Having been chiefly responsible for organizing the study of wildlife management here, he served on numerous administrative committees of his own School, of the Graduate School, and of other units or agencies within the University, the state, and the nation. He was an active member and committee man of professional associations, among them president of the Wildlife Society and a visiting lecturer on behalf of the Society of American Foresters. He exhibited, finally, gifts of tact and accommodation which greatly benefited the relations of his Department and School with other agencies and groups sharing the same interests.

Now that he is retiring, the Regents of the University would thank him most warmly for his faithful and efficacious offices, and express to him their personal admiration and esteem. They trust that he will fully avail himself of the prerogatives of his new rank, which is titled Professor Emeritus of Wildlife Management.

Professor HOBART COFFEY, who served the Law School for forty years as librarian, is now eligible for an emeritus title, having completed his retirement furlough last month.

Professor Coffey had his formal education in his native Ohio and earned a bachelor’s degree from The Ohio State University. For the next five years he taught English in preparatory school and college, concluding as Instructor in Rhetoric at the University of Michigan. Concurrently studying law, he earned the Juris Doctor degree here in 1924. The next year he was a Carnegie Fellow in international law at the University of Paris; and the year after that, preparing himself further for the work of law librarian, he studied at the universities of Berlin and Munich. Returning to Ann Arbor in 1926, he assumed the duties of Law Librarian and the additional title Assistant Professor of Law. He was appointed Professor of Law in the following year and Director of the Law Library in 1944.

Professor Coffey were the two often separated virtues of enthusiasm and assiduousness. The number of titles in the Law Library increased more than sixfold during his tenure, eventually surpassing a third of a million. And, though the accommodation of such a library is a labor of Sisyphus, he smoothly administered the needful processes of expansion and kept the collection more readily usable, perhaps, than that of any other comparable American library of law. He further regularly taught the courses in Admiralty and Domestic Relations, on which topic he also advised the State Bar. Professor Coffey was active, finally, in circles of professional librarians, serving on the Council of the American Library Association and as president of the Michigan Library Association and the American Association of Law Libraries.

The Regents of the University, who now formally appoint him Professor Emeritus of Law and Director Emeritus of the Law Library, extend to him their cordial thanks and best wishes. Regretting that he finds winter residence in Michigan untenable, they trust that he may at least visit this scene of his long and distinguished service. There is one local privilege accorded the emeritus faculty which he ought by pre-eminent right to enjoy: use of the University’s libraries.

MARC DENKINGER, versatile and erudite scholar and Associate Professor of French in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, has relinquished his active faculty status at the statutory age of seventy.

Professor Denkinger, a Swiss native, received college and university education in Geneva. Coming subsequently to the United States, he earned a doctorate at Harvard and taught there and at several other eastern universities. He taught also at the University of Buffalo before accepting an appointment in Ann Arbor in 1934. The University advanced him to an associate professorship in 1953. For more than thirty summers he served on the staff of the French Summer School at Middlebury College in Vermont. He further directed the graduate students for Middlebury College in Paris.

His encyclopedic learning made itself readily apparent to all who knew him. His fields of special competence were themselves widely diffused throughout the literature of the past four centuries, and his learning and enthusiasm were such that he could and did extend his teaching far beyond these. His mature students appreciated in particular his provocative lectures and his stimulating counsel as director of doctoral research. His publications revealed a wealth of information and a remarkable penetration and originality of mind.

Professor Denkinger’s erudition, his energy, and his quick intelligence will long remain lively in the memory of his colleagues and former students. The Regents of the University also would now take grateful and respectful cognizance of his eminent gifts and his long fidelity. They cordially invite him to retain his University association as Associate Professor Emeritus of French.