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THE REPUBLICAN CLUB OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

By G. W. FULLER

A Republican Club of some kind may have existed at different times at the University, but such an organization was not of a permanent character until the year 1891, when James F. Burke, '92 Law, who has since become a national figure in the Republican Party, organized the present Republican Club of the University of Michigan. Burke, before that, had been private secretary to U. S. Senator Mathew Quay, of Pennsylvania, and, therefore, was well trained in politics. The club held a banquet in Ann Arbor during the winter of 1891, which was attended by Major McKinley and many men of national political prominence.

A national organization of college clubs was formed that year, and national conventions by it were thereafter held for some time.

In 1893, our class presented W. V. Elliott as a candidate for the presidency of the Republican Club of the University of Michigan, but a member of the senior law class was chosen. I happened to be elected Vice-President, and the following year I became President. The club was made up of about two thousand members in 1894, two of whom were members of State Legislatures, one being a member of our class. Other officers of the club who were members of our class were J. C. Travis, now Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana, F. C. Kuhn, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan, E. W. Sims, former U. S. District Attorney, at Chicago, Ill., Earl D. Babst, W. V. Elliott, former District Attorney of Denver, Colo., J. E. Swanger, former Secretary of State of Missouri, J. J. Sheridan and C. A. Denison. Among the other members of the club from our class who have since become active in political life were A. J. Tuttle, U. S. District Judge of the Eastern District of Michigan, E. B. Goss, former Justice of the Supreme Court of North Dakota, and U. G. Denman, former Attorney General of Ohio.

It is my understanding that the Republican Club of the U. of M. today is doing much to educate the young men of the University along the well defined Republican Party lines of political thought; and is teaching these young men the necessity of thorough political organization for the best political results. Many men who have become powers in politics received their first simple lessons in practical politics in the Republican Club of the University of Michigan.

'94 LAWS AND PHI DELTA PHI

By FRANZ C. KUHN

In the fall of 1893 members of the Law Class of 1894, who were also members of the legal fraternity of Phi Delta Phi came back to Ann Arbor to open the new fraternity house which the society had rented and which was located at the corner of Hill and State Streets. For many years the members of this fraternity had planned a home of their own, but it was not until the '94 Laws had the courage to enter into a lease for the premises that these hopes were fulfilled. The house was sparsely furnished but those of '94 who had rented it entered with enthusiasm upon the undertaking, and the result was a very happy year of delightful companionship. We added to our members by pledging members of the Class of 1895 and soon the house was completely occupied. Bissell, '94, was in charge of the house as steward and we used it only for rooming purposes. We took our meals at various boarding houses, most of us going to Mrs. Motley's which was a rather famous boarding house of its day. Some of the non-resident professors who were members of the society made the house their headquarters during their stay in Ann Arbor and we who were there will always recall the delightful evenings we spent with Judge Champin who came to Ann Arbor from time to time to deliver a course of lectures in the Law Department. We had a hall in the business part of the city where we held our meetings and initiations and which had been used by

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The Bulletin is issued, throughout the year, in February, June and October.

With the resignation of Professor Trueblood from the faculty, there is now no one on the teaching staff of the University with whom we were in touch in the lecture room. And only he, Professor Angell, Professor Mechem and Professor Johnson of the professors are alive.

As we look at the faces of the older men of our faculty, in the class picture, bearded as was the vogue in their generation, they seem to become more and more supernatural, endowed with a wisdom unequalled in our present day.

You are still in time to send in a notation of any change in your address, for insertion in our proposed new class directory; that is, if you act promptly. We hope to have the booklet in the hands of every member of the class before the summer is over. In behalf of the class organization, grateful appreciation is again expressed to those who have sent in voluntary donations to the class treasury, without which it would not have been possible to publish and distribute the above, because of the increased cost of production, practically double that of former directories. The booklet will be distributed gratis.

The re-union season is again at our doors. Are you thinking about your next class re-union, only three years off? Make your plans *now*, especially you who are in far off places. We want a large Pacific Coast representation at our next, the 35th year, re-union.

A QUIZ ON REAL PROPERTY

The law of real property held our attention during the senior year. The boys had become pretty well acquainted by that time, and many small groups,—of four, five or more, intimately associated, had formed out of the large body of our class. They could be seen, or heard—they seemed omnipresent, whether at lectures, in the quiz room, at the evening distribu-

tion of the mail at the post office, at "Parker's", or where not.

