

Leon E. Smith, Henry Chisholm Professor of Physics at Denison University since 1928, died on January 22 at the age of 66. Born in Kemper, Ill., he was graduated from Ottawa (Kansas) University in 1919 after returning from two years of military service in France. After a term of graduate study at the University of Chicago, he served as instructor in physics at the University of Pennsylvania from 1920 to 1928, receiving his PhD from that institution in 1926.

During his tenure at Denison University he was extremely active in college and community affairs, and contributed to his profession as well by serving for an extended period as secretary of the Ohio Section of the American Physical Society. He was also an active member in various other organizations, including the Acoustical Society of America and the American Association of Physics Teachers, serving the latter until the time of his death as membership secretary for Division V.

"His good works," a friend has remarked, "were with people in all walks of life, and his generous contributions of himself and of his limited means for the welfare of society are best known by those whose need was greatest."

Harry E. Hammond, emeritus professor of physics at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., died of a heart attack on March 18 at the age of 76. Born in Tecumseh, Mich., Dr. Hammond received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Michigan and his PhD (1929) from the University of Missouri.

After teaching physics in high schools in New Castle, Ind., and Kalamazoo, Mich., he taught briefly both at the University of Michigan and at Southeast Missouri State College before joining the physics faculty at the University of Missouri in 1920. He was named to full professorship in 1949 and became emeritus professor in 1955. From 1949 to 1955 he served as chairman of the Department of Physics at Missouri.

Prof. Hammond authored or coauthored three laboratory manuals and was known as a dedicated teacher of physics. A former member of the American Association of Physics Teachers, he also belonged to the American Physical Society.

Frederick L. G. Kollmorgen, retired manufacturer of optical equipment and an authority on precision optics, died on January 19 at Onancock, Va., at the age of 89. He was born in Stettin, Germany, and studied at the University of Berlin, after which he became a consultant to Karl Reichert, master telescope maker, in Vienna, and later to Ross, Ltd., optical specialists, in London. He came to the United States early in the century and was associated for ten years with the Keuffel & Esser Company. In 1915 he organized the Kollmorgen Optical Corporation in Brooklyn, N. Y., and served for fourteen years as president of the company, retiring in 1940. At the beginning of World War II he returned to active management of the firm and was named chairman of the board in 1944. He was a member of the Optical Society of America.

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