



Dr. Rowland Ritchie

Will Continue To Write And Work in Sunset Home

After 35 years of service at Ottawa University, Dr. R. H. Ritchie, professor of English, has announced his retirement at the end of this semester. He has planned, after careful consideration of all other possibilities, to go early this spring to live at the Baptist Sunset Home in Concordia, Kansas.

Dr. Ritchie is not retiring from Ottawa University, but he is retiring to Sunset Home. There he plans to do a great deal of reading and writing; however, his main objective is to develop a library there for the home.

Rowland H. Ritchie was born in 1886 in Haliburton, Ontario, Canada. He lived there until he was twelve years old, when he and his parents moved to North Dakota.

He began his advanced education by entering Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. From there he transferred to Northwestern University and then to the University of Chicago from which he received his A. B. degree in 1900.

While Dr. Ritchie was attending the University of Chicago, he earned his tuition by winning prizes in oral rhetoric and declamation.

From 1900 to 1903 Ritchie taught English at Colorado College and from 1903 to 1913 at Emporia State Teachers College. He then went to Harvard University for a year, where he worked for and received his M. A. degree.

During the year of 1914 to 1915 he taught at Alma College in Alma, Michigan; after which he came in 1915 to Ottawa to be assistant professor of English. By 1919 he had worked up to the position of head of the English department. This position he held until 1936 when he retired from a full schedule of teaching. Since then he has been teaching only a few courses.

In 1937 Ottawa bestowed upon him an honorary degree, L. L. D. Up to this time everyone knew him as Professor Ritchie, but since then he has been officially known as Dr. Ritchie.

Dr. Ritchie was married to Rose A. Morris in 1898. To them were born two children, a son and a daughter. R. Morris who graduated from O. U. in 1923 is now a transmission and promotion engineer for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in St. Louis. Evannella who also attended O. U. died in 1929. Mrs. Ritchie died in 1944.

Always active in English studies, Dr. Ritchie has been recognized for many years as an authority in English. He was a member of the Kansas State Teachers of English Association. For a number of years he was also a member of the English Council of the North Central Association of Colleges. He belonged to the Association of College Profs.

He was a member of the editorial staff of the *Early Modern English Dictionary* published by the University of Michigan. Dr. Ritchie was always active in the Pi Kappa Delta, the national honor forensic society. At one time he was governor of the Province of the Plains.

He has done a lot of church work and has been an outstanding Baptist layman for many years.

In a recent talk with Dr. Ritchie, he mentioned the range of human achievement during his life time. Inventions have brought about "the lifting of labor from human muscles to those of machines." "When I began life," he said,

"our house was lighted by tallow candles which I used to help Mother make. When I went to bed I carried lighted candles with me. This was far different from the push-button age of today. Transportation was by foot, canoes and rough heavy wagons drawn by oxen."

Even though he speaks of the past, Dr. Ritchie is not living in the past. His thoughts are of the present and of the current students and their problems. He still retains his famous wit and his philosophical view on life.

To the present generation of students, Dr. Ritchie is not so well known for there are only a few who are fortunate enough to study with him. But even so they all see him on the campus and recognize him by his little rectangular case which he carries with him everywhere.

On Monday, January 30, the day will be designated as "Ritchie Day." At 11 o'clock that day there will be held a special chapel in honor of Dr. Ritchie, the "Grand Old Man of Ottawa University."

Instructions for Registration

Registration Instructions for Second Semester 1949-50

All students who have not completed their pre-enrollment will enroll on Monday and Tuesday, January 23 and 24, as follows:

1. Students who completed arrangements with the registrar but who did not settle with the Business Office will report to the Registration Room, A107, at any time from 9 to 12 or 1 to 4 Monday or Tuesday. Veterans who have completed arrangements with the Registrar need not report during the registration days.
2. Students who have seen their counselor, but who have not completed with the Registrar's Office will report to the Registration Room, A107, alphabetically as listed below.
3. Students who have not begun their enrollment will report to the Registration Room, A107, alphabetically as listed below to pick up their registration materials. They will and return to A107 to complete then interview their counselor registration.

Registration Schedule

Monday—
O to Z inclusive—9:00 to 11:30 a. m.
H to N inclusive—1:00 to 4:30 p. m.
Tuesday—

A to G inclusive—9:00 to 11:30 a. m.
Students who have completed pre-enrollment and settle with the business office need not report during the registration days.

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