

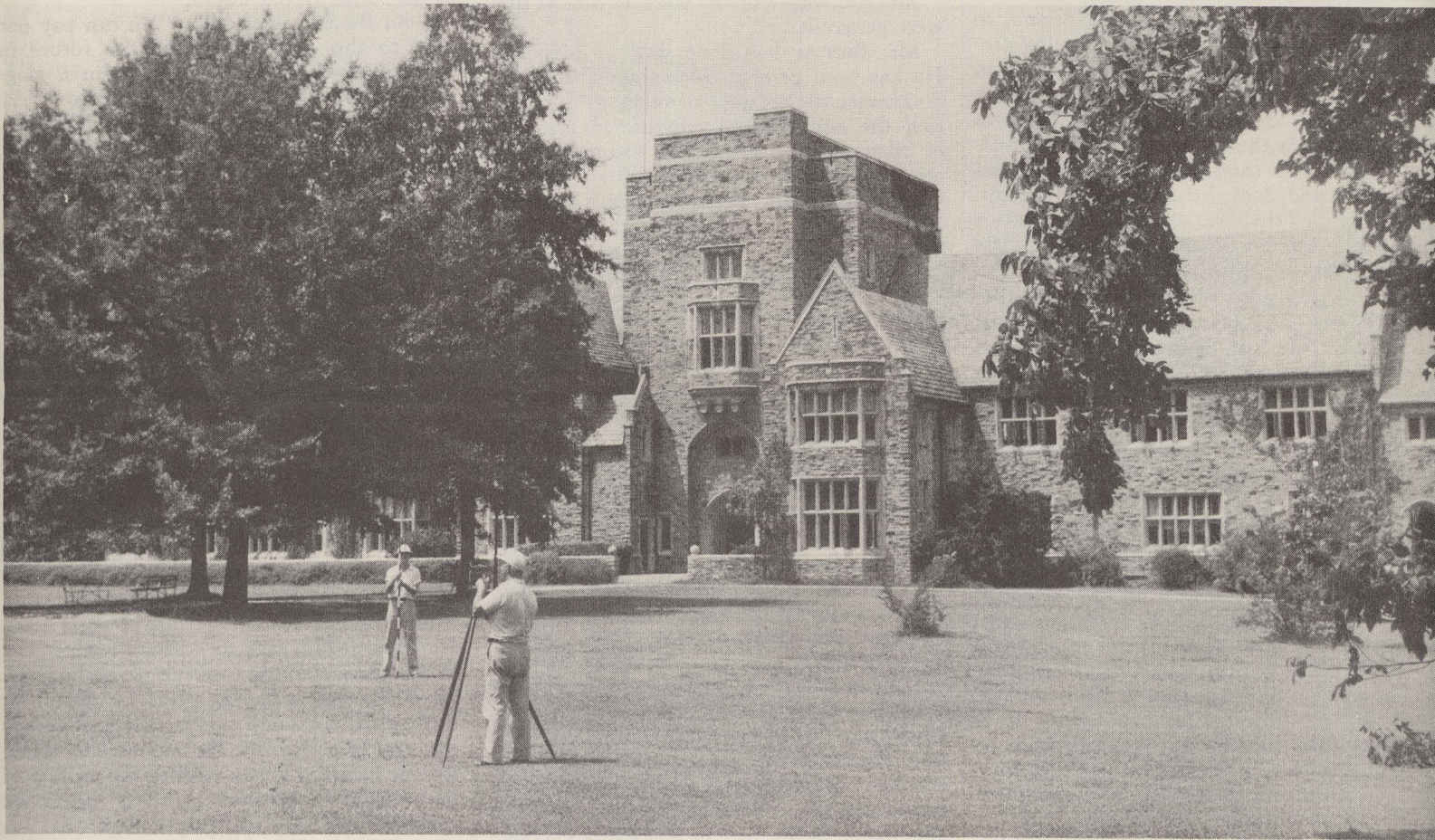
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In this area the Burrow Library will be erected. The entrance will be about where the surveyor's pole is resting. The building will face to the left. Surveyors are John Rollow, '26, College Engineer, and his assistant, Owen Moore, '49.

