Memorial Resolution for Professor Fred Bishop

Fred G. Bishop, who completed a half-century of dedicated service to Wisconsin education by serving as a professor of elementary education on our campus from September, 1949, to June, 1955, died on August 2, 1967, at the age of 82 in the Mary Fletcher Hospital on the campus of the University of Vermont while visiting one of the few universities he had not seen during his lifetime. He was buried in Two Rivers, Wisconsin, the city he served outstandingly as Superintendent of Schools from 1920 to 1943.

Fred Bishop came to the campus of the then Wisconsin State College-Milwaukee in 1949 from the state capital where he exercised educational leadership for the citizens of Wisconsin as the First Assistant State Superintendent to the honorable John Callahan.

Fred Bishop began his career in education at Oshkosh Normal School in 1903 where he received a diploma two years later. In February, 1906, he took a position as a teaching principal in the Oconto, Wisconsin, elementary school. After fourteen years of experience in Mondovi, Wonewoc, and Shawano as High School Principal, Supervising Principal, and Superintendent, respectively, he became Superintendent of the Two Rivers Schools in 1920. He left there in 1943 to join the Wisconsin State Department of Public Instruction as First Assistant State Superintendent. Fred Bishop completed his fiftieth year of service to Wisconsin education on our campus in 1955.

His influence directly on the lives of his pupils as well as through the teachers he has supervised and taught is undoubtedly operating in tens of thousands of Wisconsin residents today.

He taught at Milwaukee for six years in the Elementary Education Integrated Course, directing seminars for elementary students in educational theory and techniques and also supervising these students in their student-teaching assignments. There were many veterans from World War II in his groups. It is most fitting to include here a statement from Roger Tietz, principal of Parkway School, who was one of Mr. Bishop's many successful student teachers. Mr. Tietz epitomizes the whole-hearted respect and affection that was afforded Mr. Bishop by his students.

In the afternoon of his lifetime, Fred Bishop turned his interest to the training of teachers. He applied the knowledge acquired from his many distinguished roles in education to energize, inspire, and sensitize candidate teachers now functioning in a wide variety of careers related to schools. If the hundreds of his students were able to respond, in a single voice, to his passing, they would speak of Mr. Bishop's personal example, of his discriminating perception and his unyielding belief that empathy and insight are the hallmarks of the effective teacher; they would admit with pride the indelible influence his character has had on their professional lives. The philosophy and ideals of Mr. Bishop will continue to endure wherever one of his students demonstrates the courage, foresight, and integrity which he so adequately personified.

Fred G. Bishop's commitment to national improvement of education took him to positions of leadership with the National Education Association and the U.S. Office
of Education. He was an educational consultant to the Educational Policies Commission in 1935, on the Advisory Committee of the Legislative Commission, and a member of the Individual Guidance Commission all with the N.E.A. For the U.S. Office of Education in Washington, D.C., he worked with Dr. Studebaker, Commissioner, on a Committee for the Education of Gifted Children, a delegate to the National Conference on Life Adjustment Education, the Planning Committee of Chief State School Officers, and helped produce a bulletin on State Councils of Teacher Education.

His highest level of national service was probably in 1947 and 1948 when he helped draft a program on Fundamental Education for U.N.E.S.C.O. as it was being organized to help found World Peace after World War II. Finally, during the summer of 1948 he served as a special consultant to the U.S. Commissioner of Education during President Truman's administration.

In addition to serving Wisconsin as a teacher, school superintendent, professor, and Assistant State Superintendent, Fred Bishop was responsible for many curriculum changes in the state by serving on study groups such as:

a. The Wisconsin Council on Education from 1934 to 1942 and its Chairman from 1939 to 1942;
b. The Wisconsin Cooperative Educational Planning Program to revise the public school curriculum;
c. A grant from the Kellogg Foundation for special emphasis on health education;
d. The Cooperative state-wide study of the pre-service education of teachers; and
e. The Legislative Committee and other groups in the Wisconsin Education Association.

Fred Bishop is survived by his wife, Mildred, by his daughters, Betty Peacock and Vivian Von Haden, and by his son, Vaughn. His many friends and the teachers and pupils he guided and inspired will be carrying on the work that he so auspiciously began during his lifetime. For a brief moment, Fred Bishop's hand was on the wheel of the universe. May we as teachers carry forward the torch he left to us as his legacy.

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Arthur Schoeller, Chairman