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Your welcome letter of Dec. 3rd., reminding me of the swift passage of time, just now received. You ask me to promptly prepare and mail to you my report for the year. How can I do this when I have nothing of interest to report. However Oct. 21, was my birthday and I am now 90 years old and still here, doing nothing
and with reasonably good health. I am glad to know that you are working on our 64th Annual Class Bulletin, and naturally anxious to see it and hope it brings good news of the few of us remaining. How thankful we remaining few should be that you have been able to keep us all together through so many years, with this Bulletin. Greetings and good wishes to you and all the other boys.

BODMAN, HENRY E., 1400 Buhl Bldg., Detroit 26, Mich.—I have your letter requesting my report for your annual Bulletin. First, let me commend you for your attending to this report for all these long years. As we grow older, and of course do less each year, there is less and less to report. About all I can say is that I am still surviving and continue in the practice of the law with my partnership, but of course do very little except to keep in touch with what goes on and give some advice to my partners from time to time. Times have changed and we are entering a new era and government of international problems. Being a Republican, I was of course, disappointed in the election of last November, but it is quite certain that the President-elect (if he was elected) did not receive any mandate. So far his election of cabinet members has been encouraging. Perhaps it is just as well that the Democratic Party is to take over for the next four years, and of course, we shall get behind them and support them in a non-partisan way. My best wishes to you and the other surviving members of our class.


DANCER, HERBERT A., 274 Monterey Road, Palm Beach, Fla.
Deceased, June 20, 1959

DONAHEY, LUTHER F., North Hollywood, Calif.—Deceased,
Feb. 17, 1957.

DRUMHELLER, THOMAS J., Box 538 Walla Walla, Wash.—
Deceased, January 28, 1954.

FIELD, FREEMAN, Los Angeles, Calif.—Deceased, Jan. 10,
1931

FORD, DELBERT E., Maple Farm Convalescent Home, Midlothian, Ill.—Repeated letters to classmate Ford at above supposed address, get not response, and letters are not returned. Also, letters to the above named institution, with stamped reply envelope enclosed, fail to get any response.

FOUTS, ROBERT M., Paradise, Calif.—Deceased, April 25,
1943.

FREEDMAN, H. Y., 2366 Panorama Terrace, Los Angeles 39,
Calif.—So another year has rolled around, and as usual, you ask for another report. Nothing new or exciting has happened to me. The most disconcerting event was the result of the recent election, with which I am quite disappointed. I hope conservative Democrats will side with Republicans in preventing more socialistic programs. Mrs. Freedman and I have enjoyed a pleasant, serene, peaceful year. Our health has been good, considering our age. We are constantly being made aware of the great strides being made in science, the progress in perfecting missiles, etc., as instruments of war and the possibilities of the use of atomic materials for peaceful purposes. The fertility of the human mind is one of the mysteries of the universe. Somewhere out of the void, that which did
not exist before, leaps into the mind of man. Ideas come from individuals. Progress with ideas. I just got the idea that the five other old codgers who will read this report may not want to hear about my reactions to current history, so, with broad grin, and an extended hand, I greet each of you, and earnestly wish you the the best of health and contentment, with a special “thank you” to Bill Hart for the Bulletin.


GALEN, ALBERT J., Helena, Mont.—Deceased, May 16, 1936.

HANDY, JAMES S., Chicago, Ill.—Deceased, September 27, 1941.

HARPER, DAVID N., 5534 Locust Street, Kansas City, Mo.—Deceased, March 9, 1959.

HARRISON, GEORGE B., Kansas City, Mo.—Deceased, March 4, 1930.

HART, WILLIAM L., 135 Overlook Drive, Alliance, Ohio.—Have had an interesting but uneventful year. My grandson, Ian Bruce Hart, Jr., a Canton Ohio lawyer was married November 26th to Dorothy Nigh of Akron, Ohio. It appears that all the surviving members of our class are Republicans, and so voted at the recent election. Have completed a life-story covering ninety-four years, but probably will not publish it.

HAYES, HENRY N., Salt Lake City, Utah—Deceased.

HILLS, CHARLES W., Miami Beach, Fla.—Deceased, April 2, 1950.

KOCOUREK, ALBERT, Beloit, Wis.—Deceased, June 8, 1952.

LAWTON, CHARLES T., Toledo, Ohio.—Deceased, June 13, 1929.

LONG, WILLIAM M., Deerfield, Mich.—Deceased.
LUX, ARTHUR W.,—Deceased, September 25, 1910.
MILLER, HARRY A., Glen Ellyn, Ill.—Deceased.
MILROY, CHARLES M., Toledo, Ohio—Deceased, December 12, 1931.
MINER, KARL R., Newton, Conn.—Deceased, August 28, 1947.
NORRIS, JAMES T., Wilkinsburg, Pa.—Deceased, May 29, 1949.
PRATT, JOHN SHERRING, 1652 North Cove Boulevard, Toledo 6, Ohio—Deceased, May 12, 1959.
RILEY, B. T., Paloa, Kan. —Deceased, July 10, 1940.
ROGERS, ALBERT T Jr, 1100 Seventh St., Las Vegas, N. M.

How time flies for one of advancing years!! After more than 60 years of rather strenuous law practice, I have finally slowed down. Since my serious illness of complete exhaustion about two years ago, that confined me to the hospital for several weeks, I was forced to moderate and confine my professional activities to the business of only a few important former clients, abandoning all trial work except in formal and uncontested matters. My last important case, for the Public Service Company of New Mexico, involving water rights, was again argued in the Supreme Court of New Mexico Monday, December 12th, but on doctors orders I did not take the leading part in the argument, but left that to our able associates. I shall always feel a debt of deepest gratitude to our
noble and wonderful profession for having afforded me, under adverse conditions, such a successful and satisfactory professional career that I have experienced. I was the youngest member of our class but judging from your handwriting you still enjoy the vigor of middle aged manhood, quite unlike my apparently decrepit condition. Again I want to thank you and compliment you upon your faithful and efficient service to our class in continuously maintaining our Class Bulletin that has kept us all in close touch with each other throughout the years. I doubt that any other class has such a record. Best wishes and the Compliment of the Season.


SALISBURY, DUANE C., Battle Creek, Mich.—Deceased November 26, 1913.

SHELDON, CLAUDE, Warren, Ohio—Deceased June 7, 1930.

STANLEY, FRED B., Beverly Hills, Calif.—Deceased, May 17, 1943.

STEARN, CLAIRE H., Carmel by the Sea, Calif.—Deceased, December 29, 1943.

STEVENSON, ARCHIBALD, Rockport, Indiana—Deceased February 10, 1925.

WEHRLE, EDWARD F., Los Angeles, Calif.—Deceased May 30, 1941.

WHITE, CHARLES E., 510 North Fourth Street, Niles, Mich.—Deceased, August 3, 1957.

WILLIAMS, ROY H., Sandusky, Ohio—Deceased December 18, 1946.
DEAN STASON HONORED

"University law alumni recently honored former Dean E. Blythe Stason. Charles Danton, '21, J.D. '26, of Miami Beach, Fla., presented a portrait of Dean Stason to the University in ceremonies in Hutchins Hall. Stason served 41 years as the Law School's eighth dean, prior to starting retirement furlough in September. He currently directs the American Bar Foundation in Chicago, but maintains his residence in Ann Arbor."

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