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# 85 Graduates Earn Degrees

## Honorary Degrees Awarded to Schweitzer, Canary and Rucker

Cleveland-Marshall Law School of Baldwin-Wallace College conferred Doctor of Law degrees upon 85 graduates on Friday evening June 11, in Cleveland's Music Hall when the Law School held its 66th annual graduation ceremony.

In addition, there were conferred three Bachelor of Laws degrees, and one Doctor of Juridical Science degree.

Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees were conferred upon the retired New York industrialist, Louis Schweitzer, Sumner Canary, former U. S. District Attorney, and upon Cleveland attorney and law school alumnus Henry A. Rucker.

Schweitzer, in cooperation with the Ford Foundation, launched New York's Manhattan Bail Project, which gave birth to similar programs throughout the country, including Cleveland.

Mr. Schweitzer was born in Russia in 1899, coming to this country in 1905. His education and career were devoted to paper manufacturing. He received his B.S. Degree from the University of Maine in 1919, and his Chemical Engineering Degree from the University of Grenoble, France in 1921, specializing in paper-making.

### Active in Series

The sponsor of several lecture series and foundations dealing with Constitutional problems, Mr. Schweitzer's most recent project was the Vera Foundation in New York, named after his mother. The purpose of the foundation was to prevent the unnecessary jailing of persons awaiting trial merely because they could not put up bail, and whose records did not otherwise justify remaining in jail.

Also honored with an LL.D. degree in absentia, because of illness, was Sumner Canary, former U. S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (1954-1959), and also Foreman of the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury (September 1962 term).

Mr. Canary, a member of the Cleveland law firm of Arter, Hadden, Wykoff & Van Duzer, is a 1927 graduate of Western Reserve University Law School. He is a Trustee of Cleveland-Marshall Law School, Bowling Green State University, Denison University (1958-1964), Fairview Park Hospital, Huron Road Hospital, Children's Aid Society, and the Cleveland Zoo. He is a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and of the American Judicature Society.

Mr. Canary lives with his wife, Althea Gilbert Canary, at 12520 Edgewater Drive, in Lakewood.

Third of the three honorees was Henry A. Rucker, an alumnus of the Law School who was admitted to the bar in 1907. Mr. Rucker was one of the founders of the Cleveland City Club, and has served on the board of the Cleveland Community Chest and the Welfare

Federation.

For a period of 23 years he served as President of his Temple, now known as Park Synagogue, and is a member of its Board of Trustees. For his services to the community, he has received the distinguished service award from the United Appeal, and the distinguished merit award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The commencement address was given by Dr. Alfred B. Bonds, Jr., President of Baldwin-Wallace College, who also conferred the degrees upon the graduates.

### Class Leaders

Heading the class scholastically was Mrs. June Wiener, who was graduated summa cum laude. Mrs. Wiener, the mother of two children, is the wife of Doctor Stephen N. Wiener, M.D., and lives at 4951 Ridgebury Blvd., Lyndhurst.

Graduating magna cum laude was Frederic G. DeRocher, of 23514 Stoneybrook Drive, North Olmsted, assistant to the division counsel at Lear Siegler, Inc. and Elliott H. Kajan, of 2327 Allison Road, University Heights, an agent with the Internal Revenue Service.

Included in the graduating class were a doctor of medicine, Dr. Robert Earl Gardner, and a pharmacist, Leonard Davis.

## Three Generations



Manuel Rucker ('33) (center), congratulates his father, Henry A. Rucker ('07) (left), and his son, Jonathan Rucker ('65), (right), both of whom participated in this year's graduation ceremony. The eldest Rucker received an honorary LL.D. degree, while the youngest Rucker had just earned his J.D. degree this year.

Jonathan Rucker represents the third generation in the Rucker family attending Cleveland-Marshall Law School. Another grandson, Michael, looks forward to graduating next year.

For more about Henry Rucker, see the headline story above.



White-jacketed singers of The Cleveland Male Chorus provided the music for Cleveland-Marshall Law School's 66th Annual Commencement at the Music Hall, June 11, 1965. Seated on the platform are members of the administration and faculty of the law school, and recipients of honorary degrees. In the front rows in the audience is the graduating class, waiting to receive their degrees and to have the cowles, with the law school's colors of brown and gold, placed on their shoulders.

## Dr. Bonds Urges Grads to Accept Alumni Obligation

Dr. Alfred B. Bonds, Jr., President of Baldwin-Wallace College and of the law school, in his commencement address to the law school's Class of 1965, urged the



President Alfred B. Bonds, Jr.

graduates to accept the pride and obligation of membership in the alumni body.

