IN MEMORIAM

CLARENCE ESTEY LYON

Clarence Estey Lyon was born in Creston, Iowa, October 2, 1884, the son of Joseph Ogden Lyon and Ella Cecelia (Sweet) Lyon. After attending Corning Academy, Corning, Iowa, he entered Grinnell College and graduated with the Ph. B. degree in 1908. Later he did graduate work in speech at the University of Chicago under Professor S. H. Clark. In June 1939 he was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Yankton College.

Of his own family his father and mother survive, as do one brother, Bertram Lyon of Seattle, Washington and three sisters, Mrs. E. L. Terry of Omaha, Nebraska, and Mrs. Roy Bell and Mrs. Roger Long of Creston, Iowa.

In 1910 he married Beulah Frances Hanners of St. Joseph, Missouri. To them were born four children: First Lieutenant Donald Woodrow stationed at Fort Stockton, California; Ensign Vernon Frederick of the U. S. Naval Intelligence Service, Long Beach, California; Elizabeth Ray, a student in the Senior High School, Austin; and Richard Colton, a student in the same school.

In 1908-1909 Clarence Lyon was Instructor in public speaking at the Educational Branch of the Y. M. C. A., Denver, Colorado.

From 1909-1911 he was Instructor in speech at Yankton College Yankton, South Dakota. From 1911 to 1916 he was an Instructor of speech at the University of South Dakota, and from 1916-1939 he was Professor of Speech and Head of the Speech Department at the same University. In the summer sessions of 1935, 1937, and 1939 he was visiting Professor of Speech in the University of Texas, and in the fall of 1939 he joined this faculty as Associate Professor of Speech.

While primarily interested in teaching and in coaching students in speech work, he was the author of a number of articles in the Quarterly Journal of Speech and in The Speaker. He was also author of the chapter on "Public Speaking" in the Volume Library published in May, 1939.
President George T. Nash of Yankton College, Yankton, S. D., in conferring the honorary Doctor of Laws degree on June 12, 1939, said: "Clarence E. Lyon, graduate of Grinnell College, head of the Department of Speech at the University of South Dakota, formerly teacher of speech in Yankton College -- beloved Professor in an important division of education, for your valuable service to the youth of our state through more than a quarter century, for the supreme quality that has characterized your art here and in other states, and for the ability and devotion that have made your labors so effective in South Dakota, Yankton College confers on you the degree Doctor of Laws, and admits you to all its rights and privileges."

In Mr. Lyon's death the University faculty has lost an able teacher, a faithful worker, and a loyal friend. As a colleague he was always sympathetic, unselfish, helpful; as a man he was kindly, upright, true.

May we cherish his memory in the years to come.

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