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SMC Mourns Three Leaders



Dr. L. H. Wood



Miss Mabel Wood



Elder Kenneth A. Wright

Dr. Lynn Harper Wood, twice president of Southern Missionary College, died recently in Loma Linda, California. Services were held in Loma Linda and were officiated by Dr. A Graham Maxwell, Elder Roy Allan Anderson and Elder James M. Mershon. His body was interred at Montecito Memorial Park, in Loma Linda.

Lynn Wood was born in 1887 in Lamar, Missouri. He graduated from Ann Arbor High School, and in 1909 from the University of Michigan as an architectural engineer. In the fall of 1909 he joined the faculty of Washington Missionary College as science and mathematics teacher.

Professor Wood married Maude Guilford in 1911. The following year he became head of the science department at Union College and in 1914 he was elected principal of

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Miss J. Mabel Wood, 74, associate professor emeritus of Southern Missionary College, died early this year.

Miss Wood had been on the faculty of SMC for 27 years, serving in the music department, where she taught organ and piano, until her official retirement in 1967. She also served as Collegedale church organist during most of her teaching career at SMC.

After her teaching career, she was appointed assistant director of alumni relations and editor of the "Southern Columns," the alumni and constituency magazine, published quarterly by SMC.

Her service for the Seventh-day Adventist educational system totaled 52 years. She taught in the elementary grades in New Orleans; High Point, N.C.; and Shreveport, La. Her experience also included

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Elder Kenneth A. Wright, who served Southern Missionary College as its president longer than any other holder of that office, died this spring at 73 years of age. He was buried near Forest Lake Academy, Maitland, Florida, where he had served as principal/business manager, pastor, teacher and friend of thousands of students.

He was president of Southern Missionary College for nearly 13 years, (1943-1955) during which time he initiated plans that brought new buildings, increased the number of faculty members with advanced degrees, acquired accreditation, and gained senior college status for the school, which then changed its name from Southern Junior College.

Elder Wright was born in Buffalo, New York, March 4, 1903, to George I. and Ella Genung Wright.

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Bush Foundation Gives \$85,000

Southern Missionary College has received the first half of an \$85,000 grant from the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation of Winter Park, Florida, to be used for renovation of its nursing building and educational facilities on its Florida Hospital campus for clinical experience at Orlando.

Dwight S. Wallack, director of Development for Southern Missionary College, made a personal presentation of the grant request at the foundation's headquarters in March, 1975. This was followed by a second request centering on the needs on the Orlando campus. Recently, official confirmation was received by SMC's President Frank Knittel of the action of the Board of Directors of the Foundation granting the entire amount requested.

The Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation was founded in 1966 by the late Mrs. Edyth (Mrs. Archibald G.) Bush of Winter Park, Florida. During its fiscal year ended August 31, 1975 the Foundation contributed or pledged more than \$3,400,000 to various needy charitable, educational and cultural organizations, chiefly in Florida.

SMC has an enrollment for this year of over 1700. This includes 449 people who are enrolled in the nursing courses. Presently, there are students at SMC from 45 states and 27 foreign countries.

The Orlando campus is used by SMC nursing students during their junior year. They spend two semesters working as nurses and taking cognate classes at the Florida Adventist Hospital.

Clinical experience is also given at Madison Hospital, Madison, Tennessee. SMC's program is one of the largest in nursing in the South.

According to David Roberts, president of the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, the \$85,000 grant will be spread over two years. \$42,500 has already been made available to the college in 1976 and another \$42,500 will be given in 1977.

Mrs. Edyth Bush and her husband individually contributed many millions of dollars to charitable and

educational organizations in Florida, as well as in Minnesota where Mr. Bush was a director and principal stockholder of Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company prior to his death in early 1966.

Because of her great generosity, much of Mrs. Bush's philanthropy was directed towards aiding private educational institutions, organizations assisting crippled or handicapped children, the blind, the deaf, the aged, and certain kinds of cultural activities such as the theater and music.

Campbell Appointed Dean

Dr. Melvin D. Campbell, head of SMC's department of chemistry, has been appointed dean of student affairs, according to Dr. Frank Knittel, SMC's president.

Dr. Knittel also announced that Kenneth Spears, the present dean, has accepted the position of director of admissions and records to succeed Dr. Arno Kutzner, who has accepted the position as registrar of Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California.

