LEWIS MALLALIEU SIMES. Lewis Mallalieu Simes, Floyd Russell Mechem University Professor of Law, came into his seventieth year on July 17, 1959, and is now commencing his retirement. Receiving his own legal education at the University of Chicago and at Yale, he taught at the law schools of the University of Montana and The Ohio State University before coming to Michigan in 1932; he has since held visiting appointments at Colorado, Stanford, and the University of Chicago. Professor Simes is perhaps the leading authority in the nation in that branch of real property law known as future interests. His three-volume treatise, *The Law of Future Interests*, the leading textbook in its field, has been cited as authoritative by the United States Supreme Court and by the appellate courts of many states. He has served as adviser to the Section on Real Property Law of the American Law Institute and participated in many of the law institutes conducted by regional bar associations for the postgraduate education of their members. His faculty associates selected him to deliver the Thomas M. Cooley Lectures in 1953–54. Neither his scholarship nor his public activity on behalf of his profession, however, distracted him from his immediate academic obligations. As a teacher, he was at once sound and popular. As Director of Legal Research and Chairman of the Committee on Graduate Study, he was intimately involved in the conduct of his School's affairs. It is far from the least of his attainments, finally, that whatever he did was done quietly, modestly, and without ostentation. The Regents offer him profound thanks on this occasion. As a token of the honor in which he is held, they now confer upon him the title Professor Emeritus of Law, and extend to him the courtesies due that title.

FRED B. WAHR. Fred B. Wahr, Professor of German, is retiring from the active faculty of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts at the statutory age of seventy. A native of Ann Arbor, he attended the University as undergraduate and as graduate student, earning his master's degree in 1912. After a year's study abroad, he returned to Ann Arbor to complete work on his doctorate and to serve as Instructor in German. There presently ensued the unhappy decline of the study of the German language in the United States, with enrollment in the University's Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures dwindling from thirteen hundred to less than one hundred. Professor Wahr's service in the Army bridged part of that period. In the first part of his civilian life, he resumed his academic appointment but devoted a part of his time to veteran's counseling and to the Office of the Dean of Students. He retained an interest in student life and affairs after his return to full-time teaching; he was admirably versed in customs and traditions of the student body. Among the authors to whom he devoted scholarly attention were Hauptmann, the dramatist, and the poet Rilke. The temer of his critical mind, his enthusiasm for the literature he taught, and the contemporaneousness of his interests combined to attract graduate students to him. A large proportion of the doctoral dissertations in his department were written under his direction. His written work on the conduct of College and University affairs, meanwhile, were highly valued. He served on the Senate Council and, for many years, on committees of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and the Department of German. The Regents express their deepest gratitude for his long and able service. They now confer on him the title Professor Emeritus of German, and trust that he will long enjoy the privileges attending that title.

HERBERT GALE WATKINS. The Regents of The University of Michigan extend their hearty congratulations to Herbert Gale Watkins, who reached his seventieth birthday January 22, 1959, and thereby became eligible for retirement on June 30, 1959, under provision of the *Bylaws of the Regents*. Mr. Watkins was employed by several Detroit business firms after earning his degree at this University in 1912. In 1914 he joined the Hoover Ball and Bearing Company, where he rose to the position of assistant sales manager in 1920. Six years later he became Assistant Secretary of the University. In 1944 Mr. Watkins succeeded Shirley W. Smith as Secretary and Assistant Vice-President of the University. In the thirty-two years he served his Alma Mater, he became expert in carrying out the duties delegated to him by the Regents. His enforcement of the "residence rule." his interest in the welfare of nonacademic employees, and his membership on the Student Loan Committee were particularly meaningful. Students and members of the faculty recall his sage counsel expressed in telling and homely terms. As Business Manager of the Marching Band and of the Men's Glee Club, "Bert" Watkins made hundreds of friends among students and alumni. The Regents hereby express their gratitude to Herbert Gale Watkins for his loyal service to the University and trust that the years of his well-earned retirement may be filled with happiness and contentment. They now confer upon him the title Secretary and Assistant Vice-President Emeritus of the University, and invite him to avail himself of the courtesies that are customarily extended to emeritus members of the administrative staff.