IN MEMORIAM
JAMES ANDERSON FITZGERALD

James Anderson Fitzgerald, dean emeritus of the College of Business Administration, died January 11, 1963, in Austin.

Professor Fitzgerald was born on April 1, 1883, in Wolf Creek, West Virginia. He received his bachelor's degree from Georgetown College in Kentucky in 1901. He earned his master's and PhD degrees from the University of Chicago in 1907 and 1925, respectively.

Dr. Fitzgerald began his teaching career at Marshall College and later taught at Toledo University, Ohio State University, and the Carnegie Institute of Technology. He joined the faculty of The University of Texas at Austin in 1918 and was named dean of the business school in 1926. Under his direction, the Bureau of Business Research was established in 1926. He set up the PhD program in business in 1930, and the master's in professional accounting in 1948. When the business school changed into a college in 1945, Dr. Fitzgerald organized five departments. He left office in 1950. In 1953-54 he was a consultant to the U.S. Mutual Security Agency in Thailand. Later, Professor Fitzgerald served as consulting business dean at UT Austin until his retirement in 1959.

A leading authority in banking and insurance, Professor Fitzgerald was recognized as one of the top 22 economists in the United States by the New York Sun in 1940. In 1959, the College of Business Administration initiated the J. Anderson Fitzgerald lecture series and in 1986 inducted him posthumously into the College of Business Administration Hall of Fame.

John R. Durbin, Secretary
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