The Alumni Association of the University of Maryland School of Law held its annual banquet on Saturday, May 9th, 1953, at the Emerson Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland. It was attended by 275 alumni, graduating seniors and guests. Several classes held reunions.

Following the banquet, a business meeting was held for the election of officers. The Nominating Committee, appointed by the retiring President, Hon. C. Ferdinand Sybert, under the chairmanship of Hon. John Grason Turnbull, offered the following list of officers for the ensuing year, and they were unanimously elected:

President ............ EDWIN HARLAN, ESQ., '34, Baltimore
First Vice President .... HON. J. DUDLEY DIGGES, '36, Upper Marlboro
Second Vice President .... J. GILBERT PRENDERGAST, ESQ., '33, Baltimore
Third Vice President .... HON. STANFORD I. HOFF, '34, Westminster
Secretary-Treasurer .... PROF. G. KENNETH REIBLICH, '29, Baltimore
Hon. John Marshall Butler, senior United States Senator from Maryland, delivered the principal address, and William D. Macmillan, Esq., of the Baltimore Bar, served as Toastmaster.

Dean Roger Howell announced the various awards, and presented certificates to members of the graduating class, including certificates of service on the Editorial Board of the Review. The Elizabeth Maxwell Carroll Chesnut Prize for general scholarship was awarded to Edward F. Shea, Jr., and the Nu Beta Epsilon Fraternity Award for excellence in writing for the Review went to Stanley Blair.

Elections to membership in the Maryland Chapter of the Order of the Coif, National Honorary Society for scholarship in law, were announced for the following graduating students:

Verbal Agreements

MARSHALL A. BINDER
THEODORE G. BLOOM
JOHN M. JONES, JR.
J. JEFFERSON MILLER, II

W. LEE THOMAS

Announcement was also made that the Maryland Chapter of Coif had elected to honorary membership, Hon. Emory H. Niles, senior Associate Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, and part-time lecturer at the Law School.

The graduating class made a gift to the school of an oil portrait of Professor Edwin G. W. Ruge, senior member of the full-time faculty, who has taught Agency, Contracts, and Corporations since 1925. The painting was done by Colonel James P. Wharton, Professor of Art at the University of Maryland, College Park. Professor Ruge was
graduated, A.B. Yale, 1912, LL.B. Harvard, 1915, and practiced law in Atlanta, Ga., and New York City before and after World War I, in which he served as an officer of Infantry, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart Medal. He later served as a Lieutenant-Colonel of the Army Reserve Corps.