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U-T Sixth Annual Law Day Announced

Scheduled for Friday, May 3, 1957, the Sixth Annual University of Tennessee Law Day promises to be better than ever. The program includes a noon luncheon in the University Center; the finals of the student appellate arguments; and a dinner-dance at the C'est Bon Restaurant.

Starting the program will be the noon luncheon with Clarence Kolwyck, President of the Tennessee Bar Association, as speaker.

The finals of the student appellate arguments will be presented in the Moot Court Room of the Law College beginning at 2:00 P.M., and will be on the subject of the constitutionality of trading stamp laws. The judges sitting for the finals will be Justice Hamilton Burnett of the Supreme Court and Judges McAmis and Hale of the Court of Appeals. The semi-finals of the arguments will be argued on the 1st of May before Judge J. Fred Bibb of the Knox County Criminal Court and Judges John M. Kelly and John T. Gilbertson of the Knox County Circuit Court. The preliminary arguments will be before the following members of the Knoxville Bar: W. W. Kennerly, Harold Stone, Foster Arnett, McAfee Lee, W. Conway Garlington, and John Doughty. To all of these judges who give so generously of their time and advice the Faculty and the Student Bar express appreciation.

Climaxing the day's activities will be a dinner-dance at the C'est Bon Restaurant. Vice President of the University Andrew D. Holt will act as Toastmaster, and Miller Manier of the Nashville Bar will present the dinner speaker, Walter P. Armstrong Jr. of the Memphis Bar. The Illusionaires will furnish dance music beginning at 9:00 P.M. (Informal.)

Walter P. Armstrong Jr. Coif Man of the Year

Walter P. Armstrong Jr. is to be honored as the sixth member of the legal profession selected as the Man of the Year for honorary membership in the Tennessee Chapter of the Order of the Coif. Mr. Armstrong will be initiated at the dinner-dance. He is a graduate of Harvard University, A.B. 1938, and LL.B. 1941. He is a member of the firm of Armstrong, McCadden, Allen, Braden, and Goodman of Memphis. Mr. Armstrong is Secretary of the Special Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice for the American Bar Association. He is also an elected member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar. He further serves as one of the three Tennessee Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

Reservations at $3.50 per person for the Law Day Banquet to be held Friday evening, May 3rd, 7 p.m., at the C'est Bon Restaurant, may be made by writing to Law Day Dinner-Dance, University of Tennessee, College of Law, Knoxville 16.
A hearty greeting and "best wishes to all my old students" is the word from retired Judge Robert M. Jones, former professor who presided over the Moot Court and taught procedure over a period of 28 years before a stroke put him on the sidelines in November, 1949.

Jack McKeehan, '51 is associated with Keith Harbor '49 in the practice of law, Hamilton National Bank Building, Chattanooga; John K. Morgan '55 and Walter Emmons '52 are also with Keith.

James Frank Martin, '52 is now a student at U.T. Medical School in Memphis. A Dr. Thorndyke in the making. His address is 1036 Linden Street, Apt. 4, Memphis.

Eugene H. Switzer, '56 is with the firm of Mudge, Stern, Baldwin and Todd, 40 Wall Street, New York. James S. Webb, '56 was with this firm also until called to active duty.

Robert J. Betts, '55 has resigned from the General Electric Co., New York, and is in labor relations work with Y-12, Oak Ridge.

Walter L. Lusk, '55 has opened his law office at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Wyeth Chandler, '55 is a member of the new firm of Chandler (Walter '09), Morgan (Charlie '30), Manier and Chandler (Wyeth) with offices in the Edway Building, Memphis, Tennessee.

Carl Langschmidt, '54 finished his tour of active duty in the U.S. Army in December, 1956, and is with the firm of Chandler, Morgan, Manier & Chandler.

Walter P. Ellis, '55 is with the firm of Roberts & Weill, Volunteer State Life Building, Chattanooga.

After all these years one of my boys at last made the French Riviera, and it was 1st Lt. Williams R. Mullins, J. A. Div. Hq. USAREUR, APO 403, N. Y. It appears that he married a French girl and spent his honeymoon on the Riviera. If you "lugs" would get busy perhaps you could go there also. I have now concluded that I must be content to enjoy this flesh pot vicariously.


Joe Fuller, '52 has left the USF & G and has opened a law office in Morristown.

William K. West Jr., '49 and B-b G. Steward, '55 are associated with Pierce, Rice & Taliaferro, Edway Bldg., Memphis.

