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developed countries. He expected to be in Cambodia or Laos.

Henry Wooten is the treasurer and assistant business manager of Forest Lake Academy in Florida.

Dr. Paul (Bill) Dysinger is doing a year of graduate study at Harvard. He hopes to return to the faculty of Loma Linda University but there is a probability that he may go to Tanganyika, East Africa, to work in the public health project sponsored by the Division of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. The project will be located at the Heri Mission hospital. The Dysingers now have two boys.

Betty Jo Boynton McMillan and Bob are living in Alexandria, Va. They have two children, Charles, 7, and Sally Jean, 5.

Fred Veltman is assitant dean of men at Andrews University. He is working toward the completion of his Bachelor of Divinity degree. His wife, Irene, proved to be a wonderful secretary to Elder Wittschiebe in the days when they were at SMC and now at Andrews University she is again Elder Wittschiebe's secretary.

Dale Fisher is factory manager for Ace Drill Bushing Company in Arlington, California.

Herman Ray is on the SMC faculty on the Florida campus. He is instructor in religion and associate chaplain of the Florida Sanitarium. The past summer he has been on the Loma Linda University campus working toward his master's degree.

Craig S. Parrish and his wife live in Jacksonville, Florida, where Craig is comptroller for a paving and road building firm.

'61

William Berry is dean of boys and is teaching in Plainview Academy, in Redfield, South Dakota.

At Andrews University Quinton Burks, Donald Clark, Clifton Davis and Jack Marshall are students.

Will Henson is associate pastor at the Boulevard Church in Madison, Tennessee.

Jane Brewer is working in a public accountant office in Orlando, Fla.

Daniel Rozell is dean of boys at Mt. Pisgah Academy in Candler, N. C.

Kenneth Kissinger is connected with the business office at the sanitarium on the Highland campus.

In the *Youth's Instructor* office in Washington Suzanne Johnson works with Elder Walter Crandall in the editing of the paper.

In the class room are the following members of the class of '61: Earl Oxberger, Oneida, Ky.; Marvin Salhany,

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lina Conference; Marvin Weedman, Arkansas-Louisiana Conference; Ross Weldon, Denver Jr. Academy, Denver, Colo.; Jeanne Pettis, Madison Blvd. Elementary School, Madison, Tenn.; Eva Lysell, Carolina Conference; William Arbour, Jefferson Rural Academy in Texas; John Baker, Madison College Laboratory School; Carol Burchard, in Hawaii; Ann Clark, Collegedale Academy; Nettie Culp, Atlanta Junior Academy; Mary Face-meyer, Hawaii; Roy Frith, Birmingham Jr. Academy; Randall H. Fox, West Coast Junior Academy, Bradenton, Fla.; Donald Alfaro, Forest Lake Academy, Florida; Dwayne Dickerson, Valley Grande Academy, Weslaco, Texas; Richard Brunk, Huntsville, Ala.; Frank Lamb, Pewee Valley, Ky.; John Lonberg, Greater Miami Academy, Florida; Regina Micklewright, San Fernando Valley Academy, Calif.; Bruce Gerhart, Mt. Pisgah Academy.

## Advanced Degrees

The past summer four alumni and one faculty member completed graduate study for advance degrees.

Peabody College: Floyd Greenleaf, '55, of Meridian, Mississippi, and Flora Savelle, '57, of Orlando, Florida, received M.A. degrees, and Ruth Boynton '53, of Collegedale (who has an M.A. degree) received the degree of Ed. S.

University of Chattanooga: Mildred Baldwin, '58, of Collegedale, an M.A. degree.

University of Tennessee: Huldrich Kuhlman, head of the Biology section of our science division since 1946, received the Ph.D. degree.

Dr. C. N. Rees, president of Southern Missionary College, recently announced the appointment of William H. Taylor as the new Director of Alumni Relations. It will be Mr. Taylor's duty to work closely with the Alumni and the college in order to coordinate the alumni program. Mr. Taylor is a graduate of Union College and holds the master's degree from the University of Nebraska and is currently working on the Ph.D. degree at the University of Missouri. He is also Dean of Student Affairs and Director of Public Relations at Southern Missionary College.

