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The Board of Directors of the William and Mary Law School Association met on Saturday, January 17, 1959, at 10:30 at the Law School. The following members were present: Mr. Robert F. Boyd, Mr. R. Harvey Chappell, Jr., Mr. W. Garland Clarke, Mr. J. W. Hornsby, Mr. Channing M. Hall, Mr. Arthur W. Phelps, and Dean Dudley W. Woodbridge. The meeting was addressed by Dr. William F. Swindler, Director of Development, who informed the group that the law school building was nearer reality. He outlined the plans for the construction of the new College library to be followed by renovation of the present library building for the law school. The Directors of the Law School Association offered to cooperate in the redesigning of the old library so that it will be constructed into a modern law school building capable of meeting the foreseeable needs of the School.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the Law School Association on May 16, 1959, with a business meeting at 3:00 P. M. at the Law School, followed by a cocktail party at the Lodge at 5, with dinner there on individual orders at 6:30.

Messrs. Swindler, Phelps and Hornsby agreed to serve on a committee to complete the directory of the Ass'n. on or about May 16, 1959.

A regular invitation will be extended to the editor of the Law Review and the president of the Student Bar Association and the justice of the Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity to be present at the annual and other business meetings of the Board of Directors of the Law School Ass'n.

The Fourth Annual Tidewater Tax Conference was held at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club on December 13, 1958 with 160 in attendance. The program was ably presented. All appearing on the program were either graduates or faculty members of the College of William and Mary.

Evidence of the growing interest in the Law School's tax work may be noted from the fact that Professor Atkeson was elected on November 21, 1958, as Vice-President of the Tax Institute, Inc., of Princeton, N. J. This is a research organization that has contributed much to tax thought over the past 25 years. He has also been appointed as academic advisor to the Committee on Education of the Tax Executive's Institute, an organization composed of the tax officials of the country's leading corporations.

The following persons who have attended the Marshall-Wythe School of Law passed the Virginia Bar Examination given last December: Fred P. Aucamp, Williamsburg; Francis P. Blanock, Shadow, Mathews County; Gerald J. Burlage, Norfolk; John C. Craig, Williamsburg; Charles R. Cloud, Williamsburg; and, Ralph D. Katherman, Norfolk.

Dr. William F. Swindler, Director of Development and Professor of Legal History, represented the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the annual convention of the Association of American Law Schools in Chicago December 28-30. Dr. Swindler also attended the annual meeting of the American Society for Legal History, held at the same time and place.

Appellate Briefing Exercises in Professor James P. Whyte's class in Trial and Appellate Practice were successfully concluded in December. As related in the last issue of the Law School News Letter, these exercises are conducted before the Supreme Court of the mythical state of Woodbridge. Trial records were pro-

vided the student lawyers who prepared briefs and oral arguments on the issues raised from the records. The cases were then argued before a 3 man court of faculty members. This is viewed as a valid practical application of the theory learned in the Law School.

On a case involving the law of search and seizure, the appellant was represented by the team of W. H. Colona and J.C. Craig, while the appellee was represented by F. B. Devitt, Jr., and P. G. Decker, Jr. Here the decision of the trial court admitting into evidence testimony of blood alcohol content of the appellant obtained forcibly from him after his arrest without a warrant was reversed.

Another question dealt with the issue of whether or not the purchaser of improved realty who owes a balance on the contract of sale need pay the balance when the property has burned and the seller has collected insurance for the resulting damage. Here the appellant purchaser was represented by Bruce A. Leslie and Paul T. Wright, and the appellee seller was represented by John F. Corrigan and Theodore Bliss. The decision of the trial court decreeing performance of the contract was reversed.

The final case concerned a "guest passenger" situation, and found the appellee arguing that the gross negligence theory reflected in guest passenger statutes should be adopted in the State of Woodbridge which had not enacted such legislation. Appellee was represented by the team of S. J. Baker and L. T. Branch who were opposed by Charles R. Cloud and Granville R. Patrick representing the appellant. The court refused to adopt appellee's argument and retained the common law theory of ordinary negligence as applicable to the guest passenger situation.

Similar exercises will be assigned to the freshman class during the second semester of the current school year in Professor Whyte's class in Legal Writing, it being considered wise to indoctrinate first year students in the principles of advocacy as early as possible. The upper classmen who have had experience in these exercises will assist as student advisors to the freshmen.

Miss Nabel Newcomer, formerly head of the Department of Economics at Vassar and

one of the great scholars in the economics of taxation, addressed the students from the several tax classes on November 18, 1958. Miss Newcomer's visit to the campus was arranged by the Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Committee.

