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MISSOULA, Mont. ---

Dr. Agnes L. Stoodley, 65, of 622 Evans Ave., long-time chairman of the Women's Physical Education Department at the University of Montana, died Friday afternoon in a Missoula hospital following a long illness.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Squire-Simmons-Carr Rose Chapel, Missoula.

After joining the UM faculty in September 1947 as women's physical education chairman, Dr. Stoodley earned a reputation of helping the handicapped develop motor skills.

Dr. Stoodley, who has been a University of Montana faculty member since 1947, has been very active in state, district and national physical education activities and has also worked diligently with the local Opportunity School, Camp Fire Girls and area elementary school educators in developing and conducting their programs in physical education.

In 1951-52, Dr. Stoodley served as president of the Northwest District Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER). In 1963, she was president of the State Association of HPER. In both capacities she represented the area at national conventions of the American Association for HPER.

Dr. Stoodley was born Dec. 10, 1904, in Santa Cruz, Calif.

After receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree from San Jose State College, San Jose, Calif., in 1927, Dr. Stoodley taught physical education at Lindsay, Calif., High School from 1927-30.

Dr. Stoodley was awarded a Master of Science degree at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1931. In 1931-32, she supervised student teachers and taught elementary physical education and professional courses at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
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From 1932-37, Dr. Stoodley taught physical education at Santa Cruz High School. In 1937, she was named dean of women and head of physical education for women at Cuesta Junior College, San Luis Obispo, Calif., a post which she held until 1943.

Dr. Stoodley served as welfare officer and assistant personnel officer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, from 1943-46.

From 1946-47 Dr. Stoodley studied at Stanford University, Stanford, Calif. She received her Doctor of Education degree at Stanford in 1947, shortly before joining the University of Montana faculty.

Dr. Stoodley, who was single, is survived by her mother, Mrs. A. Stoodley of Santa Cruz.

Contributions to the Agnes Stoodley Memorial Scholarship Fund for women majors in health, physical education and recreation may be sent to the University of Montana Foundation, Missoula, Mont. 59801.

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