Have you moved? Have you changed your address? Have you notified the Alumni office?

Hulsey, Alumni Association preside  
The ballots were cast to elect officer  
to Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Lorren, (Cly-  
mera Anderson '58), a daughter,  
Denise Marie, November 6 at Monu-  
ment Valley Mission Hospital in Ari-  
zona.

To Vinson Bushnell and wife in  
Ardmore, Oklahoma, July 3, a son  
Brook Travis. Vinson, '58, teaches  
music at Southwestern Junior College  
in Keene, Texas.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Romans,  
(Jule Ausherman) '59, a daughter,  
Karen Elizabeth, November 19 at  
Boulder Sanitarium in Colorado.

To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Burke,  
(Mary Sue Estes) '58, '59, a daughter,  
Lisa Doreen, November 8 at Memorial  
Hospital in Chattanooga.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Meyer  
'60, a son, Charles Esten III, September  
30 at Memorial Hospital in Chatta-  
nooga.

To Mr. and Mrs. Galen Pettey (Ann  
Davidson '59), a son, Galen Wayne,  
October 27 at Memorial Hospital in  
Chattanooga.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dale Collins, '53,  
a daughter, Becky Ann, October 29  
in Montemorelos, N. L. Mexico.

## Into All the World

Edward Collins, '51, returning to  
Africa.

Rose Meister, '21, Far Eastern Di-  
vision.

Robert Dean Davis, '55, South  
America.

Harold Johnson, '58, Middle East.  
Marjorie Connell Johnson, '53,  
Middle East.

Ben W. Wheeler, '46, returning to  
South Africa.

Ann Morgan Wheeler, '46, return-  
ing to South Africa.

William Tol, '51, returning to  
Inter-America.

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## SMC Alumni Association Continues Progress

WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, *Director of Alumni Relations*

In terms of senior college status, Southern Missionary College is a young college. One of the concepts that students and faculty members appreciate about SMC is that it is young enough not to have any long-standing traditions other than progress. Its program is flexible, adaptable, and enterprising.

Your Alumni Association is trying to emulate this tradition of progress in its reorganization and in its activities this year. In doing the self-study for the re-evaluation for the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the alumni officers and the administration of SMC tried to work out a closer liaison among the alumni, the college, and the students.

Dr. C. N. Rees, SMC's president, announced recently that the Alumni Association, the public relations office, and the development or fund-raising office would be coordinated under one director who would be known as the director of college relations; thus, those areas that are related would come under the administrative officer who would serve in all of these capacities. It was thought that, as the college grew, several people might be needed

in these various offices, so the organization was left flexible with one person handling these duties at the present time.

The college has long-range plans for fund raising and development, and an announcement about the appointment of a development director will be forthcoming shortly, according to the president. If SMC is to continue its present rate of growth and progress, it must have funds outside of those in its regular capital and operating budgets. It is thought that the general public would be contacted, as well as the alumni, and it is hoped that the over-all program would be explained in such a way that the general public, as well as the alumni, would be acquainted with the operation of the college and its plans for new buildings and improvements.

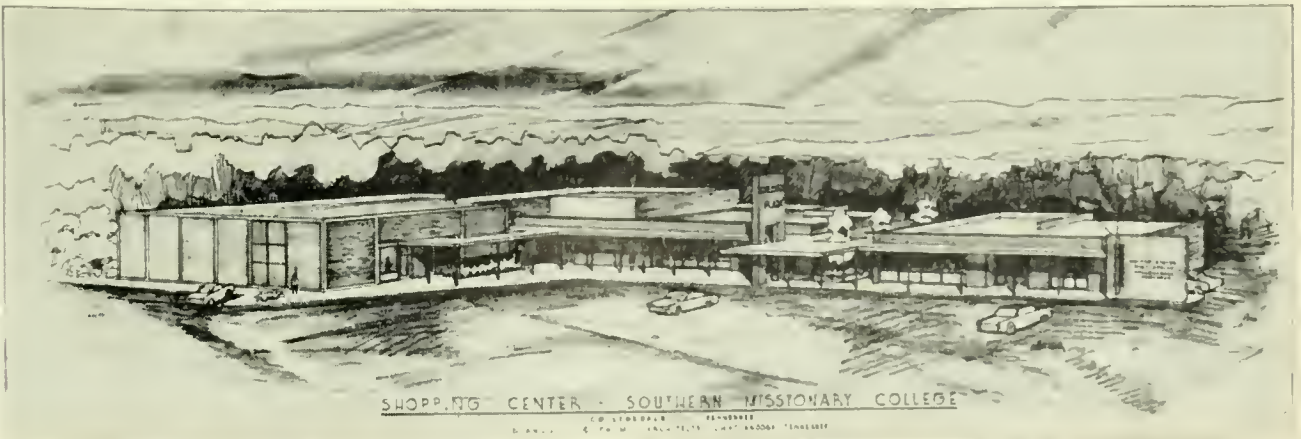
Recently, the Board of Trustees voted to proceed in March with the construction of a new shopping center. It is hoped that the shopping center, which will house a super market, Collegedale Distributors, the Southern

