

William W. Merow (1922-1982)

William W. Merow, professor and chairman of orthodontics at the West Virginia University School of Dentistry since 1965, died on Oct. 28, 1982, after a long illness.

Born March 20, 1922, in Sparta, Wisconsin, Dr. Merow came to West Virginia during World War II to attend the West Virginia University School of Civil Engineering under the Army's Specialized Training Program. He served in the United States Army during World War II (1942-1946). He was a member of the Corps of Engineers and participated in major campaigns in the European Theater under the command of General George S. Patton. After the war he enrolled at WVU in the pre dental program. In 1951 he graduated from Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, University of Maryland Dental School, where he served as president of the senior class. He taught dental anatomy there before practicing dentistry in Grafton, West Virginia, for 7 years. He then resumed his education at Ohio State University College of Dentistry, receiving his master's degree in orthodontics in 1961. He taught at OSU for 4 years before accepting the chairmanship of orthodontics at WVU in 1965. Three years later he organized the graduate program in his specialty, allowing orthodontists for the first time to receive all their training at WVU.

Dr. Merow served as president of the West Virginia Orthodontic Society and as chairman of the Orthodontics Section of the American Association of Dental Schools; he was a member of the International Association of Dental Research and a delegate to the Southern Society of Orthodontists. He was also a member of the Monongahela Valley Dental Society, the West Virginia Dental Association, the American Dental Association, the West Virginia Orthodontic Society, the Southern Society of Orthodontists, and the American Association of Orthodontists. He was a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, Phi Chapter, a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, and the International College of Dentists, and he was listed in *Who's Who in the East*,



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Who's Who in Higher Education, and *American Men of Science*. A member of Psi Omega dental fraternity, he served as Deputy Councilor for Sigma Chapter at WVU for several years.

Dr. W. Robert Biddington, dean of the WVU School of Dentistry, said: "Dr. Merow was truly an outstanding person in every respect. It was a special privilege to have known and worked with him over the past 31 years. His passing is a tremendous loss to the School of Dentistry, to dental education, and to the entire dental profession." His former students, in paying tribute to him, commented that as their mentor he "allowed" them to learn the art and sciences of orthodontics.

Dr. Merow is survived by his wife, Florence Lombardi Merow, who is mayor of Morgantown, and two sons, William, Jr., and Robert C. Merow, both of Morgantown.

James B. McCabe (1927-1982)

James Bernard McCabe died on Oct. 8, 1982, in Cullman, Alabama, where he practiced dentistry part time. He was 55 years of age.

After graduation from Samford University, he attended the University of Alabama in Birmingham, where he earned his D.D.S. degree in 1952. He was the

first student to participate in the School's graduate orthodontic program.

Dr. McCabe was elected to associate membership in the Southern Society of Orthodontists in 1954 and was elevated to active membership in 1956. He was also a member of the Alabama Dental Association and the Green Valley Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Maurice, of Hoover, Alabama; two sons, James Bernard, Jr., and Gregory, both of Hoover; his father, B. J. McCabe of Trussville, Alabama; and a sister, Mrs. Martha M. Hogan of Birmingham.

John K. Ottley, Jr.

Gemiel G. Jacobs (1902-1982)

Gemiel G. Jacobs died on Sept. 16, 1982, and was buried from Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Palm Desert, California.

A native of the upper peninsula of Michigan, Dr. Jacobs served on the Michigan State Board of Dentistry for 26 years. During 5 of those years he served as president of the Board and was honored by a State of Michigan Senate resolution in 1970 in recognition of his many years of service.

Born Aug. 8, 1902, in Iron Mountain, Michigan, Dr. Jacobs graduated from Marquette School of Dentistry in 1924. From that time until 1969, he practiced in his hometown of Iron Mountain while giving gen-

erously of his time and talents to various state and local dental organizations. He was president of the Iron-Dickinson County Dental Society in 1937 and a member of the Program Committee of the Michigan Dental Association in 1938.

In 1969 he moved to Palm Springs, California, where he practiced orthodontics until his retirement in 1978.

Survivors include his wife, Esmeralda Mary Jacobs; a daughter, Mrs. JoAnn S. Jacob; a son, James Doucette Jacobs; and five grandchildren.

John T. Jacob