

HAUPTMANN OF GRINNELL DIES

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GRINNELL, IA. — Oliver Howard Hauptmann, 56, professor of modern foreign languages at Grinnell College since 1946, died in a hospital here Wednesday after several months illness.

He was widely known as a scholar of medieval Spanish.

Spanish, German

Hauptmann taught Spanish and German. He was elected chairman of the faculty for several one-year terms, and at various times was chairman of his department.

Born in Nebraska, he received his bachelor degree from the University of Florida and his M. A. in 1927 and Ph.D. in 1933 from the University of Wisconsin.

Win Fellowship

From 1927 until he came to Grinnell, Hauptmann taught in the University of Florida, and from 1937 to 1946 he was associate editor of the Southern Folklore Quarterly. In 1956 he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship for a semester's study in Spain.

He collaborated on the editing of a medieval dictionary, wrote numerous professional articles and papers, and was the author of a three-volume edition of a Spanish work.

His wife and his mother survive.

Hauptmann Dies; Services Here Friday

Professor Of Modern Foreign Languages At College For 13 Years



O. H. Hauptmann

O. H. Hauptmann, 56, professor of modern foreign languages at Grinnell College, died early Wednesday evening in a local hospital after several months' illness.

Services will be held Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Leland W. Mann of the First Congregational church officiating. Burial is planned for Monday afternoon in the family plot at Avon Park, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Oliver Howard (Tom) Hauptmann, 56, joined the Grinnell College faculty in 1946 as professor of modern foreign languages, teaching Spanish and German.

He was elected chairman of the faculty for several one-year terms, and at various times was also chairman of his own department and of the language and literature division.

Born in Red Cloud, Neb., Feb. 5, 1903, he was graduated from Wauchula, Fla., high school in 1921 and in 1925 received his

B.S. degree from the University of Florida. He earned his M.A. in 1927 and Ph.D. in 1933 at the University of Wisconsin.

In 1932 he married Theodora Thompson, who survives him. There were no children. His mother, Mrs. William Hauptmann of Grinnell, also survives.

From 1927 until he came to Grinnell in 1946, Hauptmann

taught at the University of Florida, and from 1937 to 1946 he was associate editor of the Southern Folklore Quarterly. He traveled considerably in Europe and in Mexico, and in 1956 he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship for study in Spain during a semester leave of absence from Grinnell.

Medieval Dictionary

He collaborated on the editing of a medieval dictionary, wrote numerous professional articles and papers, and was at work on a three-volume edition of a Spanish work known as the Escorial Bible, MS. I.1.4., one volume of which had already been published.

He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the Modern Language Association and its Medieval Spanish Dictionary Committee, the American Association of Teachers of Spanish, and the American Association of University Professors.

Bowen Statement

In a statement made this morning, following the death of Prof. O. H. Hauptmann Wednesday evening, President Howard R. Bowen of Grinnell College said: "Professor Hauptmann was an unusually gifted teacher and scholar. He was also a wise counselor to whom both students and colleagues turned for advice and leadership. He was devoted to Grinnell College, where he served with distinction for 13 years. His death is an irreparable loss both to the college community and to the world of scholarship."