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A Message From The Supreme Justice

In extending my greetings to all brothers, active and alumni, I am cognizant of the fact that I stand upon the threshold of new opportunities for furthering the welfare and progress of our beloved and outstanding legal fraternity. These opportunities can only be grasped and turned into account for the benefit of Phi Alpha Delta with the help and assistance of every member, active or alumni. We have long been a group banded together dedicated to the service of the legal profession and the dissemination of its high ideals of service, honor and ethics, to the public generally and in particular to those seeking entrance to its portals. It is up to us not only to continue these earnest endeavors but to redouble our efforts and bend every energy to the task.

May I call upon each member of every Chapter in the Fraternity to lend a hand in building a stronger, bigger and better organization than we have ever had before. The spirit of cooperation and a sustained interest in the national organization and its work are two desirable elements. Prompt and careful preparation and filing of reports to the national officers are essential. Criticisms and suggestions from any member, under-graduate or alumni, are more than welcome and will receive careful, prompt and courteous consideration.

Let us rededicate ourselves to the ideals and service of Phi Alpha Delta and thereby to the great profession to which we are, or soon will be, privileged to belong.

Sincerely and fraternally,

J. HARRY LABRUM,
Supreme Justice

A QUICK REVIEW OF CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

By FRANK M. LUDWICK
Supreme Secretary and Editor

The 25th Biennial Convention is now a matter of history. But, what a history! From the moment that Supreme Justice Dwight H. Green called the convention to order at 9:45 a.m., December 29, 1938, and introduced the efficient convention chairman, Brother Frank Brockus, and the Honorable Bryce Smith, Mayor of Kansas City, until the dawn of 1939, no time was lost. Not even for sleep.

A mimeographed report of the business sessions has been forwarded to chapters and delegates. A few additional copies are available to interested brothers. Limited space precludes inclusion in this issue.

Old timers and convention habitués commented upon the interesting and constructive program. The high lights were:

1. The round table discussion on collegiate chapter activities, programs and chapter management led by Brother O'Shea, which covered: Rushing; Reasons Why I Joined Phi Alpha Delta; Chapter meetings and Programs; Scholastic Awards; Relations with Faculty Members and with Alumni Members; the Relations with National and District Officers; and Special Chapter Programs.

2. Round table discussion on Alumni Activities led by the Supreme Justice.

3. A discussion of the Economic Status of the Young Lawyer led by Brother J. Harry LaBrum, whose very excellent paper on this subject is deserving of a place in this issue of the Reporter.

Fully as important as the business

sessions were the delightful social functions so splendidly arranged by Brother Brockus and the Kansas City boys. Our genial Brother Frank Dean, efficient manager of the President Hotel, left nothing undone to make our stay pleasant.

The smoker on Thursday night, following the model initiation in which the Ritual was beautifully exemplified by brothers from Benson Chapter, was thoroughly enjoyable. The convention banquet held Friday night is beyond description. It was indeed a brilliant gathering and one which no one in attendance will ever forget. Brother Charno was toastmaster par excellence. The music and entertainment included the Benson Chapter Glee Club.

Officers seeking to arrest Brother Schoel from Dunbar Chapter for violation of the Mann act were chagrined when he confronted them with a wedding license used that morning and the funds, which had been hastily gathered by friendly brothers to bail him out, were utilized as a wedding gift.

There were inspirational addresses by Past Supreme Justices Fink and Gilbert and Supreme Justice Green, the principal speaker of the evening being Brother Past Supreme Justice John J. Nangle. The evening was climaxed by the moving presentation by Past Supreme Justice Allan Gilbert of the Past Supreme Justice key to the retiring Supreme Justice Dwight H. (Pete) Green.

The names and addresses of the officers elected on Saturday appear elsewhere in this issue. Saturday afternoon

was devoted to sight seeing and the convention closed with a colorful supper dance.

We make no mention here of side forays at such places as Winnie Winkle's and we have no knowledge of any of the brothers having need to use the handsome courtesy cards directed to the Director of Police and City Officials presented to the brothers by Kansas City's efficient manager, H. F. McElroy.

The newly elected Supreme Executive Board held its first meeting on Saturday afternoon at which time they confirmed the action of the convention fix-

ing the time and place of the next biennial convention at Chicago on December 29, 30, 31, 1940, with the reservation made by the convention, that Chicago have a PAD mayor at that time.*

With fresh memories of conviviality, comraderie, meetings with old friends and the making of new, December, 1940, seems far away. Phi Alpha Delta conventions are in a class by themselves. We wish we could have more of them.

* Past Supreme Justice, Dwight H. Green is a candidate for mayor of the City of Chicago.



THE ECONOMIC STATUS OF THE YOUNG LAWYER

By J. HARRY LABRUM
Supreme Justice

The economic status of the young lawyer and the part he will play in the future of the legal profession assumes more and more importance as the cry from older lawyers all over the country that the bar is overcrowded becomes more insistent. Never before in the history of the legal profession have so many and complex problems faced the young man who is about to enter into his life's work as an attorney at law. On all sides he is confronted with new and strange obstacles.

During the last nine years this country has been in the throes of an economic depression which has had no counterpart in history. This period has seen not only great loss in earning power among those engaged in business pursuits, but the professions as well have suffered to an extent which has not yet been measured. The legal profession has not been left unscathed and is looking about for a solution of the problem which now confronts it. Various solutions have been suggested, but before examining them let us look at the young lawyer about to embark on a career at the bar and attempt to measure his problems.

Let us assume that a young lawyer has just been admitted to practice law in any one of the states of the United States.

First he must select a place to practice, he must set up an office, he must purchase law books, he must obtain someone to do his clerical work, and finally, but most important of all, he must find some one on whom to practice, in other words, clients.

We are not concerned here with the

young law school graduate who accepts a position upon graduation with a federal, state or municipal agency, or in the legal department of a bank, corporation or other business concern. We are only interested in that young man who bravely faces a cynical world and boldly launches his career at the bar.

In selecting the locality where he will practice, the most difficult problem is the determination of the question whether to locate in a large metropolitan area, a middle-sized city of fifty thousand to two hundred thousand, or a smaller city or town.

All things being equal, eventually practice in the very large city will afford the highest remunerative return to the very successful lawyer. The possibility of earning a very large income per year is almost nonexistent in any but the large metropolitan areas. In return for this possibility, however, the lawyer will be faced with the constant rush and hustle of the large city, the race against time, the frayed nerves, the higher costs of living, the almost continual day and night work, and other incidents attendant upon the practice in a big city. On the other hand he will have an opportunity to become a specialist in some small field of law. Only a large metropolitan district will afford this opportunity, because necessarily in the smaller community there will be an insufficient number of cases of a particular kind to permit a lawyer to specialize therein.

The question naturally arises as to whether or not the young lawyer intending to practice in a large metropolitan area should open his own office or seek an affiliation with an older law-

yer or a larger firm. The answer to this question depends to a large extent on the individual. If he is in a position to finance himself for several years until he can gain a foothold and is successful enough to obtain a few clients on whom to practice, or if he is so connected that he can obtain an appointment in the office of the prosecuting attorney and in that way obtain his experience, all well and good. If, however, he needs some financial assistance in order to make both ends meet, an affiliation with an older, experienced lawyer or a large law firm is desirable. Experience in the practice of the law ranks equally with knowledge. No young man graduating from a law school, no matter how brilliant, can hope to be of any real value to client or associate in his first year of practice. The law is a complex science and only years of application will give him the knowledge necessary to become a good lawyer.

