

Oakwood Then And Now . . .

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When I came to Oakwood College as a teacher in 1941, the entire college was much smaller than it is today. The main section of the campus was in the form of a circle which had a rustic beauty similar to that of Rock Creek Park in Washington, D.C. The campus scenery and college regulations of that day are somewhat contrasted to the present. The main part of the campus was a circle in the center of which was a fountain surrounded by red rose bushes where teachers, students, and visitors could refresh themselves on a hot summer day which is sometime characteristic of the "sunny South." Here was one of the many campus rose bushes which with their red "fragrant" beauty greeted one as he entered the campus.

According to "Oakwood College General information" these are some of the buildings which were on the campus and/or were added as time passed by: The J.L. Moran Hall houses teacher's offices, classrooms and a college auditorium with a seating capacity of five hundred. The original structure was built in 1939, extensions were added to the east and west sections in 1913 and 1944 respectively.

The E.L. Cunningham Hall, constructed in 1947, is the residence hall for 136 students. Each room is supplied with hot and cold running water, a parlor, worship room, utility rooms and the dean's apartment are on the second floor. The art classroom is located in the east wing of the first floor.

The W.H. Green Hall

erected in 1952, houses teacher's offices, and classrooms for the Departments of Behavioral Sciences and Mathematics. The H.E. Ford Scienc Hall, completed and dedicated in 1954, provides classrooms and laboratories for the Division of Natural Sciences.

The College Laundry, constructed in 1959, is provided with modern equipment necessary for the needs of the college. Some commercial work is done for Redstone Arsenal and the citizens of Huntsville; and also teachers.

Carter Hall, Blake Center, Edwards Hall, Peterson Hall, and the Eva B. Dykes Library all afford this institution a comfortable and an accomodating place to dwell.

In the old days when I first came to Oakwood, the young women sat on one side of any auditorium, at any gathering, and the young men sat on the opposite side. At the lyceum course numbers, however, the young women and the young men could sit together.

At that time lyceum course numbers were held in Moran Hall. Today, however, they are for the most part held in the Ashby gymnasium. And I do recall that the dorm lights were turned off at night so the students might get their proper rest. Such does not effect today.

One can plainly see that Oakwood College has undergone many changes. Most accomplishments have been for the better. There is no doubt that God has blessed. We, as Oakwood constituents, can proudly say, "Look what God hath wrought."