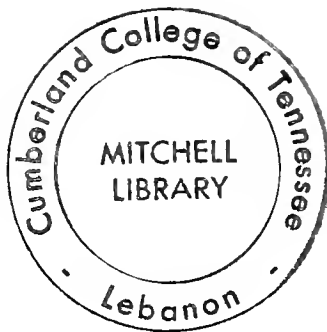


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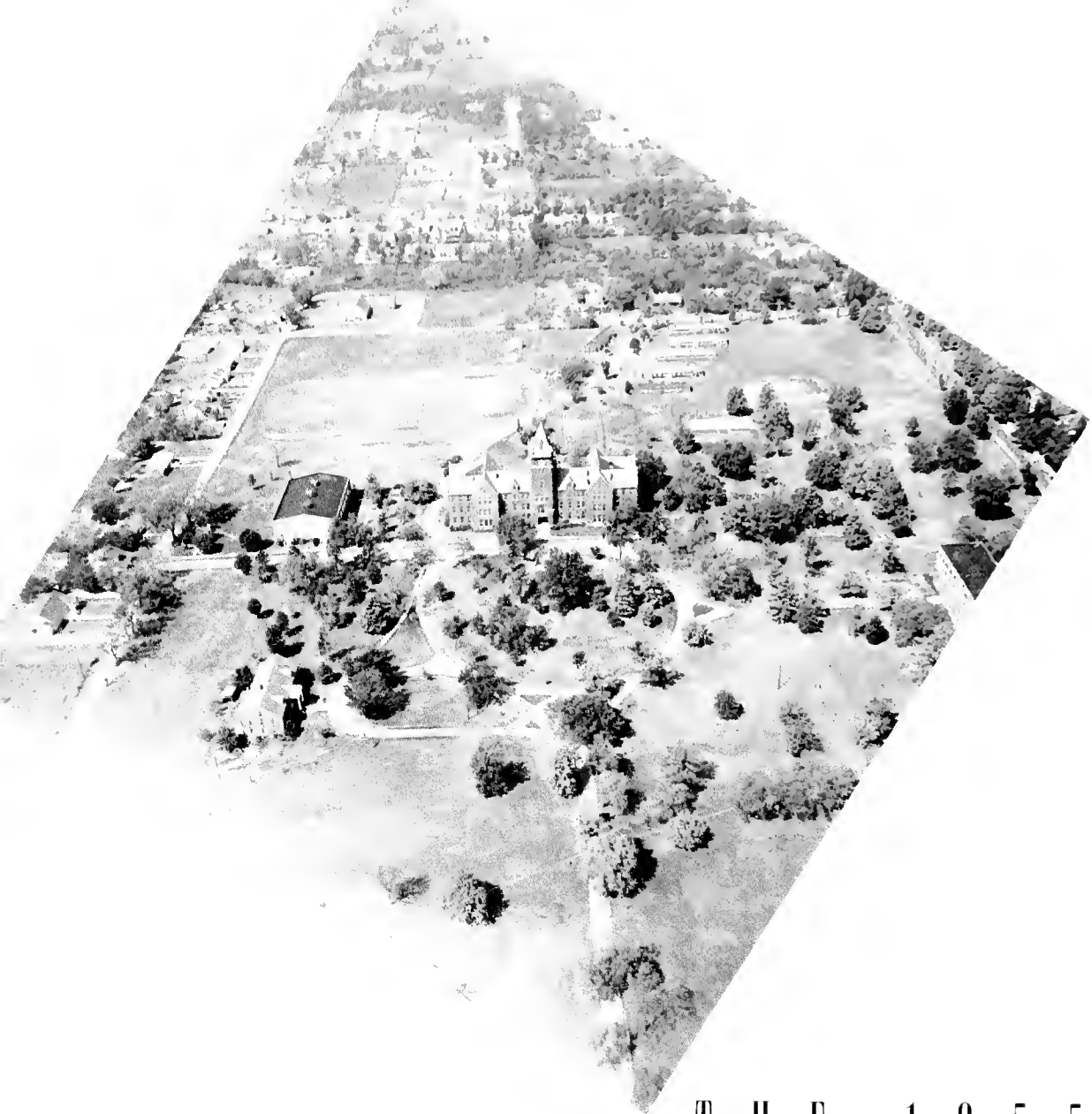
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# HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL OF LAW



The School of Law was authorized by the trustees as a department of Cumberland University on February 22, 1847. At various subsequent sittings of the board the plan of organization was perfected, and in the month of October, 1847, the first term opened, with one professor and seven students present. Judge Abram Caruthers was the professor. He was called from the bench of the Circuit Court to this new work by the Board of Trustees. Robert L. Caruthers, who for many years was President of the Board, provided the first classroom in his own office.

The school was at once a success. Judge Nathan Green, Sr., then one of the Supreme Judges of the State, was called to assist Judge Caruthers in the conduct of the school in 1848. He did not resign as a member of the Supreme



Court until 1852. Judge Bromfield L. Ridley became a Professor of Law in 1848, and served until 1852.

In 1856, Nathan Green, Jr., was elected a professor, the prosperity of the school requiring the services of three instructors. These three men continued as the faculty until the beginning of the Civil War in 1861. At that time there were one hundred and eighty law students in attendance. Judge Abram Caruthers died during the war. Judge Nathan Green, Sr., survived the war and assisted his son, Nathan Green, Jr., in the revival of the school, but died in 1866. He was succeeded that year by the Hon. Henry Cooper, and two years thereafter, Judge Cooper having resigned, Judge Robert L. Caruthers, who was for many years on the Supreme Bench of the State, was elected to fill the vacancy. He resigned in 1881 because of advancing years and feeble health, and Dr. Andrew B. Martin succeeded him, serving until his death, May 19, 1920.

Judge Nathan Green, Jr., having taught as a Professor in the School of Law for more than sixty-three years, died on February 17, 1919. He was succeeded by Judge Edward E. Beard, who served until his death, June 18, 1924. In July, 1920, W. R. Chambers was elected as the successor of Dr. Martin, and in October, 1923, Judge Albert Williams was selected as a Professor of Law.

Judge A. B. Neil was elected Professor of Law in September, 1930, and was made Dean in January, 1935. Judge Neil was graduated from the School of Law of Cumberland University in September, 1896. He served for many years as a Criminal Judge and later as Circuit Judge and as a member of the State Supreme Court. He is now Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

Judge Frank T. Fancher was a member of the law faculty from September, 1935, to June, 1937; re-elected, September, 1939. In September, 1941 Judge Fancher became Dean. He graduated from this law school under the teaching of Judge Green and Dr. Martin and had much experience in the practice of law in Tennessee and Florida. In 1915-1916, again in 1937 and in 1940-41 he served by appointment of three different governors as a Special Judge on the Supreme Bench of Tennessee. For over twelve years he was a member of the Board of Law Examiners of Tennessee.

