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Elementary school goes up.

## Elementary Education Building Nears Completion; To Be Finished in September

THE much-talked-about, long-anticipated Oakwood Elementary Education Building is nearing completion. Most of the exterior is finished and work on the inside is now making hasty progress.

The rush is on to get the building in readiness for school opening in September, 1960. Our thanks to you who gave through the annual Oakwood offering, the local Oakwood College church, and other organizations to make this educational necessity a reality.

The L-shaped structure is of block-and-brick construction, with a brick breezeway between the south wing and the large playground. There are four glass doors and all-glass outer walls, trimmed in aluminum. There is a green terrazzo floor in the lobby—and tile floors elsewhere in the building. There is above-ceiling insulation, a built-in bulletin board, and other conveniences.

There are four spacious, well-lighted classrooms, including a multi-purpose room, which will house craft and home economics classes. A small library-conference room will accommodate elementary pupils at times and teacher trainees at other times. Adjoining this area is the principal's office.

Elder R. L. Kimble, finance advisor of Oakwood College, doubled as building supervisor during most of the construction, with W. L. Dollar, chief carpenter; Sherman T. Moreland, expert at block-and-brick work, and architect E. T. Winder of Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Natelkka Burrell, principal, and the critic teachers, Katrina Nesbitt, Violet Wiles, and Mrs. Madge Douglas, expect to begin teaching in the building this September. It is felt that students of elementary education who are taught to teach here will gain their laboratory experience in a model setting.

### Danforth Foundation Fund Offers Oakwood \$10,000 on Matching-Money Plan

THE Danforth Foundation announced a \$10,000 grant to Oakwood College for continued expansion—provided that the college and its supporters will raise \$10,000 to match this money during 1960.

This will mean \$20,000 for Oakwood improvements.

This \$20,000 would aid in building a much-needed home economics unit, the construction of an extension wing on the library, give a big push to a building fund to aid in the replacement of the condemned Henderson Hall, purchase printshop equipment, or provide scholarships for worthy students.

Oakwood is calling on every believer to rally and send a contribution to the college so that it may benefit from the Danforth matching-money fund.

## Oakwood Summer Session Opened With New Features

THE Oakwood summer session for 1960 opened with a new twin four-week session plan—June 7 to July 7 and July 11 to August 5.

The big feature of the summer session was the Fine Arts Workshop conducted by Hugh Crarey, visiting professor of Washington, D.C.

A larger variety of courses in biology, business, education, English, history, mathematics, religion, speech, and secretarial science was planned for the summer session directed by G. R. Partridge, assistant professor of education at Oakwood.



New college laundry now complete and equipped with most modern machinery for efficient service,

## Twenty-Two College and Forty Academy Seniors March at Sixty-fourth Oakwood Commencement

THE sixty-fourth Oakwood commencement convened May 20-22, including the Consecration, Baccalaureate, and Commencement ceremonies for 22 college and 40 academy seniors.

Elder Franklin Hill, college alumnus and dynamic pastor of Savannah, Georgia, was the Consecration speaker on May 20. He urged the graduates to put their hands into the hand of God for a power-packed life of Christian service.

On May 21 the Baccalaureate speaker, Elder Charles E. Bradford, pastor of the City Tabernacle in New York City, addressed the graduates on "The need of recovery of our sense of mission," which is to carry the gospel to all the world.

Dr. Alonzo Baker, former assistant editor of the Signs of the Times, now College of the Pacific professor and world traveler, was the Commencement speaker. He challenged the seniors to forget the "water pots," which represent temporal pursuits, as did the woman at the well of Samaria, and go and cry out, "Come see a man," which means the revelation of a living Christ to a dying world.

Twelve of the 22 college seniors received Bachelor of Arts degrees in religion, two in English, one in history, one in chemistry, and one in biology. The Bachelor of Science

degree was awarded to two education majors, two business majors, and one biology major. Degrees were conferred by President Garland J. Millet assisted by Dr. O. B. Edwards, dean of the college.

Verna Thomas was cited as valedictorian and Kenneth Jackson as salutatorian; Stuart Taylor and Carrie Brown also graduated with honors.

#### Review Editor Speaker for Honors Convocation

Dr. F. D. Nichol, editor of The Review and Herald challenged the Oakwood students with his stirring address at the second annual Honors Convocation May 6.

