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Editorial

THE LAW SCHOOL

The establishment of a Chapter of The Order of the Coif at the Louisiana State University Law School has been the most significant event in its recent history. The high standards of scholarship and achievement maintained by this honorary society and the relatively small number of chapters in existence bespeak the magnitude of the honor conferred upon the school. Dean Charles T. McCormick of the Law School of the University of Texas, and National President of The Order of the Coif, honored the installation of the Louisiana Chapter with his presence. The chapter membership is composed of the regular voting members of the faculty and include the following: Dale E. Bennett, Harriet S. Daggett, Joseph Dainow, Ira S. Flory, Jefferson B. Fordham, Paul

M. Hebert, Wex S. Malone, Henry G. McMahon, and J. Denson Smith.

Of these, Professors Bennett, Flory, Fordham, and Malone had previously been elected to membership in the Chapters of Coif at the law schools where they did their undergraduate work. Along with the installation of the new chapter, the first elected members were inducted. These included Robert Lee Tullis, Dean Emeritus of the Law School, who was elected to honorary membership, and three outstanding students in the graduating class, namely, Gilbert Dupre Litton, Russell B. Long, and A. B. Rubin.

The present national emergency has occasioned a number of changes and adjustments in the law school during the past few months. Dean Paul M. Hebert has gone into active service with the Army, having received the commission of Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Department. His place in the Dean's office is being filled by Acting Dean Henry G. McMahon. Assistant Professor Wex S. Malone is serving as a Senior Attorney with the Defense Public Works Administration.

The University's accelerated program is being reflected in the law school's summer session of twelve weeks divided into two periods of six weeks each. By taking advantage of the courses offered during the summer next year's senior class will be able to graduate at the end of January instead of the following June. Another emergency measure was the adoption by the law school faculty of revised admission requirements whereby students with a superior record of achievement may be admitted to the law school with two years of pre-legal training. Likewise, the combined Commerce-Law program has been re-introduced in order to make available this combined training which will be needed more and more as the present emergency continues.

Three projects of the Louisiana State Law Institute in which members of the faculty participated have recently been concluded. The second and concluding part of the Compiled Edition of the Civil Codes of Louisiana has been completed and was reported to the 1942 legislature. Professor Joseph Dainow was the reporter for this work. It was the first major project undertaken by the Law Institute. The compilation of Louisiana Statutes Related to the Civil Code prepared by Professor Harriet S. Daggett has been completed and will be available for distribution in the near future. The latest and most significant project of the Law Institute has been the preparation of a Code of Criminal Law for the State of Louisiana. Professor Dale E. Bennett, along with

Professor Clarence Morrow of Tulane University Law School, and Leon Sarpy of the Loyola University Law School were the three reporters for this project, which was recently completed and has been presented to the legislature.

Professor Harriet S. Daggett's book on *Louisiana Privileges and Chattel Mortgage*, published this spring through the Louisiana State University Press, has been welcomed by the profession for its valuable contribution to Louisiana law. Professor Jefferson B. Fordham has been engaged for some time on a projected study of certain aspects of the Louisiana general property tax.

HENRY G. McMAHON,
Acting Dean.