IN MEMORIUM

HOWARD WILLIAM TOWNSEND

Howard William Townsend, forty-eight, Associate Professor of Speech and a member of the Speech Department Staff since 1937, died on October 10, 1958, after an illness of several months. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Frazer Townsend, two young children, Jennifer, eight, and Howard William, Jr., four, of Austin, Texas; Mrs. Elizabeth Townsend, his mother, and Leslie L. Townsend, his brother, of Weimer, Texas.

His untimely demise was a shock to the Speech Staff and his students. As a colleague, he was always cooperative, able, and untiring in his efforts to aid in the development of the field of speech; always unselfish in any task for the good of the group. His students found him to be a man of friendly demeanor, high principles, and always willing to help each member of his several courses to attain the highest degree of proficiency in speech work. It can be truly said that Professor Townsend was a teacher in the finest sense of that word.

Broad educational training and teaching experience had been sought by Professor Townsend. He was graduated from Weimer High School in 1927, and received his B.S. degree in Educational Administration and English at The University of Texas in 1932. He was awarded the M.A. degree in English and Speech in 1939, and received his Ph.D. degree in Speech from the University of Wisconsin in 1947. Post Ph.D. work at Columbia University in 1949 completed his formal education.

Professor Townsend's teaching experience began in 1929 in the secondary schools of Texas; in 1937 he joined the Speech Staff of The University of Texas, where he taught, with the exception of three years at the University of Wisconsin and one year at Brooklyn College, until his death in 1958. During the summers, he taught at the University of Florida (1948), Stephen F. Austin State College, (1951 and 1957), and the University of Southern California in a Post Summer Session (1957). At the University of Florida, he was Consultant and Director in the preparation of "A Guide
to Teaching Speech in the Florida Public Schools."

In addition to his classroom teaching, Professor Townsend was consultant, lecturer, and instructor with the Texas Education Agency, the University of Texas Division of Extension, and with numerous agencies which he served as a consultant and teacher. He was also active in the All Saints Episcopal Church, as a vestryman, member of the All Saints Day School Board, and member of the Christian Education Board.

His professional activities were many and diverse. He was Editor of The Southern Speech Journal, 1951-54; Consulting Editor of The Quarterly Journal of Speech, 1951-54; member of the Legislative Council of the Speech Association of America, 1957; member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Speech Association, 1951-54; and Vice-President, University of Texas Chapter, Texas Teachers Association, 1947-48. In addition to the foregoing activities, he served on several Departmental Committees and was Acting Chairman of the Department during the summer terms of 1940, 1951, and 1952. He was an active member of the Speech Association of America, the Southern Speech Association, the Texas Speech Association, the College Classroom Teachers Association, and the American Association of University Professors.

His friends, his colleagues, and his students will remember and treasure his cordiality, enthusiasm, and energy, always extended without stint to those who sought his aid and counsel.
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