In June 1932, Judge Sam B. Gilreath, a 1925 graduate of the School of Law, became a Professor of Law and has served continuously since. He was named later as Dean of the school. He is the author of the latest revision of Caruthers **History of a Law Suit**, a widely used work on Civil Practice.

Following the second World War, Judge Gilreath and Allison B. Humphreys, Jr., served as professors in the School of Law. Professor Humphreys resigned in June, 1946, to take over responsibilities in the Attorney General's Office of the State of Tennessee.

Thus far in the history of the School of Law the plan of instruction has been at first one year of legal education, and then, as this plan progressed, there came a time when this emphasis on textbook instruction for the one year was supplemented by an emphasis on casebook study for a second year, and this became a requirement of the University. When the reorganization of the University in 1946 was effected, this two-year plan of law study was replaced by a three-year plan of study and the requirement of two years of pre-legal work as a basis of entrance into the School of Law. Those who were engaged in the two-year plan on July 10, 1946, were carried through to the completion of their work. All who entered thereafter entered under the new regulations set up at that time.

The School of Law, as it is now constituted, requires three years as a mini-



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mum of pre-legal study and three years of study in the School of Law as a requirement for the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Every phase of the work in the School of law has been set up on a standard basis.

In September, 1947, Arthur A. Weeks joined the faculty as Professor of Law and was made Dean in September, 1948. Bernard B. Bailey joined the faculty as a Professor of Law in August, 1948, and was made Acting Dean of the Law School in September, 1954, upon the resignation of Dean Weeks, who returned to the practice of law. William H. Stanford, Jr., became a member of the faculty as Associate Professor of Law in September, 1949, and returned to private practice in 1952, at which time Mr. Otis J. Bouwsma joined the faculty as Associate Professor of Law. In September, 1953, Mr.

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Grissim H. Walker became a member of the faculty as Associate Professor of Law, and in September, 1954, Chancellor W. W. Herron joined the faculty as Professor of Law.

In February, 1949, the School of Law of Cumberland University was approved by the American Bar Association, provisional approval having been granted at that time. Full approval was granted by the American Bar Association in September of 1952. In November of 1952 the School was registered by the Board of Regents of the State of New York. In December of 1952 the school was granted membership in the Association of American Law Schools. This gained for the school every recognition possible for an American law school.

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# OUR DEDICATION

Cumberland University and those who have passed through its doors have played a significant role in the destiny of the Nation as well as the South. Names of its graduates have appeared on the rolls of Congress, the Supreme Court and other divisions of our national and state governments.

This honor roll of distinguished graduates serves as a reminder of Cumberland's heritage and as a precedent to us and the many students yet to come.

It is a distinct privilege to dedicate the 1955 edition of the **PHOENIX** to the great men on the Honor Roll for the School of Law.

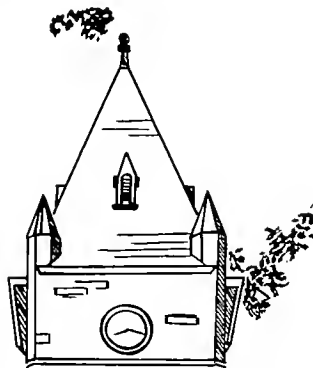
## SCHOOL OF LAW HONOR ROLL

Many of the thousands of graduates of the Cumberland University School of Law have become distinguished in their chosen profession or in some related field, as indicated in the partial list given below.

The list is by no means complete. Any alumnus or friend who can furnish additional names is urged to do so. The list does not contain the names of judges of local or county courts, unless such alumni are distinguished in some other respect.

Abernathy, A. J., Chancellor, Tenn.  
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 Acklen, J. H., Member of Congress, La.  
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 Adkins, A. Z., Judge, Florida  
 \*Allen, A. C., Judge, Texas  
 Allen, Ben, Attorney General, Circuit Judge, Tenn.  
 Allen, Bruce, Assistant Attorney General, Texas  
 Allen, George E., former Director of R.F.C., Washington, D.C.  
 Allen, "Private" John, Member of Congress, Miss.  
 Allen, M. O., Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, Tenn.  
 Allred, James B., Attorney General, Governor, U.S. District Judge, Texas  
 Anderson, George, Judge, Miss.  
 Anderson, Hugh C., Chief Justice, Presiding Judge, Tenn.  
 Anderson, R. S., Judge, Texas  
 Anderson, Walter H., Attorney and Author, Idaho  
 Andrews, W. H., Judge, Texas

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Arakawa, S., Professor, Imperial University, Japan  
 Armstrong, O. K., Member of Congress, Mo.  
 Arnett, George T., Judge, Okla.  
 \*Atchinson, Bryan H., Judge, Texas  
 \*Adkinson, Richard M., Attorney General, Member of Congress, Tenn.  
 \*Aust, John R., Chancellor, Tenn.  
 Avery, J. B., Railroad and Public Utilities Commission, Judge Court of Appeals, Tenn.  
 \*Bailey, Joseph W., U. S. Senator, Texas  
 Barlow, E. C., District Attorney General, Miss.  
 Barry, William F. Solicitor General, Tenn.  
 Bate, William B., U. S. Senator, Tenn.  
 Battle, B. B., Supreme Judge, Ark.  
 Beard, William D., Chief Justice Supreme Court, Tenn.  
 Beaumont, Campbell, U.S. District Judge, Calif.  
 Bell, B. D., Supreme Judge, Tenn.  
 Bennett, Rysden Tyler, Judge Supreme Court and Member of Congress, N.C.

Benton, M. E., Member of Congress, Mo.  
 Best, Emory Fisk, Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.  
 Bigham, Knox G., District Attorney General, Tenn.  
 Black, Eugene, Member of Congress, Texas, Judge U.S. Tax Court  
 Blackard, Charles G., Judge, Part II, Davidson County, Tenn.  
 Blackburn, George P., Judge and Attorney General, Texas  
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 Blair, J. T. Chief Justice Supreme Court, Mo.  
 Blair, James T., Jr., Lieutenant Governor of Mo.  
 Blair, Sam, Judge, Mo.  
 Bonner, J. W., Judge, Tenn.  
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 Bourland, Virgil, Judge, Ark.  
 \*Bowman, John B., Attorney General, Tenn.  
 Boyd, Ernest H., Attorney General, Chancellor, Tenn.  
 Brady, Robert S., Judge, Tenn.  
 Branning, Pierre H., Judge, Fla.  
 \*Brantley, Theodore, Chief Justice, Mont.  
 \*Breathett, James, Judge, Ky.  
 Brett, Rutherford, Supreme Judge, Okla.  
 Broadbent, A. B., Judge, Tenn.  
 \*Brown, Foster B., Member of Congress, Tenn.  
 Brown, H. B. Judge, Tenn.  
 \*Brown, Joseph, Member of Congress, Tenn.

