

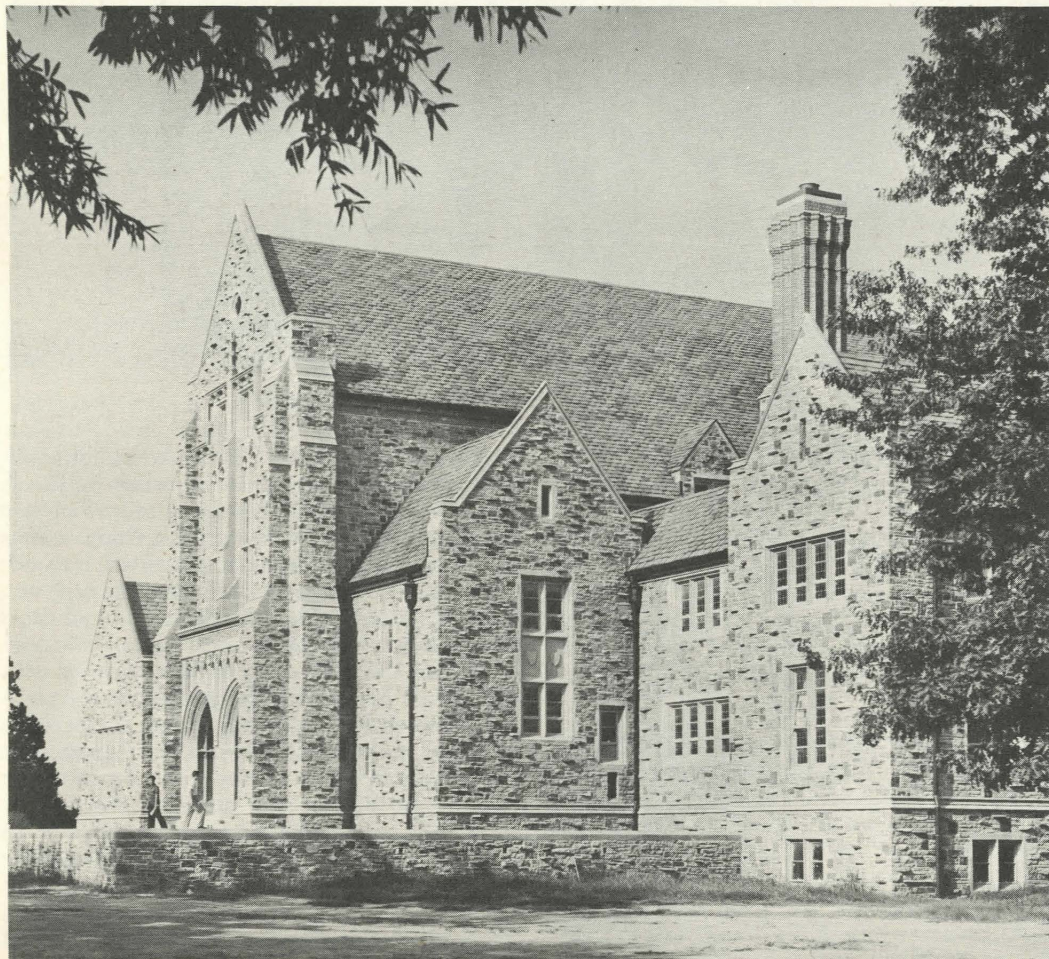
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## BURROW LIBRARY TO BE DEDICATED OCTOBER 8



The Burrow Library stands in readiness for its first year as the center of academic life at Southwestern.

### *A. K. Burrow, Nation's Leader In Cotton Linters Industry*

The biography of Mr. A. K. Burrow, who with his wife, is the donor of the new library, is the heartening story of a man who began his business career as a \$25-a-month employee in a cotton factors concern in Memphis and then rose to the position of the nation's Number One Man in the cotton linters business.

He was born in December, 1871, in Macedonia, Tennessee, where his father followed the calling of the ministry in the Presbyterian church. In 1889, at the age of seventeen, he came to Memphis and found employment in the cotton factors firm of Polk, Spinning & Co.

