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*"My keenest interest is excited, not by what are called great questions and great cases, but by little decisions which the common run of selectors would pass by because they did not deal with the Constitution or a telephone company, yet which have in them the germ of some wider theory, and therefore of some profound interstitial change in the very tissue of the law."*—OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, COLLECTED LEGAL PAPERS (1920) 269.

## NEWS OF THE LAW SCHOOL

The full impact of the war upon law schools cannot be measured yet, nor even forecast. Undoubtedly, it will be heavy. Under the present terms of the Selective Service Act, every man in the University of Missouri Law School not already a Reserve Officer is subject to registration, and a high percentage is classified in group 1A. The induction of students prior to

the beginning of the fall term, plus the cumulative effect of the smaller classes entering under the increased entrance requirements put in force three years ago, reduced the enrollment at the beginning of the school year to eighty-one. As compared with previous years, the decrease here, as throughout the nation, was mainly in the Freshman class. However, the natural tendency to absorb, after several years, the effect of higher entrance requirements undoubtedly offset to some degree the effect of the draft, so that our reduction was slightly less than experienced by law schools generally. There has been only a slight decrease since then, but it is expected there will be more following the end of the first semester and the February bar examination (which, by order of the Board of Bar Examiners, may this year be taken by seniors as well as graduates).

The problems of the *Law Review* will certainly be multiplied and it may be difficult to maintain a staff of student editors. Support from our alumni and subscribers has never been more essential.

The faculty has taken several steps to facilitate the study of law by those potentially subject to draft. The requirement for entrance to the school has been reduced to two years of college work. Beginning in June of this year, the law school will be conducted on the "quarter system," so that the study of law may be begun at any one of four dates in the year, the entire course may be completed in two and a quarter years of continuous attendance, and there will be less difficulty in readjustment for the student whose course is interrupted by call to service but wishes to resume his studies at a later date. In the meantime, every effort is being made to maintain a high standard of work by those in attendance and to preserve the best traditions of the school.

The regular Law Day will be observed on April 25th. Alumni and friends of the school are cordially invited to attend the various functions of that occasion.