Browning, Gordon, Member of Congress, Governor, Tenn.

Buckley, John L., Judge, Miss.

Bullock, Ernest L., Judge, Tenn.

Burgess, John W., Dean of the School of Law, Columbia University, N.Y.

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Burleson, Omar, Member of Congress, Texas

Bushby, Arthur G., Judge, Miss.

Butler, M. C., Member of Congress, Tenn.

\*Butler, Robert Reyburn, Member of Congress, Ore.

\*Byrd, A. M. Member of Congress, Miss.

\*Byrd, J. R. Judge, Miss.

Caldwell, R. P. Member of Congress, Tenn.

Caldwell, W. C. Judge, Supreme Court, Tenn.

Caldwell, W. P., Member of Congress, Tenn.

Calhoun, Galloway, Assistant Attorney General, Texas

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\*Campbell, Alex W., General, Confederate Army, Tenn.

Carrigan, A. H., Judge, Texas

Caruthers, John, Judge, Okla.

\*Catts, Sydney Y., Governor, Fla.

Chelf, Frank L., Member of Congress, Ky.

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Clark, J. W., Supreme Judge, Okla.

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Clemmons, W. F., Member of Congress, Ark.

Clint, Charles P., Judge, Texas

\*Clouse, Wynn F., Member of Congress, Tenn.

\*Coe, J. D., General, Confederate Army, Tenn.

\*Coleman, T. L., Judge, Tenn.

Coleman, Warren, Judge, Miss.

Collins, Leroy, Governor, Fla.

Compton, James C., District Attorney, Justice of State Supreme Court, N. M.

Connor, Charles W., Judge, Okla.

Conway, J. D., Judge, Ark.

Cooper, Jere, Member of Congress, Tenn.

Cooper, John S., Chancellor, Tenn.

Cox, John C., Counsel, Federal Security Agency, Mo.

Cox, N. N., Member of Congress, Tenn.

\*Cox, W. R., Member of Congress, N.C.

Cox, Wayne A., Chancellor, Tenn.

Cockrell, Sterling, Judge Supreme Court, Ark.

Crowe, Charles C., Governor, N.M.

Cummings, James, Secretary of State, Tenn.

Darr, Leslie, U.S. District Judge, Tenn.

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DuBose, J. J. Judge, Tenn.

Duncan, Parker W., Judge, Tenn.

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Eqgleston, E. W., Attorney General, Commissioner of Highways, Tenn.

Elledge, Fred, Jr., United States District Attorney, Tenn.

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Farbough, W. W., Acting Supreme Judge, Tenn.

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Hart, William H., Judge, Tenn.

