

LAW SCHOOL CENTENNIAL WILL BE CELEBRATED

Prominent Graduates To Return For Anniversary Exercises

DEAN POUND HERE

Head Of Harvard School Will Deliver Address, June 9

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Cincinnati Law School a three day celebration will be held beginning June 9.

The college was founded in 1833, the first Law College west of the Alleghenys, by Timothy Walker, Edwin King, and John Wright, to provide an adequate law training.

With a faculty of three, a few copies of blackstones, and a handful of students the college embarked on its career. From this humble origin an institution arose which a president of the U. S. mayors, governors, senators, congressmen and a host of leaders in law and industry throughout the country.

The pioneer institution experienced many hardships in raising funds, and in obtaining an adequate faculty.

Taft Hall was built in memory of Alphonso Taft, father of William Howard. It cost approximately \$325,000. The building contains three large classrooms, a complete library, faculty rooms and offices and a trial court.

On June 9, the College of Law will celebrate its centenary anniversary. A roll call of the alumni reads like a Who's Who of American History. Heading the list is William Howard Taft, president of the United States and later Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the only man to hold both offices.

A few of the others are Charles G. Davies, Joseph Carson, Nicholas Longworth, and Champ Clark, speakers of the House of Representatives, William Van De Vanter, justice of the supreme court, and Carrington Marshall, Will Stephenson, justices of the supreme court.

Roscoe Pound, dean of Harvard Law College, and noted authority will be the principal speaker at the ceremonies.

Two portraits of former deans will be presented one of Harlan Cleveland, the other of William Howard Taft.

Many other features are being arranged. A list of prominent speakers has been selected.

Alumni from all over the country are planning to attend to renew old acquaintances and relive bygone days.

U. C. Law School Plans To Celebrate Anniversary

Dean Roscoe Pound, Of Harvard, To Deliver Principal Address; Judge Walter Ryan, Chairman Of Centennial

An extensive program, being arranged in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Law School of the University, will be observed during the afternoon and evening of Friday, June 9, preceding the annual commencement exercises of the University on June 10.

Dean Roscoe Pound, of the Harvard Law School, has accepted the joint invitation of President Walters and of the Centennial Committee to deliver the principal address of the evening program. Dean Pound is said to be the outstanding legal scholar of this generation, but his reputation is by no means confined to the field of law. He is listed among the eminent botanists, is a recognized linguist, and as a hobby is interested in military science and strategy. He has also contributed to the literature of ethics and other branches of philosophy.

Former Judge Walter A. Ryan, '98, President of the College of Law Alumni Association, is supervising plans for the event as general chairman of the Centennial Committee. Serving with him are President Raymond Walters, Dean Merton L. Ferson, John P. DeCamp, publicity director of the University and Liberal Arts graduate, Miss Cornelia Leary, '29, who is serving as secretary of the committee, Oliver G. Bailey, '98, Ralph E. Clark, '02, W. Donald Hall, '23, former Judge George E. Mills, '95, and former Judge Chester R. Shook, '06.

The program will officially open at 12:30 P. M., with class reunions and a luncheon in the Hall of Mirrors of the Netherland Plaza Hotel. At 4:00 P. M., a reception will be held in the Rufus B. Smith Law Library with the presentation of portraits of several former professors featured.

At 6:30 P. M., the Law Alumni Dinner will be held at the University Y. M. C. A., Building and then at 8:30 P. M., a program in Wilson Memorial Auditorium will conclude the day's activities. The program will feature, in addition to the main speech by Dean Pound, an illustrated lecture on the early history of the Law School by Judge Ryan.

In recognition of the significance of the passing of the century milestone, many of the Law School's nation-wide family of alumni will come to Cincinnati to take part in the celebration. A large representation of local graduates of the Harvard Law School probably will attend the evening portion of the program as a tribute to Dean Pound.

In selecting the noted Harvard legal scholar to be the leading speaker, the Centennial Committee felt that a delegate of Harvard would be particularly appropriate, since Timothy Walker, one of the three founders of the Cincinnati Law School in 1833, was a Harvard graduate and brought to Cincinnati many of the ideals of the Eastern institution.

In explaining the details of the one-hundredth anniversary program of the College of Law, Judge Ryan paid tribute to the hearty co-operation being extended by President Walters and Dean Ferson, and stated that he was assured that the event would be remembered by all attending as a fitting recognition of the long era of success

enjoyed throughout the school's history.

TAFT'S LAW SCHOOL ROUNDS OUT CENTURY

Many Cincinnati College Alumni
Among Nation's Leaders—New
Task Seen for Lawyers.

Special Correspondence, THE NEW YORK TIMES.

CINCINNATI, June 2.—The law college of President Taft, Speakers Uncle Joe Cannon, Champ Clark, Nicholas Longworth and a host of other men who have been prominent in the nation's affairs will celebrate next Friday the 100th anniversary of its founding. It is the University of Cincinnati College of Law, the pioneer unit of its kind west of the Atlantic seaboard.

