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KENT DEBATERS BREAK EVEN IN DUAL DEBATE

Chicago-Kent College of Law broadcasted the third radio debate of the current year Friday, March 4th, from the Hotel La Salle studio of the Chicago Daily News station, WMAQ. R. E. Burke, Vernon Sigler and Charles Edwards of Kent met three veteran debaters from the University of Kentucky on the question: "Resolved, that the five-day week in industry will advance the social-economic condition of the country." Kentucky upheld the affirmative and Kent the negative. The voting was by ballot and upon the face of the returns Kentucky won by 157 to 154.

On the following evening the same Kentucky team met a Kent team composed of Irving Toplon, Gray Phelps and H. M. Keele at Berea College, Berea, Kentucky. In this debate Kent had the affirmative and Kentucky the negative. The judges, Professors Roane and Hatcher of Berea College and Professor H. D. Wise of Centre College gave Kent a unanimous decision over the Colonels.

A somewhat unusual feature of the debate was the use made by the Kent team of the arguments of the Kentucky team made on Friday night in Chicago against them the following night at Berea, the Kentucky team upholding the affirmative in Chicago and the negative at Berea. The arguments were obtained by use of a portable radio furnished by Mr. Toplon which was set up in the Kent team's drawing room as they sped southward on the Royal Palm.

Professor C. C. Pickett accompanied the Chicago team on its trip to Kentucky.

DEBATING SEASON ENDS APRIL 1st

Arrangements have been made for the final debate of the season to be held April 1st, at 9:30 P. M. in the broadcasting rooms of WMAQ, The Chicago Daily News broadcasting station. The opposition will be furnished by the University of Pittsburgh, who will send a team here to debate the affirmative of "Resolved, that the United States should cancel the allied war debts."

Recently 120 professors, including the President of Princeton University, signed a document recommending the cancellation of these debts. This, combined with the same recommendation of certain professors of Columbia University, has done much to revive the interest of the public in this question.

As has been customary in the past, the decision in the debate will be rendered by the radio audience. The students and alumni of the college are urged to call this debate to the attention of their friends in order that they will also have an opportunity to tune in and forward their ballots to the radio station.

It is anticipated that this debate will prove the best radio debate of the year inasmuch as the University of Pittsburgh will be ably represented by a team which has acquired an enviable reputation for its ability, and also because the Chicago-Kent College of Law will be represented by Messrs. Irving Toplon, Gray Phelps and Harold Keele, three veteran debaters, who are widely known for their ability in the forensic field.
The Chicago-Kent College of Law thus far this season has engaged in four debates, all of which have been highly successful and have reflected much credit on the students who participated and on the college.

Plans are already being made for the debating season for next year and an extensive program has been mapped out. Every student who has had any debating experience, or who feels that he has the qualifications of a debater should make arrangements to take part in the Class Contest which will be held again next fall. In order to maintain the reputation which Chicago-Kent has made during the last two years it will be necessary that some additional material be uncovered next fall, as a number of the students who have participated during the last two years will be graduated this spring.

It should be the ambition of every lawyer to become a good speaker. Every student who takes part in these debates is assisted in realizing this ambition, as the training he receives in connection with taking part in a debate is conducive to his betterment as an orator. As for the students who are unable to take part in the debates, they also are assisted as the debating teams of Chicago-Kent College of Law have done much to elevate the prestige of the college in educational circles which in return has reacted and will react in the future to the benefit of all those who graduate from the college. With this thought in mind every student should make it a point to call the radio debates to the attention of their friends and to make sure that their friends listen in and forward their ballots to the radio station.

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MID-YEAR COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES MARK GRADUATION OF LARGE CLASS

The formal commencement exercises upon the occasion of the graduation of the February, 1927, class were held on Thursday evening, February 17th, 1927, at the Eighth Street Theater, Eighth Street and Wabash Avenue. The program included the singing of the “Star-Spangled Banner” and of “America” by the audience, invocation by Rev. Clyde Lemont Hay, D.D., the conferring of degrees, the announcement of scholastic honors, and an inspiring commencement address by Hon. Marcus Kavanagh, Judge of the Superior Court of Cook County, and for many years a member of the faculty of our college.

