Memorial Resolution for Professor Paul E. Millington (1897-1976)

Paul E. Millington was born in Waverly, Iowa on May 29, 1897. He graduated from Willow Lake High School (South Dakota) in 1916, and, as was not unusual in that frontier area at the time, immediately began teaching in elementary schools. With time out for military service in World War I, he continued in this profession until 1921, ending as school principal in Revillo, South Dakota.

In 1921 he entered the University of Minnesota, graduating magna cum laude in 1924. His further education was at Minnesota, 1924-25; Wisconsin, 1925-28, Harvard, 1930-31; and Marquette, 1940-44. He received the Ph.D. degree in organic chemistry from Madison in 1928 and the M.D. from Marquette in 1944.

In 1927 he taught for one semester at Lawrence College. From 1928 to 1931 he was employed as a research chemist by E.I. duPont. In 1931 he joined the Milwaukee Extension Center as Assistant Professor of Chemistry, advancing to Associate Professor in 1937 and Professor in 1946. When the Extension Center was merged with Wisconsin State College of Milwaukee in 1956 to form the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, he became the first chairman of the Department of Chemistry in the new institution. In 1957 he was offered the directorship of the Medical Department of the Wisconsin Electric Company, a position so attractive he regretfully severed his connection with the University, although he continued his friendship with his old colleagues. On his retirement from the Electric Company in 1966, he served as a Fulbright Professor of Chemistry for a year at the University of Cairo and a year at the University of Belgrade.

For the past several years Dr. and Mrs. Millington have lived in Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas. However, retirement was not a condition for Paul to accept literally. He continued to be active in community affairs and in the practice of medicine almost until his death. Paul was very active in amateur radio in his earlier days and was a leader in youth and scout activities, befriending many young boys through their difficult years. He continued those efforts throughout his life.

Paul is survived by his wife, the former Annabelle Halvorsen, by his daughters Mary (Mrs. Paul Olszewski) and Patricia, and by two grandchildren. He also left behind a host of friends who will always remember his courteous manner and his quiet humor. Although he had left the University nineteen years ago, the recollection of him that is fresh in everyone's mind is as a friendly colleague, a scholar, and teacher. It seems fitting that the Electric Company honored his memory with a gift to the Department of Chemistry of UWM, for his home was always here.

Paul E. Millington Memorial Resolution Committee
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