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# ECHOES FROM THE FIELD

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A Fellowship Fund which will make it possible for graduate students to do work in the field of reading has been established in honor of Homer L. J. Carter who died on January 11, 1971.

A graduate of Wayne State University, he earned his Master's degree from Ohio State University in 1931. His professional experience spanned a 50-year period. He began his teaching career in a rural school in Bath Township. Later he served as a teacher, principal and elementary supervisor in the Royal Oak Public Schools. He joined the Western faculty in 1928 as Associate Director of Research.

In 1932 Professor Carter established the Psycho-Educational Clinic, now known as the Reading Center and Clinic. In 1944 he established a reading laboratory for college students and in 1944 initiated a series of reading demonstrations and discussions as an integral part of the course, Educational Therapy in Reading. The first chapter in the State of Michigan of the International Reading Association grew out of one of his summer classes of Educational Therapy in Reading. In 1964, at the time of his retirement from Western Michigan University, the chapter honored him by naming it the Homer L. J. Carter Reading Council. In 1960 Professor Carter stimulated the group to join with the Psycho-Educational Clinic in publishing *Reading Horizons*. He served as the editor of this quarterly until his death.

Professor Carter was the senior author of seven books in the area of reading and college adjustment: *Reading Manual and Workbook* (1949), *Building A Successful College Career* (1950, 1958, 1965), *Learning to Read* (1953), *Effective Reading for College Students* (1957), *Teaching Individuals to Read* (1962), *Reading, A Key to Academic Success* (1967), and *Diagnosis and Treatment of the Disabled Reader* (1970). The fourth edition of *Building A Successful College Career* will be published in the spring. Throughout the years he was actively engaged in research and the author of over 100 articles which have appeared in professional journals.

Professor Carter served as president of the Michigan Reading Association, the Michigan Psychological Association, and the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters. In 1951 he was signally honored by being elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was a member of the American Psychological Association, Midwestern Psychological Association, Michigan Psychological Association, Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and

Letters, American Association for the Advancement of Science, International Reading Association, Michigan Reading Association, College Reading Association, and the National Reading Conference.

Since his retirement in 1964 he voluntarily and without remuneration worked in the Reading Center and Clinic, participated actively in national professional meetings, and conducted reading institutes throughout the United States.

Contributions to the Fellowship Fund may be sent to the Annual Fund Office, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001.