Appropriate musical numbers were rendered by the Imperial Male Quartette in its own inimitable way. “My Old Kentucky Home,” sung in synonyms for the well-known words being especially enjoyed.

Judge Kavanagh’s address was, in substance, as follows:

The graduates are to be congratulated because of the sacrifices which they have made in order to attain their legal education. It takes grit and determination, and evidences a worthy ambition and willingness to incur substantial loss in order to follow it, to forego for three years the leisure hours which youth should have, and which youth so desires to spend in recreation and pleasure. It takes determination deliberately to undertake the serious tasks of a higher, a professional education at any time, and under any circumstances; but more so when it is undertaken along with, and in addition to, one’s daily occupation which he must pursue from day to day in order to gain a livelihood for himself, and not infrequently also for those dependent upon him.

Again, they are to be congratulated because they have done this from their own resources, and not at the request of and at the expense of their parents or other relatives willing to advance the financial outlay required. They are justified in feeling that their attainments are peculiarly their own, and that they are beholden to no man for the furnishing thereof.

Youth is the time of activity, of strength, of abundant resources. It is also the time of danger, of temptation, of desire for leisure and pleasure, and of lack of appreciation of the value of time, of education, of ambition. All honor to those who have at an early age appre-

ciated the real value of life; who have gained a real perspective; who set a goal and proceeded steadily and steadfastly and constantly in that direction.

The study of the law is in itself an admirable mental education. It is to the mind what the gymnasium and the swimming pool, the ball field and the golf course, the open air and the sunshine are to the body. It stimulates and makes active that mental exercise which is absolutely essential to continued mental growth. Its real and fundamental advantages apply alike to those intending to practice law and to those who have no such intention. It is a graduate course in the science of logic and reason.

It is trite to say that the legal profession needs youth; it does, of course, or it would be depleted in a generation; but the legal profession needs youth in this respect, that it needs the strength, the vigor, the activity, the resourcefulness of the younger generation. And in the field of legal reform—of the readjustment of our system of law and of procedure to the needs of the times, it is the lawyer who must lead; and I venture to add that it is the young lawyer who must lead his profession in these matters. The old lawyers won’t; the law, and the profession itself, is essentially conservative; the young lawyer must be the moving spirit, the one who does actually, in action as well as in spirit, maintain the progressive, the upward, the forward trend and tendency of our legal system.

Keep constantly before you these ideas, these aims, these very vital needs of our profession; consider our country, and its legal system, one not only worth dying for, but one worth living for.

The degree of LL.B. was conferred upon 76 candidates whose names follow:


The degree of LL.M. was conferred upon Eugene Victor Taylor (LL.M. Chicago-Kent, Feb. 1926) who entered our post graduate course immediately upon the completion of his undergraduate course.

A scholarship in the post graduate course is awarded to the member of every graduating class who has attained the highest scholastic record during his entire undergraduate course. This honor was awarded to A. Trevor Jones. Honorable mention was made of Miss Gwen Ostrom.

The Callaghan & Co. prize of $50.00 in law books to the student who attains the highest scholastic record during his last college year was awarded to Joseph Dubovik. Honorable mention was again made of Miss Ostrom.
Miss Schirmer has been kept
"Buster" than a one-legged
tight rope walker with Coens-
straightening out the enrollment
with Brando, etc.-etc.-etc.-etc.
(note - Miss Schirmer is in the center
of the picture add a body to her)

A. Tsavantchil Dillon
en the beautiful
judge's chair in the
murder trial. Judge Welches
Toone's Close

Week of uneasy nudity

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ideas for
this page,
you'd better
get 'em. Leave em
at the office.