby, member of President Wilson's cabinet. He is survived by his widow, Clara Averill Colby, and one son, John A. Colby.

A "hale fellow, well met," he was courteous, agreeable with his brother members of the bar, never seeking to take undue advantage of his opponents, and was fair in his dealings with all.

Brother Colby was also a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and was buried Saturday, October 1, in the Colby family plot in Libertyville, Illinois, with Masonic honors.

The fraternity was represented at the funeral by Brothers Sidney B. Meyer and John M. Bryant.

## Paul D. Higbee

■ Brother Paul D. Higbee, Judge of the Circuit Court for the First Circuit of Missouri, died at his home at Kirksville on October 1, 1932. He was born at Lancaster, Missouri, on May 4, 1888. He attended the public schools of that city and graduated in 1905. In the fall the entered the University of Missouri, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts in June 1909 and the degree of Bachelor of Laws two years later. He was admitted to practice law in December 1910 and began practicing at Kirksville, upon graduation from Law School.

His father, the late Judge Edward Higbee had moved the family to Kirksville in 1906 and there he with his father and Judge Walter A. Higbee of the 37th Circuit, were associated in the practice of law until 1920 when his father was elected Judge of the Supreme

Court of Missouri.

Brother Highee was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Adair County in 1918 and 1919. He was appointed Judge of the Circuit Court for the First Circuit by Governor Henry S. Caulfied on March 1, 1929, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge James A, Cooley. At the general election in 1930 he was elected for the remainder of the term, expiring January 1935.

On June 11, 1913 he married Miss Eileen McGinnis of Kirksville and to this union was born three children. He was a member of John D. Lawson Chap-

ter of Phi Alpha Delta.

## NEWS OF ALUMNI

## American Bar Association News

- Among those who attended the Fiftyfifth annual meeting of the American Bar Association which was held at Washington, D. C., on October 12, 13, 14 and 15, 1932, were the following Phi Alpha Delta brothers: Edward B. Downie (Garland) of Little Rock, Arkansas; Frank M. Ludwick (Benton) of Los Angeles, California; William H. Ellis (Brewer) of Tallahassee, Florida; Harry A. Bigelow (Marshall), Walter F. Dodd (Magruder), Clarence N. Goodwin (Marshall), James P. Harrold (Webster) and Silas H. Strawn (Campbell) of Chicago, Illinois; John R. Snively (Magruder) of Rockford, Illinois: Albert J. Harno (Calhoun) of Urbana, Illinois: Paul W. Brosman (Magruder) and J. Zach Spearing (Martin) of New Orleans, Louisiana; Arthur J. Tuttle (Campbell) of Detroit, Michigan; Wiley B. Rutledge (Gunter) of St. Louis, Missouri; George H. Porter (Rapallo) of New York City; W. Dale Dunifon (Chase) of Van Wert, Ohio; Russell K. McCurdy (Livingston) of Portsmouth, Ohio; Robert Guinther (Marshall) and Frank H. Harvey (Chase) of Akron, Ohio; Roy St. Lewis (Harlan) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; George E. Beechwood (Taft), Herbert F. Goodrich (Hammond) and I. Harry La Brum (Taft) of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Arthur Van Meter (Jay) of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Wm. Townsend Pheiffer (Ross) of Amarillo. Texas: Clarence J. Hartley (Ryan) of Superior, Wisconsin; and Charles E. Lane (Taft) of Cheyenne, Wyoming. In addition many Washington alumni were present.
- In the absence of Mr. John G. Jackson of New York City, the Chairman of

- the Committee on Unauthorized Practice of the Law, Brother John R. Snively, a member of the Committee, presented the annual report of the committee, at the morning session on Friday, October 14, 1932. Honorable Charles S. Whitman of New York City, former President of the American Bar Association and former Governor of the State of New York, presided at this session. Brother Silas H. Strawn (Campbell), former President of the American Bar Association, was seated on the platform with Mr. Whitman during a part of this session.
- Brother J. Harry La Brum (Taft) of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was elected Vice President of the American Bar Association for the Third Circuit at the annual meeting of the Association. He is a member of the law firm of Conlen, La Brum & Beechwood with offices in the Packard Building.
- Brother Charles E. Lane (Taft) of Cheyenne, Wyoming, was elected as a member of the General Council of the American Bar Association for a term of three years. He served as a member of the Local Council and the Committee on American Citizenship last year.
- Brother Jo Baily Brown (Taft) of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, was elected Chairman of the Section of Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law of the American Bar Association at the annual meeting of the Section which was held at Washington on October 10 and 11, 1932. He served as Vice Chairman of the Section last year. In addition he is a former member of the Council of the Section.

