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## Retirements

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**March G. Bodine**, professor of political science, Western Illinois University, retires effective September 1, 1973, after 35 years of service.

**Henry W. Ehrmann**, McGill University, has retired. During 1973-74, he will teach in the political science department of the University of Paris 1 (Sorbonne).

**Thomas Page**, associate professor of political science, University of Illinois, Urbana, has retired.

**Estal E. Sparlin**, director, Cleveland Governmental Research Institute and Citizens League, 1953-73, retired.

**Fred J. Tickner**, former dean of the Graduate School of Public Affairs and professor of political science, SUNY, Albany, retired at the end of the 1972-73 academic year.

## In Memoriam

### William H. Cape

Dr. William Cape, Professor of Political Science at the University of Kansas, died of an arterial aneurism on February 23, 1973. At the time of his death, he was coordinator of the M.P.A. graduate program at the University, as well as director of an inter-departmental major in personnel administration.

Professor Cape was born at Murdock, Kansas in 1920. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Ft. Hays State College in Kansas, and his Ph.D. (1952) in political science from the University of Kansas. He had served as instructor at the University of Wyoming in 1948-49 and at the University of Kansas from 1949-51. In 1952 he joined the faculty of the University of South Dakota where he also was assistant director of the government research bureau. In 1961 he returned to the University of Kansas and became Associate Director of the Governmental Research Center and later coordinator of the M.P.A. program. In 1969-70 he was visiting professor at the University of North Carolina.

Cape's extensive list of publications included several monographs published by the South Dakota Bureau of Government Research and the Kansas Governmental Research Center, as well as articles in periodicals of State, County and Municipal Government Associations. In addition he served as editor of publications issued by the research bureaus and of articles published by the *Midwest Review of Public Administration*. For this publication he was editor of a section on "State Legislative Developments", and in his final months a member of the editorial board.

Despite an almost continuous flow of monographs and articles, most of them of direct interest to local and state officials, Dr. Cape probably devoted more hours of his time to students — as teacher and advisor — than any

other member of his department. His death, therefore, left an unusually large vacancy with respect to both program operations and guidance to students. That role cannot be filled by the normal replacement process.

Not only was Cape respected and sought out by students, he was also well known and highly regarded among city and country officials of the State. Under his leadership the short courses offered by the Governmental Research Center were always carefully planned and meticulously supervised, and he was frequently called upon to speak at other conferences of local officials. One cannot help but speculate whether his readiness to assist when called upon and his intensive preparation for whatever task he undertook did not contribute to his early death. Certainly Bill Cape was a major contributor to the development of competence in public service despite his relatively short tenure in the academic profession.

At the request of his widow, Merceda Cape, and his two children, a memorial fund was established for assistance to students in public administration. The Kansas University Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, honorary political science fraternity, dedicated its 1973 annual awards dinner to the memory of Professor William Cape, a fitting tribute to a man dedicated so completely to the well-being of his students.

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### Harold M. Dorr

Harold McVicar Dorr, Professor-Emeritus of Political Science and Dean-Emeritus of State-wide Education since 1967, died at his home in Ann Arbor on January 31, 1973. He was born in Chadwick, Michigan, on January 16, 1897, a third generation descendant of an early Michigan pioneer settler who came from New England to this area when Michigan was still a territory.

His connection with the University of Michigan as student, faculty member and administrator covered a period of 48 years. After receiving his A.B. here in 1923 he served for five years as a teacher and administrator at Lake City, Michigan, High School, returning to the University during the summers for study in the School of Law. In the summer of 1927 he entered graduate school here in the field of Political Science, receiving his M.A. degree in 1928 and his doctorate in 1933. Having joined the faculty of the Department of Political Science in 1929 as an instructor, he advanced by regular stages to the rank of professor in 1944. In 1950, he became Director of the University's Summer Session; and in 1956 he was named to the newly-created post of Dean of Statewide Education, which he filled until his retirement in 1967.

To his teaching in the field of American Government and Constitutional Law, Professor Dorr brought an unusual competence and enthusiasm growing out of his own active involvement in the political life of the community,