IN MEMORIAM

JAMES R. D. EDDY

After a lifetime dedicated to education, Dean James R. D. Eddy, known to many as simply "Eddy," died January 26, 1986. He is survived by his wife, Emma, a long-time resident of Austin, Texas. At the pinnacle of his career as Dean of the Division of Extension of The University of Texas, he made significant and lasting contributions to education that ranged from Interscholastic League competition in the public schools to executive training at the highest levels of business and government. His spectrum of interests enabled him to guide programs that enhanced the occupational competence of individuals as well as contributed to the success of entire industries. He worked with many departments of The University in making their insights available to Texas, the nation, and the world.

Dean Eddy was born in Decatur, Illinois, on October 20, 1901, and was graduated in 1931 from the University of Illinois with a B.S. in education. In 1933 he received his M.S. in physics from Texas A&M College, and a day later married Emma Beason, a U.T. home economics graduate and native Texan from Bryan. He remained in College Station to continue his work as research engineer for Texas Engineering Experiment Station. His principal fields of research were heating, ventilation, air conditioning, soil mechanics, acoustics, and hydraulics. This research laid the foundation for his career in vocational education, later expanded to include all areas of education appropriate to university extension.

In 1934 he joined the Cisco, Texas, High School staff as coordinator of its Diversified Education Program, and in 1935 he took the position of District Supervisor of Trade and Industrial Education in Texas. In 1937 he was appointed State Director of Vocational Education in Texas and served as executive officer of the Texas State Board for Vocational Education. He held this position until 1944, when he became Director of

the Industrial and Business Training Bureau, Division of Extension, The University of Texas at Austin. He was appointed Dean of the Division of Extension in 1951 and served in that capacity until his retirement on August 31, 1967.

As State Director of Vocational Education, he helped shape the Texas plan and programs for vocational education at the high school level. In addition, he made a significant contribution at the national level during World War II by designing programs to train workers involved in the building of liberty ships.

During his service with The University, Dean Eddy participated in many activities, here and abroad. He met the challenge of socioeconomic change by diversifying the adult education programs offered by The University of Texas. He believed that an adequate program of education was necessary to enlighten and enrich the minds of adults in order to maintain a free society. It was this philosophy that prompted him to develop continuing education programs in management, engineering, business administration, pharmacy, nursing, and other fields, cooperating with University departments and advisory committees from business and industry. In addition to these ongoing programs, the conferences and workshops conducted by the Extension Division led to Dean Eddy's persistent request for a continuing education center on the University campus. His dream for this faciltiy was realized with the building of the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center in 1971, four years after his retirement.

As chairman of the State Executive Committee of the University Interscholastic League, Dean Eddy was instrumental in guiding the League through the integration of Texas public schools. His foresight, guidance, and direction made the Texas integration process such a success that it became a model for many other states. During his tenure, the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation was organized, providing many scholarships to Texas institutions of higher learning for outstanding academic students who participate in the League's Academic State Meet. The high standards set by Dean Eddy continue to guide a successful League

program, and his influence will live on in the lives of thousands of students who never knew him but who are the recipients of benefits offered by U.I.L. programs established through his efforts.

His work in vocational education reflected his strong belief in the practical application of knowledge and skills. He built a staff inspired to serve business and industry, not only in Texas, but throughout the world. Under his leadership, the internationally active Petroleum Extension Service was established; itinerant teaching programs trained thousands in skills such as auto mechanics and merchandise display; cooperative programs with high schools and junior colleges provided hands-on training for Texas' youth and adults who needed experience as well as knowledge to compete in the job market; training textbooks and visual aids were developed and distributed for state, national, and international use by institutions and industry offering occupational development programs.

Internationally, Dean Eddy was a member of the first four-man mission sent to Korea by the U.S. State Department in 1947 to recommend a post-war rehabilitation program. He participated in the United Kingdom National Commission for UNESCO's Regional European Seminar on "The Universities and Adult Education" in Bangor, North Wales, in 1956, and "Management in Developing Economy," a seminar held under the auspices of H.I.M. the Shahanshah of Iran in 1965.

As author and co-author, Dean Eddy had an imposing list of published materials. Among these were A Study of Thermal Radiation, The Loss of Head in Cast-Iron Tees, The Distribution of Soil Pressure Beneath a Footing, Part-Time Cooperative Training on a Diversified Basis, and A Study of Occupational Trends in Texas.