## **ALUMNI NOTES**



■ The above picture of Brother John A. Brown was received at this office too late to appear in the last issue of the Reporter. He is an old war horse of the Fraternity, and his name has been frequently mentioned in the articles entitled "Twenty Five Years Ago" by Past Supreme Justice Brother George E. Fink.

Brother Brown was initiated by Story Chapter of Lambda Epsilon in 1899, and was very active in the reorganization of the Fraternity, which reorganization resulted in the change of its name from Lambda Epsilon to Phi Alpha Delta at the South Haven Convention in 1902. He was an officer of the last grand chapter of Lambda Epsilon. So long as he felt his assistance necessary, Brother Brown was active in the earlier days of Phi Alpha Delta, and was always ready to encourage the newer members of the Fraternity to take an active part in its affairs during the time they were members of active chapters as well as after their graduation. He was in 1907 and 1908 President of the Chicago Alumni Chapter, and did much to add to its membership and strengthen it as an alumni chapter. His loyalty to the Fraternity has never waned.

■ The Mid-Winter Meeting of The Ohio State Bar Association will be held at Akron, Ohio, the home of its president, Robert Guinther, early in January, 1933.

It is planned to hold a luncheon for all Ohio members of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity, as a part of the program of said convention. Such a luncheon was held as a part of the Mid-Winter meeting program in 1932, and those participating seemed to feel that it should be repeated in 1933. In 1932, the various legal fraternities, together with the Cincinnati Law School Alumni, met in a joint luncheon, the various groups congregating together. This year, it is planned to have each group separate and in a private room, so that each may have its own speakers and put on its own program without interrup-

This luncheon will be open to all members of Phi Alpha Delta who wish to participate, both active and alumni, from all chapters, even though not at present members of the Ohio State Bar Association. The Association extends to each member of the Fraternity a hearty and cordial invitation to attend not only this luncheon, but also such other events on the program of the convention as may prove of interest, and also invites those who are not already members of the Association to file their applications so that they may be presented for approval at this convention.

Inasuuch as the details of the program for said convention have not been worked out, including the time of the luncheon, the place, etc., therefore each member is asked to watch the columns of the "Ohio Bar" (the weekly publication of The Ohio State Bar Association to its members), in which will be published full details of the Mid-Winter Meeting program, including said luncheon.

Arrangements for the Phi Alpha Delta luncheon will be in the hands of Joseph C. Allen, 50 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio.

■ Kansas City Alumni Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta is showing many signs of new vigor and a reawakened interest. In October, a banquet was given in conjunction with Benton Chapter. The banquet was held in honor of the visiting Supreme Justice Allan T. Gilbert and commemorating the Silver Anniversary of Benton chapter.

Held at the Muehlbach Hotel, the program was as follows: Toastmaster: Anthony P. Nugent; Speakers: Perry W. Seaton, Past Justice, Subject "Charter members"; John B. Pew, Faculty and Charter member, Subject "Silver Jubilees;" G. Fred Bellemere, Past Justice, Subject "Steam Rollers;" George K. Brasher, Subject "Seriously Speaking;" James P. Aylward, Past Supreme Justice; Horace Guffin, Past Justice, Subject "Silver Tongued Boy Orator;" Col. Fred Whitten, Past Justice (Green Chapter); Bert Newland, Justice (Benton Chapter), Subject "The active Chapter."

Allan T. Gilbert, Supreme Justice of Phi Alpha Delta and feature speaker of the banquet, delivered an inspiring message and opened the eyes of all present in appreciation of the fraternity and in the efforts and tasks of the national officers.

Kansas City Alumni Chapter and Benton Chapter invite the Supreme Officers to visit with them frequently.

The Alumni Chapter held an election of officers for the ensuing year with the following results: George K. Brasher, Justice; George H. Charno, Vice-justice; LeRoy K. Taylor, Clerk; O. Hays Wardrip, Treasurer; Edwin O. Kunau, Marshal.

