

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

FRANK WALTER WEYMOUTH (1884 – 1963)

Dr. Frank W. Weymouth was born June 17, 1884, in Seattle, Washington. His death in Oakland March 19, 1963, brought to an end a career of fifty-three years of teaching and research. He was conducting research at the University of California School of Optometry until shortly before his death.

Dr. Weymouth's interests as an undergraduate at Stanford were almost equally divided between English Literature and Biological Sciences. He obtained his A.B. in Zoology at Stanford in 1909 and the following year began graduate work in Physiology. He became an Assistant in 1908, received his Ph.D. in Physiology in 1911, and was appointed Instructor in Physiology the following September. After spending 1912-13 as an Assistant at Johns Hopkins, he resumed his teaching and research at Stanford. He rose through the various ranks to professorship in 1931 and became head of the Department of Physiology in 1938.

Dr. Weymouth's research on the campus was in the field of physiology of the eye, but his enduring interest in zoology was expressed in his summer teaching and research at Hopkins Marine Station, and in applied work many summer quarters conducting fishery research for state, federal, and British Columbia governments. His studies of the California commercial crab began in 1911 and his later work with this species culminated in his drafting fishery regulations for the State Legislature that are still in effect.

An abiding interest in people and their welfare was not limited to his contacts with students; he was a champion of civil rights, an active worker with minority groups. Emeritus status and retirement were not synonymous in Frank Weymouth's view: shortly after he attained emeritus rank at Stanford, he began a new teaching and research career at the Los Angeles College of Optometry. He was a member of the faculty of that school, until the rule of age again resulted in his becoming Professor Emeritus of the Los Angeles College of Optometry in 1960.

He is remembered by his few remaining colleagues, his many students and friends at Stanford and elsewhere as a particularly happy bridge between the biological-humanistic traditions of Dr. Jordan and the solid role of physiology in modern medical education. Surely nothing but devotion to his school and to people could account for fifteen years of service as Chairman of the Committee on Admissions to the School of Medicine.

Dr. Weymouth is survived by a large family with origins in two marriages. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, the former Mary Balsbaugh Dierup; his two daughters, Mrs. Alice Kunets and Mrs. Anne Dierup, both of Berkeley; his son, Dr. John Weymouth of the faculty of the University of Nebraska; his stepson, Torben Dierup of Berkeley; his stepdaughter, Mrs. Mary Chernoff of Berkeley; and ten grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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