The students cited for honors were those who had maintained a 2.3 and above-grade point average for at least two consecutive semesters. Those attaining the mark were John Dennison, Ulysses Hall, Maurice Hayden, Robert Patterson, Onnie Jackson, Leon Taylor, Lloyd Brooms, Rose Gantt, Esther Osborne, and Finster Paul.

Cash awards were given to the three students having the highest grade-point average for two consecutive semesters. Award winners were Finster Paul, junior; Esther Osborne, junior; and Rose Gantt, junior.

# Returned Missionary Daniels Has Family Reunion at Oakwood College

Elder Lucius Daniels, '47, president of the Liberian Mission in West Africa, and his wife and family visited the campus May 29 for a family reunion, which was held here.

Alex Daniels, father, of Florida; Elder and Mrs. Edwin Humphrey and family, Montgomery, Alabama; Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Jessup and family, Detroit, Michigan; Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Daniels and family, Nashville, Tennessee; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Daniels and family, Detroit, Michigan; and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Daniels of the Oakwood industrial staff joined Elder Lucius Daniels here on the college campus to celebrate their reunion after being separated for two years.

## Oakwood Church Baptized Eighteen in College Pool

As a climax to spiritual development during the current school year through the weeks of prayer, regular religious services, and personal devotion, eighteen persons were baptized in the college baptismal pool on Sabbath afternoon, May 14, 1960.

Among those baptized were Rannie Bradley, Barbara Brown, Walter Fordham, Shirley Hart, David Hudson, Emma Johnson, Mrs. Mary McCurdy, Mrs. Carrie Miner, Paul Nealy, Aaron Neely, Herbert Owens, E. J. Plummer, Ethel Roberts, Eugene Rogers, James Taylor, Geraldine Wade, Mrs. Mary Whitaker, C. H. Winslow.

## We Extend Our Sympathy

To those who have been recently touched with the grief of bereavement, the Alumni Association extends heartfelt sympathy.

Our condolences and prayers are for president Garland J. Millet and family, in the loss of his father, and Elder Van Runnels, pastor of Oklahoma City church, in the sudden death of his wife, Frankie Perry Runnels.

## Physical Expansion of Oakwood College Campus

By Dr. O. B. Edwards

ALL INSTITUTIONS of higher learning require adequate building facilities for the training of youth. This, however, is not a modern trend. It was realized as far back as 1896, which is the founding date of Oakwood College by our early pioneers. These pioneers were the workers who laid the foundation for Oakwood's physical expansion. However, today new edifices have replaced some of the dilapidated buildings.

For many years the building program was planned to complete a circle that gave prominence to Old Mansion—the oldest building on the campus. A circular road provided easy access to all main buildings, including the president's home. Only three of the original buildings remain.

On the spot where Oaklawn stood since 1906 is Cunningham Hall, which has accommodated approximately 145 college women annually since 1947. The cement-block building, which was the administration building from 1907 to 1940, has been converted into a music hall. The Ford Science Hall, the brick building that stands less than 12 feet from it, has adequate facilities for biology, physics, and chemistry.

Butler Hall, which had been used as a boys' dormitory, library, and classroom building, was demolished about 1954 and was not replaced.

The old dining hall was destroyed by fire in 1926, and the General Conference met the emergency with a substantial appropriation for the construction of a three-story dormitory for women, with a cafeteria on the first floor. In 1956 this dormitory, Irwin Hall, was torn down, and west of the spot it occupied is a spacious brick building that accomodates approximately 185 men. It was erected in 1955. In honor of a former president, the building bears the name Peterson Hall.

The stone building that for many (Continued on page 10)



Old Mansion.

#### "Old Mansion" and "The Pines" Razed

Old Mansion, a century-and-ahalf old, and The Pines, nearing sixty years, which were among the oldest campus buildings, were torn down this summer.

Old Mansion was one of the original buildings standing on the grounds when the old Irwin farm was purchased and Oakwood was established. It has served as a dormitory, a dining room, and a staff residence; and the basement was used as a laundry in the early days. Old Mansion was last used as a student and staff residence, and was weakened with age and crumbling to ruin.

In 1951 Old Mansion was moved from the circle to a location near our new laundry. The W. H. Green Memorial Library now occupies the spot where Old Mansion stood.