Mercantile, restaurant, barber shop, Post Office, etc., would be finished by the time the college year opens in September, 1962.

In April it is planned that the college barn and chicken houses will be cleared out to make room for the further expansion of the college on that land. The alumni project, a sign for the campus, can be built when the funds have been received by the college. It is hoped that this sign will go up sometime before the beginning of the next college year. If you have pledged or plan to give to this project, the alumni officers would appreciate receiving your gift. Any amount, large or small, would be sincerely appreciated.

Mr. Harry Hulsey, the new president of the international organization, will be glad to receive any requests or suggestions from any of you. The director of alumni relations will be glad to communicate with any of you about any of the requests or any of the questions which you may have. Please feel free to write either one of us at your convenience. We want, and sincerely pray, that your Alumni Association will continue to carry on its work in such a way that God can bless the alumni and their Alma Mater.

This is the  
70th Anniversary Year  
of the Founding of SMC  
**Attend the Homecoming  
October 12-14**





## Those Who Walked These Halls

'20

Clarence S. Fields is now retired from teaching. He was one of the in the first graduating class of Southern Junior College. Mr. Fields lives in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Miss Mabel Wood, the other half of the first graduating class of SJC, teaches organ and is dearly beloved at Southern Missionary College.

'21

In the second graduating class at SJC there were five who received diplomas.

Euphemia Macaulay Jaeger is a retired teacher living in Tampa, Florida. She earned her B.S.E. degree at the University of Tampa.

Letha Litchfield Brown lives in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Rose Meister is teaching in Thailand.

Eber Roland Goddard is deceased.

Mrs. Bessie Morgan Appleby lives in West Paris, Maine.

'22

Julia Inabinet Pound and her husband spend the winter in Florida and the summer months in Flat Rock, N. C.

'23

James L. Cooper is a self-supporting minister in Harrisville, Miss.

Ellen Bird Carron is a registered nurse and works part time at Paradise Valley Sanitarium and Hospital where she has been employed for 25 years. She took her RN at CME in 1928.

'33

Dr. John P. U. McLeod, M.D., is in private practice in Marshville, N.C.

Frankie Johnson Philpott is staff nurse at the Florida Sanitarium in Orlando.

'39

Mrs. Irva N. Bessler Payne teaches in the Highlands Lakes Junior Academy in Avon Park, Florida. She has completed 34 years of service in the denomination.

Elsie Landon Bush spent six years in mission service in India. She and Pastor Bush are in Miami Springs, Florida.

Dr. P. J. Moore, M.D., is the medical director at Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital at Fletcher, N.C.

'40

Pastor Hoyt Hendershot is pastor of the Forest Lake church in Maitland, Florida.

In 1941 and from 1948 to 1952 Frieda Clark was in mission service

in Singapore. She is now secretary to the personnel officer at Hadley Memorial Hospital. With her gift to the girls' dormitory she wrote, "I appreciate the efforts that are being made and the wonderful progress that I saw on my last visit there."

Nellie Jane Smith Macdonald teaches mathematics in the Junior High School in Glen Ellyn, Ill. Mr. Macdonald is the assistant treasurer of the Illinois Conference. Mrs. Macdonald has an M.Ed. degree from the University of Maryland.

