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David A. McCandless became Director of the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville upon its establishment in 1950. Through his leadership, his planning, and his organization of curriculum the Institute has grown in prestige to become known among the leading law enforcement schools in the world.

Dave conceived this Institute not as the usual police training school but as a program taught in part by many specialists which would challenge the student officer to look anew at current problems and considerations which were confronting the police. Its student body was to be drawn from members of police organizations in the southeastern part of the country, but the program grew in stature and popularity until students were coming from many parts of the United States and foreign countries. The progress of the Institute's graduates within their own organizations in a

measure attest to its success. Today it stands as a fitting tribute and memorial to the man who molded it and directed its course, David A. McCandless.

Dave came into law enforcement with a legal background after almost twenty years of practice. He served for two years, 1948 to 1950, as Director of Public Safety in Louisville, Kentucky and from there moved to the Southern Police Institute. In 1969 when the Police Administration Program at the University of Louisville was expanded he was appointed the first Dean of the School of Police Administration. During World War II he served with distinction as a Naval Reserve Officer in Air Intelligence duties, and for a number of years was an associate editor for Police Science of this Journal.

Law Enforcement has lost a progressive educational leader, and those of us who knew Dave personally have lost a good friend.