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Tribute

On May 28, 1964, members of the Western Michigan University Chapter of the International Reading Association honored its founder and sponsor by electing to change the name of their organization to the Homer L. J. Carter Reading Council. We chose to honor Mr. Carter at this time because on July 1 he will retire from Western Michigan University where he has been Director of the Psycho-Educational Clinic and Professor of Psychology.

Homer L. J. Carter is a person with a rare combination of talents. He is an inspiring teacher, a dynamic public speaker, an effective writer, and a careful research worker. In addition, he is an understanding and sympathetic clinician who can work with people of all ages. In his work with children, he is known for the ease and quickness with which he gains and maintains their confidence. His work with parents and other adults is characterized by complete honesty, frankness, sincerity and kindness. Mr. Carter is able to perceive problems quickly, to identify and interpret relevant facts, to diagnose accurately, and to make helpful suggestions. His own words describe well his goals. "Excellence is achievement over and beyond the requirements of the task and its responsibilities. The reward of excellence is bestowed upon man because of his ability to create by his labor that which is needed in his time and that which is altogether wholesome and good."

We who are members of the Homer L. J. Carter Reading Council are proud to honor him for we recognize in him an enthusiastic leader with a singleness of purpose—to help others. Throughout his life he has pursued this goal with devotion, diligence, and unrelenting effort. We are glad that retirement will not bring an end to his professional activities. We are delighted with his plans to continue research, teaching and writing.

D. J. M.