The practice of law is hard work. In order for any lawyer to be even partially successful he must build a firm foundation. This foundation of knowledge and experience must be laid in his earlier years. As he becomes more and more successful he must depend more and more on the knowledge and experience obtained in his early years at the bar, as time will not permit the study and research which marked his entry into the profession.

Affiliation with a firm engaging in a varied practice is desirable for there the many phases of the law will unfold themselves and the opportunity to specialize be offered. Specialization in certain branches of the law open a large field to the young lawyer coming to the bar. Specialists in the law are a comparatively modern species at the bar. The various laws passed by Congress, as well as the states regulating virtually all business endeavor, not only raise interesting questions in administrative law,

but open untilled fields to hundreds of lawyers who are not too lazy to apply themselves. The young lawyer who will carefully explore these new fields of administrative law and then specialize in one particular branch will do much toward insuring at least a financial success at the bar.

In the smaller city or town the young lawyer will be required to practice every kind of law. He will find practice much more leisurely; time much less of the essence; more of a tendency among the members of the small bar to fraternize; he will know and be able to make an exact appraisal of each member of the bar. However, be he ever so successful, his fortune will be much more limited.

The young lawyer, however, will fare very much better in a smaller city or town than in the very large city or metropolitan area, possibly because it is much easier to become known in the smaller community. In the small town the question of overhead is not nearly as important as in the large metropolitan area, nor is the question of affiliation, because generally speaking there are few firms of any size in the small community and practice of the law is essentially a one man affair.

In the first four years of practice, statistics indicate that young lawyers in smaller communities, except those with a population under two thousand, will make a better showing than those in a large metropolitan city. Likewise, in the first five to nine years of practice, and also the first ten to nineteen years of practice in all communities except those with populations under ten thousand, he will make a better showing than in the large metropolitan community. However, after twenty years of practice and until the fortieth year of practice, the average attorney in the large city has an income exceeding that of the average lawyer in the small community. It must be borne in mind, however, that at this

The discussion at convention of the subject of the Economic Status of the Young Lawyer by Supreme Justice J. Harry LaBrum is considered one of the best on the subject to come to our attention. It is reproduced here in full so that alumni and active members of PAD who did not attend convention can read and enjoy its comprehensive content as well as, perhaps, gather from it some impression of the man who guides the fraternity during the forthcoming two years.

Brother LaBrum was born in Philadelphia in 1897. He attended Georgetown University, receiving his LL.B. degree in 1925. At that time he was Justice of Taft Chapter. Following graduation he did post graduate work at Cambridge University in England.

It was in 1927 that Brother LaBrum was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and in 1930 before the Supreme Court of the United States. He is a member of the law firm of Conlen, LaBrum & Beechwood of Philadelphia.

During the 12 years in which he has been actively engaged in legal work he has been outstandingly active in bar asso-



J. HARRY LABRUM

ciation activities. He has been vice president, chairman or member of no less than 16 committees in the American, Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations.

Besides these activities he has been president of the Propeller Club, is a member of many outstanding clubs, been active in civic affairs, published several papers which have been printed in various national magazines, and in 1936-37 was Special Deputy Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Married in 1921, he has a daughter, Agatha Mary.

point the very high incomes of the outstanding lawyers (in the fifty thousand to one hundred thousand dollar plus class) has an important bearing in raising the average income of all lawyers in the large community. Statistics also indicate that there is a much higher proportion of lawyers in the very large cities who are earning incomes insufficient for subsistence than in the smaller

cities and towns where that condition is very rare.

Despite the foregoing facts, statistics which necessarily are meager on this point, indicate that there is a tendency upon the part of young lawyers to gravitate to the large city. Authorities who are concerned with the financial problems of members of the bar feel that one of the solutions of this problem

is to induce the young lawyer to locate in the smaller city and town.

Other matters affect the young lawyer's selection of the locality in which he will practice. Thus, statistics show that approximately sixty per cent of the law school graduates return to their home city or town to practice and another twenty per cent to twenty-five per cent locate where positions are offered them upon graduation. Of the balance, ten per cent choose a locality because (first) the community offers a promising opportunity for a lawyer, (second) relatives or acquaintances live there, (third) there is an opportunity for political success, or (fourth) the city or town appeals esthetically or otherwise.

About thirty-seven per cent of those accepting positions upon graduation obtain them through the influence of family and friends, thirty-two per cent through personal initiative, fourteen per cent through the assistance of the law school from which they are graduated, and the remainder through miscellaneous sources such as election to political office, prior apprenticeship, advertisement, civil service, etc.

Having selected the city or town in which he wishes to locate, the next problem for the young lawyer is the initial investment and overhead of his law office. Statistics taken from 1928 to 1934 in various cities indicate that the initial average investment runs from one hundred and fifty dollars to fourteen hundred dollars, depending upon the year, the size of the city (which would determine the type of office and furnishings required) and other incidental factors. For a depression year five hundred dollars to six hundred dollars strikes a fair average.

The above item does not include law books, the cost of which is high and necessarily varies with the size of the library. To purchase an encyclopedia such as *Corpus Juris*, a *Digest* of the *State Reports*, a *Digest* or *Annotation* of

the *State Code* or *Statutes*, which would seem to be minimal requisites for a proper practice of the law, would entail very considerable expense. Moreover, the cost of keeping these current by advance reports is high.

Having made his initial investment, the young lawyer is faced with the question of annual overhead. It has been estimated that for the very low income groups this amounts to as high as sixty-three per cent of the gross revenue, and for the very high income groups amounts to twenty-five per cent of the gross and thirty-three and a third per cent of net. The young lawyer, therefore, may very well expect that his overhead will amount to at least thirty per cent of his gross and forty per cent of his net income.

Like the young doctor, who having set up his medical office, must wait for a patient upon whom to operate, the young lawyer must now await a client with whose affairs to practice. This is the most acute of his problems. The ultimate leader of the bar and the subsequent failure, who begin practice by opening their own offices, both suffer the same lonely waiting period with accompanying trepidation and anxiety. Statistics indicate that the young lawyer obtains clients in the following manner: from among friends and acquaintances, twenty-four to forty-three per cent; through other clients, six to fifteen per cent; from the firm by which he is employed, thirteen to twenty-one per cent; through social, church, contacts, etc., three to eight per cent; family, five to eleven per cent; political activity, four to eleven per cent; and the remainder through other lawyers, former jobs, recommendations, pure chance, etc.

The foregoing has been devoted to the young lawyer who begins practice for himself. As indicated in the statistics previously given, this encompasses about eighty per cent of the men coming to the bar. The other twenty per cent accept

positions in offices for which they are paid full time salaries or part time salaries, or merely given office and space and overhead for miscellaneous service. The problems of these lawyers, of course, vary from those described, depending on the arrangement with the office with which they are associated.