Farnsworth Lists Vital Needs Of The College

At the conference of prominent men and women in the Four Synods and business leaders of Memphis held at the college on June 27, Mr. Sidney W. Farnsworth, Chairman of the Board of Directors, reviewed the material growth of the college in Memphis during the last twenty-five years, and stressed not only the increase of physical assets but also the ever widening sphere of influence and service of the college. After announcing the Burrow gift, he invited consideration of other needs, of which the following are considered most urgent: \$200,000 for a men's dormitory, \$400,000 for the Neely Mallory Memorial Gymnasium (in addition to the \$400,000 already on hand), \$300,000 endowment for the library, and \$300,000 endowment for the gymnasium. The grand total of \$1,200,000 represents a minimum as of June 27 (pre-Korea).

After considerable discussion, the Reverend J. D. Hungarland, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Sheffield, Alabama, made a motion that: "We who are present at this conference express as individuals our desire to have the Board present through proper channels of the Synods a worked-out plan to secure other funds to make fully effective the generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. Burrow."

MR. AND MRS. A. K. BURROW GIVE \$600,000 LIBRARY TO S'WESTERN

It Will Embody Best Of New And Old Features

The Burrow library will be the embodiment of permanence, utility, and beauty. At the time he announced the gift, Mr. Burrow said that "we want something that will be outstanding a hundred years from now."

The building is being planned with that end in mind. Messrs. Walk C. Jones and Walk C. Jones, Jr., of Memphis, are the architects, and they are already at work on the plans. Mr. Jones, Jr., recently returned from an inspection tour of outstanding library buildings in the East, including those of Princeton, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Harvard, which are among the most modern and attractive in the country.

The architects have also had the benefit of conferring with Dr. A. F. Kuhlman, Director of the Joint University Libraries at Nashville, who has been retained as consultant to the Building Committee. This Committee is made up of Mr. A. K. Burrow, Mr. Sidney W. Farnsworth, and Mr. J. Bayard Boyle from the Executive Committee
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Building Scheduled To Be Completed In 1952

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Burrow, of Memphis, have announced the gift of a library to Southwestern which will cost at least \$600,000.

According to a leading story in the *Presbyterian Outlook* for July 17, this appears to be the largest gift ever made by a living Presbyterian to any institution of his church.

Mr. Burrow is a retired businessman who was engaged in the cotton linter business from 1904 until his retirement two years ago.

Construction is to begin as soon as the architects have completed the plans, on which work is being rushed. Ground will probably be broken this fall, and the building completed by mid-1952, barring shortages caused by military needs.

Announcement of the gift was made to a group of about one hundred leaders from Memphis and the Four Synods who had been assembled in Voorhies Hall to hear the news. When Mr. Sidney W. Farnsworth, Chairman of the Board of Directors, made the announcement, those present were brought
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THE WISEST OF INVESTMENTS

One of the great things about having money—undoubtedly the greatest—is that it enables one to benefit humanity today and through all time to come.

What greater satisfaction can come to anyone than the consciousness of having provided an enduring and elevating influence in the lives of many thousands of young people so long as our civilization shall last? It seems miraculous that the influence of one individual can extend through the centuries, and yet it can and does. To what other use can money be put that will do so much good or bring so much honor and inward happiness to the giver?

The needs of colleges have properly, through the years, made the strongest appeal to men and women of means. It is easy to see why this appeal is so compelling. It is **an act of enlightened humanitarianism** to provide generously for a college because it offers young men and women the opportunity for the utmost development of which they are capable and because young men and women so trained are the greatest benefactors of their fellow men. It is **an act of patriotism** to make a generous gift to a college because colleges are the mothers of the sciences, which in turn safeguard our nation. It is **an act of Christian love** to give generously to a Christian college which educates ministers, laymen, and lay women in liberal culture and intelligent Christian belief. It is **humanitarian and patriotic and Christian** to invest in college youth to the end that they may be intelligent, honorable, and genuinely Christian members of our society.

It is our conviction that Mr. and Mrs. Burrow have made the wisest of choices and the most fruitful of investments. We hope that in the coming years they may fully realize what their gift will mean to the young people of today and tomorrow. There is every reason to believe that in the year 2050 or 3050 the Burrow Library will still be as beautiful and useful as it was in 1952 and that it will be playing its vital part in bringing understanding, judgment, and inspiration to Southwestern's students. Surely the knowledge of these things will bring the Burrows the dividends of happiness which they have earned.