Among them, was the group of "lits" enrolled in the law school "taking law" simultaneously with their literary studies during the last years of their course in the academical department, and then there was the group that found its stay in Ann Arbor an almost continuous holiday or song.

Neither group was generally over well-prepared for the inquisition in the quiz room. The academical student could scarcely be expected to shine there, with his many social duties and his work at the other end of the campus. Of course, there were exceptions. Where are there not? Pity the man, however, who was not mentally and physically equipped to stand the strain. It was such a one who was on his feet in the quiz room of an afternoon trying to answer the questions put to him by that popular but ever alert and sagacious quizmaster Thomas W. Hughes, during a quiz on real property.

It may be that our classmate who was being quizzed had been out late the night before at a fraternity function or stacking poker chips—at any rate, he seemed almost as dull and dumb as an oyster on that particular day. Directly behind him, toward the rear of the room, sat our old friend Goodpaster Ramsay with his gay-spirited cohorts, ever ready to help, to the best of their ability, a fellow classmate in jeopardy. Those were the days before Volstead.

"So you say, Mr. _____," asked quizmaster Hughes, who was beginning to suspect prompting, "that the land left by an intestate goes to his heirs and his personal property goes to his administrator: well, then, Mr. _____, tell us to whom does the decedent's dead body go?" After some halting and fidgeting, there came the reply—"to the heirs." "Why?" came back like a flash from the quizmaster. Alas, for a minute that question was as much of a poser to Ramsay and his gang, as it was to the poor victim whom they were trying to help out; however, they did the best they could and Mr. _____ answered, "because it belongs to the soil."

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the society for many years previous to this time. We made an attempt to raise funds among our alumni to build a permanent home but as a result of the business depression which occurred throughout the country in 1894, we did not meet with much success. The house which we rented was used for many years and it was not until the year 1914 that the hopes of the membership were realized and a permanent home was obtained. This was accomplished largely through the very active interest that Professor Goddard, who was then secretary of the Law School, took in the building project and the helpful cooperation of alumni living in Detroit and elsewhere. It was the great pleasure of the writer to have had the honor of laying the cornerstone of the new house and also to preside as toastmaster at the dedication banquet. This house has been the home of the fraternity since that time and is now occupied by it.

OBITUARY

Charles L. Parker died on February 5th, 1925, in Seattle, Wash., at the age of 65 years. Before enrolling with our class as a one year man, he had attended Law School in 1889-1890. He was born in Fayette, Iowa, and was graduated from the Upper Iowa University in 1881. Was in the mining business before joining our class, in Montana, and for many years prior to his death was engaged in the Loan and Investment business in Seattle, Wash. He was survived by his wife.

CLASS ITEMS

Professor Thomas C. Trueblood has resigned from the Faculty, as head of the Public Speaking Department. Professor Trueblood has been on the Campus as long as, if not longer than, any other man, and is now serving in his forty-third year at the university. His resignation will take effect at the end of the Summer Session.

Dennis B. Hayes has removed his offices from the Whitney Building to the new Free Press Building, Rooms 1047-9, in Detroit, Mich. He is senior member of the firm of Hayes & Maurer.

John B. Wright, of Tucson, Ariz., has been appointed U. S. District Attorney for the District of Arizona.

Col. Dennis P. Quinlan has been elected a member of the Board of Directors of the University of Michigan Club of Washington, D. C. Col. Quinlan is now stationed in Washington; he has been assigned by President Coolidge to act as special assistant to the Chief Co-ordinator; the latter is an official created to co-ordinate the activities of all the federal executive departments wherever two or more of them function in the same field, in the interest of economy and to prevent over-lapping and duplication of service.

Lewis A. Stoneman is still in practice in the Majestic Building, in Detroit, Mich. Although he went to Ann Arbor from Indianapolis, he immediately upon graduation settled in Detroit and has been there ever since. During the administration of Governor Pingrey he served a term in the Michigan Legislature.

W. W. Woodbury, whose term as probate judge recently expired, has resumed the practice, in Jefferson, Ohio.

H. C. Livengood, of Ottawa, Kan., has farmed and fed stock since leaving law school. He has dealt in real estate some and at the present time is engaged in improving city property, actually laboring and enjoying it, with good health.