Timothy Walker, Harvard Law School graduate; Edward King, his law partner, and Judge John C. Wright in 1833 organized it as a private law school in Cincinnati. The town of 20,000 citizens was just beginning to forget that not long before it had been a frontier settlement. In 1835 the school was taken into the Cincinnati College as its law department, and today, almost a century later, survives as the only existing department of the college. Known for years as the Cincinnati Law School, it became a permanent part of the university in 1918.

Dean Roscoe Pound of the Harvard Law School will make the principal address on the century program.

Taft was graduated with the class of '80. Among the prominent living graduates are Charles G. Dawes, former Vice President, Ambassador to England and chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation; Atlee Pomerene, a classmate of Mr. Dawes and who succeeded him as chairman of that corporation, and himself a former United States Senator, and Willis Van Devanter, '81, associate justice of the United States Supreme Court since 1910, as well as several associate justices in State Supreme Courts.

"The major premise dictating the policies of the school," said Dean M. L. Ferson, describing the school's work, "is that we should endeavor to meet the social need for able and well-trained lawyers. There is no service to the individual student or to society in merely adding members to the bar. The school has maintained high standards of scholarship in the past, and that policy continues.

"This law school has adapted itself through stages during the past century from a pioneer setting to its present setting in the midst of a populous nation teeming with industry and commerce. Further adjustments of a different sort are going on. We are again pioneering.

"This time the frontier is not a physical one; we are pioneering in a new social, political and economic order. Old philosophies are going into the discard. New ones appear. It is the task of the lawyer to translate the advancing social and economic thought into rules of everyday life. Law is to the other social sciences what applied science is to the pure sciences. It must be ready to peg the advance in social and economic thought.

"The common law cannot be taught as a catalogue of eternal verities. Our students are not expected passively to accept its rules and principles. They are rather encouraged to proceed in a critical attitude and conscious of the lawyer's power to improve our legal structure."

A Tribute to Dean Ferson

BY MURRAY SEASONGOOD

It is a pleasure to write for the Court Index, in compliance with the request of the editor, a word concerning Merton L. Ferson, Dean of the College of Law of the University of Cincinnati. He came here as Professor of Law and Dean in 1926. Much of the excellent standing that the Law School enjoys is due to his worthy carrying on and strengthening since then the fine traditions that had been established by his predecessors. Dean Ferson reorganized the faculty of the Law School by bringing to it three most valuable full time professors of his selection, Messrs. Lavery, Luburger and Rowley, to assist Judge Pugh, Mr. Weber, and the part time staff. Immediately on his arrival, Dean Ferson greatly strengthened the library of the College and soon after his advent at the College started the Cincinnati Law Review, which has been conducted ever since on a high plane with leading articles and notes of great value to the student and practitioner.

Dean Ferson came to our Law School with every qualification for the position: he had been an experienced practitioner at the bar, a Law Librarian, and Dean at the George Washington University and College of Law of the University of North Carolina. As a law professor and lecturer he has also given courses at the State University of Iowa, Cornell University and Stanford. He is advisor on contracts of the American Law Institute and has been active in making up the

Ohio annotations for the restatement of the law of contracts.

Everyone who has had the opportunity of working with Dean Ferson has enjoyed and profited from the experience. With a very engaging personality, he is modest and unobtrusive but possessing an ability to accomplish smoothly and without controversy what he regards as important for the school and for the practice.

Dean Ferson recognizes the intimate relationship that should exist between the Law School and the members of the Bar. He has taken an active part in Bar Association matters and in attempts to improve the standards of admission for the Bar and the holding of Bar examinations which will truly test the fitness of the applicant for admission. His relations with the Night Law Schools have been cordial and helpful, so that there are, in this locality, no differences such as exist in other large cities. He has also helped in bringing here numerous distinguished legal scholars from whose addresses and courses our local Bar, as well as the Law School, have derived substantial benefit.

It is very fitting, therefore, that at this time of celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the oldest law school in this country west of the Alleghenies, expressions of gratitude, confidence and support should be tendered to Dean Ferson.

New Supreme Court Judge



HOWARD L. BEVIS

Called from his post as professor at the law school to head the State Department of Finance when Governor White took office, Bevis acquitted himself so well in taking the state through what was probably the most difficult period of its fiscal history that when the Governor found a vacancy in the Supreme Court he immediately chose his Finance Director for the position.

Unusually well qualified for judicial office, Judge Bevis is expected to bring further honor to the school from which he graduated and of whose faculty he still is a member.

Get Masters' Degrees

The degree of Master of Laws will be conferred Saturday morning at the Law School Commencement exercises upon three lawyers who have completed the post-graduate work leading to that degree.

The three men, all of whom also hold the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws, are Assistant City Prosecutor James E. O'Connell, Robert C. Porter and George W. Weber, Jr.