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LAW SCHOOL

Due to the war emergency, the enrollment in the School of Law has further diminished this year. From a height of 35 in the fall, the enrollment shrank to 22 spring quarter. This compares with 74 and 58 at corresponding periods last year. Second and third year classes have been combined, and many of the courses above the first year level will, for the duration, be given in alternate years.

The Law School faculty has likewise dropped from a pre-war status of five full-time and two part-time members to two full-time and three part-time members. Dean C. W. Leaphart is on leave with the War Labor Board in Denver, Professor J. Howard Toelle acting in his stead as Dean. Professor David R. Mason is with the Antitrust Division of the Attorney General's Department in Washington, D. C. Assistant Professor Russell E. Smith is with the O. P. A. in Helena; and Assistant Professors Francis E. Coad and Jamesbert C. Garlington are with the Army and Navy respectively. Associate Professor Edwin W. Briggs continues as a full-time professor; and Messrs. Walter L. Pope, Donovan E. Worden, and Edmund F. Fritz have been added to the faculty as part time teachers of law.

With the nation's 110 approved law schools reporting a decrease in enrollment from 28,714 in 1938 to 7,787 in 1942, a serious shortage of trained lawyers is envisaged if the war is prolonged. Increasing difficulty in meeting the requests of the government and of law firms for recent graduates has already been reported.

The Law School owes a duty to do all possible to carry on in order that these demands be met and that a profession with so many liberal traditions behind it continue to serve the cause of democratic thought and action. The full three year course leading to the Bachelor of Laws degree will be offered as usual next year.

MONTANA BAR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES*

President John E. Corette, Sr., Butte, arranged an excellent program for the Fifty-sixth annual meeting of the Montana Bar Association held in Missoula August 7th and 8th, 1942. In his opening address he reiterated the purposes for which the organization had been founded, citing a number of

*This statement has been furnished by Marshall Murray, Secretary of the Montana Bar Association.