

A Tribute to Dean Weber

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It is with a feeling of deep regret that we record the irreparable loss of Dean H. J. Weber of our College of Law.

Dean and Mrs. Weber both died in the Delaware hospital as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident near Marysville on June 28. Their passing will be universally lamented wherever they were known.

Dean Weber came to Ohio Northern in 1921 as Professor of Law. Since then he has served continuously on the faculty, and has endeared himself to many hundreds of students.

As a scholar he commanded deep respect. A graduate of Heidelberg, he was prepared in law at Western Reserve University, and received the degree of bachelor of laws from that institution. In addition, he earned a master's degree in Arts at Columbia University.

His scholarship was sound and exacting. He expected as much of his students as he exacted of himself. Widely read, and with a well stored memory, he was able to use his great background of knowledge wisely and with discrimination. None ever questioned the discipline and thoroughness of his mind. None ever doubted his mastery of his field. In this connection it is significant that his students appreciated him more profoundly after graduation than in their undergraduate days.

Dean Weber was a great worker. Idleness to him was foreign. He was unsparing in the energies he put forth, painstaking in the preparation of his subject matter. And his acting Deanship was filled with promise, because of this admirable quality, for he was bent upon the improvement of standards in the College of Law. He was responsible for the great recent improvement in the Law Library, and it was through his energy and enthusiasm that recent numerous additions were made to the intellectual resources of the library itself. He was intensely interested in plans for the building of the enrollment in the Law College. His faith and energy were unconquerable.

We record then our loss with deep and abiding sorrow — for his wife no less than for him. She was an accomplished and charming woman, an ideal helpmeet in her sphere. Their fine Christian character, their wholesome and contagious influence will long remain here as a pleasant and beautiful memory. The work must go on, but we pause a moment in the heat and the burden of the day to pay our tribute to a courageous and dutiful spirit who with his comrade, has joined the choir invisible.



HERMAN J. WEBER