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EDITOR'S PAGE

Discussions of real property and criminal law comprise the leading article section of the Fall Issue of the REVIEW. The article by Professor Jones, who teaches the law of future interests at the law school, traces the history of the common law Rule Against Perpetuities, discusses statutory modifications, and then centers upon the present status of the Maryland law. We trust that such discussion tending to crystalize and clarify the Rule will be welcomed by Bench, Bar, and Students who will want to mark this issue for future interest (no pun intended).

The article by Mr. Figinski, a former Casenote Editor of the REVIEW, discusses the current problem of commitment of one acquitted by reason of insanity. Primarily centering attention on the District of Columbia, the pioneer jurisdiction for such commitment procedure, the exhaustive study also focuses on the English procedure and finally, in the light of this discussion, offers some suggestions with regard to the direction Maryland might take. With the Legislature soon to convene, we think that interested persons will want to read, discuss and bring the article to the attention of others concerned.

The MARYLAND LAW REVIEW, in tribute to a great Maryland jurist, Judge William Calvin Chesnut, records here a Memorial Minute adopted by the Faculty Council:

JUDGE WILLIAM CALVIN CHESNUT

The Faculty of the School of Law join the Bench and Bar in mourning the passing of Judge William Calvin Chesnut, who died on October 16, 1962 in his 89th year. Judge Chesnut, a graduate of the School in 1894, served the School as a Lecturer in Law from 1900 to 1940, teaching courses in Federal Procedure, Criminal Law, and Insurance. Following these forty years of teaching he continued his close association with the School as a member of the Faculty Council of the School until 1955. From 1935-1944 he was a member of the Board of Regents of the University.

His teaching was not confined to the classroom. A number of the outstanding graduates of the School were privileged to serve as his clerk in the Federal District Court, and their later success in the Law is evidence of the valuable training Judge Chesnut gave to them. Because of his active life-long interest in the School, he importantly shaped its past. His fine influence upon it will endure.