The Constitutional Convention of 1787 was reproduced by the members of the Kansas City Bar Association on the 17th of last September. The following Kansas City alumni had principal parts in the same, Brothers C. Jasper Bell (Benton), John B. Gage (Benton), John B. Pew (Benton) Robert K. Ryland (Jefferson) and Frederick E. Whitten (Benton). The Proceedings and Debates of the Convention were arranged by Brother Ryland. Brother Lester Hazard (Lawson) was Chairman of a special committee on Distinguished Guests and Brother Lvnn Webb (Lawson) was Chairman of a special committee on Hall and Seating. An audience of ten thousand people were present to witness the presentation of this great historical event.

■ Brother Arthur T. Thorsen (Ryan) of Elkhorn, Wisconsin, was elected as a member of the Board of Governors of the State Bar Association at the annual meeting which was held in June. He represents the First Circuit. Brother Thorsen has served several terms as District Attorney of Walworth County.

■ Brother Sidney P. Thorson (Ryan) of Waupaca, Wisconsin, was married to Miss Josephine M. Barron of Madison on the second of last July. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1928 and practiced in Madison for two years. He then moved to Waupaca.

■ Brother John C. Mills, Jr., (Lawson) of Kirksville, Missouri, is Judge of the Probate Court of Adair County. He was re-elected in 1930 for a four year term.

■ Brother Ralph E. Murray (Green) of Kansas City, Missouri, is an Associate Editor of the Missouri Bar Journal.

■ Brother Lynn Webb (Lawson) of Kansas City, Missouri, is also an Associate Editor of the Missouri Bar Journal.

- Brother Charles R. Beall (Staples) of Martinsburg, West Virginia, is associated with the law firm of Martin & Seibert with offices in the Peoples Trust Building. Honorable Clarence E. Martin, the senior member of this firm, was elected President of the American Bar Association at the annual meeting of the association which was held at Washington in October.
- Brother Kenneth Teasdale (Lawson) of St. Louis, Missouri, is one of the Vice Presidents of the Bar Association of St. Louis. He was elected at the annual meeting of the Association last May.
- Brother Richmond C. Coburn (Lawson) of St. Louis, Missouri, was elected a member of the Admissions Committee of the Bar Association of St. Louis at the annual meeting of the Association.
- Brother Eugene M. Runyard (Ryan) of Waukegan, Illinois, is the senior member of the law firm of Runyard & Behanna.
- Brother L. Francis Lamb (Ryan) of Madison, Wisconsin, has formed a partnership with Brother John Falk Murphy (Ryan.) Since his admission to practice law in 1926 Brother Lamb has been associated with the law firm of Schubring, Ryan, Clarke & Petersen. Brother Murphy graduated from the Law School of the University of Wisconsin in 1927.
- Brother Harold H. Healy (Gunter) of Denver, Colorado, is First Vice President of the Denver Bar Association, having been elected last June.
- Brother Leonard F. Schmitt (Ryan) of Merrill, Wisconsin, was married to Miss Grace Zemlika, also of Merrill, on the second of last July. Brother Schmitt is District Attorney of Lincoln County. He has offices in the Howland Building.

- Brother John V. Vivian (Hughes) of Denver, Colorado, had an interesting article entitled "The Why and Wherefore of More Beds" in the May issue of the American Legion Monthly. He believes that the peak of mental cases among World War Veterans will not come until 1945. Brother Vivian has long been active in the interests of the ex-service man.
- Brother Robert Guinther (Marshall) of Akron, Ohio, was elected President of the Ohio State Bar Association at the annual meeting which was held at Cedar Point on July 7 and 8, 1932. The midyear session of the Association will be held at Akron in January. This will be a splendid opportunity for the members of the Fraternity in the State of Ohio to honor Brother Guinther and the Akron Alumni extend them all a most cordial invitation to attend the meeting.
- Brother Frederick W. Krez (Ryan) is engaged in the practice of law at Plymouth, Wisconsin. He is also a member of the Legislature.
- Brother Eugene A. Clifford (Ryan) has resigned as City Attorney of Juneau, Wisconsin.
- Brother Glenn W. Stephens (Ryan)
  of Madison, Wisconsin, is a member of
  the National Board of Directors of the
  American Automobile Association, having been elected for a three year term
  several months ago. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Wisconsin Division. This is the first time
  that the Wisconsin Division has been
  represented on the National Board.
- Brother Frank W. Kuehl (Ryan) of Madison, Wisconsin, is Stabilization Director in the office of the Commissioner of Banking. Hs is a former Assistant Attorney General and until the first of last June was a member of the law firm of Kuehl & Crownhart.