Elder Leslie H. Pitton is public relations director in the Carolina Conference. His senior college work was completed at WMC.

Quinette Maxwell Carlson teaches primary grades in San Mateo, California. She completed her senior college work at PUC.

'44

Dr. George Fuller, DDS, is in private practice in Warner Robins, Ga. The Fullers have two boys and six girls.

Eloise Wynn Smith keeps the home fires burning for her husband who is taking his residency in occupational medicine, and for two lovely children, Carlton and Nancy. She earned her BA degree at Columbia University.

Betty Brooke Koudele does some part time teaching at EMC. Dr. and Mrs. Koudele have two pre-school children. Mrs. Koudele has an MA degree from the University of Nebraska. She will be remembered as a member of the academy faculty of SMC before her marriage.

Alice Perkins Kimber was in mission service in So. Rhodesia, Africa, for four years. She is now a clerk typist in the welfare office in Jackson, Miss.

Claudine Hopkins Boyle lives at Concord, Tenn. The Boyles have three children. Mrs. Boyle plays the organ at the Knoxville church.

'45

Dr. Gunter W. Koch earned his D.D.S. at Emory University School of Dentistry and is now practicing in Bangor, Mich.

Alice Irwin Wareham lives in Corona, California, where her husband practices dentistry.

Dr. Allen Bush is in practice in Lansing, Michigan.

The class of '45 will remember Lyle Wallace Stockdale's help in the library. In addition to being a good homemaker for Dr. Stockdale and their three children, Lyle takes on such projects as classifying the church library in Burlington, Iowa.

'46

Ben and Ann Morgan Wheeler have returned to South Africa after a furlough in the homeland.

Margarita Dietel Merriman is associate professor of music at AUC. She earned her Ph.D. at the University of Rochester. Mrs. Mary Dietel makes her home with the Merrimans.

Evangeline Dennis Pearson is a part time secretary in Salisbury, N. C.

Joan Perkins Stevens is now in Berrien Springs, Mich. She earned her M.S. degree at Florida State University.

'48

Jack A. Just now heads the music department at Madison College and teaches vocal. Mrs. Just, the former Donna Connell, teaches piano. The Justs have been connected with Oak Park Academy in Iowa the past two years.

Pastor Lawrence Scales is president of Southwestern Junior College in Keene, Texas.

Dr. Ross Van Buren Cockrell is a dental surgeon in Mobile, Alabama.

Dixie Reeder Wilcox taught school for eight years but is now giving all her time to homemaking. She lives at Valley Station, Ky.

'49

Roland Semmens is doing graduate study in clinical psychology in San Diego, Calif. He expects to go into private practice.

Betty Bottomly Woods is now a homemaker and lives in Temple, Texas.

Margaret Baker Kerbs lives in Shattuck, Oklahoma.

Gordon Schlenker is assistant office manager of International Harvester Co. in Lodi, Calif.

Fern Wheeler Anderson is a senior in the nurses training class at Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital in North Carolina.

Robert Guy Hyler is a speech and hearing therapist in Whittier, California.

Robert Geach is teaching church school in Toledo, Ohio. He earned his M.A. degree at Peabody College.

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**October 12-14 will be  
a Special Homecoming  
Y'all come!**

## Until the Day Breaks

Henry A. Wilmot, '50, and his family were three miles from Dubuque, Iowa, Christmas Eve, waiting in a traffic line when their car was struck broadside by an out-of-control car. The impact carried the Wilmot car over a ten-foot embankment. Elder Wilmot died a few hours later in the Findley hospital. Mrs. Wilmot is slowly recovering from serious injuries. Karen, the daughter, had slight injuries.

Maude I. Jones died peacefully on Christmas morning in her beloved Collegedale. Funeral services were conducted in the Lynn Wood Hall Chapel December 26. Elder Roy Thurmon, pastor of the Collegedale church, Mr. Charles Fleming and Dr. C. N. Rees officiated. She sleeps in the Collegedale Memorial Park. Miss Jones was 89 years of age. From 1917 to 1952 she was a beloved teacher of thousands of students who have walked these halls.

