Yntema Retires
From Law Faculty

Retiring from the Law Faculty this year is Hessel E. Yntema, Research Professor of Comparative Law.

Professor Yntema, a native of St. Johns, Michigan, received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, 1912, and Master of Arts, 1915, from Hope College. The University of Michigan conferred upon him the degrees of Master of Arts, 1913, and Doctor of Philosophy, 1919. In 1917, he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Oxford University (Jurisprudence: First); in 1921, he received the Doctor of Juridical Science degree from Harvard University; and in 1957, Professor Yntema was given an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree by the University of Stockholm.

Professor Yntema first joined the faculty of the University in 1917 as an Instructor of Political Science, holding that position until 1920. He then went to Columbia University as a Lecturer in Roman Law and Comparative Jurisprudence in 1921 and was successively promoted to Assistant Professor, 1923, Associate Professor, 1925, and Professor, 1928. From 1928 to 1933, Professor Yntema taught at Johns Hopkins University as Professor of Law. During the academic year, 1933-1934, he was visiting Professor of Law at The University of Michigan, and in 1934 he was appointed to the Law School faculty. He has been director of research in Inter-American Law since 1942 and Research Professor of Comparative Law since 1948. He gave the Cooley lectures in 1952, talking on "Perspectives in Private International Law."

Professor Yntema has acted as consultant to the Treasury Department, 1934-38; director of the Codification Board by appointment of the Department of Justice, 1937-39; member of the Permanent Committee of Habana of the State Department, 1940; and member of the Committee on Practice of the Treasury Department, 1942-52. Since August, 1952, Professor Yntema has been Editor-in-Chief of the American Journal of Comparative Law which is sponsored by twenty leading law schools. He is Vice-President of the American Association for the Comparative Study of Law, of the American Foreign Law Association, and of the International Academy of Comparative Law. He has been the American representative to the International Committee of Comparative Law since 1956. Professor Yntema is President of the Faculty of Law of the International University of Comparative Sciences in Luxemburg. He is a member of the Executive Council of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law and of the Centro Argentino de Altos Estudios Juridicos de la Nacion. He is also an honorary member of the Gesellschaft für Rechtsvergleichung (Germany) and the Louisiana State Law Institute and a corresponding member of the Instituto de Derecho Comparado (Cordoba, Argentina) and of the Instituto de Derecho Comparado (Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico).

In 1917, Professor Yntema married Ida Olive Danhof, and they have three children. The oldest, Mary Emile, is now living in St. Louis, Missouri, and is married to Edward D. North, Vice President of the Mallinckrodt Chemical Works. The Yntemas' older son, Hessel, who graduated from the Law School in 1950, is currently practicing law in Washington, D.C., while Danhof, the younger son, who chose advertising as a career, is in the Atlanta, Georgia, offices of Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborn.

Upon retirement, Prof. Yntema plans to do research and writing in the Comparative Law field, and will continue as Editor-in-Chief of the American Journal of Comparative Law. He has been appointed Legion Lex Visiting Distinguished Professor at the University of Southern California Law School, for the spring semester of 1960-61.

The "uproarious past of the Law School"—or of law students—is summarized in an article entitled "Student Conduct and Misconduct," written by Elizabeth Gaspar Brown and published in the Michigan Alumnus Quarterly Review last winter.

New Michigan-Wayne Institute Holds Young Lawyers Seminar

The first program of the recently created Institute of Continuing Legal Education of The University of Michigan and Wayne State University Law Schools was held at Hutchins Hall on April 28-30. Three hundred lawyers attended the Young Lawyers Seminar, which was designed to bridge the "gap" between law school and practice. E. Donald Shapiro, Professor of Law at the Detroit College of Law, was the Seminar's special director and edited more than 400 pages of material published by the Institute in three volumes on the twelve subjects covered by the Seminar.

Speakers at the Institute and their subjects included: Circuit Judge Horace Gilmore—Procedure; Ralph Jossman, Assistant Title Office of the Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation—Real Property Transactions; Prof. Abraham Thomas of the Detroit College of Law—Domestic Relations; Zolton Ferency, Director of Michigan's Workmen's Compensation Department—Workmen's Compensation; Judge Ira Kaufman of the Wayne Probate Court—Wills and Estates; J. Cameron Hall, General Counsel and State Grievance Administrator of the State Bar—Office Management and Ethics; Ralph Helper of the firm Helper & Helper of Detroit—Criminal Actions; W. Alex Kennedy of the firm McCabe, Middleton & Kennedy of Detroit, and Vice-President of the Commercial Law League of America—Collections; James Markle of the Detroit firm of Markle & Markle—Negligence; and Circuit Judge Howard R. Carroll—Trial Technique.

The seminar was not designed to serve as a review of law school work, nor to offer courses in depth on the various subjects presented; but rather was intended to give the new lawyer some practical "know-how" which ordinarily could be learned only from the experience of many years of practice. This practical guidance is the thing most needed but usually least available to the young lawyer in his first years of practice, and the aim of this program was to attempt to fill this need.

The seminar was conceived by the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Junior Bar Section of the State Bar of Michigan as one of its major efforts in serving the young lawyers of the state. It was an outgrowth of the various "bridge-the-gap" continuing legal education programs which the Junior Bar has been sponsoring throughout the state. The Junior Bar Section sought the help of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in the development and sponsorship of the program. Much credit is due the Section for developing the ideas for the seminar and other programs for the young lawyer. The Detroit College of Law cooperated in the sponsorship of the Seminar.