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“THANK YOU VERY MUCH, GENTLEMEN,  
THAT WILL BE ALL FOR TODAY”

With these words Frederick B. McCall has closed every class he has taught for forty-one years as a member of the faculty of the University of North Carolina Law School. These words symbolize the precision of mind, the care of scholarship, and the courtliness of manner which have characterized his life and work. Professor McCall has reached the age of seventy and will be limited to half-time service during the next two school years prior to retirement. The *Law Review* is privileged to dedicate this issue to him.

For the students and graduates of the Law School Professor McCall brought to the classroom prodigious scholarship and that rarest of abilities—the ability to teach. He has demanded that his students speak and learn with precision; his constant admonitions that “this is a law of words, gentlemen” and “your client did not hire you to cause a lawsuit” have impressed each student with a sense of responsibility and awareness of duty which remain long after the technical rules of real property have been forgotten. Professor McCall has led hundreds of young lawyers through the tortuous, sometimes bewildering world of real property, always with infinite patience and understanding. His wit, characterized by his love for and effective use of the pun, has never failed to bring life to his courses and entertainment to his colleagues and students. His interests outside the realm of law, especially in music and baseball, indicate his keen interest in life, and are approached with the same enthusiasm and ability which characterize his professional life.

In addition to his frequent contributions to the *Review*<sup>1</sup> and his indefatigable efforts on behalf of student writers and editors, Pro-

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<sup>1</sup> McCall, *North Carolina's New Intestate Succession Act*, 39 N.C.L. REV. 1 (1960); McCall, *Some Problems in Administration of Estates*, 35 N.C.L. REV. 341 (1957); McCall, *Estates on Condition and on Special Limitation in North Carolina*, 19 N.C.L. REV. 334 (1941); McCall, *The Destructibility of Contingent Remainders in North Carolina*, 16 N.C.L. REV. 87 (1937); McCall and Langston, *A New Intestate Succession Statute for North Carolina*, 11 N.C.L. REV. 266 (1933); McCall, *The Torrens System—After Thirty-five Years*, 10 N.C.L. REV. 329 (1932); McCall, *The Family Automobile*, 8 N.C.L. REV. 256 (1930); McCall, *Appellate Practice and Procedure in North Carolina*, 7 N.C.L. REV. 130 (1928); Comment, 40 N.C.L. REV. 297 (1962); Note, 2 N.C.L. REV. 178 (1924); Note, 2 N.C.L. REV. 45 (1923); Note, 1 N.C.L. REV. 54 (1922).

fessor McCall has left his mark on the laws of this state. Perhaps it would be safe to say that through his work with intestate succession laws, he has written more wills for the residents of North Carolina than any other man. Beginning in 1933 Professor McCall has advocated and promoted changes in the law which we know today as the Intestate Succession Act. Due in most part to his efforts North Carolina today has a modern act which ranks among the finest efforts in this field. His scholarship has resulted in modernization of the laws relating to illegitimates, adopted children, women's property rights, acts barring property rights, and many others. Truly his influence extends far beyond the confines of the academic community.

The interruption of this career of unselfish public service is, of course, cause for regret; but it is rather the awareness of value received from the existence of the servant that this dedication is intended to symbolize.