

Memorial Resolution on the Death of
Instructor E. Wayne Gross

E. Wayne Gross, son of James J. and Ollie Barnes Gross, was born in St. George, West Virginia, March 31, 1916. He graduated from high school in Hopedale, Illinois, in 1934, where his father was a Methodist minister. He received the bachelor's degree at Illinois State Normal University in 1940 and the master's degree at the same university in 1946, and had completed most of his work for the doctor's degree at Indiana University. After teaching for seven years in the public schools of Illinois (1940-42 at Strawn High School and 1942-46 at Blue Mound High School), he became Instructor and Critic Teacher in Science at the University High School in 1946 and remained in this position until his death, December 25, 1958.

In 1946 Mr. Gross married Lucile Copeland, of Farmer City, Illinois, who is now a third grade teacher at McCalla School.

In his chosen field of science, Mr. Gross won for himself an enviable reputation as a forceful, devoted, and inspiring teacher. He dedicated himself to his students, and inspired his students to gain great heights in their endeavors. He had the ability as a teacher to gain the complete confidence of his students, and in that confidence, they followed him to achieve the goals he had set for them. Four of his students became finalists in the National Westinghouse Science Talent Search, a fact which gave the University School the distinction of having more finalists in this contest than any other Indiana high school. He was truly a master teacher in the field of science. His personal character, integrity, and sincerity was an inspiration to all who knew him.

Besides being a masterful teacher, he gained recognition as co-author of three widely used textbooks in junior high school science. He was on the Advisory Board of the Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers for four years previous to 1957, and since that time had been chairman of the Policy and Resolutions Committee of that association and physics editor of School Science and Mathematics, a monthly journal of the association. Mr. Gross was a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association, National Science Teachers Association, National Association of Student Teachers, Metropolitan Teachers Association, Indiana Academy of Science, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Phi Delta Kappa, First Methodist Church, and the Masonic Lodge of Blue Mound, Illinois. In 1956 he was founder of the Summer Institute for High School Science Students on the campus of Indiana University. He is listed in the current Who's Who in Science.

In view of these years lived so well in the service of science and of teaching, be it resolved that the faculty of Indiana University express its deepest sympathy to Mr. Gross' wife, his parents, and his sister, and that the faculty record in the minutes of its council its sorrow in the loss of an outstanding and beloved colleague.

Howard T. Batchelder
Otto Hughes
A. Pryce Noe
Donald Winslow