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## TIDEWATER TAX CONFERENCE

The Fifth Annual Tidewater Tax Conference sponsored by the Law School will be held on Saturday, December 12, 1959, in Williamsburg. Please note that the conference this year is to be held on the campus at Williamsburg, rather than in Norfolk as has been the case for the past four years. Added emphasis will be given to subject matter of especial interest to Tidewater residents and to question and answer sessions as a means of increasing the Conference's usefulness to students, accountants and attorneys. Please make a note of the date. Details of the program will be included in the next issue of this Letter.

## ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Ted Dalton (B.C.L. 1926) has been appointed and confirmed a federal district judge for the Western District of Virginia.

Final proofs for the LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI DIRECTORY are now in the hands of the printer. Individual copies will be sent out within the next three or four weeks. Please inform the Secretary of any errors of omission or commission and of any changes in your residence, firm, or other matter that should be brought to his attention.

Frank M. McCann (B.C.L. 1956) has been appointed an assistant district attorney for the Western District of Virginia.

William T. Prince (B.C.L. 1957) received the degree of Master of Law and Taxation at the June commencement. He will be associated with the firm of Williams, Cocke, Worrell & Kelly of Norfolk.

## FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Professor and Mrs. Arthur W. Phelps attended the twenty-ninth Judicial Conference of Federal Judges of the Fourth Judicial Circuit held at Asheville, North Carolina, June 29 to July 1. They also attended the meeting of the Virginia State Bar Association August 6 to August 8 at the Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. At the latter meeting Professor Phelps was appointed to serve a two year term on the joint committee on Continuing Legal Education of the Virginia State Bar and the Virginia State Bar Association.

The Seventh Report of the American Society for Legal History, Inc., includes suggestions made by Professor Phelps to the President of the Society concerning the development of legal history materials specifically for the use of law teachers in that subject.

The Michie Company, Charlottesville, has informed Professor Phelps that his book "Handbook of Virginia Procedure in Actions at Law" is on the presses and will be distributed shortly. Professor Phelps will use this book in his course in Virginia Procedure during the first semester 1959-1960.

As a member of the Commissioner's Advisory Committee, Professor Thomas C. Atkeson met with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Dana Latham, and other internal revenue service officials and committee members in Washington on June 25 and 26, and September 21 and 22, for the purpose of considering methods for improving the policies and procedures of the Internal Revenue Service.

At the request of Congressman Mills, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Professor Atkeson submitted a statement on September 1, for Committee consideration in connection with proposed legislation concerned with improved compliance and enforcement.

Professor Atkeson has been appointed Chairman of the Faculty Division of Social Sciences for the academic year 1959-1960 and as such is a member of the Faculty Advisory Council of the College.

Professor Joseph Curtis has been elected to the Honorary Degrees Committee of the College and is also serving as pre-legal advisor. He has forty-nine freshmen and about fifty upperclassmen as advisees -- the largest number to date.

During the summer months Professor James P. Whyte addressed the Newport News Kiwanis Club, the Williamsburg Kiwanis Club, and the Warwick Rotary Club on the topic, "The Supreme Court and Its Critics."

Professor Whyte, a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Naval Reserve, and associated with Composite Company 5-5 of Williamsburg, served two weeks of active duty during the last two weeks of August for training at the Amphibious Base in Little Creek, Virginia. This tour of duty marked Professor Whyte's eleventh stint of similar service since the end of World War II of which he is a veteran.

On September 3-5, Professor Whyte served as faculty representative to the Southeastern Conference of the Association of American Law Schools. The conference was held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and was primarily concerned with pre and post legal education with emphasis on the relationship of the law school to the university as a whole.

After ten years as law librarian Mr. Chester S. Baker, Jr., has resigned to accept the position of clerk of the Municipal Court of the City of Williamsburg and County Court of James City. Mrs. Anna B. Johnson, who received her B.S. degree in Library Science from Longwood College, has been appointed Acting Law Librarian for the current year.

Granville R. Patrick, Jr. (B.C.L. 1959) will be a part-time lecturer in the Law School for the academic year 1959-1960. He will teach the courses in Administrative Law and Municipal Corporations.

#### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Those passing the June 30-July 1 Bar Examination were: Sidney J. Baker, Joseph T. Cutler, Peter G. Decker, Frederick B. Devitt, Stuart R. Hays, and Lawrence P. Roosen.

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The following persons completed the requirements for the B.C.L. degree since the last issue of the News Letter: Frederick P. Aucamp, associated with Rixey & Rixey of Norfolk; John R. Batt, candidate for a Master of Laws degree at Yale University; Francis P. Blanock, Legal Department of the City of Norfolk; Louis T. Branch, associated with Dudley Cocke, Jr. of Norfolk; William H. Colona, Jr., of Wilmington, Delaware; Joseph T. Cutler of Hampton; Theodore H. Focht, teaching associate at Columbia University Law School; Kenneth H. Lambert, Judge Advocate General's Division, United States Army; Bruce Allen Leslie of Williamsburg; Granville R. Patrick, Jr., associated with Carneal & Smith of Williamsburg and Lecturer at the College; David C. Rittenhouse of Wilmington, Delaware; Paul T. Wright, Jr., candidate for the Master of Laws degree at Southern Methodist University; Sidney Jackson Baker, associated with Vernon M. Geddy, Jr. of Williamsburg; and, Brian B. Kent of Norfolk.

Frederick Devitt and Neil Schilke attended the American Law Student Association meeting at Miami Beach, Florida, as delegates from William and Mary. Neil also attended the board of governors' meetings preceding and following the meeting. The meeting was closely coordinated with the American Bar Convention, which provided the opportunity to hear addresses from prominent men in the legal profession. In addition to these speeches there was a full agenda of business and numerous work shops. Fred and Neil will give a detailed report at an early meeting of the Student Bar Association.

At the American Law Student Association Fourth Circuit meeting last spring Neil Schilke was elected to head the circuit this year. This means that William and Mary will be the site of the annual meeting of the Circuit Conference this spring. Delegates from twelve law schools in Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia will be in attendance. Dates and other plans will be announced later.

FALL REGISTRATION -- There are a total of fifty-three students -- 25 first year students -- 12 second year students -- and 15 third year, with one special student. There are also a number of students enrolled from other departments.