

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON**

ON THE DEATH OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR EMERITUS ZIGMUND M. ARAWINKO

Zigmund M. Arawinko was born on February 20, 1917 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Michael and Anna (Kondraska) Arawinko, and died April 30, 2001 in Madison. On May 29, 1943 he married Ardell Johns in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. He received a bachelor of science degree in 1940 with a major in agronomy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a master of science degree in 1952. He was employed at the Pabst Farms, Inc. as foreman for feed-seed corn and grain production from 1940 until 1946. He came to the University of Wisconsin-Madison as instructor in agronomy in 1946 to supervise the agronomy research farms, civil service employees, land for research needs and seed production increases. He was promoted to assistant professor as superintendent of small grain seed facilities in 1960. Crops included were oats, spring and winter wheat, winter rye and spring barley. As new varieties are developed by the agronomy staff, they are evaluated in small plots, selected and the seed supply increased as breeder seed which is released to certified seed growers who in turn supply seed dealers and farmers. During Arawinko's tenure, the production of oats in Wisconsin, for example, reached three million acres, seed for which was developed and produced in the Agronomy Department.

For 36 years Professor Arawinko played a most important research support role in the Department of Agronomy as a key to the department's field operations and small grain seed production programs in the Madison area. Without his assistance in designing and improving seed processing, Wisconsin Foundation Seed would not have the excellent reputation for quality it now enjoys. The university is grateful to him for daily supervision of the Agronomy Research Farms, innovative approaches in modifying equipment and buildings and re-design of the Allis Chalmers Gleaner "E" combine for example. Professor Arawinko retired with emeritus status in 1982.

In addition to his wife of fifty-eight years, Zig has two daughters, Sandra and Susan, and a son, David.

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