

was chairman of the board of editors since 1965.

Of Franklin Burdette's many noteworthy qualities, none were more evident than his dedication, his sense of commitment, and his loyalty to the institutions with which he was affiliated and to the academic and professional excellence of his students and associates. He possessed a broad spectrum of academic interests and manifold professional and governmental contacts and friends. He pursued lofty goals and fixed rigorous standards. He brought to his varied duties a wealth of background knowledge and constructive insight, a devotion to responsibility, a willingness to serve, an ability to achieve positive results, a high degree of professional and personal integrity, and loyalty to those with whom he worked. As put by one of his colleagues, he became an institution in himself—an institution within an institution—and we, his colleagues, may count ourselves as his enriched beneficiaries.

Elmer Plischke

In cooperation with Horace V. Harrison, Don C. Piper, and Clarence N. Stone of the University of Maryland and Howard R. Penniman of Georgetown University.

#### Lawrence L. Durisch

Dr. Lawrence L. Durisch, professor emeritus of political science in the University of Tennessee, died on August 19, 1975, in Gainesville, Georgia, after a brief illness. He was born on March 13, 1902 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1927 and Master of Arts in 1928, both from the University of Nebraska. The degree of Bachelor of Laws, received from the same institution, was converted in later years to the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence. In 1932, he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Chicago, where he was a student of the late Leonard D. White. Early in its history he joined the staff of the Tennessee Valley Authority, to whose services he devoted the major portion of his life. His first rank in TVA was that of Associate in Public Administration, in the agency's Social and Economic Division. He became chief of this organizational unit in 1938, having served for some years as assistant chief under the late T. Levron Howard. Dr. Durisch continued in this position until 1966, although under various titles. His agency was the principal research agency of the Authority in the area of general economic and political studies.

Lawrence Durisch had an abiding interest in teaching, an occupation for which he was abundantly endowed by a combination of critical mind, gentle nature, and regard for his students. He was attached to them, and they to him. During his employment with TVA he was frequently allowed leave for excursions into the academic world. He was Visiting Professor at the University of Alabama in 1945 and 1947, at the University of Illinois in 1954, and Vanderbilt University in 1965. In the 1940s and from

the years 1959 to 1965, he served as part-time lecturer and professor at the University of Tennessee, and upon his retirement from the Tennessee Valley Authority in 1966, he joined the staff of the Department of Political Science at the University of Tennessee, where he served until his second retirement in 1972. After his retirement he continued to offer an occasional class at the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Durisch was widely known in his academic profession and in governmental circles. He was TVA's representative in a number of national and international conferences and had an active career on intergovernmental and interagency committees. He was one of the early members of the regional research group in public administration which brought together the public administration teachers of a number of the state universities of the South, under the leadership of the late Roscoe Martin. He served a term as president of the Southern Political Science Association.

Dr. Durisch's writing was principally concerned with public administration, with a significant emphasis on the administration of natural resources. In recognition of this interest plans are being developed for the creation of an endowment at the University of Tennessee for the support of research in the general area of natural resource administration. His works include books and articles in professional journals dealing with this area, as well as with the general field of intergovernmental relations.

Lawrence Durisch was universally respected and loved by his colleagues and his students, an exceedingly modest man, quiet, rarely excited, almost never moved to anger; quick jabs of wit were the frequent reward of those who attended carefully to his soft comments. In the sometimes messianic atmosphere of one of the outstanding of the New Deal agencies he never lost his critical perspective on the world.

He is survived by his widow, a son, Larry, and a daughter, Karen, together with his grandchildren, and two brothers.

Lee S. Greene  
University of Tennessee

#### Howard Burton White

Howard B. White was born in Montclair, New Jersey on the 27th of August, 1912. He took his undergraduate degree from Hamilton College and his Masters and D.S.Sc. from the Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Science of The New School for Social Research, to which he returned as a faculty member in 1948, after a brief teaching interlude at Coe College. From 1961 to 1966 he served as Dean of the Graduate Faculty. On the 4th of November, 1974, Howard White left us with only his writings and teachings, and the memory of a great-souled man.

Although he favored the questions (but not always the answers) of the ancients, he was no antiquarian. A brief look at his writings and reviews reveals a scope not limited to strict disciplinary lines. Aside from his masterful books on Bacon and Shakespeare, he wrote on Loyalty, Military Morality, Privacy Freedom,