CHARLES HOYT SILL, Lecturer in Real Estate in the School of Business Administration, and Supervisor of the Real Estate Program of the Extension Service and the moving spirit of that program since its establishment thirteen years ago, has relinquished his active status at the accustomed age of seventy. Mr. Sill, who attended The University of Michigan in 1909–10, was himself engaged from 1916 until his retirement from it during the Second World War. He was then a member of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and enjoyed a wide general esteem among his occupational fellows. When the University Extension Service, under the academic direction of the School of Business Administration, instituted its real estate certificate program in 1948, Mr. Sill was invited to co-ordinate the instruction offered with the title Lecturer in Real Estate. He was officially titled Supervisor of the Real Estate Program in 1957.

Under his able direction, the program attained a peak enrollment of over 3,300. And the great majority of persons enrolling—more than 90 per cent in some years—completed the eight courses required and earned their certificates. Real estate boards throughout the state were enthusiastic in their support of the unique venture, and a number of other states planned and instituted real estate programs patterned on the Michigan model.

The Regents of the University, now conferring on Mr. Sill the title Lecturer Emeritus in Real Estate, warmly thank him for his valuable service, and trust that he will avail himself of the perquisites of emeritus rank.

EDWIN BLYTHE STASON. A career of versatile and distinguished service to the University came to a close on September the sixth, when E. Blythe Stason, Professor of Law, Dean of the Law School, and former Provost of the University, began his retirement.

Dean Stason earned a baccalaureate in arts from the University of Wisconsin in 1913 and one in engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1916, and taught electrical engineering for a year at the University of Pennsylvania before entering military service during the First World War. Upon his release from the Army in 1919, he came to Ann Arbor as Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering and as a student of law. It was characteristic of him that, with his attention so divided, he completed his legal curriculum in course and with high distinction. After practicing law for two years in his native Sioux City, Iowa, he returned to Ann Arbor permanently in 1924 as Professor of Law. His administrative career in the University began informally when President Ruthven asked him to re-codify the University Bylaws, was made formal in 1938 when he was appointed Provost, and became informal again when he resigned the provostship in 1944. His appointment as Dean of the Law School dates from 1939.

The early years of his tenure were occupied with the radical changes occasioned by the war. The problems of this extraordinary period he met with his accustomed poise. The regular curriculum in law he labored to make at once more scholarly and more practical—aims for the most part coincident—and he fostered a faculty research program more extensive than any which had previously been envisaged. During his tenure, significantly, the Law Library grew from about 150,000 volumes to about 300,000. He further fostered a close and mutually beneficial association between the Law School and practicing members of the bar.

Of Dean Stason’s career of professional and public service, it is possible to speak only in broad summary. Without ever slighting his University duties, he served on councils of state, national, and international bar associations, advised the state of Michigan on problems of constitutional reform and the administration of tax law, and, as a member of a Hoover Commission task force and of other national commissions, investigated the administration of law by the Federal Government and its agencies.

Viewing his many accomplishments with admiration and a kind of wonder, mindful of the benefits which he has conferred on the University, both directly as teacher, dean, and official and indirectly as renowned authority on legal administration, the Regents of the University respectfully confer on him the titles Professor Emeritus of Law and Dean Emeritus of the Law School, and gratefully extend to him the privileges belonging to those titles.

RUSSELL ALGER STEVENSON, Dean of the School of Business Administration since 1944, commenced his retirement on July the first.

The University gave an initial impetus to Dean Stevenson’s career and later witnessed its culmination. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree here in 1913, and his doctorate six years later, after instructing briefly in the program of accounting then offered in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. At the