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In Memoriam

Dr. Cyrus W. Lantz

1889-1979

Dr. Cyrus W. Lantz, emeritus professor of biology and former head of the Department of Science, University of Northern Iowa, died 10 September 1979.

Dr. Lantz was born on a farm near Brooklyn, Illinois, 27 June 1889. He received degrees of A.B. with honors, A.M., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois. His major field was botany.

Before coming to University of Northern Iowa (Iowa State Teachers College) in 1921, he had taught in high schools in Illinois and had been an Assistant Professor of Botany at University of Nevada-Reno. He became head of the Department of Science at the University of Northern Iowa in 1947. He retired in 1957, but he continued to teach on a part-time basis until 1967.

Dr. Lantz was a member of Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, Kappa Delta Pi, Beta Beta Beta, National Association of Biology Teachers, Ameri-

can Institute of Biological Sciences, and the Botanical Society of America. He was a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was a Fellow of the Iowa Academy of Science and was president of the Academy in 1942-43. The Academy during the observance in 1975 of the 100th anniversary of its founding gave Dr. Lantz one of the 26 citations that were given to outstanding Academy members and scientists from throughout the state.

He was a member of the Cedar Falls Rotary Club and served as its president in 1937-38. He was a member of the Cedar Falls Library Board from 1946 until 1964 and was president of the Board during a part of this tenure.

In 1976 the lecture-auditorium in the Science Building at University of Northern Iowa was named the C.W. Lantz Auditorium in recognition of his long and valuable services to the University.