A tabulation of the earnings of lawyers based on the number of years at the bar without differentiation as to the size of the community or the location in the United States where they practice indicates the following average net incomes for the year 1936:

<i>Years of Experience</i>	<i>Average Income</i>
1	\$1,059
2	1,121
3	1,630
4	1,779
5	2,047
6	2,176
7	2,375

The above statistics are influenced by particularly successful or high salaried men in large cities. They do not reflect the fact, for example, that in given years thirty-one per cent of first year lawyers in California and fifteen per cent in Wisconsin earned less than five hundred dollars, and twenty-one per cent in California and twenty-six per cent in Wisconsin earned between five hundred dollars and one thousand dollars. During the second year of practice in California, twenty per cent earned less than five hundred dollars, and twenty-three per cent between five hundred and a thousand dollars, and in the third year of practice, thirteen per cent earned less than five hundred dollars and nineteen per cent earned between five hundred and a thousand dollars. In New York County for the first three years twenty per cent earned under a thousand dollars. In California twenty-five per cent earned less than a thousand dollars in the fourth year of practice and in the fifth year of practice nineteen per cent were in the same class.

Further statistics show that in three sets of men from California, Wisconsin and New York, an average of eighty-seven per cent earned less than two thousand dollars during their first year of practice, and fifty-three per cent, sixty-nine per cent and forty-one per cent, respectively, earned less than one thousand dollars. However, during the seventh year only seven per cent of the lawyers earned less than one thousand dollars and roughly, twenty per cent between one and two thousand dollars.

The average lawyer earns a higher average income than the average physician and surgeon, dentist, member of other curative professions, clergyman, and more recently, consulting engineer. Thus, in 1929 and 1934, the average per capita income of the aforesaid were as follows:

	1929	1934
Lawyers	\$5,534	\$4,218
Physicians, surgeons	5,403	3,570
Dentists	4,564	2,787
Other curative professions	3,336	2,178
Consulting engineers	10,412	3,500
Clergymen	2,136	1,578

Notwithstanding the above, during the first four years of practice, the young lawyer earns substantially less than members of the medical profession, be they general practitioners, surgeons or specialists, whether they practice in a big city or a small community. It is not until the lawyer has been practicing ten years or more that his income exceeds that of members of the medical profession.

The earnings of other professional groups, however, fell much more sharply during the depression; lawyers earning in 1934 seventy-six per cent of their earnings in 1929 as compared with physicians and surgeons sixty-six per cent, dentists sixty-one per cent, other curative professions sixty-five per cent, consulting engineers thirty-three per cent and clergymen seventy-four per cent. Possibly this accounts for the increase

in the number of lawyers which in 1934 was one hundred and twenty-three per cent of the number in 1929, as compared with one hundred and five per cent of physicians and surgeons, with a substantial decrease in number of the other professions mentioned. These figures lend some weight to the cry that the bar is at present being overcrowded.

We have reviewed briefly some of the economic difficulties which young lawyers face. The viewpoint of the young lawyers as to the primary cause of their difficulties seems pertinent. A recent questionnaire elicited the following answers: one hundred thirty-three—economic obstacles consisting of: lack of funds, depression, too much competition, difficulty in collecting fees, usurpage of legal fields by banks, family to support, decrease of litigation, overhead; sixty-eight—lack of contacts; fifty—personal limitations or difficulties, such as youth, inferiority complex, lack of interest, health, sex (female), racial discrimination, domestic trouble, lack of desire to make money; forty-six—educational deficiencies; seventeen—ethical considerations; five—undesirable associations.

Numerous suggestions have been advanced from time to time to lessen the present substantial number of attorneys who fail to earn a subsistence income. Solution of these problems as they affect the bar as a whole will necessarily assist the young lawyer in his problems, and make possible his attaining economic majority earlier than under present conditions.

The first recommendation is reduction of the number of persons coming to the bar.

The most laudable method of attaining this objective is by insistence upon more rigorous educational requirements. The American Bar Association now requires a minimum of two years of college work, plus three years in an approved law school. This requirement has been met by most states. A number

of states have even higher requirements, such as Pennsylvania, which requires a college degree, or in the alternative, passing examinations in specified subjects as prescribed by the State Board of Law Examiners; registration with the State Board of Law Examiners three years before admission to the bar examination; obtaining a degree of LL.B. from an approved law school over a period of three years if a day, or four years if a night school, or in the alternative, serving four years law study clerkship in the office of a lawyer who has been a member of the bar more than five years; and after passing the bar examination, serving a six months' law practice clerkship.

If the educational requirements of the American Bar Association be specified by all states, or even higher requirements adopted, viz., a college degree from an approved college be a prerequisite to registration, and a degree from an approved law school be a prerequisite to admission to the bar examination, with further provisions for law practice clerkship so as to afford the embryo lawyer an opportunity to imbibe the ethics of the bar and witness actual practice in the form of an "internship" prior to hanging out his own shingle, necessarily, the number of men coming to the bar would be reduced in a way which would be helpful to the bar and the public alike, for the calibre of the bar would have to improve.

Closely allied to this should be an increasingly exacting preliminary investigation into the applicant's character and general fitness to practice law. Although at best it is difficult to ascertain whether a man in his late teens or early twenties will prove himself an able lawyer; nonetheless, there are certain factors which make it possible for a well-trained investigator to determine the likelihood of his becoming an ethical practitioner. Pennsylvania, for example, requires a candidate for registration as

a law student to file an extensive questionnaire, which delves into his past, and to name citizen sponsors and a preceptor, who in turn are required to file questionnaires respecting the applicant. The applicant is required to appear in person before the Board of Examiners in the county in which he plans to practice and answer various questions. In some of the larger cities paid investigators make a thorough investigation of his background and past. Again, when the applicant applies for admission to the bar examination additional questionnaires must be filed by him, his preceptor and sponsors, and further investigation is made as to his character and general fitness to practice law. The data obtained from these investigations has been fruitful in enabling the State Board of Law Examiners to refuse the admission to the bar of applicants who undoubtedly would have been a discredit to the profession had they been admitted.

Rules as stringent or even stricter than those above described can be enacted, which also would prove wholesome both to the bar and the public in reducing the number of applicants admitted to the bar.

The bar examination can be made more rigid and the number of opportunities to take the examinations limited. In Pennsylvania the number is limited to three, whereas in a number of states, such as New York, an unlimited number of examinations may be taken with the further privilege that if one-half of the examination, viz., either in substantive law or procedure is passed, on re-examination the candidate only need take that portion in which he has failed. General experience has proved that the men who fail the examinations three times or more rarely make highly successful practitioners. Therefore, reduction by limitation of the number of examinations which may be taken would seem very desirable.

There has been much talk of arbitrary limitations of the number of admissions to the bar by *quota* arrangement. This system is in force in several Pennsylvania Counties. Other counties and states have considered the plan and refused to adopt it. Obviously, many obstacles lie in the way of equitable administration of such a plan, such as the question of when the quota shall be applicable, viz., at the time the candidate enters law school or when he is graduated; who shall compose the committee which shall fix the quota; how shall the applicants be chosen to fill the quota, etc.; which are difficult of solution under our democratic system of government.