Old Mansion was leveled a few weeks ago.

The Pines served as a faculty and official residence in the early years. Recently it has served as an apartment house for married students. The Pines made a rapid descent to the ground under the crushing strokes of the wrecking crew.

The old order is changing to make room for the progressive, rapidly expanding Oakwood College.



The Pines.

## The Alumnarian-Clasping the Hearts and Hands of Oakwoodites Everywhere

## Opportunity Challenges the Oakwood Alumni

A challenging experience is afforded me in this opportunity to speak to the hundreds of Oakwoodites throughout the world by means of the Informant. This issue, so generously dedicated to our beloved alma mater, should awaken in the hearts of her sons and daughters everywhere a desire to pledge themselves for unprecedented loyalty to the tradition of Oakwood College.

In this era when competition for the best students, for the best teachers, and even for a share in the charitable dollar grows keener each year, we have to run rapidly just to remain in the same place.

If we are to meet successfully the increasing competition for better students, vigorous promotion is necessary on the part of the alumni as well as the college. There are many ways in which a program of promotion can be done in your community. A few suggestions are listed here:

- Support your local alumni chapter and its activities in the interest of recruitment.
- Organize fund-raising activities to promote scholarships for qualified students.
- Make personal contacts with prospective students and their

parents in the interest of Oak-wood.

- Refer the names, addresses, and other information concerning prospective students for follow-up to the Admissions Committee.
- 5. Assist whenever possible in arranging interviews for visiting college personnel.
- 6. Make regular contributions to the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

The loyalty of Oakwoodites is widely known and respected. We often hear comments on the strong tie between Oakwood and her sons and daughters.

We may be strong in our loyalty and affection, but by comparison with the alumni of a number of similar colleges, our giving record is not so impressive.

For every privilege in life there is an obligation.

If we really wish to see our college remain in the race toward excellence, the alumni must shoulder their responsibility. This fact was emphasized recently in the Fisk news. I paraphrase as follows:

Oakwood alumni will never attain respectability and consideration toward meeting their responsibility in the building of a great col-



Mrs. Ruth N. Stafford, president of the National Alumni Association.

lege as long as they come to the banquet table with nothing but the appetite. As the deacon says in his prayer in the poem "God's Trombone," "Lord, we come to Thy everoverflowing and abundant fountain, bringing our empty pitchers."

Fellow alumni, we must cease coming to the fountain of Oakwood College with empty pitchers. It is inconsistent to demand with one hand and beg with the other. No one is going to give us what we desire on a silver platter. If we do not want the crumbs that fall from the table, then we must come to the table with a contribution of food; and when we sit down, we can do so with dignity, poise, and respect—realizing we have made a contribution to the banquet.

We stand on the threshold of a great era in the history of Oakwood. At no point in our lives have the opportunities been more abundant or the challenges so great. Oakwood needs you as never before.

We must go forward with an urgency born of the needs of the hour. We must determine to be a giving as well as a living part of our alma mater.

RUTH N. STAFFORD President, National Alumni Association



Officers of the Washington, D.C., Chapter meet.

## Clasping the Hearts and Hands of Oakwoodites Everywhere - The Alumnarian

#### Alumni Charter News Around the Circle

Chicago Chapter

The Chicago Area Oakwood Alumni Chapter presented the Oakwood College choir in concert at Du Sable High School Auditorium, May 1, at 3:30 p.m., and again at 8:00 p.m. at the Hinsdale Sanitarium. The alumni group also held a banquet honoring Elder C. E. Moseley.

#### Atlanta Chapter

The Atlanta Chapter of the Oak-wood Alumni Association sponsored a banquet, to boost its membership drive for 1960, at the commodious Waluhaji Hotel in Atlanta. A number contributed to the Danforth Foundation fund.

#### New York Chapter

The New York Chapter of the Oakwood Alumni Association honored Professor J. L. Moran at a testimonial banquet, April 2, 1960, at the Hotel Sheraton-Atlantic.

#### Oklahoma Chapter

The Oklahoma Alumni Chapter was represented at the annual meeting, May 21, at Oakwood by Douglas Tate, president, and others. They are laying plans for the raising of their Danforth Foundation goal.

#### Oakwood Local Chapter

The local Oakwood Alumni Chapter sponsored a faculty talent program, May 8, to benefit their scholarship-fund drive. Funds were raised to provide two \$100 scholarship awards for deserving students.

