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**IN MEMORIAM  
JOHN MATTHIAS KUEHNE**

John Matthias Kuehne, professor emeritus of physics, died on February 14, 1960. He was 87.

Professor Kuehne was born in Hallettsville, Texas, on August 11, 1872, one of twelve children of a German immigrant family. He was educated at home by his parents, who were teachers and farmers. At their behest, he took the state normal examinations when he was 18. Upon passing them, he taught in rural schools for a number of years.

In 1896, when he was in his twenties, Professor Kuehne enrolled at The University of Texas at Austin. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a bachelor's degree in physics in 1899. In 1901, after earning a master's degree at UT Austin, he joined the faculty as an instructor. He earned a PhD degree in physics from the University of Chicago in 1910.

After receiving his doctorate, Dr. Kuehne continued his teaching career at the University, where he chaired the Department of Physics and pursued pioneering research on the relationship between magnetism and electricity. He also participated in professional associations, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Physical Society. To honor Professor Kuehne's contributions to the University, the Physics-Mathematics-Astronomy Library was named after him.

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