Another method which is not arbitrary and is highly recommended is vocational guidance. Some law schools require the applicant for admission to take a psychological test which has been found very helpful in determining the aptitude of an applicant for the study of law. This is really a problem in psychology, and cooperation with psychologists and psychiatrists should prove fruitful in this field of endeavor. Psychology has been very successful in placing the proper man in the right position in industry, and there is no reason why it should not be equally successful in determining the aptitude of an individual to practice law.

Such tests should prove efficacious in cutting down the high mortality (viz., failure of one-third to one-half the first year class) in first grade law schools; the high mortality in bar examinations, e.g., Pennsylvania, where about fifty-five per cent of the first-time examinees pass and ultimately only eighty per cent of those taking the examinations are admitted to the bar; and eliminate misfits from the bar, thereby reducing its membership to the benefit of all concerned.

The second suggested solution of the problem is to prevent lay competition with members of the bar. This resolves

itself into a task for the committees of the various bar associations and the American Bar Association on Unauthorized Practice of Law. These committees must take the necessary steps to prevent or stop banks, trust companies, certified public accountants, so-called tax experts, consulting agencies for public service companies, notaries public, magistrates, scriveners, and a host of others from infringing upon the domain of the lawyer.

The lawyer finds himself very definitely at a disadvantage when competing with laymen, who are not prohibited by ethical restrictions from advertising, and who at the same time are free to give advice which is as often prone to be as faulty and bad for the client as patent medicine is for the patient.

The third solution to the problem lies in opening presently untapped sources of legal business.

There is a great section of the public which is unconscious of the fact that it is in need of legal advice. These people do not realize that it would be well to have a lawyer draw their wills, prepare the leases to their homes, draft the contracts for the purchase or sale of their properties, draft their income tax returns, draw contracts involving their business or employment, discuss general tax situations with them, help them solve their domestic difficulties, assist them in settling estates of friends or relatives, and a host of other problems of which they are but dimly conscious. It should be brought home to these people that they have an urgent need for lawyers, and that the fees to be charged for the services rendered will not be exorbitant or out of proportion to the benefits to be derived. Too many people fear the lawyer as an exceedingly high priced man whom they cannot afford, or as an unscrupulous person whom they cannot trust.

Approved publicity by bar associations is one of the outstanding solutions

of this problem. The Bar Association of Buffalo, for example, has been very successful in a two-year radio program consisting of a series of dramatic skits based upon interesting fact situations, simple factually and intriguing dramatically, which has attracted wide public attention. Judicious advertisement in newspapers, printing of directories and pamphlets for general use of the public and other similar means available to bar associations which are not available to the individual attorney, should be freely used. The bar association office, advertised and run as such, would be an aid. Any person without an attorney could call at this office, ascertain approximate fees involved for a particular type of representation, and be directed to counsel, based on alphabetical listing so that distribution of the work would be equitable.

More equitable distribution of court appointments, i.e., masterships, receiverships, commissions, etc., among the members of the bar, would aid. This need not preclude judges from making appointments for personal or political reasons, but a certain proportion of their appointments could be equitably distributed among the bar.

A solution that has worked very successfully in a number of cities is an arrangement for one attorney to procure technical advice from another who is a specialist in his field. Under this system any member of the bar may file at a central bureau of the bar association a statement listing his name, one or more specialties in practice, and his fee per hour for consultation with other members of the bar. Upon inquiry, members of the bar desiring to consult with a specialist in a particular field are directed to those listed as specialists in the particular field, or in the event that a large number of specialists are listed in that field, to a specific number of names according to alphabetical rotation. The attorney wishing to consult

the specialist then chooses the man and makes the appointment, pays his fee for the consultation, and no further obligations are incurred. Thus, a busy lawyer is able in a short space of time, to become sufficiently conversant with a specialized field for the purpose of a case and the lawyer consulted receives a fee commensurate with his worth for the time involved. This enables attorneys who would not dare to presume upon the time of outstanding lawyers to obtain their advice in difficult and special situations, and opens a completely new avenue of legal business.

Finally, it has been suggested that bar law offices for persons of moderate means might be opened in larger cities. This office would not handle cases which properly should be handled by the Legal Aid Clinic, nor would it handle cases for people with incomes beyond a specified range, for example, two thousand dollars a year. Likewise, it would not handle accident cases involving more than two hundred and fifty dollars. The staff would be salaried and consist of men recently graduated from law school whose terms would be limited. It would give these men ideal experience in the practical handling of legal matters. The fees charged would be on a flat basis and would place legal advice within the range of people of small means and generally would make the public as a whole more fully conscious of their legal needs. Any surplus would go to carrying on the Legal Aid Clinic or bar association, etc.

I conclude in the words of the Special Committee of the American Bar Association on the Economic Conditions of the Bar, which appear in their report to the 1938 meeting of the American Bar Association and are particularly fitting under these circumstances:

"We do, however, wish to reaffirm our conviction that in the circumstances in which the profession finds itself, with large numbers of lawyers either unable

to earn a living in the practice, or earning the barest pittance; with innumerable young lawyers unable to find openings; with many of the older men, after a lifetime of practice, scarcely able to keep going; with sub-standard proprietary law schools turning out each year thousands of ill prepared and frequently deluded aspirants for admission; with law agencies, despite the efforts made to check them, encroaching here and there upon the practice in ways which sometimes suggest that the bar itself is deficient in the kind of service which it renders in certain specialized fields; with growing evidence that people in the low income groups frequently go without legal assistance because they cannot afford to pay for it, or because they think they cannot afford to pay for it, or because they distrust lawyers or do not know any lawyers, or do not know when they need advice; with evidence in still other directions that the public relations of the bar are defective; with evidence, finally, that the cost of maintaining law offices is excessively high; in these circumstances we think it imperative that the bar should take action both to get at the facts more fully and to experiment with remedies.

"We hope, among other things, that experiments in the way of setting up legal service bureaus under bar association auspices to render low-cost, efficient, specialized service to the low income groups may be undertaken, together with experiments in organized bar association advertising. We do not believe that the merits of these or other proposals can be finally determined until they have been tried out here and there in practice, and it seems to us that the time has come to be bold in striking out along new paths of group effort which, if properly safeguarded, will not impair either the traditional independence of the lawyer or the dignity of the profession.

"Our final hope is that ultimately there will be established in all the states full-time salaried staffs, working for the profession and under its direction. Such staffs, so directed, should set themselves to the manifold tasks which the situation calls for—the continuous gathering of facts about the profession, their dissemination among aspirants for the bar and the bar itself, the establishment and maintenance of proper standard of admission and discipline, the rendering of assistance to young lawyers in locating where their services can best be utilized, the improvement of the public relations of the bar, the checking of unauthorized practice and the study of the causes which give rise to it, the simplification of those processes of administering justice which are costly both to lawyers and litigants, the devising of ways to reduce other expenses of conducting practice, the provision of means through legal service bureaus and other group efforts to expand the service of the bar to the public, the opening up of new positions for members of the bar, such as clerkships for overworked judges; and in general the whole range of undertakings, some experimental and some clearly and immediately feasible and desirable, which need to be carried forward in the interests of the profession and the public alike.