Dr. Campbell is a graduate of Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska, and holds the Ph.D. degree from Purdue University. He was chairman of the chemistry department of Spicer Memorial College, Poona, India, before joining the staff of SMC in 1968.

Spears, who has held the positions of director of student finance and college manager, as well as dean of students, is a graduate of SMC. He also holds the master's degree in business administration from Middle Tennessee State University. He joined the staff of SMC in 1963. Before coming to SMC, Spears worked 15 years for Mayes Bros. in Houston.

As dean of students, Dr. Campbell will be in charge of all student activities, other than academic, on campus, including social and extra-curricular activities. He will be responsible directly to the president.

As director of admissions and records, Spears will be in charge of processing and accepting or rejecting applicants to the college, as well as making sure all records concerning grades, admissions, transcripts, recommendations, etc., are in good order and in safe keeping.

SMC Graduates 381

Three hundred and eighty-one degree candidates received their diplomas at SMC during the sixtieth commencement exercises.

The commencement address was delivered by Dr. George T. Mills, a family practice physician from Memphis.

Of those graduating, 221 will receive baccalaureate degrees, 159 will receive associate degrees, and one student is obtaining a one-year food service certificate.

Speaker for the Friday evening consecration service was Mrs. Minon Hamm, Ph.D., associate professor of English at SMC.

Dr. Calvin B. Rock, president of Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama, delivered the baccalaureate sermon Saturday morning.

Officers of the senior class are: Gerald L. Mobley, president; Judith L. Wade, vice-president; Janet M. Kramer, secretary; Jonathan D. Wentworth, treasurer; James A. Clarke, pastor. Faculty sponsor of the class is Mrs. Florence Stuckey, SMC dean of women.



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L. H. Wood

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Southern Training School in Graysville, Tennessee.

This was the forerunner of Southern Missionary College and it was largely due to his vision that the school was moved from Graysville to its present location in Collegedale. The move came while he was serving as departmental secretary in the Southern Union, in 1916.

In 1918 Dr. Wood was elected the second president of Southern Junior College as the school was renamed. Two years later the school was on the verge of closing with a \$4000 budget deficit. Just before the Board of Trustees voted on whether to close down, Dr. Wood asked to meet with the faculty. They met his appeal and supplied the money out of their salaries.

The men's dormitory and the barn were constructed during his administration, and plans for the campus and the Normal Building were made. In 1922 Professor Wood went to the Australian Missionary College and spent six years; later he went to England as principal of Stanborough College.

In 1930 he was called to be president of Emmanuel Missionary College. He completed his graduate work for his Ph.D. in 1934 and occupied the chair of Archaeology and Ancient Bible History at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary in Washington until 1952.

Altogether Dr. Wood devoted 43 years of his life to denominational service before he retired in California.

Miss Wood

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teaching in high school at Winyah Lake Academy, Fla.

Her college teaching experience included work at Southwestern Union College, Keene, Tex., and Union College, Lincoln, Neb., as well as SMC.

She was graduated from Hammond High School, Hammond, La. SMC graduated her when it was Southern Junior College; actually, she was one of the first few graduates of the junior college, then she went on to receive her bachelor's degree from Union College and the master's degree from the University of Nebraska.

Her charitable work for students and church was extensive, yet almost anonymous. Over the years many young women students lived

in her home, where she gave them room and board. She helped scores of them with clothes and money. Her two favorite projects were the Alumni Worthy Student Fund and the proposed Fine Arts Center.

Her service as executive secretary for the SMC Alumni Association began in 1965 when she actually started a new career, giving her new work as much attention and time as she had her music teaching.

Miss Wood completely revised and rewrote the history of Southern Missionary College, entitled, "A School of His Planning." The history had originally been written by Mrs. Elva Gardner, former registrar. This work alone required almost two years, and the revised edition is now being printed.

She was honored several times by the SMC Alumni Association, the latest being at Alumni Homecoming in October, 1975, when she was given a plaque and flowers for her exceptional service for the association and the college.

Miss Wood is survived by a brother, Ben Wood, Lakeland, Fla. Other survivors include Mrs. Esther Weagle, Candler, N.C.; H. T. Wood of New Orleans; and Mrs. Gladys Giles of Collegedale.