(The editorial below and the one following it appeared in the Memphis newspapers following the announcement of the Burrow gift.—Editor.)

THE A. K. BURROWS' GENEROUS GIFT

A library will be built at Southwestern to cost more than \$600,000 as the gift of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Burrow.

It is a large gift, one of the most important ever to be made in the history of Memphis.

It is a gift of fine quality. Said one of those friends of Southwestern who were present when the gift was announced, Mrs. Andrew Dale, of Columbia, Tennessee: "It is said that education and character are two things that cannot be taken from you. In Christian education you get both together.

This is a magnificent gift to Christian education."

So this gift will enable thousands yet unborn to acquire something that cannot be taken from them.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrow were as wise as they were generous.

Mr. Burrow has done well in Memphis. He has been good to Memphis. The gift to Southwestern, as well as other gifts to enrich the cultural and educational resources of Memphis, constitutes an example which others of means could well follow.

—The Memphis Press-Scimitar, June 28, 1950.

A CONTINUING BENEFACTION

The history of benefactions in the United States is rather thickly dotted with examples of good intentions that resulted in only temporary benefits to the community in which they existed. Men and women of good will now and again have failed to have the wider vision and the longer view when they gave of their means. The ideal was attained here in Memphis when Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Burrow made provision for a \$600,000 library for Southwestern.

A splendid library placed in the hands of an institution dedicated to the teaching of manners and morals, ethics and religion along with the arts is a continuing benefaction. Not only that, but it also gains values with the years as an increasing source of knowledge, wisdom, and inspiration. The best results from study and research are attained only when the student works under conditions of comfort and beauty. There is stimulation in the very presence of a structure at once useful and lovely.

The Burrows have made an admirable choice both as to the educational institution to assist and as to the form that aid should take.

—The Commercial Appeal, July 1, 1950.

PRES. RHODES' STATEMENT

It is difficult to express in any adequate way the feeling of excitement and thankfulness which this outstandingly generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Burrow has caused us at the college. Not only Southwestern and Memphis, but the whole Mid-South region will be forever indebted to them for this expression of their vision and planning for future generations of young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrow, I am convinced, are to be counted among the ever increasing number of intelligent, farsighted, and thoughtful citizens who realize that the destiny of this country depends to a large extent upon church-related colleges which have a universal outlook. According to President Dwight D. Eisenhower, of Columbia University, "The understanding as well as the maintenance of Western culture and its democratic institutions depends upon our passing on the intellectual ideas and spiritual ideals of the Judaeo-Christian tradition."

In the best of such colleges students have an opportunity to prepare for citizenship in an atmosphere where moral forces and intellectual forces are merged in a coherent and integrated pattern. This great gift of Mr. and Mrs. Burrow does not represent a snap decision or sudden impulse, but it is the re-

sult of careful meditation and their considered judgment. They have chosen Southwestern at Memphis as the object of their generosity because they believe in the things for which it stands and its essential place in the future of our South.

John Buchan once said, "We can pay our debt to the past by putting the future in debt to ourselves." This applies in a magnificent way to Mr. and Mrs. Burrow.

Peyton N. Rhodes

PRES.-EMERITUS DIEHL'S STATEMENT

The largest gift ever made to Southwestern was announced at the historic meeting held in Voorhies Hall on June 27, 1950. It is also one of the largest ever made by a citizen of Memphis to any cause. Through the long years of Memphis' history, other Memphians have made generous gifts, or have made provisions in their wills for various philanthropies which would enrich our community. However, we believe that no living Memphian, except Mr. and Mrs. Gooch, who are also Presbyterians, has ever made as large a philanthropic investment as have Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Burrow in this magnificent gift of a library to Southwestern.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller has recently given a million dollars each to Barnard College and to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is reported as having given his reason for these gifts, the same reason which prompted Mr. and Mrs. Burrow. He is quoted as saying that he believed it was vital to the welfare of our nation to support privately controlled colleges, and that the two colleges he was thus aiding were privately controlled and were outstanding in their respective fields. There is, however, a great deal of difference between the amount which Mr. Rockefeller still has left and the amount which the Burrows have left. The Burrows are doubtless giving the greater part of all they have. But like Mr. Rockefeller, they are making their wonderful gift now, during their lifetime.