Judge George C. Thomas, '49 of Dresden is the 8th Congressional District Representative to the U-T Alumni Council.

George Linebaugh, '54 is vice president of the Davidson County Alumni Chapter.

Harry Laughlin, '35 Exchange Building, is President of the Memphis-Shelby County Bar Association. He succeeded Charlie Morgan, '30, who is the President-elect of the Tennessee Bar Association. Harry is also a member of the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees.

Thomas, alias Tom, Elam, '33 of Union City, has been appointed to the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees.

Vincent W. Vorder Bruegge, '41 has formed a partnership with Howard J. Vorder Bruegge. The firm office is in the Commerce Title Building, Memphis.

James Foster, alias Tim, Schaeffer, '53 and Thomas B. Avery have associated themselves under the name of Schaeffer & Avery, Sterick Building, Memphis.

James W. Parrott, '50 was appointed Special Chancellor, Thirteenth Division, replacing David M. Pack, '48, who resigned to become an Assistant Attorney General of Tennessee, Nashville. Judge Pack will work with the Board of Claims.

It is rumored that "Smiling" Latta Richards, '47 is President of the Dyersburg Bar Association.

Shirley Baumgardener, '48 of Bristol married Dr. Charles Underwood. Her address is 401 East Watauga Avenue, Johnson City, Tennessee.

Marvin Snow, '52 is now a benedict, and in addition has opened an office of his own in Cookeville.

Judge John A. Mitchell, '23, Criminal Judge—Fifth Circuit, suffered a heart attack recently. Reports indicate that his condition is much improved.

Eugene Puett, '53 of the M.T.A.S. is now teaching Municipal Corporations at the U-T College of Law. Hi, Prof.

Lt. Zane Finkelstein, '52 and Rosemary Morgan Finkelstein, '54 are the proud parents of a son, Blair. The Finkelsteins are still in Berlin. Address: Legal Assistance Officer, Staff JA Section, Berlin Command, APO 742, New York.

Lt. Wallace S. Craig, '55, U. S. Air Force, is in Wichita Falls, Texas. The address is 1004 Cedar Street.

Arthur S. (Spud) Robinson, '54 has completed his military service and will do graduate study in law.
Don Ownby, '54 has accepted a position with the Municipal Technical Advisory Service. His office is in the College of Law Building.

Lt. William F. Bronson, '54 is stationed in Europe. His address is 7822 Army Unit, Garm. Det., APO 172, New York. He is doing legal work for the command. Bill and Nancy have a new daughter.

Ted Q. Wilson, '54 and Arzo Carson, '51 are associated in the practice of law in Oneida.

John M. McKnight, '53 is with the A. T. U., Chattanooga.

Warren Miller, '40 is practicing law in Dixon, Kentucky.

John D. Kreis, '49, who was in practice with Tate Carty, '41, has closed out his law business and is now Executive Vice President of the Keener Dental Supply Company, 609 Walnut Street, Knoxville.

Robert E. Dender, '49 has been promoted to be the Assistant State Director for the State Farm Mutual Insurance Company in Indiana.

Ivo Sanders, '48, Mayor of Loudon, has closed his law office and is now with the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company.

Thomas Fox, '48 has accepted an appointment as Assistant Attorney General of Tennessee, and is in Nashville.

Paul Kiser, '53 is with the State Farm Mutual Insurance Company and has been promoted to be Superintendent of Claims for Louisville, Kentucky. His office is in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Edwin Tucker, '51 has been promoted to Superintendent of Claims for the Alabama Division of the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, and his office is in Birmingham, Alabama.

Bill Herndon, '52 has been promoted to Superintendent of Claims, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, for one of the Tennessee Divisions. His office is in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Charles T. Branham, '52 has announced the opening of his law office, 220 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables, Florida.


William F. Hutcheson, '50 has announced the opening of his offices at 1025 Chattanooga Bank Building, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Bill is specializing in Taxation, Wills, Trusts, Estates, Business Law and Labor-Management Relations.

William B. Eldridge, '51 has successfully completed the state examination and is now a Certified Public Accountant. He is with the tax law firm of Tobert, Chandler & Stopel, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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Student Bar Notes

Since the last publication of the U-T Law Letter, the Student Bar Association has been served by two administrations. During the Summer and Fall Quarters of 1956 Douglas Meyer of Chattanooga served as President; James Clodfelter, Vice President; Riley E. Anderson, Secretary; Bob Badger, Treasurer. These men were succeeded by the present administration, to wit: John H. Poteet of Cookeville, President; Dick Gombert, Vice President; Matt Prince, Secretary; E. Bruce Foster Jr., Treasurer.

