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# Melby Resigns

*Announces decision at meeting of faculty late this afternoon*

To go to New York University as head of Department of Education. Will stay at MSU until September. Has been president here since September, 1941.

Dr. Ernest O. Melby today announced his resignation as president of the university to take a position as dean of the School of Education at New York University.

Dr. Melby will remain on the campus until September, when he will begin his duties in New York.

Inaugurated on Dec. 8, 1941, Dr. Melby served as president until July, 1943, when he became chancellor of the greater university of Montana. He resigned the chancellorship and resumed the presidency in April, 1944.

In announcing his decision this afternoon at a faculty meeting, Dr. Melby said:

"I am giving up my work at Montana State University with great reluctance. The faculty and student body have been most co-operative. The State Board of Education has been outstanding in its united support and in its devotion to the improvement of education in Montana.

"My experience in various educational activities, however, has convinced me that I can be of greater service in working directly with students and faculty members on educational problems than in political and financial activities.

"Most of my professional life has been spent in the work of education of teachers and other leaders for American education. My position at New York University will give me an opportunity to work directly with students and faculty in the field of my greatest interest.

"I want to express my appreciation to Montana people for the cordial good will they have shown both to me and to the university."

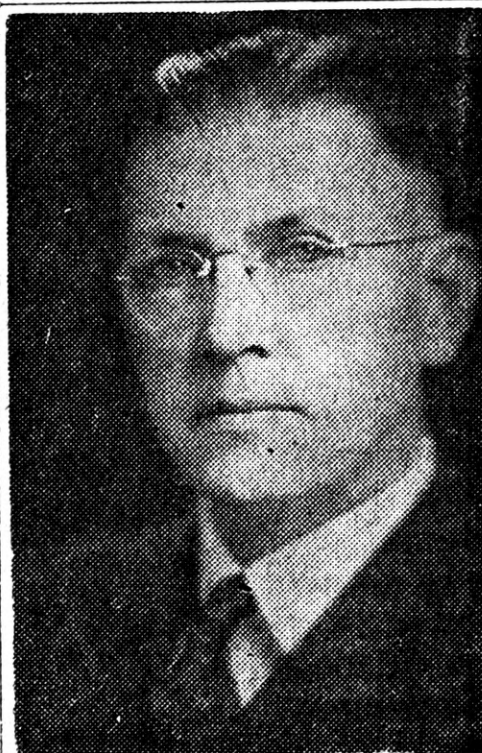
Dr. Melby came to MSU from Evanston, Ill., where he had been dean of the School of Education at Northwestern University since 1934. He succeeded Dr. George Finlay Simmons, who resigned as president of the university in the spring of 1941.

Dr. Melby has been the seventh president of the university.

He was a member of the Northwestern faculty from 1928 until 1941, and dean of the Northwestern School of Education for seven years. He has also served as a member of the University of Minnesota faculty and as head of several Minnesota school systems before going to Northwestern.

A graduate of St. Olaf's College, Northfield, Minn., he holds a master's and a doctor's degree from the University of Minnesota.

He has been very prominent in education circles, having been executive officer in the American Council of Education and other educational organizations.



PRESIDENT E. O. MELBY

## Goodbye, Dr. Melby

We are sorry to see you go Dr. Melby. We have enjoyed publishing under your tolerant administration. We hope the future president of MSU will follow in the work that you have started. The state of Montana will suffer from your leaving but New York will be to the good. New York's gain is our loss.—Robert C. Blair.

## Dr. Krug leaves for Wisconsin

Dr. Edward A. Krug, who has been a member of the faculty of the School of Education here since 1943, has accepted a position at the University of Wisconsin as assistant professor of education.