In 1904 he launched out in business for himself, dealing in cotton linters. Within a very few years he had become nationally prominent and by virtue of square dealing, hard work, and business intelligence had brought recognition and outstanding finan-

cial success to the rapidly growing company.

The part played by Mr. Burrow in the First World War was of the utmost importance to the nation and the world. When war broke out, duPont immediately became the largest manufacturer of explosives in the world, and simultaneously the demand for gun cotton multiplied many fold.

The duPonts promptly selected Mr. Burrow and one other agent to supply them with the necessary linters, but after a short time dropped the second and relied upon Mr. Burrow for their entire supply.

After the United States entered the war, the government took control of all the linters in the nation, and Mr. Burrow became the sole channel for the entire American supply, shipping to the various American factories and to our allies.

At the conclusion of the war, Mr. Pierre

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### **Dr. Clarence H. Faust To Deliver Principal Address**

Dr. Clarence Henry Faust, of the Fund for the Advancement of Education, will deliver the principal address at the Dedication Exercises of the Burrow Library on October 8 at 8 p.m. Brief talks will also be made by Frank W. Price, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church, Frank T. Tobey, Mayor of Memphis, and A. Theodore Johnson, Dean of Southwestern.

The details of the program have been carefully planned. After the academic procession has proceeded from Palmer Hall to the terrace in front of the library, President Peyton N. Rhodes, who will preside, will call upon the Reverend John S. Land, Pastor of the St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors, to pronounce the Invocation.

Following the Scripture reading by Professor Laurence F. Kinney, of the Southwestern Bible Department, brief addresses will be delivered on behalf of the four synods supporting Southwestern, the City of Memphis, and the College, all expressing gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Burrow for the gift of the library.

Following these addresses, the key to the library will be officially delivered to the College by Mr. and Mrs. Burrow, and the doors will be thrown open.

The Litany of Dedication will then be led by Professor John Henry Davis, of the Department of History, and after the Prayer of Dedication by President-Emeritus Charles E. Diehl, Dr. Faust will deliver the principal address of the evening. The Right Reverend Theodore N. Barth, Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee, will pronounce the Benediction. Music throughout the Exercises will be provided by the Southwestern Singers under the direction of Dr. Burnet C. Tuthill and by Professor Adolph Steuterman, organist.

The ceremony will be followed by a reception to which the audience is invited, and by tours of the building with students and alumni acting as guides. Forming in the Circulation Area on the first floor, the touring groups will proceed through the building.

### **Dr. Faust Outstanding Educator**

Dr. Clarence H. Faust, whose address will climax the Dedicatory Exercises of the Library, was born in Louisiana, took his Bachelor of Arts degree at North Central College in Illinois and went to the University of Chicago for his advanced training. He holds both the Master of Arts and the Doctor of Philosophy degrees from that university.

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## For Today and Tomorrow

Southwestern dedicates its Burrow Library with pride—with great pride. The new building incorporates and eloquently expresses those ideals of genuineness and excellence which the College has long claimed as its own.

At the same time Southwestern is moved with the deepest gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Burrow for the gift of this magnificent building—a gift which represents the largest sum of money ever given by a Presbyterian family to a Southern Presbyterian College. It has cost the Burrows a large part of their lives' savings, the harvest of mental and physical labor through the long years.

Few colleges are so fortunate as to have friends like the Burrows. And few communities boast such generous philanthropists.

At the time the gift was made three years ago, the Commercial Appeal commented that "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 library building for Southwestern. They made an admirable choice both as to the educational institution and as to the form their generosity should take."

It is the hope of the College that Mr. and Mrs. Burrow may feel rewarded for their munificence in realizing that they have provided bountifully for the Southwestern young people of the present and the future, and in so doing have conferred an enduring benefit upon both Church and State.



Students have free access to all tiers of the book stacks.

## New Burrow Library Fills Greatest Need

The million-dollar Burrow Library has filled Southwestern's greatest need so far as the physical plant is concerned—a need that had grown more pressing with the years.

Palmer Hall, the first building to be constructed on the campus nearly thirty years ago, was intended to be used primarily for

classrooms, but because funds were not available for the construction of other buildings needed at that time, Hardie Auditorium was incorporated in the building, certain rooms designed for classes were converted into administrative centers, and the library was housed in the usable but relatively small third floor of the building.