#### Pasadena Chapter

The Pasadena Chapter recently sent in \$50 for scholarship awards.

#### Washington, D.C., Chapter

The Washington, D.C., Alumni Chapter sponsored a pocketbook-sale project, from which they have already realized \$100. Each member was asked to raise or give \$10 to the Danforth Foundation fund.

#### Pittsburgh and Springfield Chapters

We were happy to receive contributions from the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Springfield, Ohio, chapters, which helped to make the Reynolds Testimonial a success.

#### Oberlin Chapter

The Oberlin Chapter was represented at the annual meeting, May 21, by Mrs. Bessie Carter, who reported their scholarship donations, and Mrs. Bonnie Dobbins Stewart.



Atlanta Chapter has membership-drive banquet.



Elder L. B. Reynolds.

#### Reynolds Cited Alumnus of Year

Elder Louis B. Reynolds, editor of The Message Magazine for 15 years, minister, and author, graduated from Oakwood Junior College in 1936 and received his Baccalaureate degree from Fisk University some years later.

Under his editorship the circulation of the Message reached a peak of 260,000. The Message Magazine is now read by persons of many denominations in the major English-speaking countries of the world, and some articles have been translated into other languages.

For ten years Elder Reynolds served as a member of the Board of Directors of Oakwood College. During these years, with the assistance of Mrs. E. I. Cunningham, he initiated the Cunningham-Reynolds Scholarship Fund, memorializing Mrs. Cunningham for forty years of service as a staff member of Oakwood College.

During the past six years he has been an active member of the executive boards of the Associated Church Press and the Northeastern Academy in New York City.

Elder Reynolds' latest schedule has been highlighted by a European tour of the Reformation countries.

Success and Godspeed to a noble, progressive minister of the gospel.

## President's Report of Oakwood's Progress

This quadrennial report of the status of Oakwood College will perforce be but a condensation of the activities and progress during the late fifties as viewed by one worker on the team of fifty-five persons who have conducted the activities and who consequently are largely responsible for the progress of the college.

#### Professional Preparation Advancing

In 1956 Oakwood College faculty had three doctors. Through 1959 nine doctors have served on the college faculty. Seven members of the staff now hold the doctorate, with several members nearing that degree. Twenty-three of the twenty-four full-time teachers hold a minimum of a Master's degree.

#### Enrollment on the Gain

During the quadrennial period of 1956 through 1959 Oakwood College enrolled exactly 1,200 students, exclusive of summer school enrollments. The enrollment for 1956-57 was 268; for 1957-58 it was 276; for 1958-59, 319; and for 1959-60, 337.

The present year's enrollment is distributed as follows: Allegheny Conference, 53; Central States Conference, 9; Lake Region Conference, 41: Northeastern Conference, 28; Pacific Union Conference, 16; South Atlantic Conference, 77: South Central Conference, 68; Southwest Region Conference, 19; Foreign Countries, 26; making a total of 337. A report from the principal of the Oakwood College Academy indicated that total enrollment for the four-year period was 625; 1956-57, 142; 1957-58, 143; 1958-59, 175; and 1959-60, 165. During the same period the college granted 94 Baccalaureate degrees.

#### Preprofessional Program Strong

There are 44 prenursing students presently enrolled. Many of those who have taken the prenursing course have entered eight of our sanitariums across the country. There is an increasing interest on



Elder Garland J. Millet, president.

the part of registered nurses in returning to take the Bachelor's degree in nursing education.

The premedical and predental programs are growing; soon we anticipate sending graduates directly from Oakwood College to professional schools.

#### Library Facilities Increase

The college library has grown steadily, both in number of volumes and in services performed. There are more than 19,000 volumes in the Green Memorial Library, with two librarians, two reading rooms, carrells, a microfilm projector, and other modern features.

#### Industries Offer Student Labor Opportunities

The farm, laundry, and store-bakery provide the principal sources of student labor, along with maintenance, central heating, and cafeteria services. Many improvements have been made in the departments through the years, with larger buildings, new machines and equipment. Faithful, efficient service is being performed, which is profitable both to the student and the college.

#### Accreditation a Reality

Regional accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools was finally achieved on December 4, 1958, at 10:35 A.M.