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 Slatton, C. S., Judge, Court of Civil Appeals, Texas  
 Smartt, Robert W., Judge, Tenn.  
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 Starnes, T. D., Judge, Okla.  
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 Stephens, John H., Member of Congress, Texas  
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 Taliaferro, W. G., Judge, Texas  
 Talley, M. B., Judge, Texas  
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 Taylor, J. M., Judge, Chancery Court of Appeals, Tenn.  
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 Taylor, Zack, Member of Congress, Tenn.  
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 Templeton, John, District Attorney General, Tenn.  
 Terrell, Glenn, Supreme Judge, Fla.  
 Thompson, Lillard, Attorney General and Counsel for Tennessee Central Railroad, Tenn.  
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 Turner, W. B., Judge, Tenn.  
 Turner, W. F., Member of Congress, Tenn.  
 Valiant, L. B., Chief Justice, Mo.  
 \*Venable, W. W., Member of Congress, Miss.  
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 Warren, Fuller, Governor, Fla.  
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 Watkins, John Thomas, Member of Congress, La.  
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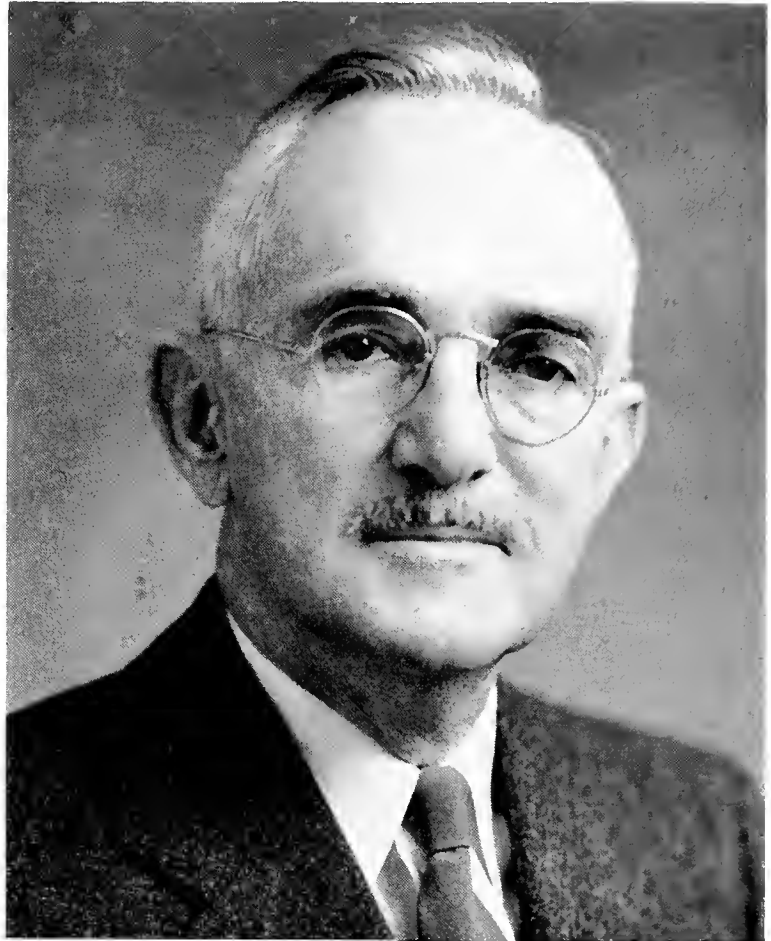
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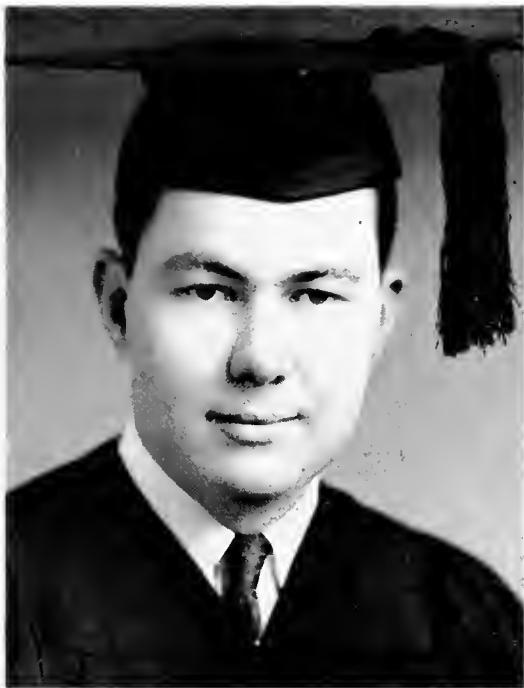
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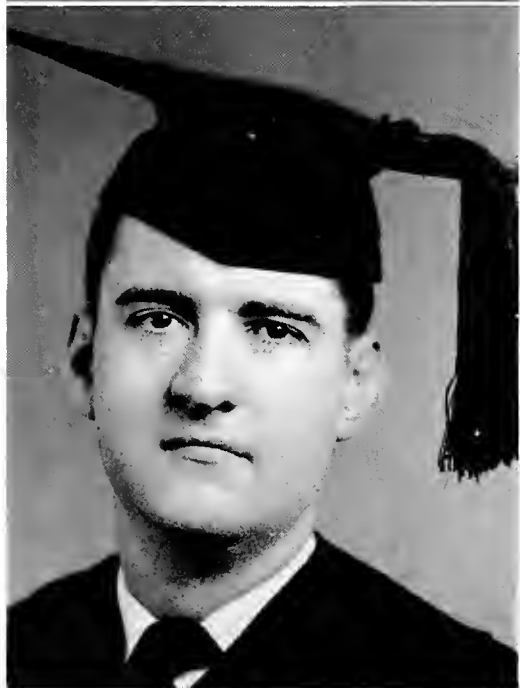
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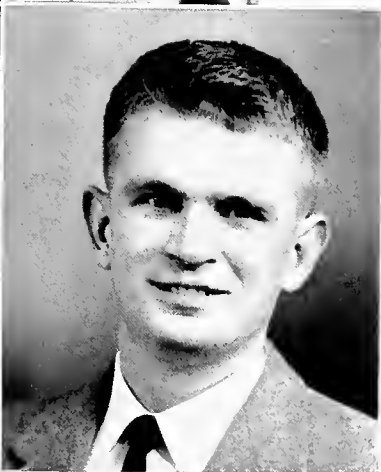
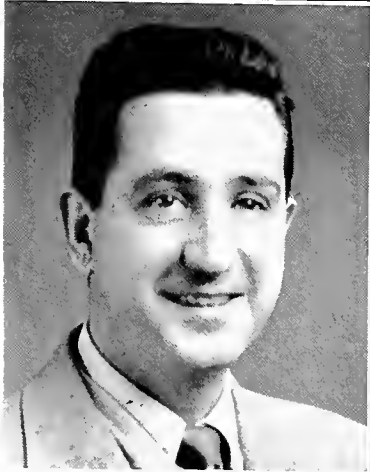
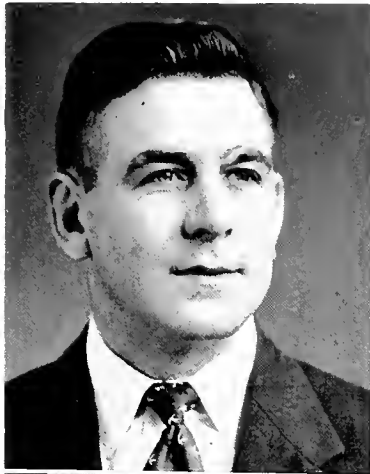
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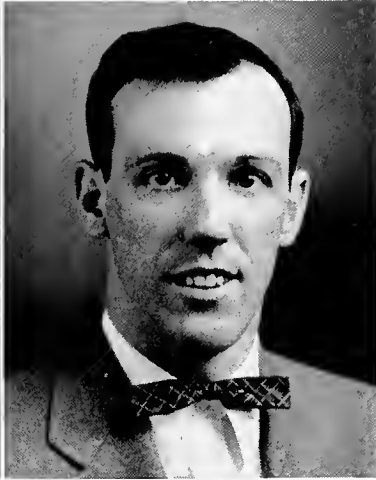
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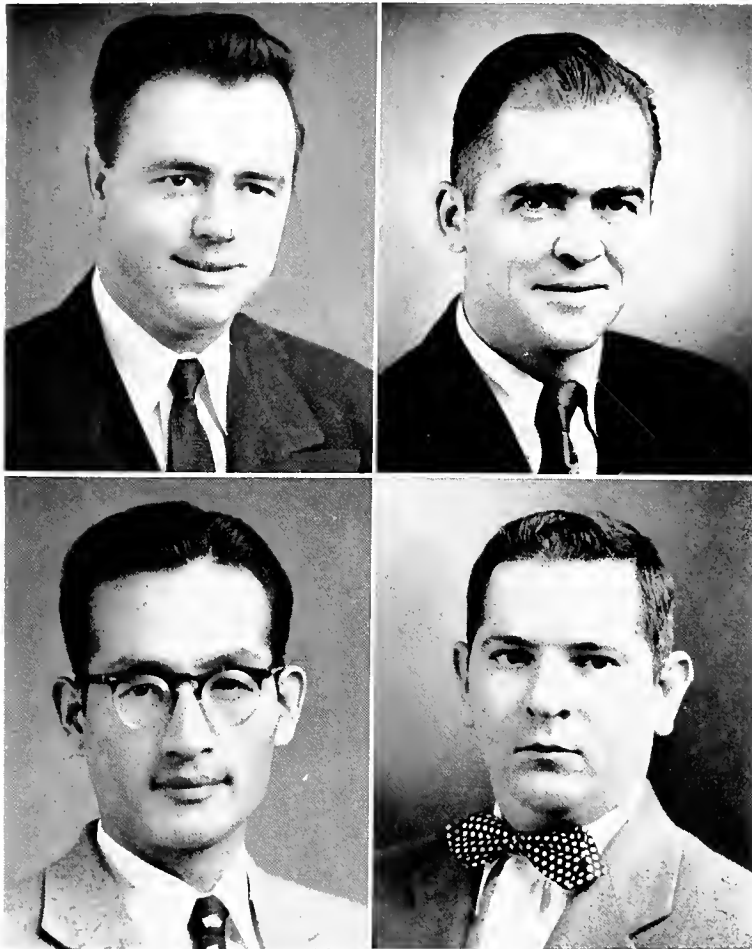
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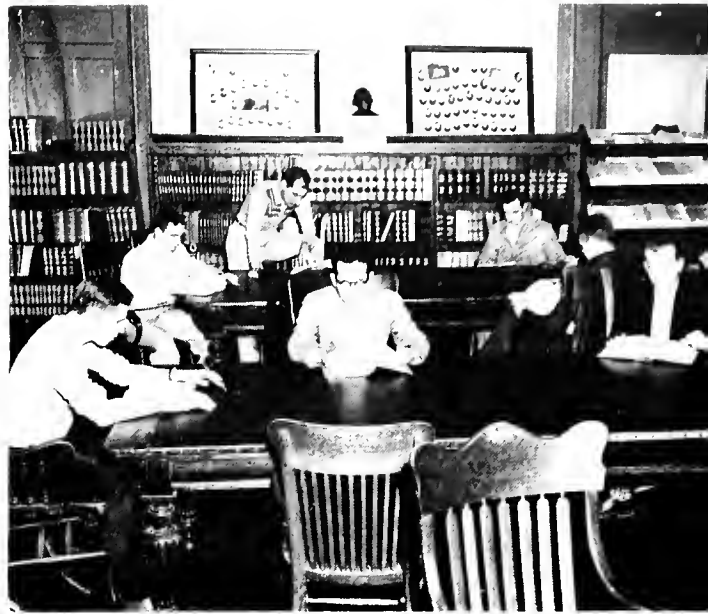