H. T. Ronning is secretary to U. S. Senator Shipstead of Minnesota. From 1909 to 1913 he was secretary to Congressman Eddy, also of Minnesota. After that he served as probate judge for six years in Glenwood, Minn.

The daughter of Henry E. Naegely, Margaret Katherine, was recently married to James F. Heneghan. Mrs. Heneghan, with Henry and Mrs. Naegely, attended our 25th year re-union, in 1919.

Holbrook G. Cleaveland, ("Grover"), is Asst. Secretary of the American Sugar Refining Company, 117 Wall St., N. Y. City.

Judge Harlan B. Howe, held a criminal term in the Federal Court in New York City last February and paid us a visit. He spoke very enthusiastically about the last re-union and about those whom he met there, after 30 years.

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J. F. Chambers, of Stanley, N. M., is at present at the Normal University, Las Vegas, N. M., to complete his work for an A. B. degree. He has been teaching in the Indian schools in the Southwest for many years.

Charles Fitzgerald is now the proprietor and manager of the "Payment Persuader System", a collection agency established by him, in the U. S. Trust Bldg., suite, 27, Louisville, Ky. He was, for many years, manager of the Louisville Creditmen's Adjustment Bureau of that City.

Judge Travis's term as Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana expires at the end of this year. He is a candidate for re-nomination and re-election. Our best wishes go out to him.

He writes: "I should very much like to see all of the classmates this year. The re-unions are too far apart in time."

Announcements are out as to the marriage of Earl D. Babst's oldest daughter, Katherine De Garmo Babst, on June 3, 1926, at St. Bartholomew's Church, on Park Avenue, N. Y. City. Babst has one other child, a younger daughter.

Alonzo L. Curtis, of Belton, Texas, is counsel for some of the defendants in the suits that have arisen out of the scandal in Texas during the past year in connection with the spending of the funds of the Highway Commission.

Emma Eaton White was elected as Reporter of Decisions of the Supreme and Appellate Courts of Indiana by nearly 150,000 majority. Mrs. White writes: "So far as I know, Indiana is the only State that elects a Reporter of Decisions of its highest courts, and has done so since 1852; the term is 4 years."

W. H. L. McCourtie, of Dallas, Texas, bred and owns Mr. Elwyn, world's champion two-year-old trotter, 2:04; world's champion three-year-old trotter, 1:59 1/4, and world's champion race stallion, 3, 2:02 1/2; on December 17, 1925, he achieved a 4 year-old record of 1:59 1/2, and on Jan. 9, 1926, he lowered his record to 1:59 1/4, in Phoenix, Ariz., in the presence of 3,000 persons, making him the fastest living trotting champion. He has now gone permanently into stud, in Lexington, Ky.

Judge Kelby, husband of classmate Lulu R. Kelby, since leaving the bench, has become associated in practice with former City Comptroller Charles L. Craig.

CLASS STATISTICS

Out of 230 surviving members of our class, 113 are practising law at the present time. The remaining 117 have gone into business and other lines of activity. Of the latter number, 26 are in the pay of the government, 15 are in professions other than the law, 7 have retired and 9 are unclassified. So that a great bulk of the members of our class have found their life work in other fields than that of the legal profession. That is the story of nearly every class graduated from a law school, twenty years or more after graduation. A law school can no longer be regarded exclusively as an institution for the training of lawyers or for preparation for the bench and bar.

Our men who are engaged in business or activities akin thereto, with few exceptions, followed the law in the first instance. Many joined the ranks of business men because commerce held out better prospects financially or greater opportunities for the exercise of their talents.

It is interesting to note that the members of our class who are not engaged in the legal profession are as active and enthusiastic in and about the class organization as the others. Law '94 now is a law class in name only.

A SHERLOCKIAN DEDUCTION

"How'd you come to raid that barber shop?" asked the chief of the dry agents.

"Well," replied the dry agent, "it struck me kind of funny that so many men should buy hair restorer from a bald-headed barber."

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

WHO'S LOONY NOW?

A man in a hospital for mental cases sat fishing over a flower bed. A visitor approached and, wishing to be affable, remarked:

"How many have you caught?"

"You're the ninth," was the reply.

—DePauw Daily.