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A memorial to Lucia B. Mirrielees, in recognition of her 25 years of valuable service to Montana State University, Missoula, will be established by her friends and former students, according to H. G. Merriam, professor emeritus. The long-time professor of English died at Stanford, Calif., August 4.

"She was a specialist in the teaching of English in the high school," Merriam stated. "It is safe to say that every high school existing in Montana has felt her influence."

"The memorial will take the form of a fund for the purchase of books for the University library, especially books on the subjects she most liked to teach," he said. "These were Chaucer, the 14th century poet; Samuel Johnson, the 18th century pundit; the nature of the English language; and, of course, the teaching of literature and composition," Dr. Merriam added.

"Profs. Anne Platt and Edmund Freeman, and myself are sure that Lucia Mirrielees' friends, and particularly the 1800 students who had work under her instruction, will want to help build this fund," Dr. Merriam said.

Contributions may be sent to any member of the committee in care of Montana State University, Missoula.

Books bought from the fund will bear a plate stating they were purchased as a memorial to Lucia B. Mirrielees.

Miss Mirrielees gave numberless talks to organizations over the state and endless consultation with school administrators and high school teachers of English. Under her direction experienced teachers in the state worked out the ninth and tenth year

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guides for the study of English. For several years she was president of the Montana Council of Teachers of English, and wrote a page about the teaching of English for the journal of The Montana Education Association. When for seven years the English Dept. of the University circulated among the state's teachers of English a bulletin entitled English Notes, Miss Mirrielees wrote many of the issues, according to Dr. Merriam.

The National Council of Teachers of English, with headquarters in Chicago, received her steady support. She was for some time a vice president of it and a member of its executive committee, and once arranged a program of 50 speakers for one of its national meetings in Chicago. This interest came naturally to her because of the wide-spread use and long success of her textbook, Teaching Composition and Literature in the Junior and Senior High School, which was three times revised and brought up to date, once after her retirement. At the time of her death she was preparing another revision, noted Dr. Merriam.