

Former Headmaster's Death Noted at School

The flag at Cranbrook school was flown at half-staff Monday out of respect for Dr. William Oliver Stevens, eminent educator and author. He was the institution's first headmaster serving eight years, from 1927 to 1935.

In precarious health since Thanksgiving time, Dr. Stevens died in his sleep at the age of 76, at his home, 25 West 9th street, New York City, Saturday. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Church of the Ascension there.

Surviving are Mrs. Stevens and one son, Hugo, a portrait artist of St. Andrews Circle, Richmond, Va.,

Hornet, Mason flew out from Pearl Harbor in 1942, and disappeared off Kaneche Bay. No trace of them by their plane ever was reported.

FACING the 340 boys of Cranbrook School in the Assembly Hall Monday morning, Headmaster Harry D. Hoy paid tribute to his predecessor, whose retirement occurred before any of the students were born.

He characterized Dr. Stevens as "a man of tremendous and versatile talents"; a fine athlete, outstanding in tennis; an accomplish-

ment artist with brush, pen and pencil; a polished public speaker; a noted educator, and the author or co-author of more than 20 volumes of history, biography, religion, philosophy, travel, and even etiquette for lack of high school age, whose social problems he knew as a father and teacher.

The things for which Cranbrook stands now are a development of the fine foundations he laid in the beginning days of the school," said Hoy, who taught for seven years under Dr. Stevens.

The service of remembrance concluded with a prayer by the Rev. Walter Young, chaplain of Cranbrook School. The educator also was included in morning prayers at Christ Church, Cranbrook, of whose vestry he had been one of the early members.

Dr. Stevens was born Oct. 1, 1878, in Bangor, Me., of Maine missionary parentage, and was of the fifth generation of his family represented in the fields of religion and secular education.

He received his bachelor's degree in 1900 from Colby College, at Waterville, Me., where he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon him in 1923, only a year after his retirement from the honorary degree of doctor of literature.



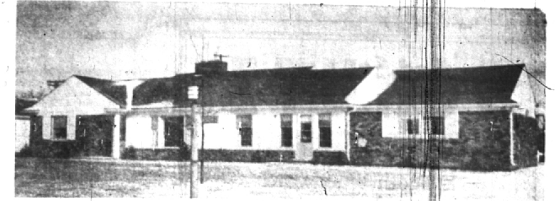
DR. W. O. STEVENS

HE WAS a civilian member of the faculty of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis from 1903 to 1924, and was executive of the English department for 19 of the 23 years. He then entered the field of secondary education, serving three years as head master of the upper division of Roger Ascham school, White Plains, N.Y., before coming to Cranbrook. During his first year here he was invited to be dean of the graduate school of the University of Louisiana, but declined. Following his retirement from Cranbrook he was for a year the acting dean of the college of literature and education at Emory University in Georgia. Thereafter he devoted himself to writing and editing, often the illustrating of voluminous books.

WHILE at Cranbrook he added to an already long and distinguished list of textbooks, history and biography, two books on the language of the "The Quiet Thing" and "The Patriotic Thing" to which he added, a few years

later, "The Patriotic Thing." His latter day writings, including "Beyond the Sunset" and "The Quiet Hour," were influenced by the death of his son, Mason. Among the most popular of his books have been those dealing with historic places, including "Annapolis," "Anne Arundel's Town," "Old Rye," "Williamsburg and Her Neighbors," "Discovering Long Island," "Charleston, Historic City of the South," "Shenandoah and Its Washington, the Cinque," and "Forever

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