Jake Conger, a student of both Graysville and Southern Junior College was killed in a tragic car accident at Dalton, Ga., on February 28. Funeral services were conducted in the Lynn Wood Hall Chapel March 2. Elder Roy Thurmon and Dr. K. M. Kennedy officiated. Mr. Conger taught church schools for 14 years. Mrs. Conger is on the SMC teaching staff.

## In the Mission Tradition

### Venezuela

Pastor and Mrs. Glenn Henriksen, '47, went to the Dutch West Indies in 1952. In 1956 they were called to operate the new medical launch on the Orinoco River in Venezuela. Mr. Henriksen writes: "We studied Spanish in Caracas, moved to the main Orinoco River port, and then I went to Honduras for nine months helping to finish and deliver the boat to Venezuela. The launch work began in 1958. We were on furlough in 1959 and studied at the School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine at Loma Linda." (Mrs. Henriksen, Carol Ann Sands, took her pre-nursing at SMC in 1943.)

"Until now our work has consisted of finishing and repairing the boat and making several trips up and down the river de-worming the children, extracting teeth, etc. We completed our longest trip to date on Christmas day, 1961, working for seven months at many villages, treating over 3,000 patients and extracting 7,002 teeth. At one village where we have worked, the local district pastor has baptized seven of our patients.

"I remember well the fine friends of Collegedale and the good training I there received." Mr. Henriksen enclosed a check for the Alumni Association.

## Alumni Juniors

To Pat and Carol O'Day, in September, a son.

To Randall and Gwen Fox, January 11, a daughter, Robin Renee.

To Harold and Marjorie Johnson in Beirut, Lebanon, Dec. 26, a son.



Miss Maude Jones

### Africa

Fred Wilson, '54, writes, "The Congo is now undergoing a change that may shape the course of our work in the future. We are waiting to see what the next few months bring. Political leaders have sprung up everywhere, and a surge for independence has swept the Congo like wildfire. Many Europeans have already left. Others have sent their wives and children out. There are many reasons to believe that our work may face difficulties in the future. Pray for the work here in the Congo. We are enjoying our work. We know that Jesus will soon come."

Dollis Pierson, '50, wrote of the trouble in Katanga and told us of the 29 missionaries who were trapped between U. N. lines and Katanga firing for 52 hours. Pastor Pierson was with the group. The Africans are now carrying on the work in that area. At the time of great danger four African pastors came to the European workers to see about their safety and said they had been fasting and had been in prayer constantly for the missionaries.

### South America

Ronald Bottsford, '61, writes, "I love my work as departmental secretary here in this mission. We are the only American SDA's in town. In some

areas of Mato Grosso it is just like the wild west of 1860. The fastest gun is law. This year is the year of Total Evangelism, so all the churches here are making a special effort to work together and win more souls. The people are very sincere and on fire for the message."

## Into All the World

Three SMC Alumni families are under appointment for mission service:

Robert Pierson, '58, and his wife to the Solusi College in Southern Rhodesia, Africa.

Jack Bohannon, '57, and his wife, Donna Weber Bohannon, '54, to Iran in the Middle East Division.

Don Short, '59, and his wife, Janice Black Short, '61, to Urundi in the Southern Africa Division.

### Korea

Alta Philo, '60, answered a call to teach the missionaries' children in Seoul, Korea. She says it takes quite a bit of ingenuity to teach six students in five grades—which means that she is indeed busy. She sent the Alumni office a delightful letter telling of her trip to Hawaii and then on to Japan. We wish that space permitted to include it in this issue. She closed her letter: "I am not sorry that I answered this mission call. It is a very rewarding work, especially here in Korea. The Lord is apparently pouring out His Spirit upon this land. I am very happy to be a part of this great work."

### India

The J. F. Ashlocks will attend the General Conference in California on a three-month furlough. They expect to visit Collegedale and regret that they will be unable to be here for the 70th Anniversary Homecoming in October. The Ashlocks went to India in 1928 and expect to serve another term there after furlough. They have given many years of devoted service to India. In 1940-50 they were on the faculty at SMC. They were on the faculty of SJC and SMC 1943 to 1947 and 1948 to 1950. Enroute to the General Conference this summer they will visit their son, Tom, '58, at Salisbury, Africa.