Said Dr. Bonds, in part, "This class of 1965 is graduating at a time when events of marked consequence are occurring in your Alma Mater. In addition to the major physical renovations which have occurred in those parts of the building we have been using, comprehensive changes are now under way on the first floor as well. New classrooms, new offices, and a magnificent new Moot Court Room will be ready at the opening of the 1965-66 academic year.

"Each one of our alumni and each one of you have benefitted from the fact that an uncounted number of supporters of this Law School cared enough about it to give of their substance, their time and their talent to create the facility as it is today. We are confident as we draw the blue prints for a greater tomorrow that we shall find devoted men and women who will rally to the cause of aiding this school to achieve the height of excellence. I am certain that you understand that as our reputation grows, you will benefit by the fact of your association here."

## Alumni Association Elects New Trustees

Five area judges and the president of Cleveland's City Council are among the seventeen trustees elected by the Cleveland-Marshall Alumni Association at its annual business meeting, held June 10, 1965, just before the association's annual Open House at the Law School.

Heading the Alumni Association as President is Aaron Jacobson, ('59), who moves up from his post last year of 1st vice president, while outgoing president Dominic Dottore ('54) stays on the Board as Immediate Past President. New 1st vice president is Patrick Lazzaro ('57), an assistant county prosecutor. Fred Lick, Jr. ('61) is 2nd vice president, and Paul Sanislo ('61) is 3rd vice president. Elected secretary was Eileen Kelley ('63), and Leo Rossman ('29) long time treasurer, retains that post.

Re-elected to the Board, as trustees are Judge Angelo Gagliardo ('51), Elaine Columbro ('62), Dale D. Powers ('60), Clarence James

('62), and Thomas J. Scanlon ('63).

New on the Board are Federal Judge James C. Connell ('18) who headed the Association's first fund drive and who emceed the annual luncheon, Common Pleas Judges Hugh A. Corrigan ('55) and John Manos ('50), Probate Judge Frank J. Merrick ('51), James C. Stanton ('61), President of Cleveland's City Council, and Henry Gottfried ('19) of the law firm of Gottfried, Ginsberg, Guren, & Merritt.

Serving as ex-officio, non-voting members are the Alumni's Executive Secretary Peter P. Roper ('61), Dean Wilson G. Stapleton ('34), and the President of the school's Student Congress, Robert L. Gray ('66).



Dominic G. Dottore ('54), outgoing president of the C-M Alumni Association, presents a gavel to Aaron Jacobson ('59), the group's new president for 1965-66. Behind them is part of the construction taking place on the school's first floor, in space that used to be occupied by the Daily Legal News.





