

the public. The Council urges Congress to approve the new facility." The motion was seconded by Berkeley and passed. Burke abstained.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

ANN MORGAN CAMPBELL, *Executive Director*

### Recent Death

WILLIAM H. COMBS died on 6 April 1979 at the age of eighty-two. A member of the Michigan State University faculty since 1938, he spent his later years serving President John Hannah in a variety of major administrative positions. While serving in these positions he became increasingly concerned about the care and preservation of the university's records.

When he officially retired, in 1968, he was appointed university archivist. Two years later the Historical Collections was merged with the University Archives to create one administrative unit. By the time of his death, the MSU Archives and Historical Collections, used by an ever-increasing number of researchers and donors, had become a vital and productive agency of the university.

In addition to serving his own institution, Bill was active in both the Society of American Archivists and the Michigan Archival Association. In 1970 he delivered a paper to the SAA on the administrative positioning of archives in universities, a paper that still results in inquiries from interested parties.

Coming to the archival profession late in life, he nonetheless gave it his full attention and sought to professionalize himself and his archives. Always gracious and friendly, he was highly regarded by his archival colleagues throughout Michigan.

A William H. Combs Memorial Fund for archival research at Michigan State University is being established. Anyone wishing to contribute may send donations to the Michigan State University Development Fund, William H. Combs Memorial Fund, 220 Nisbet Building, 1407 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing, MI 48824.

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