At the Alumni Reception honoring Professor Tefft, left to right: Robert McDougal, Jr., JD'29, Professor Sheldon Tefft, Jerome S. Weiss, JD'30, Chairman of the Alumni Fund Campaign, and Roger Severns, JD'39.

Andrew J. Dallstrom, JD'17, President of the Law Alumni Association, presenting to Professor Sheldon Tefft a gift from the alumni, to mark the thirtieth anniversary of Professor Tefft's service on the Law Faculty.

One of the tables at the '48-'49 Reunion dinner, which was attended by more than 100 alumni and their wives. Seated immediately in front of the pillar is Emeritus Professor George G. Bogert, with Mrs. Bogert on his right.
A Tribute to Sheldon Tefft

The academic year 1959-1960, in addition to its other significant events, has brought the Thirtieth Anniversary of Professor Sheldon Tefft's membership on the Law Faculty. Professor Tefft was born in Nebraska, and received the B.A. and the LL.B. from the University of Nebraska. He went to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, where he earned the B.A. in Jurisprudence, the B.C.L., the M.A., and became the first American to win the Vinerian Prize.

After teaching for two years at his alma mater, Professor Tefft came to the University of Chicago Law Faculty, of which he is now the senior member. While he has taught a wide variety of subjects, he is best known, to his students and to the world of legal scholarship, for his work in Real Property, Equity and Future Interests.

A flat biographical sketch such as the two paragraphs above fails completely, of course, to convey anything important about the man concerned, or the regard in which he is held by his students and colleagues. Two events of the Autumn Quarter do serve, however, to demonstrate this feeling.

Shortly after the academic year opened, a committee of alumni arranged for a reception, to be held in the Main Lounge of the New Law Buildings, commemorating Mr. Tefft's Thirtieth Anniversary. More than 250 alumni attended. Acting on behalf of all alumni, Andrew Dallstream, JD'17, President of the Law Alumni, presented to Mr. Tefft a silver pitcher, inscribed with the thanks and congratulations of his former students.

On the evening of the same day, a joint reunion dinner of the first postwar classes of the Law School, principally members of the Classes of 1948 and 1949, was held in the Main Lounge. This reunion, arranged by a committee chaired by Bert Sommers, James McClure and Milton Shadur, of 1949 and Michael Borge of 1948, was attended by more than 100 alumni and wives. Professor Tefft was the guest of honor and the featured speaker at the dinner. The law classes concerned presented him with a document, the text of which follows in full. (It is regrettable that the original hand-engrossing cannot also be reproduced.)

THIS INDENTURE made the 29th day of October in the year of our Lord 1959 between the Members of the First Post-World-War-II Classes of the University of Chicago Law School (hereinafter called Bargainers) and SHELDON TEFFT, Esq., of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois (hereinafter called Bargainee);

WITNESSETH,

THAT, in consideration of one peppercorn paid by said Bargainee to said Bargainers on the execution of these presents, the receipt of which peppercorn, and that said peppercorn is in full for the absolute purchase of the fee-simple in possession, whereof said Bargainers are now seised, of the manor, messuages, lands, hereditaments and best wishes and sincere thanks hereinafter described, the said Bargainers hereby acknowledge,

The said Bargainers have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain and sell, unto the said Bargainee, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns:

1. That certain manor improved with the courthouse of the Island Court in the Island of Tobago, British West Indies, together with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, including but not limited to the courthouse door affixed thereto and each summons posted thereon; and
2. All the best wishes and sincere thanks of all the graduates of the University of Chicago Law School from and after the year of our Lord 1930, including but not limited to the Members of the First Post-World-War-II Classes thereof; together with all courts, franchises, rents, services, and other privileges and fruits of seigniory, mines, minerals, trees, woods, ways, water, watercourses, profits, easements, rights, members, and appurtenances whatsoever to the said manor and other hereditaments and premises belonging, or at any time hereofore held, used, or enjoyed therewith; And also all the estate, right, title, interest, claim, and demand, at law or in equity, of the said Bargainers, in, to, out of, or upon the said manor and other hereditaments and premises or any part thereof, with their appurtenances.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said manor, and other hereditaments and premises hereby bargained and sold, or intended so to be, with their appurtenances, unto and to the only proper use of the said Bargainee, his heirs and assigns for ever.

And the said Bargainers, for themselves, their heirs, executors, and administrators, hereby covenant with the said Bargainee, his heirs and assigns, That, notwithstanding any act, matter, or thing done or permitted by the said Bargainers or any of their ancestors to the contrary, the said Bargainers have in themselves good right by these presents to bargain and sell the said hereditaments, premises, best wishes and sincere thanks, with their appurtenances, unto and to the use of the said Bargainee, his heirs and assigns for ever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Bargainers have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Members of the First Post-World-War-II Classes of the University of Chicago Law School

/s/ BERT SOMMERS (Seal)

By /s/ MILTON I. SHADUR (Seal)
their duly authorized agents