Henry D. Garnett, Esquire, Commonwealth's Attorney for Newport News and Warwick, addressed Professor Whyte's class in Criminal Law and Its Administration at its regular meeting on January 14, 1959. Mr. Garnett's address explained to the class the practical problems concerned with the prosecution of a criminal case and included a vivid description of criminal law procedure from the viewpoint of the prosecution.

Dr. Geoffrey T. Mann, State Chief Medical Examiner, was the guest speaker for the semi-annual initiation-installation banquet of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, George Wythe Chapter, on Saturday evening, January 10, 1959. Dr. Mann gave an informative lecture with slide projection of some of the phases of medical-detection work within his Department.

The outgoing and incoming officers of the George Wythe Chapter were introduced by Jack E. Messick, (B.C.L. '58) Toastmaster for the evening. Newly elected officers for the coming semester are as follows: Paul T. Wright, Justice; David C. Rittenhouse, Vice-Justice; J. T. Cutler, Clerk; L. T. Branch, Treasurer; and, Harmon D. Maxson, Marshal.

Professor Thomas C. Atkeson addressed the Williamsburg Rotary Club on October 30, 1958. His subject dealt with certain phases of the research program of the Internal Revenue Service which was initiated by him during the past summer.

On January 19, 1959, Professor Atkeson delivered a series of lectures on Tax Administration and Planning for the Internal Revenue Service to a class of internal revenue officers selected for the course in Executive Development.

Professor Joseph M. Cormack addressed

the Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg on December 17th on the subject "Causes of the Fall of the Roman Civilization." Professor Cormack formerly taught Roman Law.

Professor James P. Whyte addressed the Virginia Commonwealth's Attorneys' Association at its Nineteenth Annual Meeting held on December 12 and 13, 1958, at the Williamsburg Lodge. Professor Whyte's address dealt with the history of the grand jury system from its inception to the present day as a background for a consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of the institution as an accusatorial instrument.

As a follow-up of his talk to the Commonwealth's Attorneys, Professor Whyte is conducting a survey, by means of a questionnaire sent to Virginia prosecutors to determine their sentiments on the question of using an information system as an equal alternative to the grand jury for felony prosecutions. He would welcome hearing from you on the subject whether or not you are a prosecutor, and especially if you have had some experience in criminal defense trial work.

On January 17, 1959, Professor Whyte participated in the Tidewater High School Forensic Workshop held on the campus of William and Mary under the sponsorship of the Department of Speech. Professor Whyte gave, as part of a round-table discussion on debate tactics, an explanation of the 'hows' and 'whys' of refutation and rebuttal. He noted, among other things, a close parallel between the rebuttal tactics advocated by debate authorities and those advocated by trial experts.

The Newsletter suggests that when you are in a law school or other large library you may be interested in looking at Section 2 of Chapter VII, at page 101, of John D. Falconbridge on Conflict of Laws (1947), entitled "Cormack on Renvoi, Characterization and Preliminary Question." It is probably fair to state that he praises Professor Cormack's article in the Southern California Law Review through slight criticism. Falconbridge is Dean of the Osgoode Hall Law School at Toronto.

Mr. William T. Prince, Lecturer in Law, attended the meeting held in Washington, D. C., December 11, 12 by the Administrative Law Section of the American Bar Association.

The meeting was the First Institute on Practical Problems Before Federal Administrative Agencies.

Mr. Thomas G. Meeker, General Counsel of the Securities and Exchange Commission addressed the Administrative Law class taught by Mr. Prince on November 21st concerning the current problems facing the S. E. C. and the opportunities of employment with Federal Administrative Agencies.

The first formative meeting of the Pre-Law Club, a group of undergraduate students interested in studying law, has been held with S. J. Baker, President of the Student Bar Association, and David C. Rittenhouse, Vice-President, making pertinent comments to those in attendance. This is a current project of the Student Bar Association and for the interim has been left in the hands of constitutional drafting and organizational committees.

The Student Bar Association is happy to announce that a sign has been placed in front of Bryan Hall on Richmond Road reading, "Marshall-Wythe School of Law of the College of William and Mary - Nation's Oldest Law School - 1779." This sign is a result of the initiative of the Student Bar Association and the efforts of the President of the College.

Mr. John M. Hollis (B.C.L. '49) has been appointed Acting United States District Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Mr. Frank V. Emmerson (B.C.L. '58) of Surry County has been appointed an assistant attorney general for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Announcement was made of Mr. Emmerson's appointment this month. He was formerly assistant secretary of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and in his new post will be assigned to the A.B.C. Board. He replaces John Knowles, an assistant attorney general who was transferred to Attorney General Harrison's immediate staff.