"In most of the integrated bar states such staffs already exist, though they may need expansion in some states and may need in others to concentrate more upon fundamental problems and less upon routine and time-consuming conventional bar activities. In states where integration cannot be had because of political obstacles or because the bar is too large and unwieldy for state-wide organization, alternative measures might well be considered, such as the required payment of a small annual license fee by every attorney and the use of the funds, through boards appointed by the judiciary or otherwise, in the interests of the profession and the administration of justice.

"It will take time, no doubt, to build these administrative mechanisms, and meanwhile it is essential that the impetus to action given by the surveys be not allowed to wane, and that the generous contributions of time, money and creative thought given by so many forward-looking members of the profession to the solution of its problems be carried forward and intensified. All sources of leadership need to be drawn upon and to cooperate in meeting the heavy challenge of the times. Without such determined efforts the economic condition of the bar is likely to grow worse, and the present strains and difficulties more serious."



CHAPTER AWARDS

For the newsiest chapter letter submitted, Morgan Chapter and L. J. Polk, Jr., have been awarded a copy of Chase's Blackstone

*"Morgan Chapter is in the saddle,
Its wagon is hitched to a star;
Soon the glory of its battle
Will be sung from near and afar."
—Anon.*

The battle of Morgan Chapter is that which is being fought more or less, and with more or less success, by all chapters of all fraternities; that is, the battle for recognition. It is being fought against a common enemy—the worst enemy of all—that of indifference. We feel that we are winning that battle; we are closing in on the enemy. On our shield is emblazoned the motto "No quarter."

As the University of Alabama is the capstone of higher education in this "deep South" State, so is the University of Alabama law school, which is housed in Farrah Hall, appropriately styled after its great builder Dean A. J. Farrah, indeed the capstone of legal education in the State, and the zenith of the undergraduate law student's career. As befits the dignity of our institution, with its laudable emphasis on legal learning *per se*, organizations of any particular group on any basis, save that of scholarship, are received with indifference and eyed askance until their worth is proved. The members of Morgan Chapter have cheerfully accepted this friendly challenge. We are glad of this opportunity to prove the worth of our chapter.

Under the able direction of Justice Jordan, assisted by Brother Riley, Chairman of the Program Committee, and the loyal co-operation of all members and pledges, we have succeeded in presenting many splendid and enjoyable programs during the past fall and winter.

At the beginning of the school term we found our ranks thinned by graduation, and we were compelled to start "at scratch." Undaunted, we succeeded in acquiring a strong pledge class, choosing our men on the basis of quality rather than quantity. Next on our program was the sending of an able delegation to attend the annual meeting and banquet of the American Bar Association, who were guests of the Birmingham Bar Association. The principal speaker at the banquet was Dean Clark of Yale, and also on the program was United States Senator Lister Hill, of Alabama. Our regular programs during the fall consisted partly of addresses by prominent downtown alumni, among whom were Brother Burns, Judge of the Tuscaloosa City Court; Brother Le Maistre, prominent attorney; and Brother Blanc, head of the Commercial Law Department. Another sort of program carried out with marked success was mock trials. These proved most enjoyable, as practically all the members and pledges participated, in the character of counsel, witness, or juror.

It would have been impossible to achieve the gratifying results of our fall program had it not been for the high type of men composing our members and pledges. Justice Jordan is a past President of the Y.M.C.A. on the University of Alabama campus, and also of the statewide organization; Brother Richard Hunt is President of the Law School student body and Chairman of the Honor Committee; Clerk Lascari is Chairman of the University Spirit Committee, which directed the pep rallies for the Crimson Tide; pledge Adams is President of the Junior law class and past Vice-President of the Freshman law class; pledge Van Antwerp is Vice-President of the Junior law class; pledge Polk is Secretary-Treasurer of

the Junior law class; and pledges Reims and Pinezza are members of the Honor Committee. Brother Hunt, and pledges Brunson and Van Antwerp are members of the Farrah Order of Jurisprudence, qualifications for membership in which are the same as those for membership in the Order of the Coif; and pledges Reims, Armstrong and Watley are strong contenders for this high honor. A special mention here is in order for pledge Brunson. Pledge Brunson is from Mobile, Alabama. He has been totally blind since childhood as a result of accidental gunshot wounds. The courage and determination of Brunson cannot possibly be overestimated. Struggling through the darkness for years, his courage never wavered, his determination never failed. Refusing to let his incapacity defeat him in his upward struggle, he developed a marvelous memory to take the place of his eyesight, and has now achieved the highest honor which the Alabama Law School can bestow. He is an inspiring example of the type of moral fiber which the Morgan Chapter has consistently sought in its pledges, and which, when combined with qualities of leadership, is unbeatable. We have faith in our Chapter, because we have faith in the men who compose it.

We feel that the period of the renaissance of the Morgan Chapter which began last fall is now fast drawing to a close. We have an ambitious spring program, which we feel will leave us head and shoulders over all rival organizations, and make us the undoubted leaders. Although it is against the policy of the Chapter to disclose our plans prematurely, we will say that prominently on our calendar of new business is a plan to give a law dictionary each year to the freshman having the highest average; and that, if you listen closely, you can hear talk of a new Chapter House in the air. Our first major venture this semester is our annual banquet the night of the Barristers' Ball, which

we believe will be the most successful in the history of the Chapter. After that, the extent of our success is in the laps of the gods; but we have the inside track, and the sky is the limit.

Last but not least, we take this occasion to pay our respects to our *fratres in facultate*, Brother J. V. Masters and Brother Whitley P. McCoy, and to thank them for the aid that they have given us this year.

For the letter containing the most constructive suggestion for chapter activities, Wilson Chapter and Edmund S. Muskie have been awarded Abbot's Trial Evidence in three volumes.

Developments in the Wilson Chapter of PAD have progressed to the point that it seems necessary to tie a few of the loose ends together.

With the past history of Wilson Chapter before us we realized that its fortunes depended upon establishing the Chapter as an organization which could meet a felt need in the law school environment. The boosting of future advantages wasn't enough. We had to put across the idea of present advantages.

We moved slowly. Starting out with what we thought was a fundamental idea, we proceeded to sell that idea to a small group. The idea was to breathe life into the musty tomes of the law by relating it to current, unsolved problems. The method was a combination of two things: 1/ to bring in speakers who would give authority to information we sought in related fields; and 2/ to conduct forums, led by a member of the group, in which we raised questions which must be answered by our generation and to which our background in the law might suggest answers.

We felt we must sell the idea before we could hope to tell PAD's story.

Hence, the group was placed on a tentative basis. Much to my satisfaction, I think I can say the idea has sold itself. The fellows we brought in are all enthusiasm. Now we are proceeding with our second task—to sell the value of PAD.

We are now planning to initiate six new members. With them as a nucleus we hope to bring in a substantial number of first year men. Obviously, however, we cannot go through the same process with each batch of recruits that we have gone through this year. It is too slow. It is too uncertain a basis upon which to place a chapter. It is too dependent upon the quality of the leadership. The chapter must be placed upon a basis which will safely bridge the gaps between renaissances.