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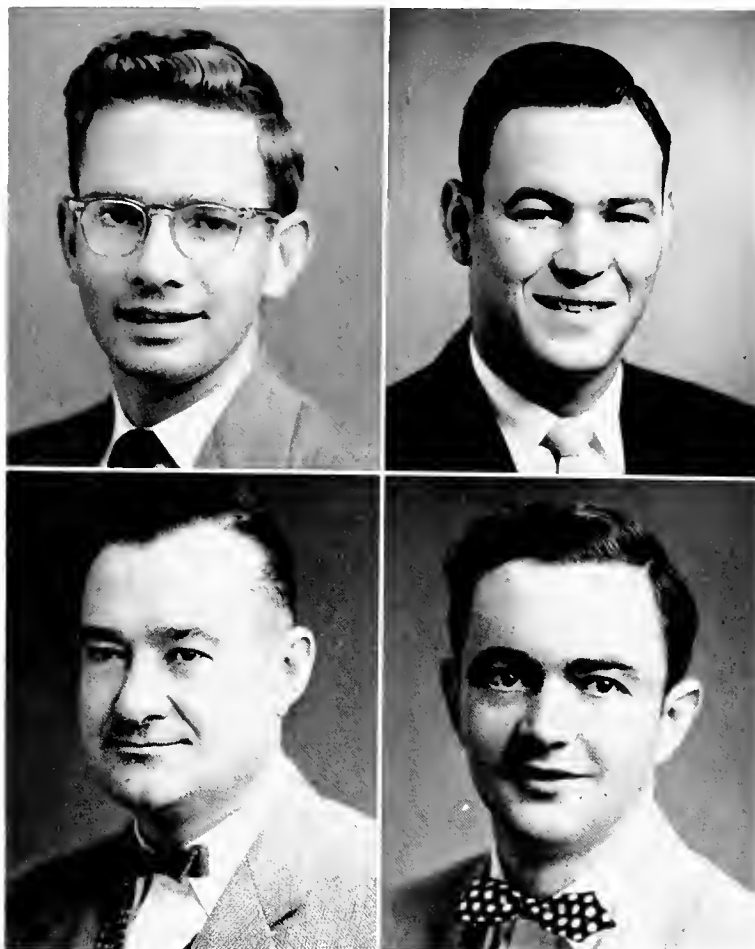
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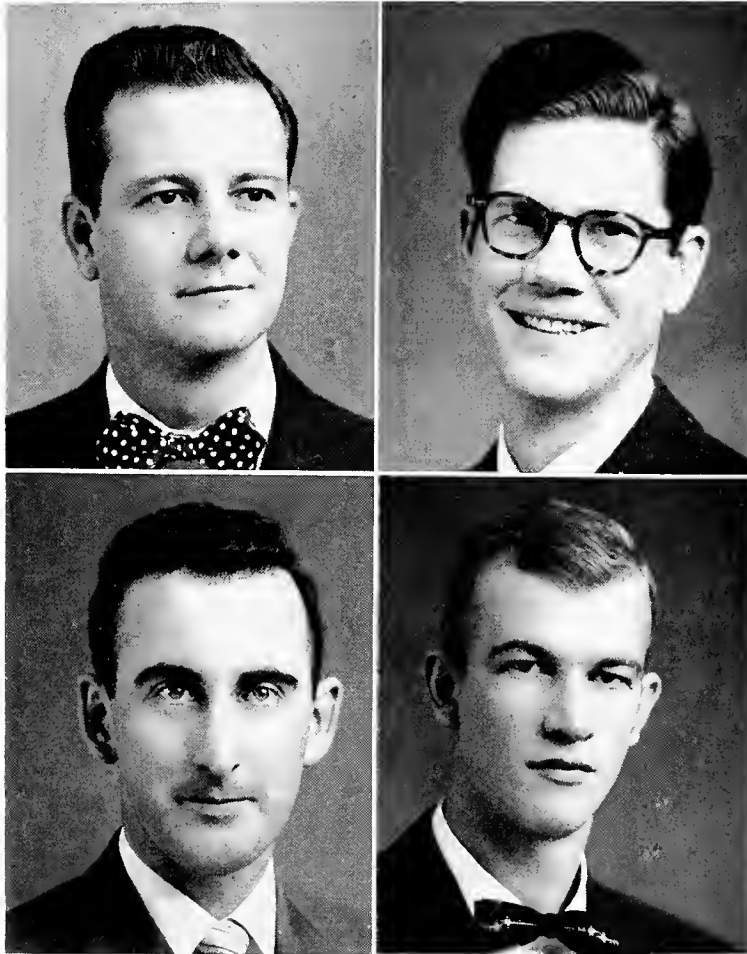
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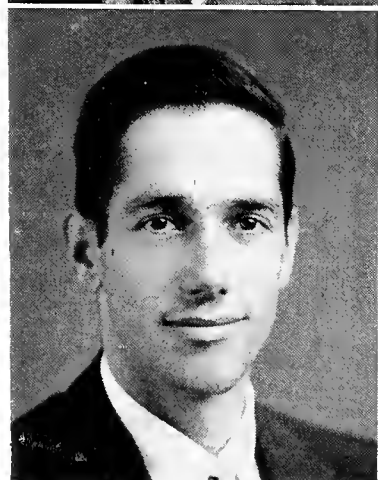
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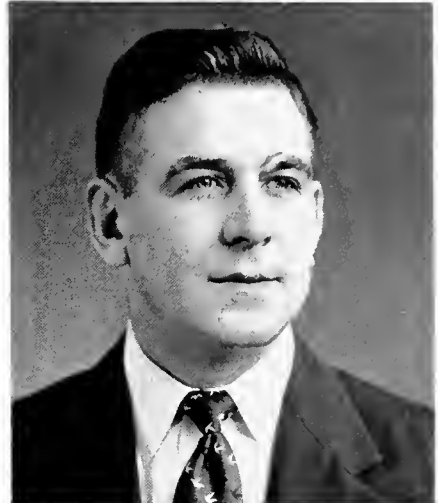
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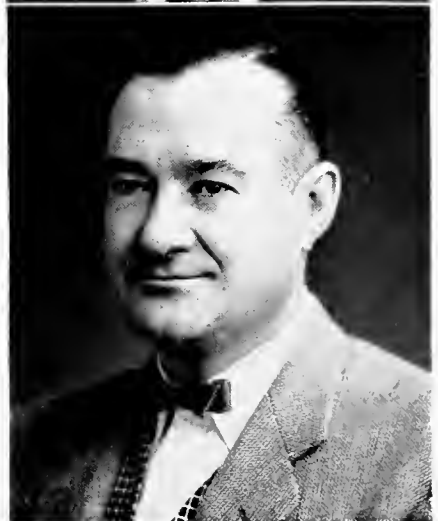
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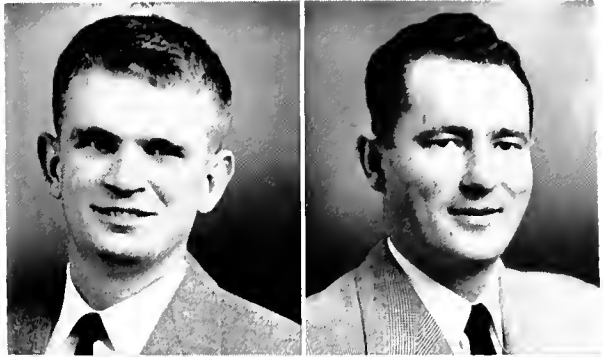
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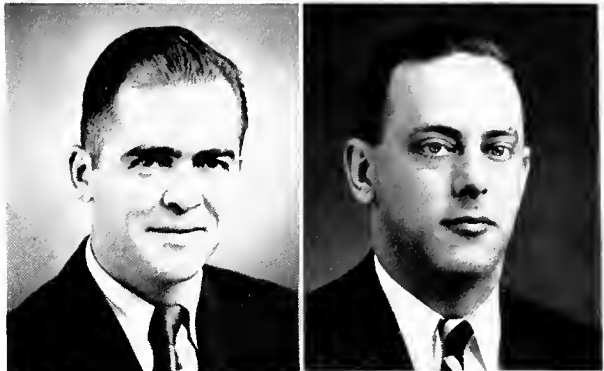
