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## ROBERT GERALD STOREY: 1893-1981

**T**HE velocity of social and governmental change is unprecedented. Leaders and thinkers all over the world are longing for the law that protects liberty and the law that is based upon reason, morality and justice. But where can the scholars, teachers, successful lawyers, judges, leaders in governmental affairs, and outstanding independent thinkers be brought together in such a unified plan of action. Such a rendezvous may be found in the Legal Center.

Robert Storey revealed his vision of "A Legal Center for the Great Southwest" in the first issue of *Southwestern Law Journal*. A year earlier, in 1947, he had become dean of the Southern Methodist University School of Law, presiding over a faculty of less than a dozen members. By the time his article was printed, the Law School already was planning a move from a few rooms in Dallas Hall to its own new building, the cornerstone of Storey's plan. Today, the "new building" is Storey Hall, one of four structures in the Law School Quadrangle. The full-time faculty numbers almost thirty, and much of what Storey foresaw has come true in the form of bricks and books, mortar and minds.

Dean Storey died this year at the age of eighty-seven. Words of praise from those who knew him and his accomplishments would fill the pages of this *Journal* several times. Herein, we present the recollections of two persons who knew him best, Charles O. Galvin and A.J. Thomas, Jr., both successors to the Dean's office.

"In the great Southwest," Storey wrote in 1948, "with a tradition of pioneering and struggle, what greater challenge could there be to the organized bar and the public than to solve . . . problems through determined work in a great Legal Center?"

What better pioneer could we have had than Robert Storey?

The Board of Editors and the Staff of the *Southwestern Law Journal* dedicate this issue to the memory of Robert Gerald Storey.