

RAYMOND L. POWELL

Raymond L. Powell, who we affectionately called "Ray", came to the College of Puget Sound in 1936. He had graduated from Coe College in 1923. He received his Master of Art's degree from the University of Iowa in 1928 and his Ph.D. in 1932. He went to the University of Chicago for special courses and was coach and superintendent of Iowa Secondary Schools for seven years until 1930. He became a graduate assistant to the Education Department at the University of Iowa and was instructor of Education at his alma mater, Coe College. He was head of the Department of Education at Parson's College from 1932 to 1936 and became associate professor of Education at the College of Puget Sound from 1936 to 1939. In 1939 he was made full professor.

Ray Powell was one of the great teachers at the University of Puget Sound. He was well respected by all his colleagues. He was a very outstanding leader in building the curriculum and in his loyalty to the entire University. He was well regarded and held in high affection by his students, by his educational colleagues in other schools and particularly by the high school leaders of the state. Ray Powell was looked upon as one of the outstanding educators in the State of Washington. He was tall, good looking, and had an excellent shock of hair with every hair always in place. His wife, Margaret was an excellent addition to the faculty wives of the school. Ray was an educational leader in every way. He was chief usher at the Presbyterian Church for many years and was one of the official greeters of the church for several decades.

He had a way of maintaining high standards and doing it in such a way that his colleagues respected him and were willing to cooperate.

I, personally, had great admiration for him because of the committment he possessed to the College and his ability to secure excellent faculty, particularly when the heavy enrollment came as the GIs came back. There was one second semester when 500 young men showed up whom we had not anticipated. We did not know of their coming until a week or so ahead of time. We were able, however, because of the unusual reservoir of Ph.D.s and Master in Tacoma, to staff the College with excellent teachers.

Dean Register was loyal. He was dedicated. He was a hard worker. He was a man given to making the greatest possible University. He was an ordained Methodist preacher and his relationship with the church and the University in bringing them closer together was very much appreciated.

He was well liked by his colleagues, his students, and was highly respected by the entire community and in the area. He asked to retire and he lived a short way from the campus for many years and then moved to Wesley Gardens Retirement Home in DesMoines, Washington. He had a wonderful wife, Frances, who was a very outstanding leader in the Women's University League and in the Methodist Circles in the community. They made an ideal couple for the College of Puget Sound.

After his retirement his wife Frances died. He later married a lady whom they had known in graduate school in Boston. She had lost her husband about the same time Frances died.

The Regesters had two children, John and Elizabeth.