TOWNSEND HALL
DEDICATION

Loran G. Townsend
Dean Emeritus
College of Education
University of Missouri-Columbia
April 5, 1986
LORAN G. TOWNSEND, dean emeritus of the College of Education and professor of education, was a pioneer in education. A native Missourian and a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, he began his brilliant career as a rural school teacher in Iron County. He later served as an elementary principal and then as superintendent of schools in Ironton. Moving to Kansas City, he became an elementary principal there.

He joined the University in 1936 as Director of Training which included directorship of the Laboratory School. He became dean of the college in 1946 and served until his retirement in 1963. During this time, he served as director of the summer session and on many occasions as acting president while the president was away. Under his leadership, the unit was changed from a school to a college and accommodated the great growth of students following World War II.

Dr. Townsend established the setting for a long history of cooperation and communication with the Department of Education and the Missouri State Teachers Association. He served as president of the Missouri State Teachers Association in 1949 and the Association of Summer School Directors in 1957. He was cited as a Distinguished Alumnus by Southeast Missouri State College and for educational leadership by Phi Delta Kappa and Pi Lambda Theta. He was known by students as an outstanding teacher and by faculty and staff as a competent, fair and insightful administrator.

In recognition of Dean Townsend’s dedication to education and outstanding service to the University of Missouri, and to the State of Missouri, the Board of Curators, upon the recommendation of the College of Education administration, President Magrath, and Chancellor Uehling, approved naming the Education Building (formerly the University Laboratory School) Townsend Hall.
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In honor of Loran G. Townsend
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Bob G. Woods, dean
College of Education

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Chancellor