

# Lynn A. Emerson

*July 20, 1890 — April 1, 1985*

Lynn A. Emerson was born in Twin Lakes, Minnesota, on July 20, 1890. He died in Portland, Oregon, on April 1, 1985, where he had been living in a retirement home for an extended period of time.

Lynn received a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Minnesota in 1911, did part-time graduate study in the School of Education at the University of Chicago from 1923 to 1925, and received a Ph.D. from the New York University School of Education in 1932.

After receiving his engineering degree, he worked in a number of businesses, where he gradually became interested in industrial education. Because of his interests he went into the teaching of vocational education in private and public schools. In 1918 he was state supervisor of vocational education in Maryland. At Joliet, Illinois, he was director of vocational education at Joliet Township High School and Junior College. Later he accepted the position of director of the Y.M.C.A. Schools in New York City and then became assistant superintendent of schools in Yonkers, New York.

Professor Emerson joined the Cornell faculty on January 29, 1938, as a professor of industrial education in the College of Agriculture. In September 1944 he was appointed assistant dean of the College of Engineering but continued his duties as professor of industrial education.

He was appointed a professor of industrial and labor relations in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations on April 1, 1946, and served first as assistant director of extension and subsequently as associate director of extension. Prior to Martin P. Catherwood's appointment as dean of the school after Irving Ives's resignation, Professor Emerson served on the Committee on Administration of the school.

Professor Emerson gained wide recognition as one of the outstanding authorities in the United States in the fields of industrial, vocational, and technical education. He made a substantial contribution to both the resident teaching and adult education of the school in those subjects. He also served frequently as a consultant to the state and federal governments.

Professor Emerson retired from the School of Industrial and Labor Relations on March 1, 1955, and was appointed professor emeritus. He then accepted a position as a consultant with the Foreign Operations Administration project in Israel, which was administered by the Research Foundation of the State University of New York. His

duties included advisory service with representatives of the Ministry of Labor of the Israeli government and with school officials and leaders in the vocational education field.

He is survived by five children, all Cornellians: Mary Bragg, of Sunset, South Carolina; Margaret Emerson, of Kensington, Maryland; Ruth Zilk, of Milwaukee, Oregon; Helen Barbano, of Mitchellville, Maryland; and Robert Emerson, of Sharon, Connecticut.

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