MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR ETHEL ROTHWELL

Miss Ethel Rothwell, an elementary school teacher for forty-nine years, died of a stroke on Wednesday, November 7, 1973, at the age of eighty-eight. Born in Smyrna, Delaware, Miss Rothwell studied at Teachers College, Columbia University, where she received her bachelor's degree in 1924 and her master's in 1932. Miss Rothwell spent seventeen years as a teacher and as a principal in Delaware and New York before joining the faculty of the Milwaukee Normal School in 1924. An associate professor at the time of her retirement, Miss Rothwell gave thirty-two years of distinguished service as the fourth grade Campus School supervising teacher at UWM and its predecessor institutions, one of which was Milwaukee Normal.

A student of John Dewey and William Heard Kilpatrick, Miss Rothwell gave expression to the basic tenets of progressive education in her work with children and student teachers. Curriculum content revolved about day by day problems. Math, social studies, language arts, science, music and art were meaningful experiences as children studied and visited neighborhood institutions, raised plants as a business venture, conducted the school store, served as the hub for Junior Red Cross activities, planned dinners that were representative of particular ethnic groups, and participated in creative dramatics. The Rothwell home, during its construction, for instance, became an invaluable instructional resource as children read blue prints, met with the architect and construction workers, and followed construction until the structure became a reality. Miss Rothwell's trip around the world and her visits to the Far East, the Southwest, The West, Mexico, and Alaska provided a wealth of slides, films, and artifacts that were imaginatively utilized for instructional purposes. A true professional, Miss Rothwell contributed articles to the Journal of Geography and the Journal of the Association for Childhood Education and was a member of the Wisconsin Education Association, The National Education Association, the Association for Childhood Education, the American Education Fellowship, and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

Following retirement in 1956, Miss Rothwell continued to live the full life. She was active in church work, participated in professional meetings, and became a field representative for the World Book Company. In addition, she ministered selflessly to the needs of a invalid sister until she, herself, was incapacitated.

Judging from her concern for people and their welfare and her involvement with religious, civic, and professional groups, the term moral would be a fitting description of Ethel Rothwell's life.

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