- Brother Martin Sennett Connor (Calhoun) of Jackson, Mississippi, gave an address on the Relation of Taxation to Public Welfare at the annual meeting of the American Bankers Association at Los Angeles, California, on the fifth of last October. Brother Connor is Governor of the State of Mississippi.
- Brother Harold C. Sewell (Blackstone) of Belvidere, Illinois, was elected Secretary of the Boone County Bar Association on the twenty-fourth of last September. He is associated with Mr. Alexander Strom, State's Attorney of Boone County.
- Brother Robert E. Owens (Fuller), formerly with the law firm of Sims, Stransky, Brewer & Poust of Chicago, has formed a partnership with Mr. Walter V. Fackler with offices at 33 North La Salle Street. Brother Owens is the junior member of the firm.
- Brother Hamlet J. Barry (Ryan) of Denver, Colorado, is Chairman of Judicial Salaries Committee of the Denver Bar Association.
- Brother Joseph P. O'Connell (Hughes) of Denver, Colorado, is chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Denver Bar Association. Brothers Francis J. Knauss (Story), William F. McGlone (Gunter), Thomas J. Morrissey (Hughes) and William H. Spangler (Hughes) are also members of this committee.
- Brother Clifford A. Pedderson (Campbell) of Rockford, Illinois, was married to Miss Catherine Wise, also of Rockford, on the sixth of last August.
- Brother Stanley H. Guyer (Ryan) of Rockford, Illinois, has formed a partnership with Mr. James Berry, who was formerly associated with the law firm of Large & Reno. The firm name is Guyer & Berry.

- Brother Albert J. Harno (Calhoun) of Urbana, Illinois, Dean of the College of Law of the University of Illinois and President of the American Association of Law Schools, presented an interesting paper at the second annual meeting of the National Conference of Bar Examiners at Washington, D. C. on the tenth of last October.
- Brother John H. Searing (Magruder) of Carbondale, Illinois, was appointed as an Arbitrator of the Industrial Commission of Illinois by Governor Louis L. Emmerson several months ago. Brother Searing is a member of the Republican State Central Committee.
- Brother Harry Harman (Webster) of Chicago, Illinois, has been appointed as a Deputy Clerk of the United States District Court. He is assigned to the Court room of Judge George E. Q. Johnson and is a member of the law firm of Harman & Emery at 30 North Dearborn Street.
- Brother Walter C. Owen (Ryan) of Madison, Wisconsin, was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Lawrence College on the 13th of last June. In conferring the degree, President Henry M. Wriston said:

"Your work as a member of the Senate, as Attorney General and now for 14 years as Justice of the Supreme Court, constitutes a record of long and faithful service to our State. Because you have dealt justice with sound learning both legal and historical, with utter fairness, with an active sense of the dignity of this commonwealth, and with rare lucidity of literary expression, it is a delight to honor you."

■ Brother Lowell T. Thronson (Ryan) of Madison, Wisconsin, addressed the Kegonsa Fall Festival at Madison on the eleventh of last September. His subject was Present Day Problems of Law Enforcement.

- Brother George T. Doherty (Ryan), son of the late Judge John J. Doherty, La Crosse, Wisconsin, is associated with the law firm of McConnell & Schweizer. He was admitted to practice law this year.
- Brother Edward J. Gehl (Ryan) of Hartford, Wisconsin, was appointed United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin by President Herbert Hoover several months ago. He succeeded Mr. Levi H. Bancroft. Brother Gehl, who is 42 years of age, served as a Captain in the World War and is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Wisconsin National Guard. He was recently awarded the decoration of the Order of the Purple Heart. His appointment will be submitted to the United States Senate for confirmation this month.
- Brother Edwin B. Keith (Garland) is the junior member of the law firm of Boulware & Keith at Stamps, Arkansas.
- Brother Wm. Townsend Pheiffer (Ross) of Amarillo, Texas, is a member of the law firm of Shannon, Ochsner & Pheiffer with offices in the Rule Building.
- Brother Silas H. Strawn (Campbell) of Chicago, Illinois, sailed on the S. S. Europa from New York City on the 19th of November. Brother Strawn, who is a member of the law firm of Winston, Strawn & Shaw, is a former President of the American Bar Association and the United States Chamber of Commerce. He is active in the work of the International Chamber of Commerce, being Chairman of the American Section.
- Brother Lee C. Hull (Benton) of Kansas City, Missouri, is engaged in the practice of law with Mr. Fred A. Boxley. He was formerly a member of the law firm of German, Hull & German. This firm was dissolved on the first of last September.