He contributed much to the many organizations, both professional and service, of which he was a member. He served as president of the National Association of Industrial Teacher Trainers, president of the Texas Vocational Association, president of the National University Extension Association (now the National University Continuing Education Association), and chairman of the National Advisory Council on Trade and

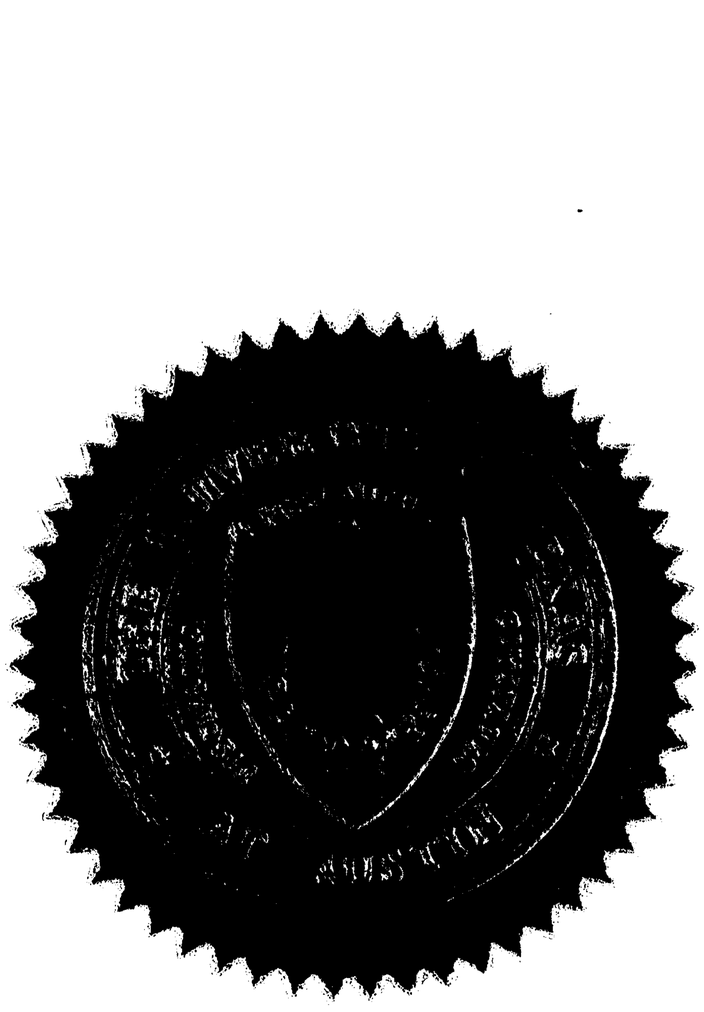
Industrial Education in the American Vocational Association. In addition, he served on the American Petroleum Institute Advisory Committee for Vocational Training, the A.P.I. National Committee on Training, and the Editorial Advisory Board of the American Technical Society.

In addition, he was an active member of American Society of Training Directors, Texas State Teachers Association, American Association for Adult Education, Texas Classroom Teachers Association, Iota Lambda Sigma (professional industrial education fraternity), Masons, and last but not least -- Rotary International. He held many offices in Rotary, including president, and founded the North Austin Rotary Club. The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International named him a Paul Harris Fellow in appreciation for "tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations between the peoples of the world." A Rotarian in deed as well as word, he lived by the Rotary motto, "Service before Self."

Dean Eddy was listed in Who's Who in the Southwest and Who's Who in American Education. He was awarded the first Bittner Award, presented annually to a valuable, long-time member of N.U.C.E.A. On his retirement in 1967, the 60th Texas Legislature passed House Concurrent Resolution No. 124, expressing appreciation for his unselfish dedication to the cause of education.

Dean Eddy was a leader. He gave rein to his subordinates but also knew how to say "Whoa." He was aware of all the people he supervised and was concerned with the "whole person," both on and off the job. He often said, "If there is a single prerequisite to teamwork, it is faith in our fellowman." He had that faith.

A square jaw, iron-gray hair, and twinkling eyes characterized this man of quick wit, firm convictions, intelligence, honesty, and the highest of ethics. U.T. Chancellor Harry Ransom expressed the feelings of all who knew James R. D. Eddy when he wrote to "Jim" on his retirement: "I want you to know how deep my admiration for your patience, integrity, and wisdom has been, is, and will continue to be.... I will stay mindful of the example you've set for each of us."



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