

of the executive committee of the Washington Committee on State Government Organization.

William R. Smyser, foreign service officer (retired), has been appointed lecturer in political science at the University of Pennsylvania.

Marvin Tableman, formerly an instructor in political science and a staff member of the Institute of Public Administration at the University of Michigan, has been appointed as administrative assistant to the governor of Michigan.

Richard W. Taylor, instructor in political science at the University of Minnesota, was recently appointed faculty adviser for the program in England of the Minnesota Student Project for Amity Among Nations. He is directing the field work for twenty-one students who are studying in England during the summer of 1952. In addition, he is studying the British government's organization for economic planning, under a research grant from the Graduate School of the University of Minnesota.

John Wahlke of Amherst College taught at the University of Massachusetts on a part-time basis during the spring semester of 1952.

Lawrence C. Wanlass, assistant professor

of political science at Mount Holyoke College, taught at the University of Massachusetts on a part-time basis during the spring semester of 1952.

Frederick M. Watkins has resigned as Angus Professor of Political Science at McGill University in order to accept an appointment as professor of political science at Yale University.

James T. Watkins, IV, has been named acting executive head of the department of political science of Stanford University.

E. E. Weaver of the Institute of Government, University of Utah, recently served as educational director for the annual regional training schools conducted by the Utah Association of County Officials. He also conducted the regional training schools sponsored by the Utah Municipal League during the spring quarter of 1952.

Donald H. Webster of the University of Washington has been appointed as a member of the executive committee of the Washington Committee on State Government Organization.

Wah Wong of Columbia University was a visiting member of the political science faculty of the University of Washington during the spring quarter of 1952.

IN MEMORIAM

Jacob Tanger. Jacob Tanger, emeritus professor of political science at the Pennsylvania State College, died suddenly of a heart attack on December 20, 1951, at the age of 71. As a young man he taught for a year at the Carnegie Institute of Technology and for five years at the University of Pennsylvania. Upon receiving his Ph.D. degree from the latter institution, he accepted an instructorship at Penn State, where he remained for thirty years, retiring from active duty in 1946. He served as head of the division of political science at Penn State for a number of years and was named as first head of the department of political science which was established in 1940. Dr. Tanger was an active member of the Pennsylvania Political Science Association and served as its president from 1946 to 1948. He was co-author of a textbook, *Pennsylvania Government, State and*

Local, and was editor of *The Constitution of Pennsylvania*. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth.—R. WALLACE BREWSTER.

John Ely Briggs. John Ely Briggs, professor of political science at the State University of Iowa, died unexpectedly of a heart attack at his home in Iowa City, on February 9, 1952, at the age of sixty-one. Receiving his bachelor's degree at Morningside College in 1913, he attended the State University of Iowa, where he received the A.M. degree in 1914 and the Ph.D. degree in 1916. In 1946, Morningside College conferred the LL.D. degree upon him. For thirty-eight years, with a brief time out for teaching assignments at the University of Colorado and the Ohio State University, he was a member of the department of political science of the State Univer-

sity of Iowa. During this period he came to have a unique influence as the guide, preceptor and well-loved friend of generations of students. At the same time he carried on an extremely heavy and productive program for the State Historical Society of Iowa, including twenty-three years of service as editor of *The Palimpsest* and three years as general editor. While thus engaged he published four books dealing with the history of his native commonwealth and made frequent contributions to professional journals in the field of political science. He was a thorough student of political science and history, and his wide learning in these fields was marked by an enthusiasm for the scholarly quest that was infectious in its quality. All of his students caught something of his engagingly youthful zest for the task at hand. They also caught something of his zeal for good workmanship, for he was a precisionist, bringing to his work as editor, scholar and teacher, the exacting standards of the finished craftsman. This, too,

left its mark on those around him, particularly the young graduate students entering the field. Perhaps the chief quality, which drew students to him year after year as though by a magnet, was a certain warm-hearted interest in them as individuals. Quickly sensing that they had found a friend, they brought to him, with the greatest trust, their most closely-held hopes, aspirations, troubles and joys, and were never disappointed. It was this capacity for friendship which made him a great teacher. In the field of political science he worked generously and with good effect on numerous committees and programs of his profession. Active in the affairs of the Midwest Conference of Political Scientists from its beginning, he served as president of this organization in 1942. He also served as chairman of the Committee on Regional Societies of the American Political Science Association, and, at the time of his death, was a member of the committee of this Association which administers the Fulbright fellowships.—FRANCIS R. AUMANN.