In this gift Mr. Burrow has expressed his deepening conviction that this nation, founded as it is upon Christian principles, can not hope to continue to prosper unless there are institutions of higher education which enshrine therein as absolutely fundamental those same Christian principles. It is well known that he believes that first class privately controlled church-related colleges with high moral and intellectual standards are, under God, the bulwark of our future as a nation. At the meeting on June 27 he said that he and Mrs. Burrow recognized Southwestern as one of the outstanding Christian colleges in this country, and that after mature consideration they had decided to provide for the college's "most pressing need—a library that will be outstanding a hundred years from now."

Those present at the meeting keenly felt that this unconditional gift ought to and will serve as a stimulus and challenge to people in Memphis and the Mid-South, as well as the four cooperating Synods, to provide the imperatively needed funds for buildings and increased endowments for Southwestern in the not too distant future.

Chas. E. Diehl

Mr. Burrow Rose To Top In Cotton Linter Trade

Mr. A. K. Burrow was born in December, 1871, near Macedonia, Tennessee, the son of a Presbyterian minister. When he was eleven, his family moved to Kaufman County, Texas, where he received his education in public schools to the age of sixteen.

After four years of farming, he came to Memphis and was employed by the Polk Spinning Company, working in the cotton classing department.

In 1904 he organized his own business, A. K. Burrow and Company, which dealt in cotton linters. By honest dealing, tireless energy, and genuine business acumen he brought immediate and continued success to his firm. In a short time he was second to none in the knowledge of the linter business, and the area in which his firm operated had been vastly expanded.

For two years beginning in 1918 he was Memphis' agent of Du Pont American Industries, Incorporated. In 1920 his firm was reestablished as A. K. Burrow and Company, Incorporated, and he was its President until 1937.

He then became purchaser of cotton linters for E. I. du Pont de Nemours Co. and continued in this position until he retired from business June 1, 1948. During these eighteen years, he was the only agent for du Pont's supply of linters, and his territory included the entire nation.

When the United States entered World War II, Mr. Burrow handled practically all of the linters manufactured in the country.

On January 12, 1912, Mr. Burrow married Miss Catherine Walter, of Memphis. Their home, "Walrow," is located at 390 Goodwyn. Mr. Burrow is a director of the First National Bank of Memphis, a National Committeeman of the Boy Scouts of America, a 32nd degree Mason, and an elder in the First Presbyterian Church.



Mr. A. K. Burrow

KIMBROUGH VOICES THANKS

(Copy of a letter sent to the Burrows by the President of the Alumni Association.)

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Burrow:

I would like to take this means of expressing, in behalf of the 5000 Southwestern Alumni, our appreciation and gratitude for your gift to Southwestern. The erection of a library building will fulfill the dreams and aspirations of all alumni; and what this building will mean to future generations of students can only be measured in the realm of our imagination. Your gift is truly a gift to the highest in American education, and all those who cherish the high principles for which Southwestern stands will applaud your most generous contribution.

All of us who are identified with Southwestern are indebted to you for what you are doing for the College. Great American institutions have become great largely because of the foresight, vision, and unselfishness of people like you. You have helped to make Southwestern's future secure, and to strengthen Southwestern in its place as one of the country's leading liberal arts colleges.

May I close by again expressing our deep-

est appreciation to you for your wonderful gift to Southwestern.

Sincerely yours,
Franklin S. Kimbrough

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and Board of Directors; and President Rhodes, Dean A. T. Johnson, Professor L. F. Kinney, Mr. J. A. Rollow, College Engineer, and Miss Mary Marsh, Librarian.

No specifications concerning the building have been released, but its location has been fixed at the end of the mall, or U-drive, in front of Palmer Hall, where it will make a triangle with Palmer and Voorhies Halls. It will be closer to North Parkway than any of the present buildings, and will face west, down the mall.

The reading room will be located along the north side, and the stacks, probably five tiers high, will accommodate not less than 200,000 volumes. The present collection now numbers 65,000 volumes. At the present rate of increase, no additional book space will be needed for at least fifty years, but provision will be made for ultimate expansion.

There will be seminar rooms, conference rooms for tutorial meetings, approximately one hundred carrels or individual study cubicles, microfilm rooms or stalls, rooms for listening to recordings, and student browsing rooms.

One of the most useful features will be a lecture and exhibit hall, seating one hundred and fifty. An accordion wall for this room is under consideration, so that when needed two smaller lecture rooms can be provided. There will be staff and faculty lounges and provision for serving refreshments.

