Clarence W. Muehlberger 1896--1966

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Clarence W. Muehlberger, a police science editorial consultant of this Journal since 1941, died of a heart attack on September 2, 1966, at the age of 70. He is survived by his widow, Mary, and a son, Robert.

At the time of his death “Doc”, as he was affectionately called by many of us, was Director of the Michigan Crime Detection Laboratory of the Michigan Department of Health in Lansing, Michigan. He had held that position since 1941.

Dr. Muehlberger received his B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from the Armour Institute of Technology in 1920, and his M.S. (1922) and Ph.D. (1923) from the University of Wisconsin. He served as Wisconsin State Toxicologist from 1923 to 1930, and also, from 1924 to 1930, as an Assistant Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the University of Wisconsin Medical School. From 1930 until 1935 he was Toxicologist and Assistant Director of the Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory of Northwestern University. During that time he served as associate Editor of the American Journal of Police Science, which later became the Police Science section of the Journal of Criminal Law, Criminology and Police Science, and during the same period he was also Assistant Professor of Toxicology and Pharmacology at Northwestern University Medical School.

Those of us who had the privilege of being his close friends looked with much esteem upon Doc’s scientific learning and ability. We also admired him for his high qualities as a gentleman, which he was at all times and upon all occasions.

Doc contributed substantially to the success of the Police Science section of our Journal, and particularly in the earlier years of its establishment. He was always available for assistance and advice.

It is with profound regret that we note Doc’s departure. We extend to his widow and son our deepest sympathy, and, knowing of the affection of his staff at the Michigan Crime Detection Laboratory, we also express to them our deep regrets.

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on behalf of the Journal’s Board of Editors and Consultants, and Northwestern University School of Law