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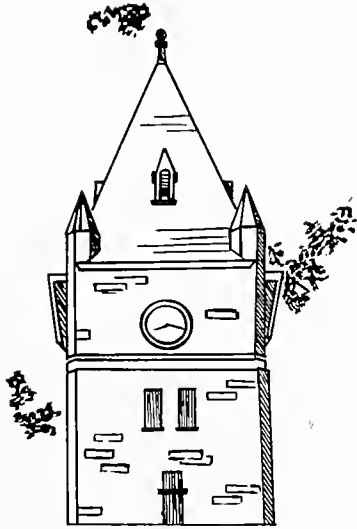
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Proudly stands our Alma Mater,  
As the years go by.  
Forward ever be her watchword,  
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Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,  
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Cherished by thy sons and daughters,  
Sweeter memories throng,  
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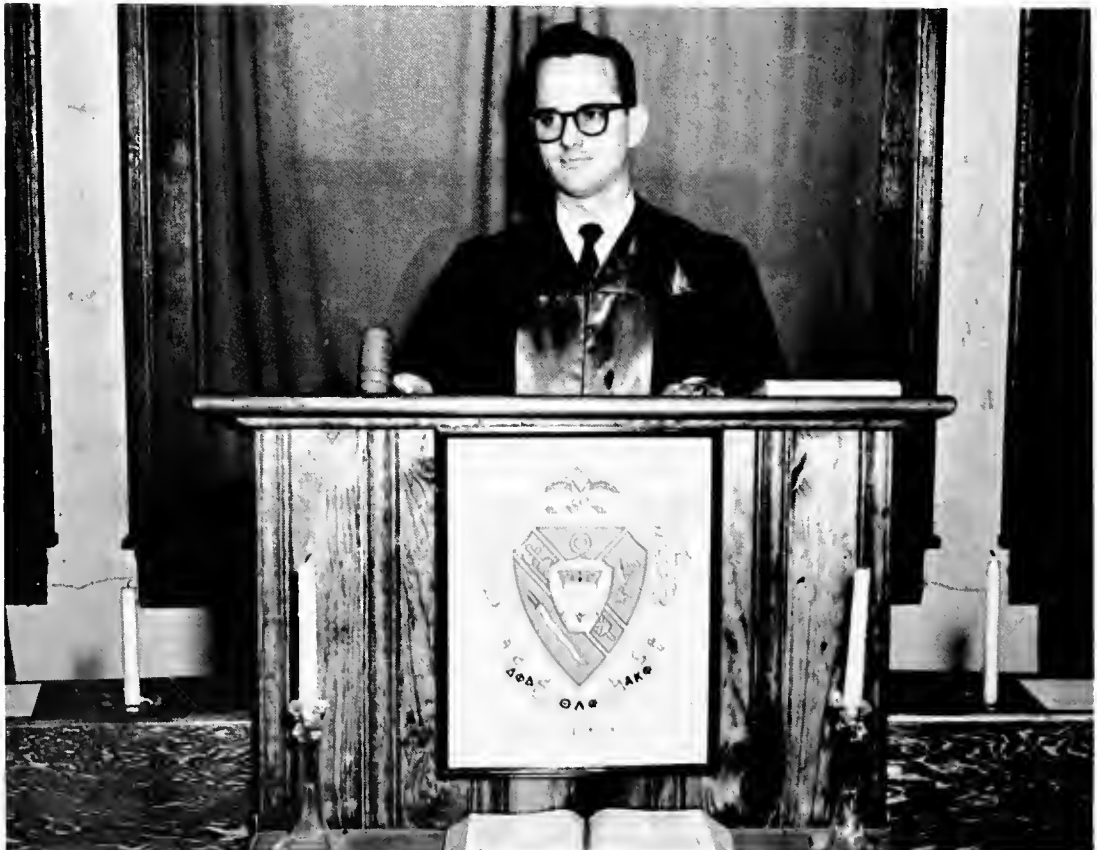
