

What '30 Did in 25!

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Not only was it the largest class in the history of the Law School, but it was studded with more brilliant members than any other class, as any one of them would be the first to acknowledge.—ELI E. FINK, President, Class of '30.

This modest statement for such a rugged group of individualists is not so self-serving as appears at first blush. Consider if you will these dialectical truths:

- a) The only class with 121 members. A sharp contrast to the 47 members in each of the classes of 1910 and 1940;
- b) The only class to produce 9 Coif men; reputedly due to the over-all scholastic excellence;
- c) The last class to savor the brilliance, learning, and challenge of each of these great ones: Hall, Freund,

Mechem, Bigelow, Hinton, Bogert, Puttkammer, Sears, and Woodward;

d) The first class to greet the deep depression of the thirties, and surviving its ravages to the end that approximately 75 per cent of its members remain in active, successful practice;

e) The only class large enough to give you these significant statistics: of the 75 per cent remaining in the law practice, approximately 36 per cent are with firms, 20 per cent practice alone, 13 per cent are in government law positions, 4 per cent are in business-law positions, and 2 per cent in law teaching, lecturing, or writing;

f) The only twenty-five-year class whose continuing youthful vigor is the only possible explanation for its absence of representation on the judiciary;

g) The only class that can successfully boast of a foreign news editor, three "sound" bankers, an investment banker, a chairman of the board of two national banks, a representative of a large insurance company in the Million Dollar Club, the general counsel of TVA, the chief counsel of Chicago's Aldermanic Crime Committee, two husband-and-wife law partnerships and another that might have been, two professors of law, four local bar association presidents, a director of industrial relations of one of the largest corporations in America, a Ph.D., an embryonic Ph.D., two LL.D.'s, and at least one named in *Who's Who in America*;

h) The only twenty-five-year class whose military record indicates that, for each 20 members in military service, 16 were officers; whose activities in their respective communities are led by 41 out of every 85 of its members; and whose activities in judicial, quasi-judicial, bar association, or similar professional pastures are nurtured by 30 out of each 85 of its members.

We could go on with various other firsts and lasts, but by now you must be convinced of your meritorious Class of '30. It is not due to impoverishment of classical knowledge that we fail to quote appropriate learned statements from the classics of Aristotle, Socrates, Plato, or even Machiavelli to further indicate the culture of the class. We thought, however, you would be more interested in the philosophical gems uttered by certain of our classmates which, after twenty-five years, may aptly describe your own state of mind:

"Living a full life—a large family, a busy practice, and participation in a multitude of activities of the organized bar, civic and charitable organizations."—WILLIAM H. ALEXANDER.

"A lot of people depend on me for advice on a vast array of subjects. They think it is good, and probably most of it is."—MERRITT BARTON.

"All of my experience has pointed toward the work I am now doing, which is to help family and businessmen do a better job of planning their estates. It is very fascinating and rewarding work."—LESTER F. BECK.

"I have been a busy man. I have enjoyed my law practice as well as my business activities and community and church work. My ties with my family have been very close and a source of increasing pleasure and satisfaction to me. . . ."—R. GUY CARTER.

"I consider myself fortunate in having been extremely busy during the past twenty-five years and having engaged in matters of great variety and interest. . . . All in all, the law has been kind to me, and I have been very happy in my chosen profession. Not among the least of the values derived from the practice have been the close friendships which have been developed through the years with so many fellow-attorneys and clients and the continuance of the warmth of affection for each other displayed on so many occasions during the last twenty-five years by the members of the Law School Class of 1930."—ELI E. FINK.

"Have always looked backward with joy at the happy hours at the University of Chicago, and at the Law School. Am very proud at the high standing of our Law School."—MILTON L. DURSCHLAG.

"Were I to enumerate my blessings, prominently listed among them would be the friendship and consideration of my fellow-attorneys and the lasting regard and respect, not only of my clients, but of my adversaries."—FRANCIS G. JOLY.

"Dear me! Twenty-five years. It seems only yesterday that I was worrying about whether Putty would flunk me, and Doc Freund was asking, 'Is that very obscure?'"—GORDON MOFFETT.

"From the questionnaire, you have convinced me how utterly dull and unimportant my life has been."—STANLEY J. MORRIS.

"If I had to do it all over again, I don't know what I would change."—RAYMOND PERLMAN.

"In tense and tempestuous times, your alumnus carried the flag high and straight down the narrow path of virtue. Though he looked to left and right, ducked when required, and halted when necessary, his march has continued, somewhat slowly to be sure, but forward and forward and forward, he knows not where."—IRVING PETER PFLAUM.

"Just an old country lawyer, with all the trials and tribulations and ups and downs that go with twenty-five years of such practice."—STANTON H. PRENTISS.

"Nothing happened as I originally planned. . . . It's been a crammed-full quarter century; glad I was here to see and participate in it. . . ."—ROBERT G. REED.

"I am just a hardworking, conscientious attorney at law."—EDWIN T. SCHNEBERGER.

". . . I might say that the general foundation I received in Law School has greatly increased the pleasure I have in my work-a-day practice of the law."—DONALD L. VETTER.

As in every picture, there are the bright and dark spots.

Dark Spots

We mourn the death of the following of our classmates: Neil Ausmus, Richard R. Isaacs, Arthur W. Janklow, Henry M. Kline, Harry M. Newburger, and Jerome H. Solomon.

We regret that, owing to lack of *any* record, we have been unable to contact the following of our classmates: Robert E. Chaffee, Pao Heng Chang, Arthur A. Raymond, and Harry Sonenthal.

Our attention has been directed to the fact that our good friend, Bob Raleigh, has been seriously ill and hospitalized and therefore unable to return his questionnaire. We wish him Godspeed and an early recovery.

By reason of their failure to return a questionnaire, we are unable to inform you of the acts and doings of classmates:

Charles W. Allen
George H. Allison
Chester L. Anderson
William H. Brown
Ruth Carmichael
James C. Cobb
James V. Ford
John W. Golosinec
Sidney Grossman
Stuart Hertz
Mrs. Stuart Hertz
Harold A. Hughes
Arthur J. Jennett
Joseph S. Jones
Oscar A. Jose, Jr.

Robert L. Katz
Louis H. Kohn, Jr.
James R. McCabe
Frank A. McKinley
Asa J. Merrill
Charles M. Moss
Harold A. Olson
Spencer D. Parratt
Samuel S. Pollyea
Robert N. Reid
Maurice Schraeger
William H. Sloane
Ralph E. Webb
M. Jay Weinstein
Maurice S. Weinzalbaum