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WILLIAM (BILL) HENRY FISHER HAS HAD A WIDE RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES. AS A STUDENT HE ATTENDED THE LABORATORY SCHOOLS OF NORMAL SCHOOLS IN PENNSYLVANIA. IN HIGHER EDUCATION HE RECEIVED HIS A.B. DEGREE IN SOCIAL STUDIES AND HIS M.A. IN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND TEACHING SOCIAL STUDIES FROM WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY. HIS ED.D. IS FROM TEACHERS COLLEGE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, WHERE HIS MAJOR PROFESSOR WAS ERLING M. HUNT, CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TEACHING SOCIAL STUDIES. WHILE AT COLUMBIA, HE WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THE DEAN'S SCHOLARSHIP, SERVED AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT BODY, AND AS PRESIDENT OF PHI DELTA KAPPA.

PROFESSOR FISHER HAS TAUGHT SOCIAL STUDIES AT THE SECONDARY LEVEL IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF WASHINGTON AND HISTORY AT THE FIELDSTONE SCHOOL, ONE OF THE CULTURE SOCIETY SCHOOLS. AFTER GRADUATING FROM COLUMBIA, HE TAUGHT AT EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, WHERE HE WAS DIRECTOR OF STUDENT TEACHING, TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, WILKES COLLEGE, HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO, AND UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA. IN NEW MEXICO HE SERVED AS CURRICULUM DIRECTOR AND AS SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE LAS VEGAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS. TODAY HE IS "SEMI-RETIRED," CONTINUING TO TEACH PART TIME AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA.

PROFESSOR FISHER HAS PUBLISHED OVER ONE HUNDRED ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS. SEVERAL OF THESE ARTICLES HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR INCLUSION IN BOOKS OF READINGS. HIS PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS INCLUDE PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION SOCIETY, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS, NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION, WESTERN SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, SOUTHWESTERN PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION SOCIETY, TEXAS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS SOCIETY, PHI DELTA KAPPA, AND KAPPA DELTA PI.

PROFESSOR FISHER IS MARRIED TO RUTH DYER WHO IS WELL KNOWN TO HIS COLLEAGUES FROM HER FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS. LAST DECEMBER 27 THEY CELEBRATED THEIR THIRTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. PROFESSOR AND MRS. FISHER RESIDE IN MISSOULA, MONTANA.