### West Africa

Edward Collins, '51, writes: "A little over a year ago my wife's mother, Mrs. Archa O. Dart, brought us twin girls, two months old, for adoption. Our only child, Donald, was then six. Now we have another son, David." Before the Collins went to Africa, Ed-



ward earned a M.Ed. at the University of Mississippi. While he was librarian and registrar at Madison College, he earned a master's degree in library science at Peabody College. While they were here on furlough, Edward attended Potomac University and earned another M.A. in religion. The Adventist College of West Africa in Nigeria is small. At present they are offering courses on the third year college level.

#### Beirut, Lebanon

Harold and Marjorie Connell Johnson, '53, are connected with the Middle East College in Beirut. At the college the oldest son of Kenneth Harding, '53, is in attendance and Harold wrote of a visit from Kenneth. Pastor Harding is president of the Iran Mission. The Johnson family added an SMC alumni junior to our list of new arrivals.

#### Nyasaland

Phaize Salhany, '50, and his wife, Dorothy Graves, Salhany, '48, received an appointment to Egypt; but the visas for Egypt were revoked. The Salhany are in Nyasaland. Phaize wrote: "We are happy in the Lord's work, enthusiastic but prayerful, and facing the challenge with activities that are adventurous and exciting. There are still unentered areas that have not heard the three angels' messages and herein lies our responsibility." Dorothy Jean is teaching the boys, Wayne, 10, and Allan, 8, through the Home Study Institute.

#### Singapore

Pastor H. E. McClure: "One of the thrills of my lifetime has been to see firsthand some of the tremendous things that are taking place in Korea today where over 500 new Sabbath school members have been enrolled every week on the average during the first half of 1961. A new church has been built in that union (composed only of South Korea) every four and one-half days during 1961." Pastor McClure has produced twenty-eight doctrinal filmstrips in twelve languages to provide workers and laymen with visual aid equipment. "We meet many of the alumni of SMC in various parts of the Far Eastern Division as they are filling places of trust and responsibility."

**Plan now to be on the  
Campus for Homecoming  
October 12-14**

#### '49 (Continued)

Earl M. Clough is principal of a mission school at Eagletown, Oklahoma.



Alta Philo '60  
Missionary to  
Korea

Andrew Chastain lives near the SMC campus. He raises Angus cattle and has a few chickens (about 32,000) which produce 22,000 eggs daily. The Chastains are doing an outstanding work with the Pathfinder group and in Sabbath School work in the Cleveland church.

Cecil Coffey is secretary of public affairs for the Southern Union Conference. He has done two years of study toward his doctorate in journalism.

Robert Hyder is a speech pathologist in Whittier, Calif.

Elder John N. Norton is missionary volunteer and public relations secretary of the East Pennsylvania Conference.

The pastor of the Encinitas S.D.A. church in California is Robert L. Chism.

Hazel Callender McVicker is living in Lodi, California. Mr. McVicker died in December, 1960. Mrs. McVicker is not in good health. One of Mrs. McVicker's daughters is in mission service in Iran.

Mrs. Rosaline Cardona is zone supervisor of English in the Department of Education in Puerto Rico. She earned her M.A. degree at New York University.

Warren Oakes is registrar and director of admissions at Madison College. After Mr. and Mrs. Oakes returned from mission service in East Africa, Mr. Oakes enrolled at Andrews University for a semester. They have two children, Frances and Billy. Mrs. Oakes, who was at one time on the SMC faculty, is assisting in the nursing department at Madison.

Donald West is the director of student finance of SMC.

#### '56

David Bauer is guidance director at Mount Vernon Academy in Ohio. After he earned his M.A. degree at the S.D.A. Seminary he was assistant pastor of the Sligo church in Takoma Park for two years. His wife, the former Marilyn Haase, is a graduate of CUC.

Carol Smith Palsgrove is office secretary at the Southern Union Conference in Decatur, Ga. Her husband, Johnnie Palsgrove, will graduate from the Emory University of Dentistry in June.

Cecil Abernathy is the principal of the Mobile Junior Academy in Alabama.