After combing the plant, activities, and records of Oakwood College, the visiting committee wrote the following words: "Class visitation reveals excellency of instruction and active student interest and participation. In general the training of the faculty is somewhat above average. Plans for expansion and improvement are definite and are designed to care for anticipated needs. They include a new elementary school building and some addition of dormitory facilities. If there is an appreciable increase in size of student body, which seems to be indicated, additional classroom and library space should be made avail-

These words caused gratitude to well up in our hearts, for the accreditation that resulted from the complete report of the committee was the consequence of combined efforts of the faculty and the board for a number of years.

The instructional program has constantly been strengthened. One of the standing committees at Oakwood is a committee on the improvement of instruction, which gives professional studies as a part of the regular in-service training program of the faculty. The services of counseling and orientation are well organized and effective.

The health services of the college

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## Maintaining Recently Achieved Accreditation

December 4, 1958, was a red-letter day in the history of Oakwood College. This was the day when the Accrediting Board of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools welcomed school to an accredited status on its list of approved colleges and universities. Reaching this goal entailed many long hours of arduous work, increased financial contributions from the General Conference, gifts from alumni and friends of Oakwood, and the prayers and encouragement of all interested in Oakwood's success.

Accreditation for Oakwood has its many advantages: Regular standing for its graduates in graduate schools; the receiving of grants-inaid, fellowships, and scholarships given only to accredited schools; and the according of other privileges that accredited schools receive.

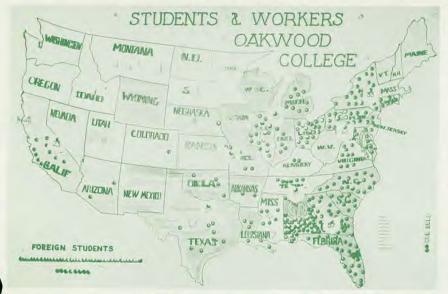
The history of accreditation at Oakwood highlights a new Student Center; an improved farm and dairy; a bakery with modern equipment, which has recently passed city inspection; and a new modern elementary school, which is expected to be ready for use in September. But Oakwood cannot rest on the new status attained, for accredita-

tion means a continuous reaching for higher standards and the keeping of those already attained. There are still new heights to climb and new roads to travel. Tentative plans call for meeting many acute needs: Expansion in library holdings as the student body increases, an audiovisual center, the microfilming of newspapers and rare documents bequeathed to the library, the enlargement of reading and stack facilities, a new dormitory for the academy girls, a new church building for the ever-increasing Oakwood family, more faculty homes, more areas affording work opportunities for students, and expanded curriculums, particularly in the industrial arts.

A consecrated administration, faculty, and student body; a sympathetic Board of Trustees; a loyal alumni association; a host of friends in the field; and the divine guidance of Heaven have made accreditation for Oakwood a glorious reality; and the same combination of forces will help Oakwood maintain not only intellectual accreditation but also spiritual accreditation.

Oakwood thus panoplied will receive the divine accolade and move on and on through green pastures.

DR. EVA B. DYKES



There are 338 graduates of Oakwood now employed in denominational work in the North American Division, while others are serving foreign missions.

## President's Report

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have been housed in new quarters. A part-time physician has been employed, and the program is efficiently conducted.

#### Maintenance of Educational Ideal

"The members of the visiting committee are convinced that Oakwood College meets the requirements of this standard in the fullest measure. From the first visit on Sunday evening the visitors were deeply impressed by the understanding on the part of faculty and staff of the aims and objectives of Oakwood College, their personal commitment to the ideals, and their ability to relate their areas of responsibility to the over-all aims and objectives of the institution. This impression was clearly maintained through the final meeting with the students, who indicated the same understanding and sincere commitment. The business manager, as well as the directors of the auxiliary enterprises, gave evidence of understanding that the primary purpose of their activities was to make a contribution to the development of the student in achieving the aims of the college.

"The general atmosphere prevailing among the students is one of sincere seriousness. This is evidenced in their attitude toward study hours in the dormitories, toward work in the auxiliary enterprises, in the heavy use of the library, in regular class attendance with no complain-

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## Historical High Lights of Oakwood College

-Founding of Oakwood Industrial School.