That is where the national organization comes in. We feel sure that our program will always live as something worthwhile and necessary in the law school program.

The national organization has helped out materially by its recent decision regarding dues. Professor Wilson does much to help us. All this isn't enough, however. There must be some way of offering tangible evidence of the benefits derived. I offer the following as a suggestion. If PAD manifests a tangible interest in us now, we would take it for granted that it would take an interest in us later. Why not have alumni visit our chapter to discuss our chapter and individual problems? We law students would like to hear of prospects after law school. We would like to hear what the profession is meeting with these days. We would like to establish definite contacts *now* to which we can turn when we are looking for jobs. The hope for a contact through PAD is not nearly as satisfying as a present contact realized through PAD.

For the best letter describing impressions of the convention, Green Chapter and Harold C. Cook have been awarded a copy of Bradbury's Rules of Pleading.

I think that I speak the opinion of my Chapter, as well as my own, when I say that I went to Kansas City with a chip on my shoulder. Green Chapter had little idea of what Phi Alpha Delta was all about. We knew that there was some sort of national organization from which we received regular statements of accounts due; that a slice of revenues collected from our members went as satisfaction of such obligations; and that we had a group of national officers located at addresses throughout the country. By sifting down relevant facts concerning Phi Alpha Delta we were confronted with intangible benefits coupled with the most striking of tangible "detriments"; i.e., depletion of our pocketbooks. This state of affairs was due to our ignorance of Phi Alpha Delta and its workings, whether through our own lacks, or because of the absence of an informative agent.

I had been at the convention only a few hours when observations of occurrences, expressions of old friendships and manifestations of genuine brotherly love began to melt my doubts concerning the "worthwhileness" of Phi Alpha Delta. Whatever uncertainty remained was completely annihilated at the Convention Banquet when Supreme Justice "Pete" Green was presented with his Past Supreme Justice Key. I think I shall never forget the deep, heart-felt emotion exhibited on that occasion. In addition, I think that I never have nor ever shall experience a more decided conviction of gratitude for having been allowed the status of "Brother" in Phi Alpha Delta. At present, one of my most valuable assets is the privilege of being classified in a union to which so many down-to-earth, admirable men belong; men, like Frank Rutledge, Allan

Gilbert, Bill O'Shea, George Fink, Frank Ludwick, and all the host of others too numerous to mention, who are always the same, yesterday, today, and tomorrow; who compose the bulwarks holding the legal profession on a sound foundation; men on whom I shall feel privileged to call if and when the time comes that I need their assistance. In such a situation, I feel confident their help will be forthcoming.

Green Chapter is now working on plans for a possible conjunctive party between Benson and Benton Chapters to be held here at Lawrence. We are also planning on a visitation from Bill O'Shea sometime this month or next month to which Bill assured us his personal support and presence.

Altogether, Green Chapter, because of the Convention, has changed, chameleon-like, from a rather sorry, uninformed, loosely-organized band into a veritable hot-bed of enthusiastic activity. We now believe, and rightly so, that the success of Phi Alpha Delta must depend upon its units, the men that make it up, and we have the conviction that our own particular unit is the place for constructive measures. Such measures are going forward without delay.

As to suggestions, I am firmly convinced that Phi Alpha Delta should profit exceedingly by publishing for every member in the chapters a small, inexpensive booklet containing information concerning the fraternity's history, its organization, dates, places, and present chapters, locations, date of founding, present officers, etc. In addition, the booklet should include the Constitution and By-Laws and such additional matter as would be enlightening to the new initiate who may wonder, "Why Phi Alpha Delta?" A statement concerning the placement bureau would be appropriate. Very much of the material would remain the same, year in and year out, therefore decreasing the cost. It might be more practical to print the booklet on that basis, leaving such things as officers and other subjects which change periodically for inclusion in the REPORTER.

At any rate, I believe there is a definite need for some measure to acquaint every member with Phi Alpha Delta. Before the Convention, members of Green Chapter were strangers. We should have some system to combat such results in the future.

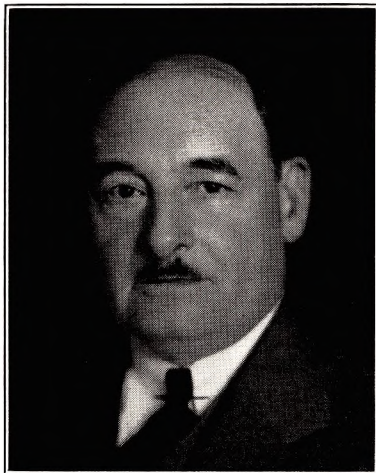
For the good of Phi Alpha Delta.



TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

By GEORGE E. FINK
Supreme Justice 1924-1925

A quarter of a century ago in Phi Alpha Delta! It is assumed that there are younger men who have come into the fraternity some time during the past twenty-five years, or older men who were in at that time, who will be interested in learning about conditions in the fraternity or some of the happenings in it that far back. There may



be members who want to be reminded that the fraternity was in existence at that time, and possibly some of the older men would like to indulge in a little retrospection, with the thought of living over again and participating in the events in which they then took an active part;—so we will turn back the pages of time, or more correctly speaking, the pages of the "Reporter," and see what we can find of interest in the fraternity twenty-five years ago,—say as of the Spring of 1914.

The Fourteenth Biennial Convention of the Fraternity had been held the preceding June 27th and 28th, 1913, at the Hotel Sherman, in Chicago. At the time of that convention there were twenty-nine Active Chapters in the fraternity and nine Alumni Chapters. The names of the officers elected at that convention, and accordingly the men holding national office twenty-five years ago are of interest in this connection. Outside of the Supreme Advisory Board they were as follows:

NATIONAL OFFICERS

James P. Aylward, Supreme Justice, (Benton), Kansas City, Mo.; Edgar A.

Jonas, Supreme Vice-Justice, (Webster), Chicago, Ill.; John J. Wilson, Second Supreme Vice-Justice, (Ross), San Fernando, Calif.; Conger G. Roads, Supreme Recorder, (Hay), Cleveland, Ohio; Charles Adams, Supreme Financial Secretary, (Hamlin), Waterbury, Vt.; George C. Peacock, Supreme Treasurer, (Chase), Cincinnati, Ohio; Paul C. Meier, Supreme Historian, (Story), St. Croix Falls, Wis.; Oscar W. Hoberg, Editor in Chief, (Magruder), Peru, Ill.; Frank A. Saporito, Supreme Marshall, (Rapallo), Mount Vernon, N. Y.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Edward J. Hess, Chairman, (Webster), Chicago, Ill.; James McKeag, (Marshall), Chicago, Ill.; and John B. Carmody, (Taft), Washington, D. C.

Where are these men today?

James P. Aylward is an active and successful practitioner at Kansas City, Missouri.

Edgar A. Jonas, after many years on the Municipal Bench in Chicago, is practicing law at 100 W. Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois.

John J. Wilson is in the active practice of law at 453 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California.

Conger G. Roads is practicing law at Cleveland, Ohio, specializing in real estate law.

Charles B. Adams is a Superior Judge at Waterbury, Vermont.

George C. Peacock was last heard from at 620 Athens Avenue, Cincinnati,

Ohio.

