

MRS. MILLER COMPLETES FIFTY-FOUR YEARS OF TEACHING

When in doubt about Ashland College, ask Clara Worst Miller. She should know, for the associate professor of Latin is completing her fifty-fourth year of service to the College. Her husband, Dr. J. Allen Miller, was president of the College from 1898-1905 and served as Dean of the Seminary from 1905-1935.



The pioneering professor and his young wife came to Ashland from Hiram in 1898. Founders' Hall, apple trees, blackberry bushes, weeds, tall grass, a few pine trees, and the Dorm extended a silent greeting. The couple built their home (they have lived at 807 Grant Street since coming to Ashland) in the midst of chaos and Dr. Miller re-opened the closed doors of the College.

By 1902, the College could boast of 100 students, thanks to Mrs. Miller who enrolled in a New Testament Greek class, thus bringing the total from 99 to the coveted 100. The ensuing celebrations saw the downtown area peopled with noisy and elated students. A dinner in honor of the 100 mark was held on January 15, 1902. The Ashland Band gave notice of the achievement by playing all the way from downtown to Founders' Hall where the dinner was held. Students, faculty, and townspeople joined in celebrating the event.

Besides serving as a faculty member, wife, mother, and student, Mrs. Miller found time to organize a campus Y. W. C. A. in 1902. She was named the first president of that organization. In those days, life at college was not

so complicated. A student had more difficulty overlooking studies because there were only four clubs: the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., and two literary societies. Almost everybody studied Latin, for it was an age of the Classics and the Humanities.

Mrs. Miller has had more than just classroom association with young people, for she reared three children, two of whom are now living: Caryl E. Miller Ellis, John Allen, Jr., and Malcolm Ellmore. John is supervisor of the department of zoology at Ohio State University, while Malcolm is an eye, ear, nose and throat physician and surgeon in Goshen, Indiana. Prior to her death on February 23, 1952, Mrs. Ellis was employed in the editorial department of the Foresman Co. in Chicago.

The Latin teacher has contributed much to civic affairs and to the

church as well as to the College. She served for twenty-four years on the Ashland Board of Education, and for eight years as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Children's Home. She is a member of the Ashland County Mental Hygiene Association, and is on the Advisory Board of the Visiting Nurse Project. She was president of the National W. M. S. of the Brethren Church for five years.

Mrs. Miller has held a number of other offices. She served for four years as president of the Ashland Federation of Women's Clubs, and for two years as president of the Middle North District of the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs. She was state chairman of Fine Arts in that organization for two years. Other activities have included membership in the Ashland Garden Club, Delphian Society, Friday Club, and Columbia Club. She is listed in *Who's Who in the Middle West*.

Mrs. Miller has many interests including painting, gardening, reading, and studying, but her chief interests have been her family and Ashland College. She is quick to add, however, that she is only retiring from classroom duties. Her interest, yes, and her service when needed, will continue. She has many abilities, but the ability to retire to a life of leisure is not one of them.

The *Collegian* pays tribute to you, Mrs. Miller, on behalf of the students whom you have served for so long.

THE PINES WHISPER

Welcome, Alumni and Friends!

It does our old cones good to see so many familiar faces again. Our needles will be vibrating this evening as the band officially welcomes the festivities. The band has certainly been working hard and has had a lot of experience in concerts this spring, so it should be in fine shape this evening. All in all, May Day sounds like a three-ring circus to us. Speaking of rings, Arlene Case received one a couple of weeks ago.

On top of all the extra rehearsals of the band, choir, and operetta, the senior music students have been giving some mighty fine recitals. It's a shame these programs aren't better attended since so much preparation is put into them.

The Lounge has been getting decorated and re-decorated these past few weeks with Burbank as the central theme. It looks as though someone had lots of ambition when they finished the ceiling.

Nora Sungy and Charlene Tracy, blushing brides-to-be, were honored with a surprise shower at the home of Doris Shultz. June is closing in rapidly, girls!

Guess what? We heard through a reliable pine that Miss Kettering has been posing as a bear. Judging from the pictures in the *Times-Gazette*, she is very photogenic.

A.C. was honored recently by a visit from a Kenyon fraternity pledge who desperately needed

pictures, autographs, and addresses of the ten most beautiful girls on campus. He was given a picture of the May Day Court. Even from our location, we could tell that he wasn't at all sure this suited his purpose—perhaps the fellows were in the way! Or could it have been the girls?

Question of the week: When is Senior Sneak Day? See you next week.

THE WHISPERING PINES.

BAND PRESENTS SPRING CONCERTS

It's five down and three to go for the Ashland College Concert Band, which, under the direction of Robert Froelich, gave concerts this spring at the Mansfield Madison, Greenwich, Hayesville, and Jeromesville schools. A program in the Memorial Chapel earlier this spring served as a "kick-off" for the spring tour.

A concert on the lawn tonight, an appearance at the Coronation tomorrow, and a program at the Campus Youth Rally on May 21 will complete the season for the concerters.

The concerts, which consisted primarily of light music, were greeted with enthusiasm by the students. Solos by Janice Carper, talented violinist, added variety to the programs.

The Band plans to include more schools in its itinerary for next year.

THE EDITORS SPEAK

Still wanted—an editor! Has anyone seen next year's *Pine Whispers* editor? Students at Ashland are vitally uninterested in editing publications. Is the pay too little? Is the work too hard? Or is it just that you don't have time?

Through lack of use, the privileges of electing editors might become outmoded. Editors are made from students. Is the student who occupies your chair and shoes a potential editor? Join the search for *Pine Whispers* candidates!

To Queen Jane and her court: May all the "elements"—from the weather to the last little curl and frill—combine to make a royal day for royalty.

To the planners: May the wheels of May Day, which you have oiled so carefully, run smoothly.

To the performers: Don't forget your lines and your cues. And a happy May Day to all!

THANK YOU

TO THE STUDENTS AT ASHLAND COLLEGE:

It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I address again a note of thanks to you. The many instances of your regard for my welfare, such as prayers, cards, visits, flowers, have been of such help that mere words cannot fully express it. It is my hope that you will have the joy of realizing the many friendships you have made on this campus, but certainly not in the way this has been brought to my consciousness. Please accept these simple but heartfelt words, "Thank you," as a personal way of acknowledging each one's kindness.

Most cordially,
Martha E. Holmes.

Europeans Visit Campus

Two interesting visitors were on the campus Wednesday: Herr Spiecher, graduate of a German technical school, addressed the German classes, while Robert Hentch, native of Paris, France, spoke to French classes.

Mr. Hentch, formerly with the personnel department of Renault Motors, is surveying American factories while completing work at the Oberlin graduate school of theology.

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