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Occasionally letters are received taking issue, more or less vigorously, with some writing which has appeared in the *Journal*. It should be understood that the opinions and analyses found in leading articles are those of the authors. Comments and notes are usually written by student editors, and the responsibility for their quality lies with the writers and the supervising professors in whose teaching fields the subjects lie. In all instances the views expressed are asserted in good faith and on the basis of available legal materials.

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Invitation is extended to our readers to submit suitable articles for publication. While the *Journal* by no means suffers any dearth of articles, the editors are on the lookout at all times for worthwhile and interesting legal writing. Variety is striven for, and occasionally well-written articles have been declined because the subject-matter has been treated in a recent issue.

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The University has terminated the practice of holding Commencement Exercises at the end of the Fall Semester. However, eight seniors in the Law School completed the requirements for the LL.B. degree in January, 1954. They are:

Marshall K. Bercaw
Jack E. Crozier
Robert Allen Gwinn
Joseph R. Patterson

Clarence Peak, Jr.
Donald J. Pierce
Julian C. Tallichet
John C. Thompson

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An Institute on Personal Injury Litigation was held at the Legal Center on December 9-11, 1953. Both doctors and lawyers participated in the programs, which were highly interesting and instructive. Around 250 persons registered for the Institute.

The Fifth Annual Institute of the Law of Oil, Gas and Taxation was held on January 27-29, 1954. The papers presented were of outstanding professional caliber. As usual, attendance was heavy, more than 800 being registered for the Institute.

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We pause to extend our heartiest congratulations to Shepard's Citations on the occasion of its 80th anniversary. Shepard's Citations has added a

new verb to the English language: "to shepardize." To shepardize a case means to exhaust all subsequent decisions for treatment of the case in question. As every lawyer knows, legal research is not complete unless Shepard's Citations has been used. The *Journal* is appreciative of the research tool found in Shepard's Citations and wishes for it continued success in the years ahead.

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Lawyers' Week will be held on April 19-24, 1954. A full program is planned, including the 1954 Conference on Law in Society, an Institute on Trial Strategy, an Institute on Financing through the Issuance of Securities, the Annual Membership Meeting of the Southwestern Legal Foundation, Reception for Supreme Court Judges, fraternity breakfasts, the Law School Case Club Argument, and the Annual Banquet. All alumni are urged to attend part or all of the week.

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Bill Brice, John M. Hamilton and Jess Thomas Hay constituted the Southern Methodist University Law School team in the Southwestern Regional Moot Court Competition held at the University of Texas on November 20 and 21, 1953. After defeating the Tulane University and University of Texas teams, Southern Methodist lost in the finals to Louisiana State. In the National Moot Court Competition held in New York City the University of Nebraska College of Law team was named National Champion. An award was also made to the University of Chicago team for the best brief.

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The Spring, 1954, issue of the *Journal* will contain articles on Election of Remedies in Texas, Federal Tax Problems in Community Property and Natural Law. Comments on selected topics and book reviews will be included.