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DR. LEGGE RECEIVES KNUDSEN AWARD

Dr. Robert Thomas Legge, professor emeritus of hygiene and former university physician on the Berkeley campus of the University of California, has received the William S. Knudsen Award, highest honor in industrial health, from the American Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons. The honor, given only eight times in 36 years, was presented to Dr. Legge at a banquet in his honor during the association's 36th annual meeting in Atlantic City, N. J., in April. After service as one of the nation's first industrial physicians and surgeons at the McCloud (Calif.) River and Lumber Company, he assumed his duties at the university as professor and chairman of the department of hygiene, university physician, and director of the College Hospital on the Berkeley campus in 1915. As university physician Dr. Legge organized a students' health service and inaugurated a system of medical records that has long been a model. In 1930 he planned and built the Ernest V. Cowell Memorial Hospital, reportedly the first students' hospital approved by the American College of Surgeons. As lecturer in industrial medicine at the university's medical school, he established courses that were the pioneer introduction of industrial health into California. Dr. Legge organized the section on industrial medicine of the California State Medical Association and was its first chairman. He was one of the organizers and first presidents of the Western Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons, first president of the Pacific Section of the American College Health Association, and member and officer of other organizations. Dr. Legge retired as university physician in 1937 and became professor emeritus in 1942, the year in which the dream of his academic life was fulfilled; the creation of the school of public health on the Berkeley campus. For 11 years he has been associate editor of *Industrial Medicine and Surgery*.