1917—Oakwood became a junior college. 1932—First Regional president elected to serve as Oakwood's president. 1934—Youth's congress held on the Oakwood

campus,
1944—Oakwood became a senior college.
1951—Faculty and board planned for accredita-

1955-Beginning of national Oakwood Offer-

ing Day.
1956—60th Anniversary celebration of Oak-wood College.
1958—Accreditation of Oakwod College by

the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Development Fund organization estab-1959lished. 1960—Four-Year Plan.

# DEVOTIONAL ATTITUDES

The heart is touched



"In the morning I see His face"



Week of Prayer vespers



Prayer at "Power Hour"

## INTELLECTUAL REACHES

The head is challenged



Perfecting typing skills



Religion class lecture



Clothing lab. in session



Dissection in biology lab.



The hand is touched



Industrial arts class at work



At work in the college cafeteria



Busy hands in the bakery



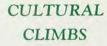
Pressing at dry cleaning plant



The college choir



Piano instruction .



Moments with music



The college band



Organ melodies



Gamma Sigma Kappas



MV Society officers meet



Leadership and citizenship development



Medical Cadet Corps



Excelsior Society makes plans





RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL **ACTIVITIES** 

Good sportsmanship and personality development

Basketball is the sport

Favorite pastime

Party fun

## Physical Expansion

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years was known as the administration building has recently been named Moran Hall in honor of the first president of color. In this building one finds the main auditorium and classrooms.

South of Moran Hall is the Industrial Arts Building, erected in 1948.

Early in the past decade Old Mansion was uprooted and moved eastward to a place only a few yards from our new laundry, one of the most well-equipped in the State. It occupied the spot on which stands our present W. H. Green Memorial Library.

Henderson Hall, dormitory for academy girls; East Hall, home of Dr. Eva B. Dykes, and the Music Hall are the only reminders of the famous circle.

Omega Hall, which was west of the circle, was destroyed by fire on December 31, 1958, but has been replaced by 14 apartments on Oakwood Road for married students. Also on Oakwood Road are the physical education building, post office, bakery, store, elementary building, and more than a dozen homes for teachers.

Plans have been made for further physical expansion.

## Dupont Park Choir Appears in Concert

The Dupont Park Seventh-day Adventist church choir of Washington, D.C., was featured in a lyceum concert under the direction of Mrs. Alma Blackmon, May 7, at 8:00 P.M.

Within the choir was the Dupont Chorale, which enjoyed the distinction of having performed with the National Symphony Orchestra under the baton of the famed Robert Shaw at Constitution Hall during the Christmas season.

Soloists in the choir included Joyce Bryant, soprano; George Harshaw, baritone; and Edward Jackson, tenor.

#### Oakwood College Alumni Association Honors L. B. Reynolds

The Oakwood Alumni Association presented "Our Tribute," a "This Is Your Life" style of testimonial, to honor Elder L. B. Reynolds, former Message Magazine editor, May 21.

A huge book, five-by-seven feet, called "The Golden Book of Message Memories," was opened by the narrator, Ruth E. Mosby. Five chapters represented different phases in the life of Elder Reynolds, which were enthusiastically portrayed.

Chapter 1, Biographical Sketches of Early Life, were vividly depicted by Elder C. T. Richards; a spicy narration of Chapter 2, His Ministry, was given by Elder N. G. Simons; and a view of his Message Magazine Ventures, Chapter 3, was painted by President G. J. Millet.

Chapter 4, entitled "Tributes," proved to be a most interesting one as Elder J. E. Dykes, *The Message Magazine* editor; Mrs. Ruth N. Stafford, alumni president; Dr. O. B. Edwards, dean of instruction; and Mrs. Bonnie Dobbins Stewart expressed sincere appreciation and pinned bouquets of gratitude for the group they represented.

After the verbal tributes, Chapter

5 unfolded the presentations, which were gifts from the Alumni Association chapters and friends, presented by Mrs. Stafford; a testimonial book from the general constituency; and a plaque from the Northeastern Conference.

Music for the occasion was rendered by the Aeolians, a college choral group directed by Mrs. J. M. Pierre-Louis. Mrs. Jenkins, pianist, and former secretary to Elder Reynolds; Elder James Dykes, baritone, current editor of The Message Magazine; Earl Calloway, tenor of Chicago; and Arnold Dean, organist, rounded out the contributions of delightful music for the evening.

