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## D. F. Putnam, professor emeritus

Dr. Donald F. Putnam, professor emeritus of geography at the University of Toronto's Erindale College in Mississauga, has died in Oakville.

Dr. Putnam was one of the original 10 faculty members who undertook the planning and development of the new college in 1966.

"As the oldest and most senior member of the faculty, he set a standard for enthusiasm and devotion to the task at hand that left his junior colleagues limp with exhaustion," a college spokesman said.

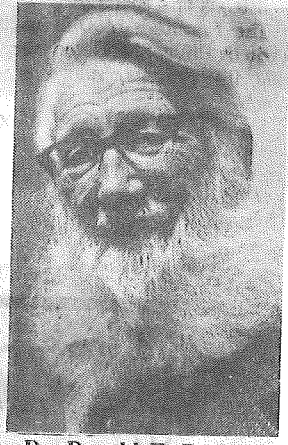
Putnam graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College in 1931 and joined the staff of the University of Toronto as a class assistant in the department of botany. He received his Ph.D. four years later. Putnam worked in many parts of Canada for the federal department of agriculture and was invited to become a member of the University of Toronto's department of geography in 1938.

He served as chairman of that department from 1953 to 1963.

Recognized as one of Canada's outstanding

geographers, Dr. Putnam was invited to become the first president of the Canadian Association of Geographers in 1951, and received the Coronation Medal in Geography from Queen Elizabeth II two years later.

In 1969, Dr. Putnam was awarded the Massey Medal by the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. That same year the University of Toronto's Extension Division established the Putnam Award in recognition of Dr. Putnam's contributions to the program for part-time degree students.



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