Almost from the beginning, this area was barely adequate, with the result that the reading room was often overcrowded, the periodical room could not accommodate the students who wished to use it, and virtually no room was provided for study in the stacks.

As the number of books in the library steadily grew, the area available to the students for reading and research grew smaller. Some of the less frequently used books were shelved in the tower of Palmer Hall, and many volumes from the old library at Clarksville, which were not considered of value in a liberal arts college, were stored away.

The space available for library administration was also too small. As a result, the librarians were handicapped in carrying out their duties.

These disadvantages, however, have not been an unmixed evil. One benefit has been that the book collection has been carefully selected. Worthless volumes have never been put on the shelves in order that the library might make a good showing in numbers or for any other purpose. The 70,000 volumes now housed in the Burrow Library are select and well adapted for use in an undergraduate institution like Southwestern.

There is no doubt that the many practical and attractive features of the library will stimulate wider reading than formerly and a greater use of the library among present and future students at the College. The wisdom of the ages which every good library represents is certain to be more often sought and appropriated by both students and faculty as a result of the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Burrow.



The stacks are surrounded on three sides by individual study desks.

## Beauty and Utility Combined In New Building

In announcing his gift of a library to Southwestern, Mr. A. K. Burrow was quoted as saying that it was his intention to provide a building that would be outstanding a hundred years from now.

It seems likely that his intention will be realized. The Burrow Library is in the best tradition of collegiate Gothic architecture, in harmony with the other buildings on the campus, certain of which have won national awards for their designers.

As a functional library it incorporates every feature of advanced library design that the architects, librarians, and consultants considered practicable for Southwestern and its student body. The excellent new libraries at Princeton, Harvard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and other colleges and universities were carefully studied in developing the plans for the Burrow Library. Every effort was made to provide handsomely for the present student body and to anticipate the needs of the next generations.

Aside from its overall commodiousness and beauty, the outstanding feature of the library is perhaps the large number of carrels, or individual study desks, in the stacks. In most libraries, students do not have access to the book stacks, but must obtain from the librarian the books that they use. In the Palmer Hall Library Southwestern students had free access to the stacks. Now they may move books from the stacks to the study desks which are conveniently located on all tiers of the stacks in use. There are sixty-six of these individual study desks.

In the entrance of the library, the display case for special exhibits located at the north side of the vestibule offers the first invitation to examine books. Directly ahead lies the control center of the library, the Circulation Area, where books are checked in and out. Behind the circulation desk are stacks, and to the left, on the north wing, is the Reading and Reference Room.

This spacious room, one hundred and five by thirty-three feet, accommodates ninety-six students without crowding and has an alcove for current periodicals which seats sixteen. The doors and wall separating it from the central area of the building are of glass.