Memorial gifts may be given in her honor to SMC's fund for the proposed Fine Arts Center.

K. A. Wright

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His first contact with Seventh-day Adventist schools was Fernwood Academy in Tunessassa, New York, after his mother became a member of the church.

In 1922 he graduated from Atlantic Junior College. He completed his work for the bachelor's degree in 1923 at Emmanuel Missionary College. He later earned the master's degree from Cornell University at Ithaca, New York.

For several years he served as educational superintendent for the Northern New England Conference of SDA's before serving as principal at Pine Tree Academy in Auburn, Maine, and then at Union Springs Academy in Union Springs, New York. He was principal and business manager of Forest Lake Academy, Forest City, Florida, from 1937-1942.

Ordained to the ministry in Florida in 1936, he served, after retirement, as pastor of churches in Murray, Kentucky, Fort Lauderdale, and Avon Park, Florida.

Elder Wright moved to Forest City 16 years ago from Avon Park.

He spent the last 15 years as field representative of the Florida Conference Association of SDA's.

On April 28, 1973, he was cited by Andrews University Alumni Association's Hall of Fame for his contributions to SDA educational work.

The funeral services were held in the Forest Lake church, with Pastor G. Brian Tarr officiating.

Interment was in Highland Memory Gardens, Forest City, with Chaplain A. D. Burch of Florida Hospital (Orlando) assisting Pastor Tarr.

Memorial gifts can be sent to: Kenneth A. Wright Memorial Fund (Worthy Students Scholarship Fund), c/o Principal, Forest Lake Academy, P.O. Box 157, Maitland, Florida 32751.

Elder Wright is survived by: wife, the former Clara Jeanette Nosworthy, daughter, Mrs. June L. Frame, sons, Burton L., Walter F., Kenneth A. Jr., sisters, Mrs. Lois Zimmerman, Mrs. Ruth Noffke, Mrs. Ida Kassel, Mrs. Nina Mennig, Mrs. Marie Swenson, brothers, Elder Orville D., George F., and 11 grandchildren.

Library Receives Kellogg Grant

Southern Missionary College recently received an \$8,000 grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, under the National Library Demonstration Program, according to Dr. Frank A. Kniittel, SMC president, who declared that the funds "will be a tremendous boost for our library services."

Dr. Russell G. Mawby, Kellogg Foundation president, explained that "the grant to SMC is one of approximately 300 similar grants being made to small, private liberal arts colleges throughout the United States."

The grant, to be utilized over a two-year period, will be used for the purchase of terminal equipment from the Ohio College Library Center and for training library personnel in its operation. The terminals will give users of the service access to a computerized national library network.

Mr. Charles Davis, head librarian of SMC's McKee Library commented: "We have been needing this equipment ever since the computerized network has been available.

"Now we can increase our services to our students, staff, and community."

Those Who Walked These Halls

1946

At Solusi College, Bulawayo, Rhodesia, Africa. Ann Morgan ('46) and her husband Ben Wheeler ('49) are presently teaching Health to Ministerial and Theological students. Their son, David, is at Newbold in England and Carroll is enrolled at Little Creek Academy in Knoxville.

1953

Relious L. Walden, '53, is now treasurer of the Southern California Conference. He and his wife, the former Beverly Smith, and their three children are living in Glendale, CA.

1957

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burtnett, '57, are living in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. where Frank is Employment Manager and Helen, the former Helen Hoover, is the Coordinator of Medical Records at Hialeah Hospital. Helen completed her degree in Medical Record Administration at FTU in Orlando last year.

1961

Donald Hall, '61, has been appointed as Assistant Professor of Physics at California State University in Sacramento, California.

1964

Elder John Wesley Fowler, '64, has become the Central Union Conference evangelist and ministerial director.

Elder Walter E. Brown, '64, and his wife, the former Diane Mathews, are now residing in Arizona where Elder Brown is a member of the ministerial staff for the Camelback district. They have two daughters, Beth Marie, 10, and Kerri Lynn, one.

1966

James Thurmon, '66, has been made MV Leader for the Texas Conference.