Paul C. Meier, after organizing the Municipal Court of Burnett County, Wisconsin, and presiding for several years over the court which he had so organized, resigned to take up the practice of law in Chicago, and is now a partner of George E. Fink, under the firm name of Fink and Meier, at 33 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Oscar W. Hoberg is practicing law at Peru, LaSalle County, Illinois.

Frank A. Saporito is still in the active practice of law at Mount Vernon, Westchester County, New York.

Edward J. Hess served for sometime as United States District Attorney at Chicago, Illinois, and is now in the active practice of law at 111 W. Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois.

James McKeag is now and for several years has been an attorney for the Federal Trade Commission, principally in Chicago.

John Doyle Carmody is retired, and his address is Los Angeles Athletic Club, Los Angeles.

Twenty-five years ago saw the advent into the fraternity of three new undergraduate chapters, Clay Chapter at the University of Kentucky, Dunbar Chapter at the University of Washington and Kent Chapter at the University of Idaho.

Henry Clay Chapter at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, was installed on Saturday evening, May 14, 1914, by Brothers George C. Peacock, Supreme Treasurer, Conger G. Roads, Supreme Recorder and Brothers George J. Herold (Chase), John W. Welch (Calhoun), M. H. Bronston (Fuller) and others.

The chapter at once took up quarters in the Phoenix Hotel where it was later visited by Brother Roads on his way to Deland, Florida, to install the David J. Brewer Chapter.

James Kent Chapter was installed at the University of Idaho, on Monday evening, May 25, 1914, at Moscow, Idaho.

by Brothers Lyman P. Wilson (Marshall), and Oscar W. Hoberg (Magruder). The installation ceremonies and banquet were held at the Hotel Moscow.

More details respecting the installation of Clay and Kent Chapters are not available to the writer.

Ralph O. Dunbar Chapter was installed at the University of Washington, Seattle, on May 25, 1914. Brother Hoberg would have been in charge of the installation, but was at Moscow, Idaho, installing Kent Chapter on the same night. The alumni who conducted the initiation were Fletcher Lewis (Campbell), James G. Raley (Marshall), Raymond J. Venables (Gunter) all of Seattle, and Fred B. Kemp (Campbell) and Paul P. Farrens (Campbell), Portland Alumni. The banquet was afterwards held at the Hotel Frye.

We find also that in the Spring of 1914 Book and Gavel of Yale University merged with Calhoun Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta. Book and Gavel had been one of the oldest clubs of Yale, and its roster contained eminent Yale alumni in every nook and corner of the world. It was believed that the union and concentrated activities of the two organizations would make for a much stronger fraternity organization at Yale.

It may be also interesting to note that twenty-five years ago, (May 31, 1913 to be exact) Delta Theta Phi came into existence through the consolidation of Delta Phi Delta and Alpha Kappa Phi and Theta Lambda Phi.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

George L. Stewart (Story), had his office at 1512 Hughes Building, San Francisco, California.

John Doyle Carmody (Story), was practicing in the Southern Building, Washington, D. C., and his card announced that he was practicing before "the United States and District Courts,"

the Government Departments and Committees of Congress.

George E. Fink (Story-Campbell), was House Attorney for the State Bank of Chicago with office at 203 Chamber of Commerce Building, at Chicago, Illinois.

Edgar A. Jonas, (Webster), and Edward J. Hess, (Webster), were practicing law as partners in the Ft. Dearborn Building, Chicago, Illinois, and Brother Lynn Morley, (Webster), was associated with them.

Oscar W. Hoberg, (Magruder), was practicing law at Peru, Illinois, with F. E. Hoberg under the firm style of Hoberg and Hoberg.

George J. Herold, (Chase), had his law office in the German National Bank Building, Newport, Kentucky, and claimed to be the "first practicing Phi Alpha Delt in Kentucky."

Edward J. Fleming, (Benton), was General Attorney with the Legal Aid Bureau, Waterworks Building, Kansas City, Missouri.

James P. Aylward, (Benton), was practicing with Welch, Aylward & Lee at 116 Grand Avenue Temple, Kansas City, Missouri.

J. F. T. O'Connor, (Calhoun), was practicing law at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Waldemar C. Wehe (Ryan) was practicing law in the Pereles Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The fraternity was already preparing for the Sixteenth Biennial Convention to be held at San Francisco in 1915, and an assessment of \$100.00 payable \$33.33 each year was being collected from each of the active chapters toward the Convention Fund. George Fink

The Reporter is once again privileged to publish Brother George Fink's interesting series of articles recounting the past history of Phi Alpha Delta under the title of Twenty-Five Years Ago. George Fink is known and loved as the "grand old man" of PAD and his articles are drawn from his memory of his years in PAD as well as the most comprehensive file of our fraternity's events in existence. We are sure these articles will prove deeply interesting and will convey to the alumni refreshing happenings of the past. To the active membership it will give a colorful background as well as call attention to members of the fraternity now prominent in every part of American legal and governmental life.

(presumably on account of his Bank connection, and having been Supreme Treasurer in 1907-8) was made Trustee of the Fund to be turned over at the time of the convention. The exact date for the 1915 convention had not yet been fixed, but the members had begun to look forward to seeing the San Francisco Fair in 1915.

Horace Mann once said, "Let but the public mind once become thoroughly corrupt, and all attempts to secure property, liberty, or life, by mere force of laws written on parchment, will be as vain as to put up printed notices in an orchard to keep off the canker-worms." More Anon.



ALUMNI and ACTIVE NEWS

CAPEN CHAPTER at the University of San Francisco has sponsored a series of lectures by outstanding members of the bar. This presents to the law student certain practical subjects not generally included in the law course. These lectures have been open to the entire student body of the law school and in general attendance has been close to 100%.

This chapter has been working with Temple Chapter of Hastings Law School in San Francisco in joint initiations, and joint luncheon meetings which have been very successful.

Three members of the chapter, namely John Maloney, Gerald Finn and William Landtbom are within the first ten in school. They have been placed upon what is referred to as the "Honor Roll" for 1938. A new professor at the U. of S. F. Law School is Brother Edwin F. Albertsworth (Hay), formerly of Northwestern University. He is offering a course in Administrative Law and is widely known for his work in the field of Constitutional law.

STAPLES CHAPTER at Washington & Lee University recently held an informal smoker at the Lee Hotel in Lexington for the new men in the Law School. Speaker of the evening was Captain Ackerly, Commonwealth's attorney of Rockbridge County. The meeting was well attended and enabled the brothers of the chapter to become acquainted with the new men.

WATSON CHAPTER at the University of Pittsburgh proudly announces that 100% of the brothers graduated last year passed the Pennsylvania State Bar examinations. This is a notable achievement as the average for the entire state is seldom over 40% passing on first examinations.

ROSS CHAPTER at the University of Southern California announced that Brothers Howard Scott, Homer Bell and Dan Stevens captured three out of the four editorial positions on the Southern California Law Review. In class elections every PAD won his race. The chapter captured the presidency of the freshman class with Nick Pappas and the presidency of the senior class with Don Blanchard.