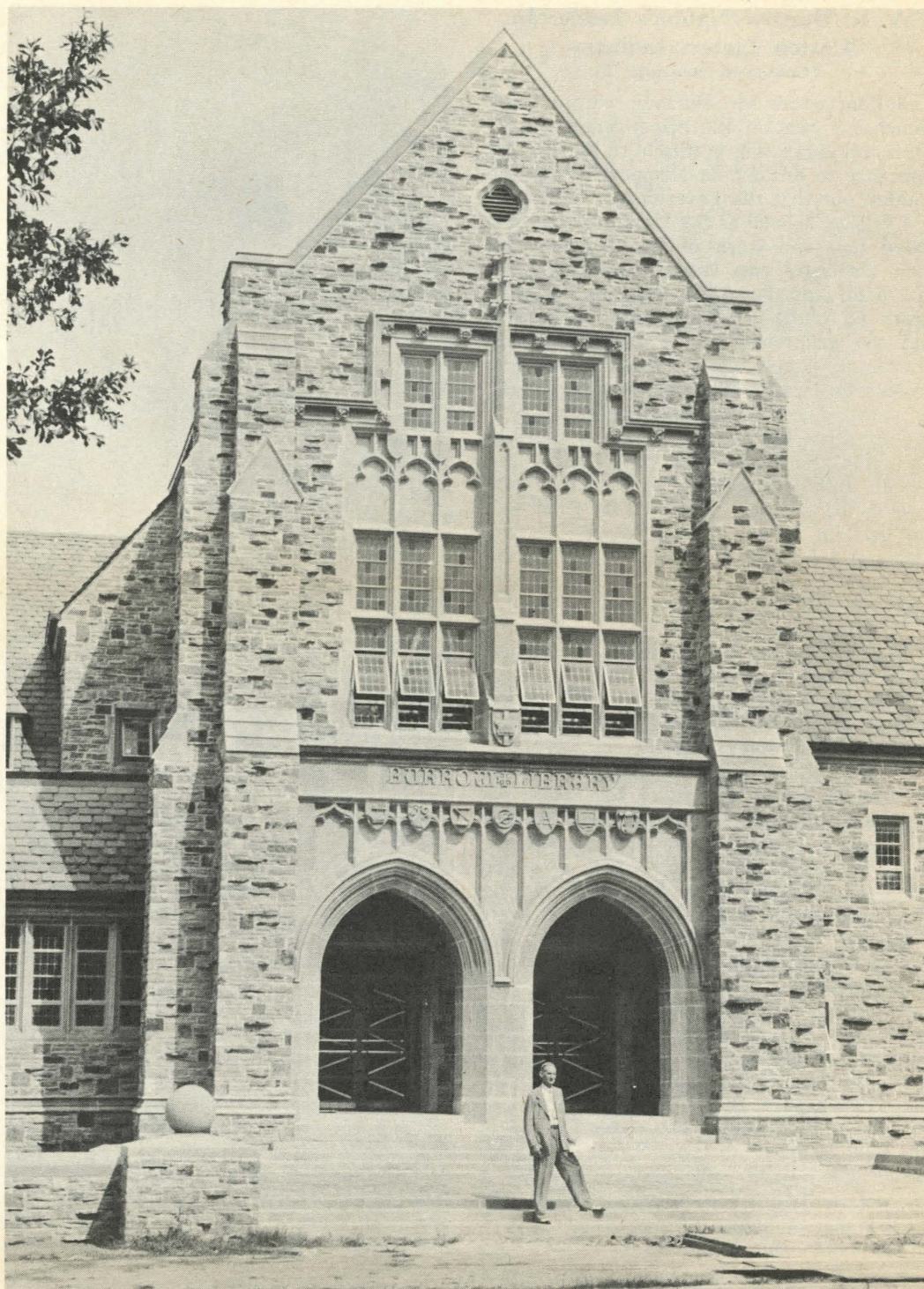
Another invitation to examine books is offered in the Browsing Room, which is furnished as a lounge and supplied with recent books of general interest.

In the south wing are the card catalog files, the librarian's office, and the staff work room.

The second floor is designed mainly for conference. There are eight small rooms where professors and students may meet for tutorial conferences and where small groups of students may study together, two seminar rooms intended for groups of about fourteen people, and several lounges. A Special Collections Room and a Treasure Room are located immediately over the entrance area.

On the ground level there are, in addition to lounges, a classroom for the use of records, six small listening rooms for musical and other recordings, and the Adult Education Center.

The Center consists of a large room, one hundred by thirty-three feet, capable of accommodating a gathering of about 350



Mr. A. K. Burrow ready to inspect the building he is giving to Southwestern.

people; a seminar room; an office; and a kitchenette adjoining the lecture room, which makes convenient the serving of refreshments when the gatherings are social or semi-social.

Elevator service is provided, primarily for carrying books, but can also be used for passengers. The entire main floor is air-conditioned.

The exterior view of the building is handsome. The central mass of stone sweeps upward from the large terrace and the arched double doors to the architectural symbols of learning and thence to the large ornamental Gothic windows which run to a height of about twenty feet, on up to a quatrefoil window near the roof. The north and south wings are deftly broken by gables, as is appropriate in Gothic architecture.

