

In memoriam

Gladys C. Schwesinger

Dr. Gladys C. Schwesinger, research and clinical psychologist, died July 12, 1964 in Victoria, B. C., Canada, following an operation for a brain tumor. She was 71. Dr. Schwesinger had returned to Canada following retirement in 1961 from her California Youth Authority position as clinical psychologist at the Ventura School for Girls.

Born and raised in Vancouver, Gladys Schwesinger soon became known as a «wonder child», with the highest scholastic grades in the city. She was ready for college at 15, but was too young to be admitted so she went to normal school and spent a few years teaching. Later she became a member of the first graduating class (1916) of the University of British Columbia. She went on to take her master's degree at Radcliffe and her Ph. D. in Psychology at Columbia University.

Dr. Schwesinger became a research associate of the Eugenics Research Association, and was for many years a research psychologist in the Department of Anthropology of the American Museum of Natural History. For two years she held a General Education Board Fellowship; she was also a consultant to the Committee on Human Relations of the Progressive Education Association. She was best known for her book «Heredity and Environment» and for «Mental Tests and Heredity» of which she was co-author. During the Second World War she became one of the directors of adult and vocational education for the War Relocation Authority, and in 1946 she joined the California Youth Authority as a clinical psychologist.

A fellow of the American Psychological Association, the American Association for Advancement of Science and the New York Academy of Sciences, Dr. Schwesinger was Executive Secretary and later President of the International Council of Women Psychologists. She was also active in the American Association for Applied Psychology, and became one of the first Diplomates in Clinical Psychology appointed by the American Board of Examiners in Professional Psychology

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