Among the social events of the season were an alumni rushing banquet at the Elks Club, a swimming party and beer bust at the home of Supreme Secretary Frank M. Ludwick, and a bon voyage dinner for Professor Burby before his sailing for his sabbatical leave. Many lunches and dances have added to the interest in Ross chapter with the result that a class of 18 neophytes were pledged.

Seven freshmen at Loyola's Hamlin Chapter at Los Angeles were received into PAD at pledging ceremonies recently at the residence of Pledge Robert Rohe. Those who took the oath include Neville Comerford, Paul L. Johnson, Francis Hirst, Frederick A. Young, James Moore, Warren Patton, and Robert Sease. Rushing has continued at Loyola with prospects bright that the list of initiates will be greatly augmented before the formal initiation ceremony.

A record to shoot at is that of Myron K. Ellison (Benton). He has earned 99 grade points out of the 67½ hours in which he has been enrolled and in which he has received grades for his first seven semesters at University of Kansas City. His grade average would be 1.46.

Philip B. Matthews and Joseph P. Kelly recently announced the formation of a law partnership with offices at 61 Main Street, Southampton, New York. Both men were recently admitted to the bar. They had been active members of Rapallo Chapter and now have joined the alumni chapter. According to Tom Constable their forming a partnership is proof of the continued compatibility of members of Rapallo Chapter, as in so doing they are repeating the frequent custom of 25 years ago when Rapallo Chapter was first formed. There were many occasions then of the brothers organizing partnerships upon admission to the Bar.

The annual University of Washington Law School Banquet was held at the Edmond Meany Hotel in Seattle on January 13th. At a ceremony preceding it, there was presented to Chief Justice Bruce Blake, of the Supreme Court, a Justice key by Dunbar Chapter. Present at the ceremony were the Mayor of Seattle, Professors L. J. Ayer and Arthur B. Langlie of the law school, and the entire roster of Dunbar Chapter.

CLAYBOURNE KING (Hamlin) of Los Angeles was selected because of high scholastic standing to serve on the student editorial board of the George Washington Law Review of George Washington University at Washington, D. C. He is one of 49 student editors whose appointments were recently announced by the law school.

The REPORTER would like to hear from members of the alumni; news about themselves, their alumni chapter, PAD activities or things done by PADs with whom they are acquainted. Please send this information to the office of the Supreme Secretary for inclusion in future editions of the REPORTER.

HOLMES CHAPTER at Stanford University conducted a highly successful rushing season, pledging 15 men for the incoming class. Judge Douglas L. Edmonds of the California Supreme Court was the guest of honor at the pledging dinner. He gave a very interesting and constructive talk on the work of the court.

The chapter is in excellent condition with attendance at dinner and luncheon meetings very high. Scholarship has also maintained a high pitch and the members have been active in the annual moot court contest in the law school, three of them getting into the semi-finals, with the choice of finalists yet to be made.

HENRY G. BODKIN, prominent Los Angeles attorney, was honored recently by appointment as a member of Mayor Fletcher Bowron's new police commission. Brother Bodkin is a Hamlin honorary member. PAD Raymond Haight is also a member of the police commission.

SENATOR ROBERT W. KENNY, member of Hamlin chapter, has returned to Sacramento for the reconvening of the California legislature after the recess to represent Los Angeles county in the deliberations on the 4000 bills in the legislative hopper.

With the resignation of William Prentiss, Jr. (Ross) from the Comptroller's Office, Washington lost one of its most popular and efficient officials. He left to go to San Francisco because the humid climate of the east coast did not appeal to him. Reports have it that he was offered and refused the office of Comptroller of the Currency.

MILO H. CRAWFORD (Campbell) has been elected President of the International Association of Insurance Counsel.

HAROLD B. WRIGHT (Taney) can now be located at Columbia University in New York. Last summer he was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship. His average at Southern Methodist University was one of the highest ever made at that school being, for the long session and summer term taken together, exactly 90.

The International Bankers Association of America is conducting a series of essay awards of interest to law school students. One purpose of the awards is to attract the attention of likely young men now in college to the business of investment banking upon graduation.

S. VICTOR WAGLER (Gunter) has been appointed Superior Court Judge in Alameda County, California. He became a brother in PAD while attending the University of Colorado Law School, later transferring to the University of California and entering Field Chapter.

JOHN S. MUNSON (Reese) was awarded a legal fellowship by the University of Michigan Law School following his graduation from Nebraska.

PAST SUPREME JUSTICE George L. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart celebrated their silver wedding anniversary in San Francisco on November 8, 1938.

Risdale Ellis (Rapallo) has moved his offices to the Woolworth Building in New York City. Brother Ellis specializes in patent and trade mark law.

HOMER CUMMINGS (Calhoun), former Attorney General of the United States, announces that he has formed a partnership with William Stanley for the practice of law under the firm name of Cummings and Stanley with offices in the Normandy Building, 1626 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Mr. Cummings will also act as counsel for the firm of Cummings and Lockwood of Stamford, Connecticut.

LESLIE F. KIMMELL (Marshall) and Harvey, Rimel & Harvey announce their association together in general law practice in the city of Laguna Beach, California. Brother Kimmell is removing his offices to the Crowell Weedon Building in that city.

JAMES H. GRAY (Watson) and James D. Gray (Watson) announce that they will be associated in the practise of law with offices at 1406 Law & Finance Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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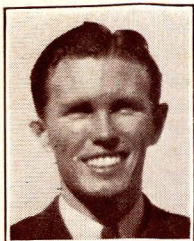
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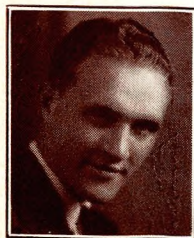
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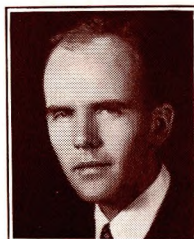
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"... I was deeply impressed at the business sessions by the enthusiasm and earnestness that pervaded and by the informality that made for freer expression ... the ability and activity of the national officers ... the careful planning of the business meetings ... the social affairs. Above all, the ever present spirit of fellowship."



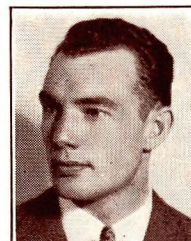
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"... Everything that should have been done was done, and perfectly. We carried to our chapters a world of good ideas. None of us could help but realize the fine type of men we have in our fraternity."



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"... It is never possible to realize fully what the national fraternity is and means until one has met his brothers from all ends of our country, and sees that they are the salt of the earth, intelligent, and grand friends. We delegates were able to bring constructive and sound suggestions to our own chapters."

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"... I was greatly impressed with the strength of our fraternity. The keen interest displayed by the delegates throughout, and the interchange of practical suggestions, are bound to result in the continued growth of PAD, and there can be no doubt that ours is a growing organization."



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"... The committee in charge should be given a 'hip-hip-hooray' from every PAD in the country for an intelligent analysis of the current problems vital to the fraternity. The delegates should be highly congratulated for their attentive cooperation and clever idea."



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"... That the national officers and alumni were so devoid of aloofness, so eager to put every one at his ease and so willing to do everything to make the convention a success, both from the social and business standpoint, is one of the many things that impressed me."

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