IN MEMORIAM
CARL ALBIN SWANSON

Carl A. Swanson, Professor Emeritus of Romance Languages, died September 7, 1973.

He was born on September 13, 1890 at Axtell, Kansas, the son of Carl August Swanson and Ingri Moody Swanson. After a few years the family moved to McPherson, Kansas, where Carl Albin attended High School from 1907 to 1911.

As president of his class, editor of the Annual, member of the debating and athletic teams, he showed already his qualities for energetic participation.

One year's attendance at McPherson College preceded his going to the University of Kansas, where he received the A.B. degree in 1917. As an undergraduate he won honors and prizes as follows: Phi Delta Kappa; Phi Beta Kappa Honorary Society; Fellow in Romance Languages; President of the French Club, while basketball was his favorite athletic sport.

Graduation was followed by active service in the army -- from private to battalion sergeant-major -- 1917 to 1919. While standing in alphabetical line to sign up for a program to stay in France after discharge, C. A. Swanson struck up an acquaintance with A. B. Swanson, no kin. When, later, C. A. Swanson came to Austin from teaching at the University of Kansas, and A. B. Swanson moved from teaching at Rice, the two Swansons became the best of friends. As colleagues their fields of interest complemented each other.

A short course at the Sorbonne and graduate study at the University of Chicago led in 1923 to the Master of Arts degree, with a thesis on "The 'Système de bascule' of Molière and Augier," and an Ida Noyes Fellowship, 1923-24.
Carl's interest in French dramatic literature was combined with his continuing and growing dedication to Scandinavian studies and manifested itself in his dissertation for the Ph.D. in 1930: "Ibsen and the French Drama."

Carl's teaching career at the University of Texas at Austin covered almost forty years: 1924-1961. Upon his retirement, he was designated Professor Emeritus of Romance Languages. To him the Department and the University owed the survival of the study of Italian, when, because of very small enrolments Carl Swanson often kept teaching the few students who were interested on his own time and without compensation.

This generosity was characteristic of this teacher. His patience, tolerance, honesty, and devotion to principle are the qualities which colleagues and students admired in him and which endeared him to all who knew him.

He served as member or officer of the following learned and professional societies:

Modern Language Association of America
American Association of Teachers of French
American Association of Teachers of Italian
Dante Society of America
Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study
South-Central Modern Language Association
Secretary, Italian Group I (Medieval and Renaissance Italian), Modern Language Association (1939)
Research Committee, Italian Group II, Modern Language Association (1941)
Secretary-Treasurer, Texas Chapter, American Association of Teachers of French (1942-1947)
Executive Council (1938), Vice-President (1947) (1959-60), and life member
American Association of Teachers of Italian
And in 1961 he was awarded the STELLA DELLA SOLIDARIETÀ ITALIANA, Prima
Classe, by the Republic of Italy

Publications:
Co-author, *Etudes critiques sur Manon Lescaut*, par Haul Hazard et ses
Review of Thomas G. Bergin, ed., *Modern Italian Short Stories*, Boston:
1939, in *Italica*, March 1940.
September 1941.
Review of P. M. Spurlin, *Montesquieu in America (1760-1801)*, in *The South-
Central Bulletin*, April 1941.
Review of Aristide B. Masella, *Le avventure di Giovanni Passaguai*, in
*The South-Central Bulletin*, December 1941.
"An Ibsen Theater in Paris: Lugné-Poe and the Théâtre de l'Oeuvre,"
*Scandinavian Studies*, November 1942.
Review of Ruth Elizabeth Young and Michele Cantarella, *Corso d'Italiano*,
in *Italica*, December 1942.
"The Order of Pronoun Objects in French," The French Review, March 1943.

"Note on Teaching the Nasalized Vowels," The French Review, December 1945.


Review of Peter M. Riccio and Leona S. Trotta, Ridete e Imparate, in Italica, June 1947.

Review of Charles E. King and Charles Speroni, Spoken Italian, in Italica, September 1947.


"D'Annunzio's Ode 'All'America in arni (IV Luglio MCMXVIII)," in Italica, September 1953.

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The University of Texas at Austin

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The General Faculty

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