MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY OF THE
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION OF UWM ON THE
DEATH OF BERNICE M. BLAKELY

Bernice Blakely died at a St. Cloud, Minnesota hospital on November 28, 1979 after a lengthy illness. She had lived a busy life of retirement in Paynesville, Minnesota, the town in which she had been born and had called home. Her death marks the close of the career of a truly fine teacher and teacher trainer.

Miss Blakely was born on July 15, 1906 and graduated from Paynesville High School in 1924. She traveled a short distance to St. Cloud Teachers College and received a two year diploma in 1926 from that institution. She began her teaching career in rural schools in the area for four years before she moved on to Teachers College, Columbia University to complete her Bachelor of Science degree. Her teaching experience before joining the staff of Milwaukee State Teachers College took her across vast reaches of the East and Midwest. A fifth grade teacher, Bernice taught at that level in Delmar, New York; Elgin, Illinois; Downers Grove, Illinois; and at campus schools in teachers colleges in Mayville, North Dakota and Moorhead, Minnesota. She came to Milwaukee as the fifth grade teacher at the Campus Elementary School in 1949 and remained in that position until 1970 when the school closed its doors. At that time, as Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, Miss Blakely entered the elementary teacher education program as Integrated Group leader and supervisor of student teachers.

Always intensely interested in experience centered, yet fairly structured learning, Miss Blakely established interest centers in science and mathematics long before they became popular in the schools of today. She is still remembered fondly by students with whom she had come into contact.

Miss Blakely took part in many educational and church related organizations. She was a long time member of Delta Kappa Gamma, the Wisconsin Education Association, and the National Education Association, as well as the Association for Student Teaching (now ATE). She served on the Campus Elementary School building planning committee. Her church activities at the Kenwood Methodist Church filled the remainder of Miss Blakely's time and kept her professional, social, and community activities centered close to the intersection of Kenwood and Maryland Avenues.

Upon her retirement in 1972, Miss Blakely moved to the family home in Paynesville, Minnesota with her sister Beatrice where the two of them have spent the last many years traveling and participating in community and church activities.

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