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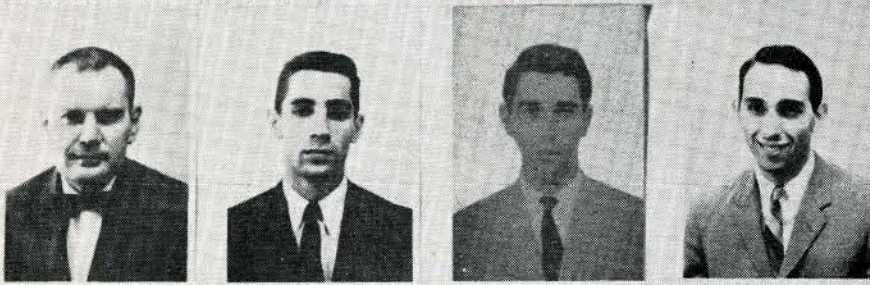
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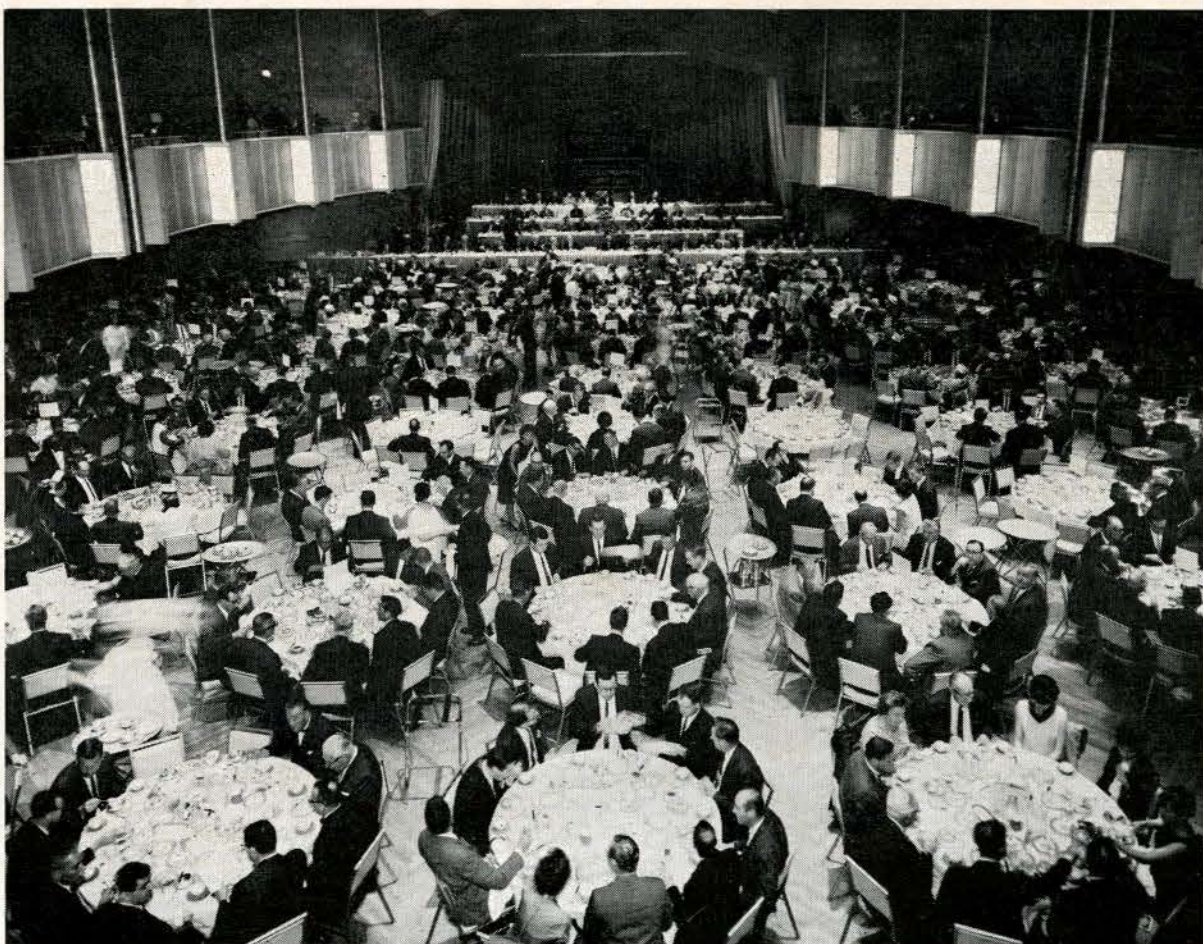
# ANNUAL PICTURE PAGE



Cleveland Press Editor Louis B. Seltzer, main speaker at the Alumni Luncheon recalls his early days with Judge Silbert. Cleveland Plain Dealer Editor Thomas V. H. Vail (second from left), also recalled covering Judge Silbert's court when Vail was a political writer for the Cleveland News.



Virtually every judge in Cuyahoga County attended the Alumni Luncheon honoring their colleague, Judge Silbert, and every one of them was seated at the largest head table ever assembled in Cleveland. Here is a representative group from the Appellate Court and from the Federal Court.



More than 1300 alumni and friends of "Judge Sam" gathered in the Sheraton-Cleveland's huge ballroom for the largest alumni luncheon ever held by the Alumni Association. A number of alumni sat at "class reunion" tables and had the opportunity to chat again with old friends.



Judge Lee E. Skeel ('12), Appellate Judge and the law school's Chief Administrative Officer smiles as he receives the Alumni Association's contribution of \$20,000 towards the renovation of the school's first floor from Alumni President Dominic Dottore ('54), while Alumni Secretary Peter P. Roper ('61) looks on.



Alumni President Dominic Dottore ('54), presents the "Outstanding Alumnus Award" to Samuel H. Silbert ('07), Chief Justice Emeritus of the Common Pleas Court and Chairman of the law school's Board of Trustees.



James C. Connell ('18) Chief Judge, U. S. District Court of Northern Ohio served as the most masterful of masters of ceremonies and delighted the audience with his reminiscences.



More than 400 alumni gathered for the Alumni Association's Annual Open House, held June 10 on the school's first floor in the space formerly occupied by the Daily Legal News. The area visible in the photo has been renovated and now consists of two classrooms and a Moot Court, divided by folding partitions, so that we can meet in the same spot again next year! Cheers!



Part of the crowd at the Open House included Professor William K. Gardner (second from left), and Registrar Alice B. Meck (standing). That's Commissioner John Fakult's ear your looking into.

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