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DEDICATION

Mrs. Fern O. Day became Law Librarian at the University of North Dakota in 1956 after serving briefly as an assistant in the Library. She had no other formal training for the position. But with intelligence, good will, hard work, and devotion to duty she mastered the art of being librarian and administrator. Under her guidance, the Library grew and prospered.

How truly fitting it is that the *Law Review* should dedicate these issues to her, its helpmate of so many years. For all of the sixteen years since Mrs. Day became Law Librarian she counselled, encouraged, located material, allowed work to proceed without harassment, helped researchers, and so on through the almost interminable list of the routine work she made unroutine and the good deeds she accomplished. Of course, she helped all researchers in the law and not just the Review staff and the aspirants to it, but she well knew and appreciated the special importance a law review has in the process of legal education.

It is the essence of a good administrator to carry out the determined rules and policies with enough flexibility and wise exercise of judgment so as not to allow them to become straight jackets and stifle rather than promote the purposes behind their issuance in the first place. This Mrs. Day did.

In carrying out her duties, Mrs. Day never lost respect for the needs of the individual, never forgot that it is the totality of individual needs that make up the greater good of the whole and that there is no such thing as an abstract greater good, or statistical norm, or average man, to which obeisance has to be paid. She worked person to person.

Through it all Mrs. Day appeared to enjoy every moment. On October 1, 1973, Mrs. Day retired as Law Librarian; her physical presence is gone, but her spirit and strength will carry on.

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