1967

James Herman, '67, has been made MV Leader for the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

1968

Captain John E. Robinson ('68), his wife, Elaine, and their three daughters, Carey, five; Erin Kayely, 7; and Shannon, 9 are living in West Berlin, Germany where he is the Chief of Community Health Nursing Services at the United States Army Hospital.

Oli Traustason, '68, began a neurology residency November 1975 at the University of Oregon, in Portland. He and his wife, Bonnie, have a 2 year-old daughter, Kristine.

1969

Ordained at the Minnesota Camp Meeting Ordination Service was Edwin Knight, '69. His wife is the former Carol Schneider also of '69.

1970

Ertis L. Johnson and his wife, Judy, are pastoring in the Panhandle District of Oklahoma. They have one daughter, Fawna Lorelle, 5.

1972

Pat and Jones Moore '72 are residing in Orlando where Jones is taking a family practice residency. Pat is expecting in August and is working part-time in the NIC Unit at Orange Memorial Hospital.

Idalmi Walker, wife of Glen Walker, '72, was interviewed for a feature story by the food editor, Lolita Driver, of the Bloomington-Normal, Ill. paper *Pantagraph*. Her vegetarian diet and the results as shown in her family were featured. Mention was made of Glen as a Seventh-day Adventist minister and their two children David, 4, and Elizabeth, 2.

1973

Phyllis J. McCluskey, '73, is a captain in the Army Nurse Corps and currently serving in the 2nd Field Hospital in Bremerhaven, Germany.

Ray Johnson Ostrander and his wife, the former Marie McNeilus, '73, are residents of Glenview, Arizona, where Ray is principal and 5th & 6th grade teacher.

1975

Bob DuBose, Jr., '75, and his wife, Judy, '71, are living in Melbourne, Fla. where they are teachers at Grace Bush School. Bob is working toward his masters in Reading at Fla. Tech. They have one daughter, Rebecca.

BIRTHS

Rod Dewitt and Carolyn Swain Dewitt have adopted a son born Nov. 12, '73. He is named Robert Mansel Dewitt. They are currently residing in Escondido, CA.

Jim and Becky Ingersoll announce the birth of their daughter, Heidi Joelle, April 11, 1976.

Mitchell and Evelyn Chapman Nicholaides announce the birth of a son, Jonathan Andrew, on January 20, 1976 in Rwanda. Atrica Mitchell is a math and Bible teacher at College Adventiste de Giture, Rwanda, Africa.

DEATHS

JOHNSON, Marjorie Ethel — b. March 12, 1928, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; d. February 23, 1976, at Wildwood Hospital and Sanitarium, Wildwood, Georgia. She graduated from Southern Missionary College in 1953 with a BS Degree in Elementary Education. She served in mission service with her husband, Harold, in the Middle East Division from December, 1960, to August, 1970, when they had to return to the homeland because of her health. Survivors include her husband, Elder Harold S. Johnson, 2 children, Karen and Stephen; one sister, Gloria Wiley; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Connell. The services were conducted by Elder W. J. Ostman with interment in the Laurelbrook Cemetery.

Collegedale Starts New Medical Center

The first step toward Collegedale's master plan for a complete medical complex was launched as construction began recently on a Doctors' Clinic.

The facility, when complete, will accommodate 24 physicians and/or related medical-professional operations.

The building is being constructed by the Southern Adventist Health and Hospital System, Inc., which now operates 12 hospitals in the Southeast.

With site preparation, roads, landscaping, and utility services, the total cost of the first phase, the doctors' clinic, will be over \$600,000.

The entire medical complex as planned will include additional clinic buildings, a hospital, a nursing-convalescent home, a retirement complex, apartments and condominium, a church, a lake and a park.

The site is a 90-acre tract located at the intersection of Apison Pike and the Ooltewah-Ringgold Road—about one and one-half miles from the college toward Chattanooga. The land has been donated by Mr. and Mrs. O. D. McKee.

The complex will be affiliated with Southern Missionary College which now operates a nursing school of 500 students offering both the AD and BS degrees in nursing.

On the initial project the contractor is John Edgmon, Jr. Acting as project director on the complex is Charles Fleming, Jr.; architect is Jack H. Tyler and associates.

Alumni Homecoming

"The Spirit of SMC"

October 15, 16, 1976

Vespers: Elder Jamile Jacobs

Church Services: Elder Rainey Hooper

