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Duluth -- Dr. John E. Verrill, associate professor of education has been appointed head of the Department of Secondary Education at UMD, Provost Raymond W. Darland announced today.

Verrill succeeds Dr. Dean A. Crawford who recently resigned the headship to become executive secretary of the Educational Research and Development Council of Northeast Minnesota. Dr. Crawford, a professor of education at UMD, will continue with some of his UMD teaching duties and will continue to serve as a member of the University's Faculty Consultative Committee, an advisory body to the President.

Dr. Verrill joined the UMD staff in 1948 as an instructor in science and mathematics. He served as principal of the UMD Laboratory School from 1953 to 1961, then was named an associate professor in the Department of Secondary Education. Verrill is known as a specialist in the teaching of the sciences in the schools.

Verrill previously was principal of the Bancroft (Wis.) High School, a mathematics teacher at Medford (Wis.) High School, and supervisor of student teaching at Bemidji State College. He received the B.S. degree at Central State Teachers College, Stevens Point, Wis., and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Crawford received the B.A. and M.A. degrees in social science and the Ph.D. in education at the State University of Iowa. He taught history at Pella (Ia.) High School and University High School, Iowa City. He taught three years at Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Ind., before coming to UMD in 1958.

One of Dr. Crawford's chief interests is the importance of the teaching of the social studies at the high school level.