Major Achievements Of Session Of '49-'50 Cited

Southwestern's twenty-fifth year in Memphis and its first under the presidency of Dr. Peyton N. Rhodes has been marked by a number of significant events and developments. The following are among the highlights and outstanding happenings of the year 1949-50—the first of Southwestern's second century.

(1) The Centennial and Inaugural Celebration. Planned by a committee of faculty and church leaders under the energetic chairmanship of President-Emeritus Diehl, it was considered the most colorful and meaningful educational function ever held in this region. Invitations were confined largely to the "home folks" of the Four Synods and of Memphis, plus representatives of the educational associations of which Southwestern is a member. Still, the several events were most impressive and memorable and will be long remembered by those present.

(2) The installation of the Gamma of Tennessee Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Seven alumni and members of the faculty became foundation members of the chapter on December 5, when President Goodrich White of Emory University presented the charter to the previously organized members of the fraternity on the faculty. During the year eleven outstanding students were invited to membership.

(3) The establishment of the Bellingrath-Morse Foundation. This foundation, which was set up by Mr. Walter D. Bellingrath, of Mobile, in memory of his wife, will make available to Southwestern a percentage of the annual net income from the famous and beautiful Bellingrath Gardens.

(4) The establishment of the Office of Development. This new executive department was announced in May, and Professor David Worth Sprunt, of the Department of Bible, was appointed Assistant to the President in Charge of Development. The new office will absorb the Department of Public Relations, of which Mr. Roy Davis has been

Need For New Building Explained By Librarian

"The Burrow Library will fill Southwestern's greatest need," says Miss Mary Marsh, College Librarian. "We have become so crowded in our present quarters on the third floor of Palmer Hall that efficiency has been menaced.

"Not only is the reading space at present too limited," says Miss Marsh, "but the space for technical and administrative operation has also been overtaxed.

"On the other hand the quality of the books in our library is a source of pride. Our 65,000 volumes are select, and most of them have been bought since Southwestern was moved to Memphis. We have never counted or put on the shelves worthless volumes in order to make a showing; but, on the contrary, we have constantly weeded out and discarded.

"The administration has always been very generous in its book budget. President Diehl believed in the vital importance of the library, and even during the depression, when funds were very limited, he did not economize at the expense of the library. President Rhodes is equally as interested in the library and equally convinced of the supreme importance of the library as the core of the academic life of the college."

Secretary. Mr. Davis has left Southwestern to become Executive Secretary of the Synod of Arkansas.

(5) Graduation of Southwestern's largest class. On June 6, one hundred and twenty-five seniors, the largest class in the history of the college, received their degrees, with twenty-five more due to graduate at the end of the summer session, making a total of one hundred and fifty, or twenty-five percent of the entire student body of the 1949-50 session.

(6) The magnificent gift of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Burrow, largest ever made by a living Presbyterian to his church or to any church-related institution. In order to give every

Memorial Gift Plan Will Be Continued

Memorial gifts to the library made during the last three years will be used for a special purpose, to be announced when the Burrow Library is constructed.

The memorial plan was inaugurated in 1947 when Miss Mary Marsh, Librarian, invited gifts as memorials to friends. The response has been most gratifying, and the plan will be continued. Upon receipt of a gift, the library sends an embossed card to the family of the deceased, notifying them of the gift and the name of the donor. A letter of appreciation is sent also to the donor. The record of the gift is entered in the files of the library so that when the new building is constructed, a permanent record of the gift can be entered in an appropriate permanent record in the Memorial Room.

To date, the library fund totals \$16,635, of which approximately half has come through special gifts, and most of the remainder through memorial gifts.

Alumni and friends are urged to tell others of this appropriate way to memorialize a loved one in an enduring manner.

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to their feet amid rounds of grateful applause.

A number of speeches were made following the announcement. In making the gift Mr. Burrow called attention to other imperative needs of Southwestern, which were outlined in some detail by Mr. Farnsworth.

Mr. Burrow has been on the Executive Committee of Southwestern since 1942. In 1945 he was elected a member of the Board of Directors and treasurer of the college.

alumnus some idea of the impact this gift will have on Southwestern and education in the South, this issue of the **Southwestern News** has been specially prepared.

