

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF

CARL HEBER MC CASKEY

Doctor Carl Heber McCaskey, emeritus professor of otorhinolaryngology, died on October 8, 1960 at the age of 83. He was one of five children born to Harriet Ann Noble and Harvey M. McCaskey of Rigdon, Indiana. He spent his youth on the farm of his parents and was educated in the public schools of Grant County and in Indiana State Normal School. He taught in the township schools of Grant County, Indiana and worked on citrus fruit farms in California prior to entering Indiana Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1908. After serving an internship in the Indianapolis Deaconess Hospital, he engaged in the general practice of medicine in Indianapolis for seven years. In 1916, he began the special study of otolaryngology in New York's Postgraduate Hospital. After a training period of two and one half years, he returned to Indianapolis and became associated with his uncle, the late Dr. Greenly V. Woollen, in the practice of his specialty.

He was appointed to the Staff of the City Hospital and was made Superintendent of Otolaryngology in the City Dispensary. He was soon appointed to the faculty of Indiana University School of Medicine in the rank of associate professor. He was advanced to a professorship and made chairman of the department of otolaryngology in 1935 in which capacities he served faithfully and with much pride until his retirement in 1951. He continued in private practice until December, 1959. Three months later he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and his health declined steadily. To his last days his devotion to Indiana University was steadfast.

Destined to live through a period of great change in medical practice and in otolaryngology in particular he kept abreast in that march. His success in keeping alive through these years and then elaborating a post-graduate program in anatomical and clinical otolaryngology instituted in 1915 by Dr. John Barnhill, which has attracted hundreds of men to the Medical Center, is a tribute to his foresight and tenacity.

Doctor McCaskey was a warm, friendly, sympathetic man who had a great interest and unique understanding of young men. These qualities were called upon and served the University well when in 1940 the first Faculty Committee on Admissions was organized by the medical school and he was made its chairman. He served in this capacity for eleven years, until his retirement from teaching activities. For many years he maintained living quarters in his offices for medical students whose financial positions were such that they might not have finished school without this aid. The lasting friendships and the pride in the achievements of all these boys were his prized possessions.

Doctor McCaskey believed in organized medicine. He was president of the Marion County Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Society, and The American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. He was a Vice-President of The American College of Surgeons. He served as a member of the Board of Examiners of The American Board of Otolaryngology, and as a member of The Editorial Board of the Archives of Otolaryngology. He was an active member of the World Medical Association, The Pan-Pacific Surgical Association and The Academy Internationale of Medicine.

The bronze plaque bearing his likeness which hangs in the otolaryngology clinic, presented to the University by his local colleagues on the occasion of his retirement, is a symbol of the esteem in which Dr. Carl Heber McCaskey was held by a multitude of people.

Be it therefore resolved that this tribute be entered into the minutes of the Faculty Council and that a copy be sent to his daughter, Mrs. Edward Farrell.

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