Miss Murray Sees Alumni On Tour of Western States

"If I had it to do over again, I'd love to repeat my trip over the Canadian Rockies from Vancouver," Miss Katherine C. Murray mused as she recalled her recent six-weeks' tour of the Western states. Miss Murray, who retired as recorder of the Law School in June 1956 after over 45 years of service, made the trip with $1500 given her by Law School faculty and alumni.

Leaving Ann Arbor by train on May 20, Miss Murray had her first view of the Grand Canyon, visited Los Angeles, and spent two weeks in San Francisco. On her arrival at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco, she found a bouquet from law school alumni, a number of whom she visited during her stay. She lunched at the Sheraton Palace Hotel with Charles B. Renfrew, '56, Bernard A. Petrie, '52, Paul R. Haerle, '56, Lewis Alonzo Moe, '56, Julian Caplan, '38, Frank H. Roberts, '48, Edward D. Ransom, '38, Douglas E. Cutler, '55, Horace S. (Tony) Orser, '56, and Frank M. Bowen, Jr., '52. She visited Sacramento with Rita Singer-Brandeis, '38, and spent a day sightseeing with Evalyn Forshar Thomas, formerly a secretarial assistant in the Law School.

Next stop on the itinerary was Portland, Oregon, where Miss Murray saw the Rose Festival. She had dinner one evening at the home of Calvin N. Souther, '29, and also met William H. Kinsey, '42. In Seattle, she stayed with Marion McPhee Warner and Milton Warner, both of the class of '41. She and Mrs. Warner lunched at the College Club with J. Henry Brockhaus, '51, Kenneth A. Cox, '41, Frank P. Helsell, '08, Thomas G. Holcomb, '42, and Theodore A. Le Gros, '45. Highlight of her stay in Seattle was a day's trip to the Mt. Ranier Reservation.

From Seattle, Miss Murray went by boat to Victoria, British Columbia, where she enjoyed the Butchart Gardens, and to Vancouver. She was especially impressed by these trips and by her train ride through the Canadian Rockies to Lake Louise, where she stayed at the Chateau Lake Louise.

Miss Murray started work as Law School recorder in 1910 when Henry M. Bates was dean. In those days, the only requirement for admission was a high school diploma, she recalls.

Since her retirement, Miss Murray has kept busy with housework at the home she shares with two other women on Wilmot Street. She has given part of her time to clerical work at the home she shares with two other women on Wilmot Street. She has given part of her time to clerical work at the St. Mary's Student Chapel.

Emeritus Faculty Busy Writing and Traveling

Retirement for Law School faculty members seems to mean—by their own admission—time for writing, traveling, and "viewing with alarm."

Six emeritus members of the faculty have responded to an inquiry concerning their present activities with the following information:

Professor Aigler, who retired in 1954, taught during last spring semester and will do so again this coming spring at the University of Arizona Law School, in Tucson, where his course was Bills and Notes. He has also written a paper for early publication in the Michigan Law Review, supplementing one he published in that journal about six years ago, on the constitutionality of marketable title acts. He is scheduled to address the Florida State Bar Association at Miami Beach on Jan. 10.

Professor Aigler has not forgotten his long-time interest in Michigan athletics. Out of his years of experience as Michigan's faculty representative in the Big Ten, he has written a series of three articles on intercollegiate athletics, two of which have been published in the Spring and Summer issues (1957) of the Michigan Alumnus Quarterly Review, with the third to appear in the issue to be released Dec. 5.

Edgar Durfee, who retired in 1952, reports that he is working on two treatises, one dealing with priorities and the other with remedies. He also devotes a good deal of time to the extracurricular activities of foreign students in the Law School. He has arranged for them to visit Lansing to observe state government activities, to visit the Michigan State Prison in Jackson, and to tour an automobile factory.

Professor Durfee adds that he has his hands full "keeping the younger fellows on the faculty in line."

Professor emeritus Paul Leidy advises that, as he enters his 70th year, he plans to continue the activities which he has enjoyed since he retired in February, 1952—loafing and "viewing with alarm."

In connection with a Law School history which is being compiled for publication in conjunction with the School's Centennial Celebration, to be held in 1959, Professor Edson Sunderland, who retired in 1944, has been asked to get together a bibliography of his writings. His daughter, Alice, who has been helping him with this compilation, reports that thus far they have found almost 20 such writings of book size and over 130 articles in 51 periodicals. She adds that her father was quite surprised at the amount he had written—that he always "went on to the new"—and is finding the work of "rediscovery" both enjoyable and overwhelming.

John E. Tracy has continued to make his home in Ann Arbor since his retirement in 1950, though he spends the winter months in Florida. He visits his Hutchins Hall office regularly when in town, occupying himself with reading, writing and some editorial work. His writing during the past year has consisted of completing a book for doctors entitled The Doctor as a Witness, published last spring by a medical publishing house. In addition, he writes an occasional article for the Alumnus Quarterly Review, the most recent of these being "The Old Hixon Place" in the Spring 1957 issue. Professor Tracy was honored this fall by the Michigan Bar Association for his 50 years' membership.

Retirement has given Prof. John B. Waite time for travel, since he assumed emeritus status in 1952. A year ago, he made an eight-weeks cruise of the Mediterranean, and last year visited Peru. He, too, writes for the Michigan Alumnus Quarterly Review, which published his article, "My Son in China," in its Summer 1957 issue. About a year ago, he had an article in Reader's Digest, dealing with unnecessary judicial reversal of convictions, and will have another in that publication soon, with the suggested title "It's Not the Law, But the Lawyers." He is now working on an article for the Michigan Law Review.