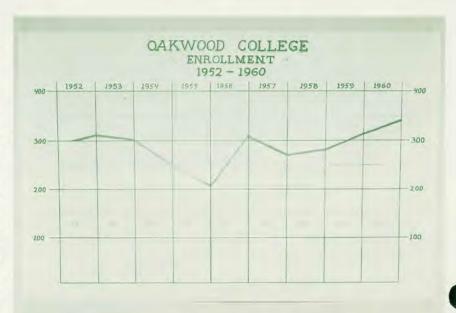
Elder Reynolds was further honored at the alumni reception in the Cunningham assembly room.

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Enrollment chart.

## President's Report

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ing, as well as in many other ways. There is also a sense of responsibility and idealism so far as student conduct and attitude toward honesty in the classroom are concerned.

"The faculty and students of Oakwood College have impressed the wider community with their high sense of responsibility in moral behavior and financial accountability. Their reputation among the leaders of the community of Huntsville is enviable.

"The morale of faculty and students is high, and the tone of the institution is excellent in every respect. A visit to this campus is inspiring and should bolster one's faith in the ability of a dedicated group to achieve significant goals."

#### A Look at the Future

As we look to the future we should remember that true progress is not automatic and must not be taken for granted. It requires energy, thought, money, dedicated talent, loyalty, vision, dispatch, and above all, the guidance and blessing of the Lord.

Continued advancement is urgently necessary in the light of the high, yes, perfect, standard of Christian education. Moreover, another reason that Oakwood College cannot afford to slow down in its pursuit of excellence is that its sister colleges are ever strengthening.

With gratitude to the loyal servants on this campus, with sincere thanks to all sponsoring organizations and friends for their generous support, and with firm faith in our victorious God, we turn to the sixties in full hope of further advancement in the program of saving youth and preparing laborers to finish the gospel in all the world.

G. J. MILLET



Henderson Hall now condemned.

## Oakwood College Makes Urgent Appeal for Funds for New Girls' Dormitory to Replace Henderson Hall

Henderson Hall, the dormitory for the academy young women, has been condemned by the local city authorities, who have declared this building a fire trap and unsafe to be used any longer as a dormitory.

The board had been considering extensive repairs, but the repair costs were prohibitive. NOW WE ARE FACED WITH THE URGENT NEED TO BUILD A NEW DORMITORY.

Henderson Hall, a two-story frame structure, has served young people from all parts of the United States, Africa, and several islands of the sea for almost a half century, as a dormitory for boys and for girls at intervals, and is now rapidly deteriorating. It is also extremely overcrowded.

The building was constructed to house forty-six students, but almost twice that number have been crowded in during the past two years. The shower, bath, and sanitation facilities are totally inadequate to meet the need.

We are appealing to you, our brothers and sisters in the Advent Movement, who believe in Christian education as a divine institution, to come to our aid. We need your earnest prayers from the heart and your liberal donations from the hand to save the day for worthy youth seeking a Christian education. GIVE is the watchword.



Our thanks to you ---

You are building a bigger and better Oakwood for a brighter future for Christian youth.

## A WORD OF APPRECIATION

1960 Offering for New Dormitory

For six years the annual Oakwood College Offering, received in all the churches in the North American Division, has tangibly helped the college to increase its facilities and to improve its program of Christian education.

Several projects were attributable in part to this offering: (1) The new dormitory for men, Peterson Hall; (2) the 14-unit married students' apartments; (3) the new laundry; and (4) the elementary education building.

As you lent a liberal hand, the Master has blessed the human effort. A happy concomitant of the progress through the years was the achievement of regional accreditation, also made possible through the generous support of our constituency and supporting organizations. Truly, Oakwood grew as you gave.

Sabbath, August 27, was your opportunity to give your 1960 Oakwood offering, which will assist in the construction of a dormitory for academy girls, thus replacing an old frame building that has recently been condemned. With construction costs up with the trend of most prices, we especially appeal to you that if you did not give a liberal of-

fering on that day, make up for it now. Remember, in the immediate future Oakwood will grow as you give.

We express sincere appreciation to our patrons, our churches, and our Regional conferences, which together with the General Conference and other organizations have spurred the marked growth of the college during recent years. It is the determination of the staff and students so to conduct the program of Christian training at Oakwood as to merit the confidence of our supporters and deserve the signal blessings of the Lord.