One of the aims of the architects who planned the library was to provide for the future growth of the book collection and at

the same time to avoid spending a considerable sum on floor space which is not immediately needed. As a result of the adaptability of the structure designed, the building will take care of 200,000 books, a collection about three times the size of the present one, and will serve a student body of one thousand, twice the size of that of 1952-53. In addition, the construction has been arranged in such a manner that an extension of the stack wings can be added when needed without impairing the beauty of the building. The library is therefore capable of indefinite expansion.

The architects were the firm of Walk C. Jones and Walk C. Jones, Jr., of Memphis. Dr. A. F. Kuhlman, Director of the Joint University Libraries of Nashville, who is a recognized authority on library planning, acted as consultant on the functional features of the building.

**A. K. Burrow Nation's Leader In  
Cotton Linters Industry**  
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S. duPont wrote Mr. Burrow, warmly complimenting him on the effectiveness of his work and expressing gratitude to him for his assistance to duPont de Nemours & Co. He pointed out that the governments of Britain and France, as well as the United States, had stated that the work of the duPonts and their associates was largely responsible for the victory of the Allies. Mr. duPont then wrote as follows: "The purchase of cotton and the maintenance of a continuous and satisfactory supply was the foundation of the powder business. I hope that you appreciate, as we all do, your work in this connection. My attention has been called many times to the value and strength of your efforts, and we all fully appreciate the assistance you gave in the carrying out of our program. We are grateful to you, and all hope that the future may bring to you a full reward in the satisfaction of having played so important a part in one of the greatest events in the history of our civilization."

In 1919 Mr. Burrow dissolved the business firm of which he was the head and organized the A. K. Burrow Co., Inc., which, as the leading business of its kind in the country, enjoyed continuing prosperity.

By 1937 Mr. Burrow considered it the part of wisdom to curtail activity somewhat; accordingly he again dissolved his company and limited himself to handling linters for E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., in which work he continued for ten years. During these years—and they include the War years—he was once more the sole agent for duPont's supply of linters. In 1947 he retired from business.

His great influence in the linters business is strongly evident today. As a direct result of his predominance in the field, Memphis continues to be the center of the world's supply. Sixty-five percent of the important dealers in the country are today located in the Falls Building on Front Street, where his office was located, and sixty-five percent of the national volume of business is transacted in that one building.

Today Mr. Burrow continues an active in-



Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Burrow

terest in many phases of Memphis life. He is a director of the First National Bank, a Regional Committeeman of the Boy Scouts of America, a thirty-second degree Mason, and an elder in the First Presbyterian Church.

In the counsels of Southwestern he gives services of the greatest value. He is Treasurer of the College and a member of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and the Investment Committee.

Mrs. Burrow, who before her marriage was Catherine Walter, is a native of Memphis and attended the local schools until she enrolled in a private academy in the suburbs of Cincinnati. Outside her home her major interest has been music. The Burrows have given the name "Walrow" to their home on Goodwyn Avenue.

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He was instructor in English at the University of Arkansas in the session of 1929-30 and the following year filled a similar position at the University of Chicago. He was then in succession assistant professor, associate professor and, in 1941, full professor. From 1941 to 1946 he was Dean of the College, and 1946 to 1947 Dean of the Graduate Library School.

In 1947 he moved to Stanford University as Director of the Libraries and the following year was made Dean of Humanities and Sciences. He was acting President of the University for a time in 1949.

In 1950 he was appointed head of the Fund for the Advancement of Education, established by the Ford Foundation.

He is co-author of a book on Jonathan Edwards, which has recently come off the press.

Dr. Faust is in the very first rank of American educators, and his influence, now great, is likely to become greater in the near future.

**Alumni Can Assist**

Alumni are requested to contribute to the new library any and all books they have written regardless of whether the library now owns copies. Such books will be placed in the room provided for Special Collections and will be made a permanent part of the exhibit there. The author's autograph is requested with the gift. In the case of authorship by deceased alumni, friends and relatives are asked to send in, if possible, any available signature along with the books. In other cases the books should be autographed.

Alumni are also asked to write the librarian about any special collections of books, manuscripts, or prints which they may own and may be willing to lend to the library.

By responding to these requests, the alumni can contribute to the attractiveness of the library at a time when special collections are most needed and will be most welcome.

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