Mrs. Lela Whorton teaches in the Junior Academy in Nashville, Tenn.

Gene and Betty Seiler Ballenger write, "Pleasant memories of SMC linger—almost makes one a little bit nostalgic." Gene is principal of the Junior Academy in Grand Prairie, Texas. Betty works in the conference office at Ft. Worth. Gene has his M.A. degree from Potomac University.

John Thurber has had several years experience as a college and academy music instructor and also in choral and quartet membership. He is now the second tenor in the King's Heralds quartet for the Voice of Prophecy.

#### '58

Cliff Burgeson is chairman of the Forest Lake Academy music department in Florida.

John Durichek teaches Industrial Arts at Highland Academy in Tennessee.

Clifford Keller is doing graduate work under a National Science Foundation Fellowship at Washington University.

Manager of the Louis Smith Memorial Hospital at Lakeland, Fla. is Jan Rushing. His wife, Patsy, is director of nurses.

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## The Seventieth Anniversary Homecoming October 12-14

By HARRY HULSEY, *president*  
SMC Alumni Association

VISITING Southern Missionary College after an absence of two or three years an alumnus said, "When I saw the large green and white overhead sign spanning the road at the campus approach (near where the Yellow House once stood,) I thought I was coming into a metropolis!" Similar luminous signs direct visitors to the industries, the dormitories, the college store, and to various other places of importance on the campus.

The residents of Collegedale are witnessing unprecedented changes, but are often quite unmindful of the process. For instance, it has been common local knowledge for many months that such landmarks as the old barn and other farm buildings must be removed to provide room in the present campus scheme for the proposed men's dormitory and the Collegedale church. Therefore, it created no great stir when demolition crews began their work.

I was driving to work one morning when it occurred to me that the barn—that building with "College Farms" boldly lettered across the facade, that building in which graduates of the early years proudly marched in a graduation procession, that building where I had earned many tuition-dollars on milking stools,—that building was being leveled to the ground. I stopped my car, waded through the dew-drenched grass, and snapped several pictures of the skeleton frame silhouetted against the morning sky and the green western slope of Peach Orchard Hill.

But the real spirit of Southern Missionary College is much more than sentimental attachments to outmoded buildings. This is a dynamic era of time which mercilessly defies the epochal romance of yesteryear.

A friend of mine once caught a fair-sized alligator with his bare hands in a Florida swamp where the water was near waist deep. At first he thought of the money for which the hide could be sold, but before the struggle ended, he thought of many things. He couldn't turn loose for fear of being torn apart by the enraged alligator, and he didn't feel he could continue holding on for fear of being drowned. He did persevere, however, and collected the coveted market price.



Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ledford celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary June 3, 1962. Mr. Ledford was our farm manager 1918-1933.

The dilemma facing our college is much this way. Our young people are applying for entrance in ever increasing numbers. Our physical plant, most of which dates back four or five decades, is inadequate for the "soaring sixties." We dare not remain static but the limitations of forward development can only be determined through day by day contact with the Master.

Fortunately, the College Board of Trustees is composed of far-sighted, God-fearing men who are taking progressive action to provide an opportunity for every serious-minded young man or young woman in the Southland whose interest and ability shows him qualified for Christian educational pursuits.

As a result of this planning for tangible assets, you will see numerous evidences of change when you arrive on the SMC campus in October. We are also anxious that you will be able to detect an aura of human warmth and spiritual dedication fully commensurate with the growth in every other phase of our campus life. It is our daily prayer that the stress and pressures of contemporary living shall serve only to draw us into a closer relationship with the Comforter.

The entire theme of the Seventieth Anniversary Homecoming will be built around the debut of the publication "A School of His Planning," an authentic, captivating account of the history of Southern Missionary College as compiled by Mrs. Elva Gardner, prominent author and former registrar of Southern Missionary College. This is the seventieth year of our Alma Mater and a most decisive one.

Contact your former classmates, plan class reunions for October, talk enthusiasm, arrange your business, and best of all let's meet at Collegedale on October 12 to make the 1962 Alumni Homecoming the most memorable ever!

**Check and return the  
alumni ballot on page 4**





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