The Bar has been active in the promotion of a fuller and better-rounded educational diet and recreational events. Movies of interest to student lawyers have been shown in the Moot Court Room; a plan has been adopted whereby each student will receive a copy of each issue of the Tennessee Law Review without individual subscription; Laurel Lake was the scene of a very successful picnic; the Law Wives Club staged a Halloween party which was financed by the Bar. The Law Day activities require most of the available energy in the spring quarter. The members of the Association have been and are working very hard to see that this coming Law Day will be one followed by a desire to make reservations for Law Day 1958.

Law Review Appointments

Jack B. Draper of Knoxville was recently selected Editor-in-Chief of the Tennessee Law Review, succeeding J. Kenneth Porter, '57 of Newport. Mahlon L. Townsend, Knoxville, was appointed Comments Editor. Elected to Board membership were Robert L. Badger, Kingston; Roger F. Bley, Milligan College; Mark J. Mayfield, Dedale, Kentucky; Ray L. Jenkins, Knoxville; Kenneth P. Murtagh, Memphis; Matthew S. Prince, Knoxville; John B. Rayson, Earville, Ill.; David E. Smith, Knoxville; William L. Taylor Jr., Chattanooga; Joe A. Tolson, Greeneville; Walter D. Torbett, Bristol; James W. Wallace, Norris, and Daniel J. Woodard, Nashville.

BAUGH UNIVERSITY COUNSEL

Professor John C. Baugh's class room hours have been reduced in order to afford him more time to devote to his increasing work as University Counsel. Mr. Baugh will continue to teach Tennessee Procedure I and II, and Trial and Appellate Practice.
**Phi Alpha Delta**

The highlight of the year's activities for the local group was acting as Host Chapter for the Fifth District Conclave of P.A.D. during the week end of March 29-30. At this event delegates from other law colleges were entertained on campus, including those from P.A.D. chapters at Tulane, University of Mississippi, University of Alabama, Vanderbilt University, and Cumberland University. Principal speaker for the conclave was Justice Elwyn Thomas, a member of the Florida Supreme Court and Supreme Justice (national president) of P.A.D.

Officers of McReynolds Chapter of P.A.D. are: Ray Dotson, Justice; Jack Whitson, Associate Justice; Jim Stambaugh, Clerk; Lynn Lauderback, Treasurer; and Lon Boyd, Marshal.

**Awards To Be Made**

Certificates and Coif Keys will be presented to the following recent graduates elected to membership in this national law school honor society at the Law Day banquet: Montraville W. Egerton Jr., Knoxville; J. Kenneth Porter, Newport; Simmon David Freeman, Knoxville; and James S. Webb, Knoxville.

All other student awards will be made in the afternoon preceding the banquet. The Lawyers Title Insurance Company Real Estate Prize will be awarded to Montraville W. Egerton Jr.

Certificates will also be presented to the Editorial Board of the Tennessee Law Review: Retiring Editor-in-Chief, J. Kenneth Porter, March '57, of Newport, and to the present Editor-in-Chief, Jack B. Draper of Knoxville, and to Comments Editor Mahlon L. Townsend of Knoxville.

**Railroad Liability Institute Planned**

For Homecoming Weekend, the College of Law and the Knoxville Bar Association are planning an Institute on particular problems and techniques in Railroad Liability cases including F.E.L.A. litigation.

As in the past, panel discussions and demonstrations by nationally known trial attorneys representing plaintiffs and the railroads will be featured. Representatives of the railroad industry and the insurance companies, as well as the members of the Bench and Bar of Tennessee and surrounding states are cordially invited to attend.

The Institute will be held on Friday, November 8, 1957. The Homecoming football game on Saturday, November 9, will be with Georgia Tech. Early hotel reservations are most advisable.

**Phi Delta Phi**

Through the past year, Phi Delta Phi has maintained its position as one of the top legal fraternities here at the University of Tennessee. During fall quarter, Phi Delta Phis were elected to President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the U. T. Student Bar Association. The chapter also gave active support to the Law Institute during the fall quarter. Mr. Clarence Kolwyck (Roosevelt '27), President of the Tennessee Bar Association, attended and was the principal speaker at the fraternity luncheon.

Presently, all the members of the Tennessee Law Review are members of PDP. Last year's editor, Ken Porter, was chosen by the chapter and members of the faculty as the PDP's graduate of the year.