

fore joining the staff of the School of Public Administration at Florida State University.

Garold W. Thumm has been promoted to assistant professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania.

Julian Towster has been promoted to the rank of professor of political science at the University of California (Berkeley). He spent the fall semester on sabbatical leave in residence.

Frank N. Trager, formerly director, United States Special Technical and Economic Mission to Burma, is a visiting lecturer in the Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York University. Mr. Trager has been elected to the Council on Foreign Relations.

Arthur H. Vanderberg, Jr., who has just completed a world-wide tour, has returned to the University of Miami as a lecturer for the spring term.

John P. Vloyantes, who received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Utah in June, 1954, has been appointed instructor in political science at Pacific University in Oregon.

Earle Wallace, formerly of the University of North Carolina, has been appointed instructor

in political science at The Citadel.

Frederick M. Watkins, of Yale University, has been appointed visiting professor of government at Columbia for the spring session, 1954-55.

Norman Wengert, chairman of the North Dakota Agricultural College social science department, has been made director of the Community Research and Service Staff, a research agency established by the North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies.

York Willbern has returned to his position at the University of Alabama after several months as Fulbright lecturer in public administration at Victoria University College in New Zealand.

Charles Wolf, Jr., formerly of Syracuse University, has been appointed assistant professor of political science and associate research economist in the Institute of East Asiatic Studies at the University of California (Berkeley).

Sheldon Wolin, formerly of Oberlin College, has been appointed assistant professor of political science at the University of California (Berkeley). He is on leave during 1955 to conduct research under a Rockefeller grant.

## IN MEMORIAM

John Peter Senning, professor emeritus of political science at the University of Nebraska, died in Lincoln, December 4, 1954, at the age of seventy. Professor Senning received his bachelor's degree at Western Union (now Westmar) College, Iowa, in 1908. His graduate work was done at the University of Chicago, Yale University (where he held a fellowship), and at the University of Illinois where he received the doctorate in 1924. After teaching at Illinois College and at Wesleyan University (Connecticut), he joined the faculty of the University of Nebraska, where he remained until his retirement in 1952.

Professor Senning's principal professional interests were in the fields of public administration and the legislative process. A vigorous classroom teacher, he brought to his work a genial personality which earned him the affection of several generations of students. He kept constantly in touch with public affairs and maintained to the end of life a zeal for the improvement of governmental processes. His professional colleagues recognized him by

election to the Executive Council of the American Political Science Association in 1927, while his fellow citizens in Nebraska frequently sought his counsel. He was a member of the preliminary survey commission for the state constitutional convention of 1919-20, of the Interstate Crime Commission from 1935 to 1941, and of the Regional War Labor Board from 1943 to 1945. One of his principal interests was the unicameral legislature of his state. Professor Senning was one of the small group that drafted the constitutional amendment providing for that reform; he was active in the campaign to secure its adoption by the voters, and advised the last bicameral legislature in drafting the necessary redistricting statute. In 1937 he published *The One-House Legislature*, the only full-length treatment of the subject. At the time of his death he was serving his second six-year term on the Lincoln Board of Education, was a member of the city's recreation board, and chairman of the city-county building committee.—LANE W. LANCASTER.