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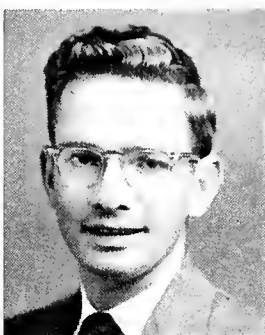
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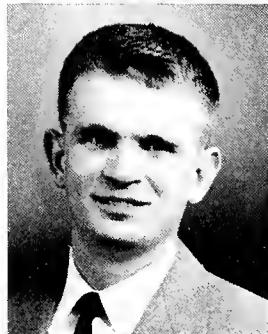
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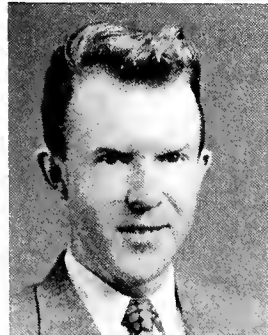
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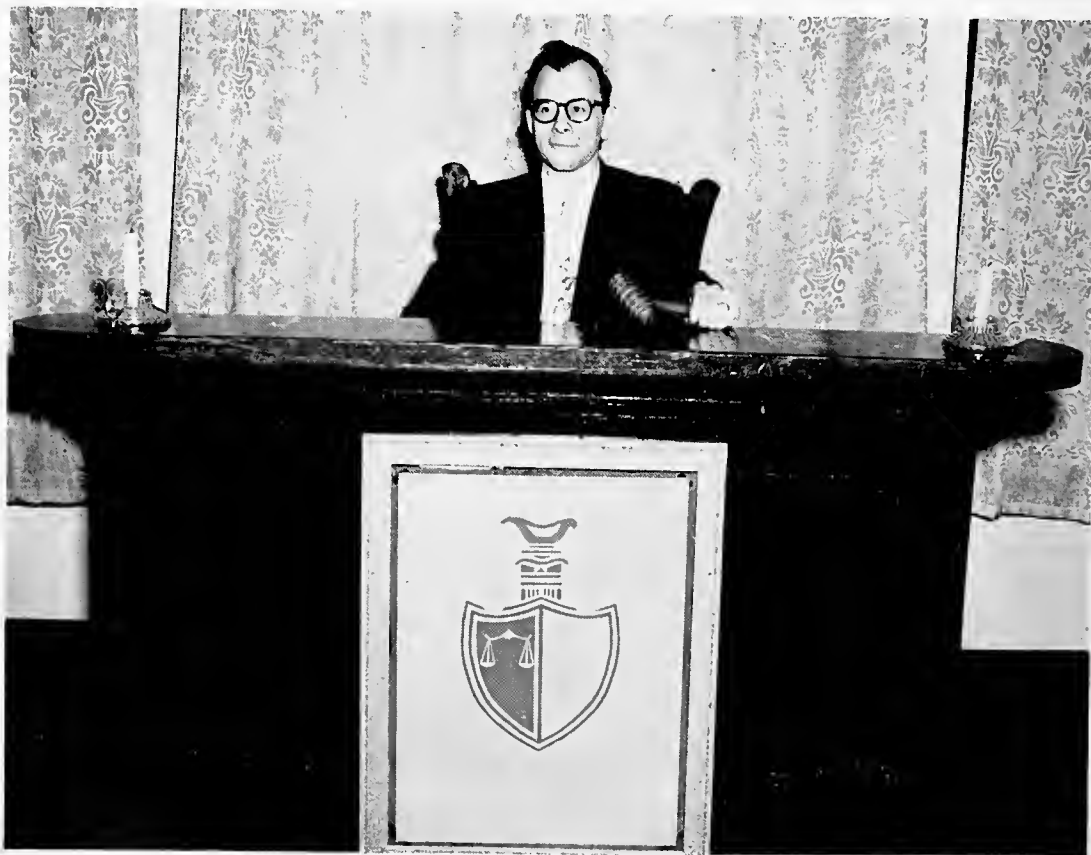
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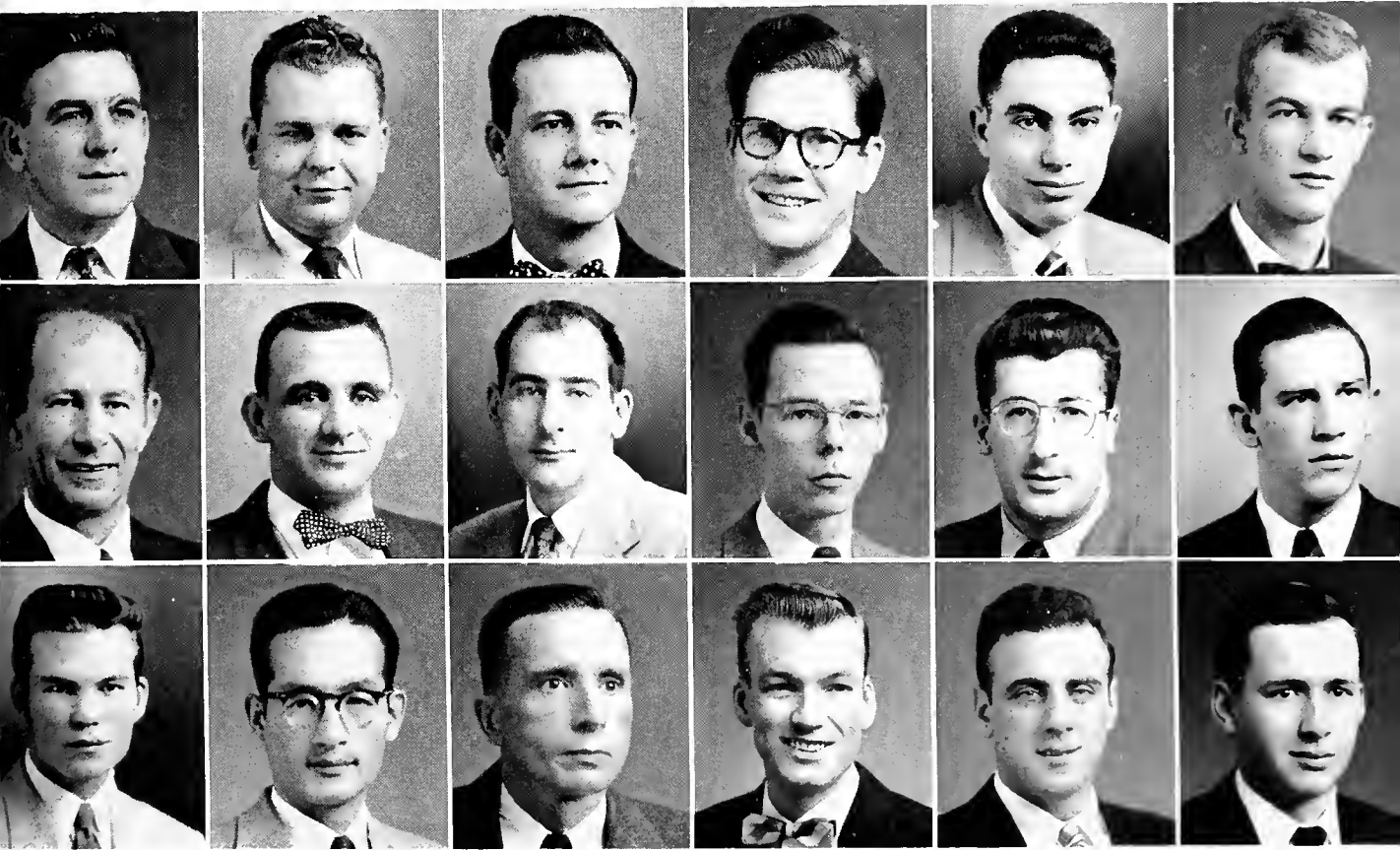
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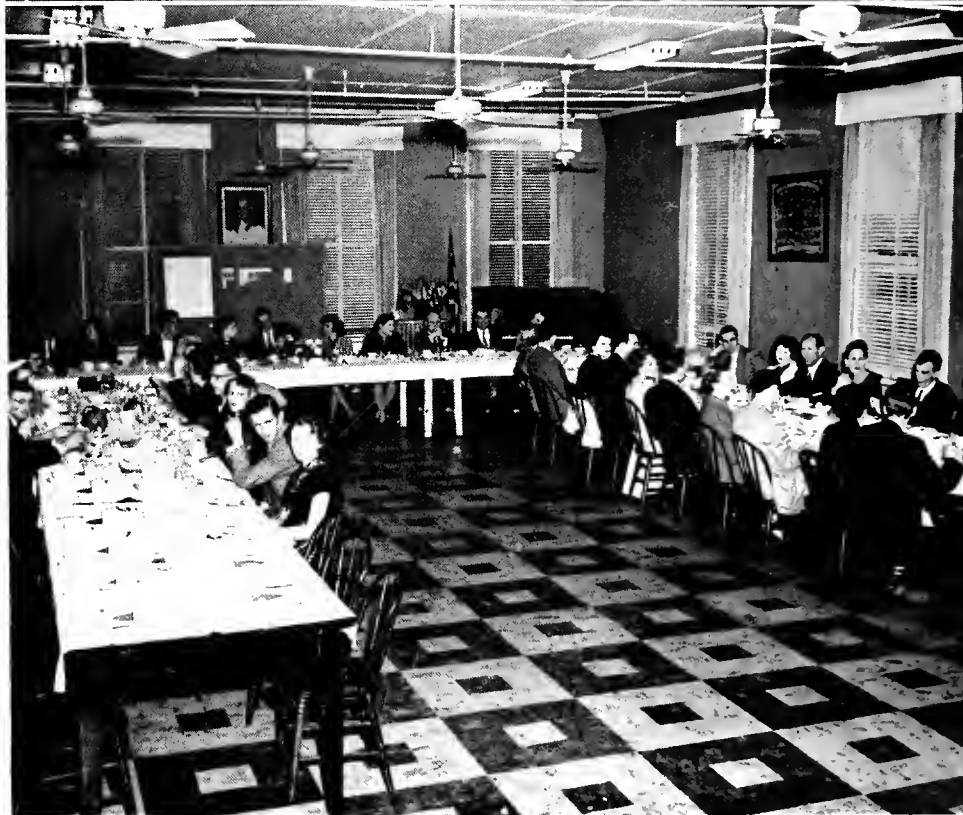
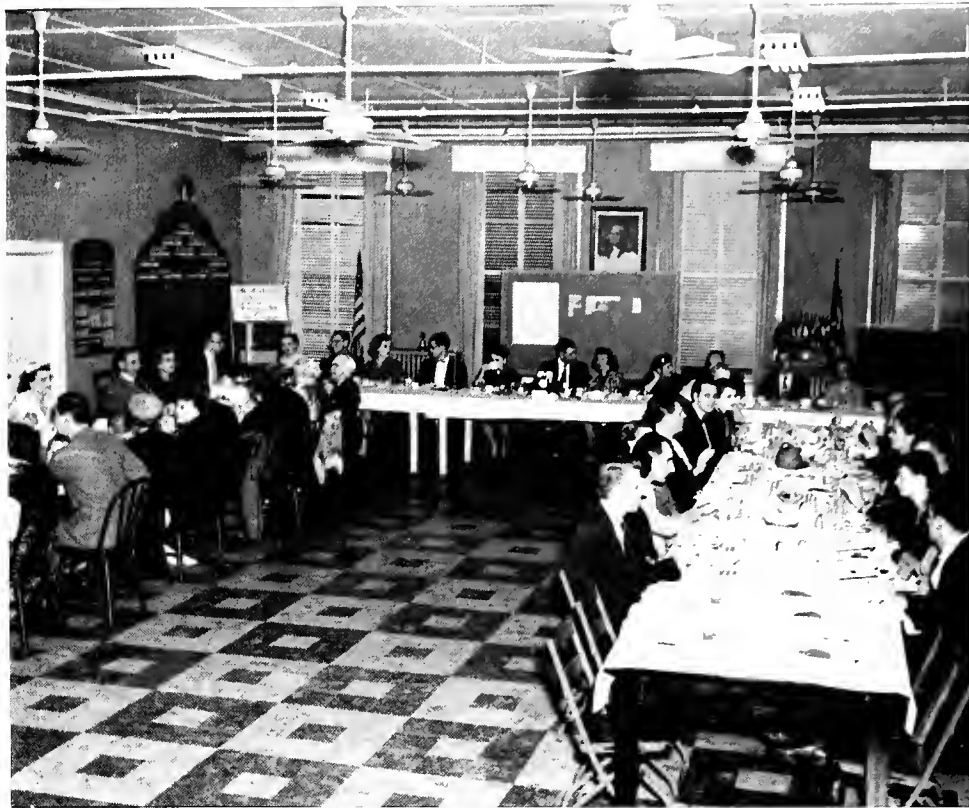
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