

Medal Award of the Netherlands Society of Philadelphia for 'cementing relations between the United States and the Netherlands.'

In this country Mots received honorary degrees from the University of Delaware, University of Pennsylvania, American University, Jefferson Medical College, Drexel Institute, Washington College, and Widener University.

It is when a quiet, shy man dies that at last we learn of the many things he had done over the years to gain the lasting respect of the people whose lives he had touched and brightened in many different ways. So it was with Mots. He is survived by his wife, the former Pamela Cunningham, a daughter, two sons, and ten grandchildren, to whom those of us who had the privilege of knowing Mots send our deepest sympathy.

FORREST WILSON SEYMOUR

Forrest Wilson Seymour, Pulitzer Prize-winning editor, died on Cape Cod October 3, 1983. He was elected a member of the Society in 1966 and attended its meetings regularly through 1975. He was born in Arlington, South Dakota, July 10, 1905, and attended the public schools and Northern State Teachers College, before receiving his A.B. degree from Drake University in Des Moines in 1928. He held honorary doctorates from Drake, Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa, and Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, and was elected to honorary membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

Forrest worked for the *Des Moines Register and Tribune* while attending college. Later he became state editor, editorial writer, associate editor and, from 1946 to 1953, editor of the editorial pages. At Des Moines, he won the Pulitzer Prize for distinguished editorial writing in 1943. After twenty-nine years, he resigned from the Des Moines newspapers. He came

to Worcester in June 1953, as associate editor. Upon the death of George F. Booth in 1955, Forrest became editor of the newspapers, a responsibility he fulfilled vigorously until his retirement in 1970. Upon retirement, he moved to South Dennis, on Cape Cod, and became active in Cape affairs, serving as president of the Cape Cod Symphony Association, for example.

Forrest presented a paper entitled 'A Look Back at Wounded Knee' at the Society's semiannual meeting on April 17, 1974. This essay served as a basis for his book *Sitanka: The Full Story of Wounded Knee*, published in 1981. This work was the culmination of his lifelong interest in the history of the Indians in the Dakota territories. *Sitanka* drew significantly on the reminiscences of many participants at Wounded Knee, reminiscences contained in the Eli S. Ricker Collection of manuscripts at the Nebraska State Historical Society in Lincoln. In his book, he expressed appreciation to the American Antiquarian Society's staff for its assistance in his research.

His interests were broad. He was a student of the life of St. Paul, on whom he occasionally lectured. He was a close observer of foreign affairs and a longtime member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He was a founder of the Worcester Committee on Foreign Relations. He traveled extensively in South America, Europe, North Africa, the Soviet Union and Southeast Asia, including Vietnam, and wrote about those trips for newspaper publication. While Forrest settled comfortably in the East and made it his home, he loved to return to the Dakotas and beyond, traveling and camping in the old Northwest Frontier and the Rocky Mountain West.

Forrest was active in a wide range of community organizations in Des Moines and in Worcester, where he served as president of the Worcester Area Chamber of Commerce, vice chairman of the Red Cross Chapter and vice president of the United Way of Central Massachusetts. He was a trustee of Andover-Newton Theological School and The Memorial Hospital. He served as a member of the Massachusetts Board of

Library Commissioners and the state Probation Commission, and was chairman of the Massachusetts Council on Crime and Delinquency. He was elected in 1968 to the Academy of New England Journalists.

He was a brother of the late Gideon Seymour, editor of the *Minneapolis Star and Tribune*. Forrest was a lifelong friend of MacKinlay Kantor, who won the Pulitzer Prize in 1956 for *Andersonville*. His wife, Pearl, died in 1982. They had been married 53 years. They had four children. His son Hallock is deputy managing editor of the *Minneapolis Star and Tribune*. Peter is an editor for the Associated Press in Milwaukee. Susanna is a reporter for the *Worcester Telegram*. Constance (Mrs. William B. Jennison) lives in South Dennis.

Richard C. Steele, president of the *Worcester Telegram and Gazette*, and a member of the Council of the Society, said of Forrest: 'His style was incisive. His personality was warm. He was independent in his analysis and in his writing. His knowledge of journalism and of people gained him respect throughout the newspaper world.'

Robert C. Achorn

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