Melrose High School Permanent Scholarship Fund



THE GEORGE A. McPHETERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is in memory of a man who lived in Melrose from 1917 until his death in 1979 at the age of eightynine years. "Mac," as he was affectionately known, was born on September 30, 1890. He came to Melrose from Portsmouth, New Hampshire in 1917 to become a teacher at Melrose High School. He taught Community Civics at the High School until his retirement at the age of seventy in 1960.

He was a veteran of World War I and belonged to the American Legion Post #90 and to the Lesley A. Trickey Barracks and for many years he served as Chaplain.

Mr. McPheters was a graduate of the University of New Hampshire in 1913. In June 1979, the University of New

Hampshire Alumni Association awarded him the Distinguished Alumni Award for his most outstanding service to his school and his community.

While teaching at Melrose High School he was also a coach of athletics, founder of the Melrose High School Girls' Club, as well as a Hi-Y Club for Boys and a most successful Cartoon Club. Beginning in the 1920's he conducted annual trips to Washington, D.C. for Melrose High School students during the April school vacation period.

Not only was he actively involved in the programs of the Melrose Y.M.C.A., but he was a youth leader at the First Congregational Church of Melrose, and participated in the Barry Class of the First Baptist Church of Melrose. He was a member of the Melrose Community Council and served as a member of the Council on Aging.

At the time of his death he was survived by his daughter, Mrs. Jean Miller of Reading, Massachusetts, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Mr. McPheters died in Melrose on October 15, 1979.

The scholarship to be given each year in his name is awarded to a student in the senior class of Melrose High School who possesses outstanding qualities of citizenship. The Melrose High School Permanent Scholarship Fund is proud to offer this scholarship in the name of this outstanding citizen. Furthermore, it was George A. McPheters who designed the seal for the Melrose High School Scholarship Fund in 1961. He truly lived his whole life exemplifying the belief that "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding."

THE MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL PERMANENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND congratulates you upon receiving this memorial scholarship. The founders of this scholarship will always be interested in your plans and progress.