- Brother Arthur L. May (Ryan) of Madison, Wisconsin, has formed a partnership with Mr. W. L. Woodward with offices in the Pioneer Building, Brother May, wbo is the junior member of the firm, was admitted to practice this year.
- Brother William E. Pors (Ryan) of Marshfield, Wisconsin, has been appointed to the position of Wisconsin Attorney in the Collateral Department of the Chicago agency of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Since 1931 he has been associated with his father and brother. Prior to that he was located at Shell Lake where he held various official positions.
- Brother Eugene G. Williams (Ryan) of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, addressed the South Side Business Men's Club on the 12th of last October. His subject was "Laws that are on the Statute Book, Disobeyed or not Enforced."
- Brother G. W. Buchen (Ryan) of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, is the senior member of the law firm of Buchen & Schlichting. His partner has recently been appointed County Judge of Sheboygan County to succeed the late Paul T. Krez, the father of Brother Frederick W. Krez of Plymouth. Judge Krez died on the 19th of last July.
- Brother Clarence J. Hartley (Ryan) of Superior, Wisconsin, Past President of the State Bar Association of Wisconsin, was re-elected a member of the State Council of the American Bar Association at the annual meeting at Washington in October.
- Brother Marvin B.Rosenberry (Ryan) of Madison, Wisconsin, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin, attended the first reunion of the Editors of the Wisconsin Law Review at Madison on the 21st of last October. Governor Philip F. LaFollette was also present.

- Brother DeWitt Billman (Magruder) of Springfield, Illinois, has been in Washington several times this year in connection with applications for loans that have been made to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation by the State of Illinois. Brother Billman, who is the personal representative of Governor Louis L. Emmerson, made his most recent trip there the latter part of November. As Secretary of the Legislative Reference Bureau of the State of Illinois, he has rendered considerable assistance to the Judicial Advisory Council. He also hears all applications that are made to the Governor for Extradition papers.
- Brother I. Maurice Wormser (Magruder) of New York City is Chairman of the Publication Committee of the New York State Bar Association.
- Brother Donald H. Sweet (Blackstone) of Chicago, Illinois, who is a member of the law firm of Freeman & Sweet, has offices at 610 London Guarantee and Accident Building located at 360 North Michigan Avenue. This firm specializes in patent law.

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- Brother Ralph B. Mack (Marshall) of Chicago, Illinois, is associated with the law firm of Deneen, Healy & Lee with offices at 111 West Monroe Street. Mr. Charles S. Deneen, formerly United States Senator and also Governor of Illinois, is the senior member of the firm.
- Brother Francis L. Boutell (Marshall) is a member of the law firm of Urion, Drucker, Bishop & Boutell of Chicago. The offices of the firm are now located at 105 West Monroe Street.
- Brother Charles W. Hadley (Fuller) of Wheaton, Illinois, has added Mr. John S. Woodward as a member of his firm, which is now known as Hadley, Weaver & Woodward.

■ Brother John J. Pershing (Lawson) of Washington, D. C., who is Chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission, returned from France on the 24th of November. He had been there several months in connection with the work of the Commission.

On his return Brother Pershing made his first utterance since the war on the possibility of conflict in Europe, saying that he thought it unlikely. He intimated that he thought definitely that the war possibility was extremely vague for several reasons but requested that his view be expressed as follows:

"I think war with Europe is unlikely."
Under the Commission there have been completed three large memorials, at Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne. Eight cemeteries, each with its chapel, have been finished, and 35,000 individual graves marked with Carrara marble. Brother Pershing said that formal dedicatory ceremonies would probably be held next year.

- Brother William S. Culbertson (Calhoun), who has been American Ambassador to Chile for the past four years, expected to leave Santiago on Sunday, the 27th of November, for a visit in the United States. Prior to his assignment to Chile he had served as Ambassador to Rumania. He is also a former Vice Chairman of the United States Tariff Commission.
- Brother David F. Root (Magruder) is engaged in the practice of law at Morris, Illinois.
- In the event that you have any information concerning Brothers Robert B. Clark, Sterling R. Cunningham, Clarence J. Fisher and R. P. Vickrage, members of Benjamin D. Magruder Chapter and graduates of the University of Illinois, we will appreciate receiving the same from you.

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