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DUKE UNIVERSITY TO PRODUCE "LOG CABIN" LAWYERS

Some of the great American lawyers of the past century were wont to "point with pride" to their log cabin origin, an opportunity denied to their twentieth century successors. However, many of the future Duke University law graduates will at least be able to claim a log cabin environment for their three years of law study.

At the beginning of the next school year five log cabins will be available for use as the study and living quarters of a number of "lawyers in the making." Construction work on the cabins is under way, it is announced by Dr. H. C. Horack, dean of the school.

Though only a few minutes' walk from the law building, the cabins are located on the edge of the Duke forest and the woodland setting is suggestive of the "backwoods" from which so many of the country's great lawyers have come. It is expected that the cabins will provide a particularly advantageous study center for law students, where legal shop talk may be engaged in freely without distractions.

Certain concessions have been made to modernity in the interior if not the exterior of this unique housing arrangement. The pioneer lawyer frequently studied his books on the floor in front of his fireplace, or by the light of a candle or blazing pine-knot. The Duke cabins will have a fireplace in the central recreational hall, but more for ornament than for light or heat. Electric lights, steam heat, and modern plumbing are part of the price the cabin residents will have to pay for living in the twentieth century.

Four of the cabins will be used for living purposes, the fifth will be the central recreational hall. Each of the cabins used for living purposes will accommodate eight students. About half of the available space will be assigned to students

already in the school, while the rest will be reserved for students of the entering class next fall.

The recreational hall will contain a large living room with a large open fireplace, a kitchenette for use on social occasions, a trunk storage, and a central heating plant for the group.

It is believed, Dean Horack states, that this method of housing students is practically unique among American law schools. He points out that there has been a room shortage for law students for a number of years which the cabins are designed to relieve. By the fall of 1939 a new graduate and professional school dormitory will be completed at Duke, which will solve fully the housing problems.

But the law school cabins will continue to be used by the embryonic barristers with a love for the rustic environment.

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It would seem that administrative law has attained a new high in the United States under the provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938. According to this enactment any farmer who is dissatisfied with his farm marketing quota may have such quota reviewed by a "local review committee composed of three farmers appointed by the Secretary" (of Agriculture). If the farmer is dissatisfied with the determination of the committee, he may have a review either in a federal district court or a state court of general jurisdiction. "The review by the court shall be limited to questions of law, and the findings of fact by the review committee, if supported by evidence, shall be conclusive." (Sec. 366.)

SIMULATION OF COURT PROCESS

In the recent case of *People v. Globe Jewelers, Inc.*, 249 App. Div. 122, in the prosecution of which the Committee on Unlawful Practice of the Law of the New York County Lawyers Association cooperated, convictions obtained under Section 551, Penal Law, relating to the sending of documents simulating legal process, were affirmed. The court (per Presiding Justice Martin) stated that, "There appears to be a growing practice to use the word 'court' to lead people to believe that they are dealing with a duly authorized court and a similar attempt to collect money by the use of papers designedly prepared to resemble court papers. This conviction may have a salutary effect upon those who use such deceptive means to make or collect money."

A new statute has now been approved by the governor (L. 1937, Ch. 117), effective September 1, 1937, adding new Section 551-a, Penal Law, to make the printing for sale or distribution, or the distribution or offer for sale, of such simulating documents, a misdemeanor.

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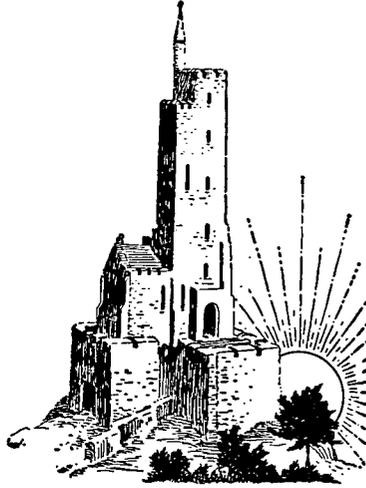
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