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## THE EDITOR'S PAGE

The drunken driver has become such a menace as to constitute himself one of the most vexing medico-legal problems of our time. How can we, fairly, define "drunk" and, practically, devise a test to determine if a given individual falls under that definition? Richard R. Burgee's lead article does not arrogate to itself any simple answer to this question, but in a smooth and excellently detailed analysis it spotlights the blind alleys, the gopher holes, and the snares which complicate the way to solution. One notices that the tests upon which one authority is willing to rely are totally unacceptable to another as definitive methods. The clash produced suggests that the most workable diagnosis and prognosis is the aged instruction "when everybody says you are drunk, go to bed". Mr. Burgee, who graduated from the Law School in June, has been a mem-

ber of the REVIEW for two years. Prior to service in the Air Force, he is currently occupied with the duties of law clerk to Judge W. Calvin Chesnut, of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. The REVIEW takes pride in publishing his article as an outstanding example of student writing, stimulated by the Seminar in Legal Medicine.

On occasion, the REVIEW enjoys publishing something slightly esoteric, something out of the mainstream of legal problems, something that is more jurisprudence than law. Such an article is Dr. Gottfried Dietze's study of John Jay's position as one of the Federalist Papers' triumvirate. This sketch of Jay as the balance-wheel, the conservative elder of the publishing venture forms part of a comprehensive study of the Papers which Dr. Dietze intends to publish as a book next year. In this connection, the reader should compare his two-part study of Hamilton's contributions, appearing in the spring and summer issues of the Cornell Law Quarterly (1957), and his analysis of Madison's role, to be published in the forthcoming fall issue of the Georgetown Law Journal (1957). An Assistant Professor of Political Science at Johns Hopkins University, the author holds degrees of Bachelor of Laws and Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Heidelberg, and Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy from Princeton University. He has been both judge and district attorney in his native Germany, and was legal advisor to the United States European Command in 1949. Since taking up academic pursuits in this country he has been a frequent contributor to legal periodicals, both American and German.

The editors for Volume XVIII were installed at the annual Law Review Board banquet, held on May 16 at the Park Plaza: S. Lyles Freeland, Editor; Robert F. Hochwarth, Casenote Editor; Martin B. Greenfeld, Recent Decisions Editor; J. M. Roulhac, Assistant Casenote Editor. But the investiture did not make it an entirely solemn affair — Edwin W. Lowe, the Editorial Secretary, recited some barbed and boisterous poetry describing the foibles of the out-going editors which left everybody exhausted from laughter.

The Maryland Law Review Association, an alumni group composed of past Board members and the present editors, held its first regular meeting at Miller Brothers on May 26th. S. Raymond Dunn, Class of 1938 delivered a critique on the "21-year rule" in the law of estates, with especial reference to the rule against perpetuities. His study produced a lively, occasionally heated discussion, and

the Association has urged him to submit the paper to the *REVIEW* for publication. The Association hopes to stimulate bar and bench interest in the *REVIEW* and regularly to contribute, directly or vicariously, legal articles of special merit. Its next meeting will come in the fall.

### NEWS OF THE LAW SCHOOL

During the Spring Term, the Student Bar Association, and its Faculty Advisor, Professor William P. Cunningham, sponsored a lecture series on general legal education, featuring prominent members of the state and federal bar speaking on subjects important to the young lawyer but at best scantily treated in the curriculum of law school. To give the whole thing a proper modern educational flavor, for audio-visual balance, the series included a movie "The Medical Witness". The *REVIEW* joins the Student Bar in expressing public appreciation to the following men who gave so generously of their time in delivering the lectures and conducting the discussions in this series: H. Vernon Eney, Esq., "Brief-Writing and Appellate Argument"; Philip H. Sachs, Esq., "Practice Before the Board of Zoning Appeals"; Walter E. Black, Jr., Esq., "The United States Attorney: His Role"; Gerald F. Bracken, Esq., "The United States Marshal: His Role"; Eugene Creed, Jr., Esq., "The Court Clerk"; Robert J. Lally, Esq., "The Lawyer with the F.B.I."; Dr. Carl N. Everstine, "The Legislative Reference Bureau"; Stanford Hoff, Esq., "The County Practitioner"; J. Gilbert Prendergast, Esq., "The City Practitioner".