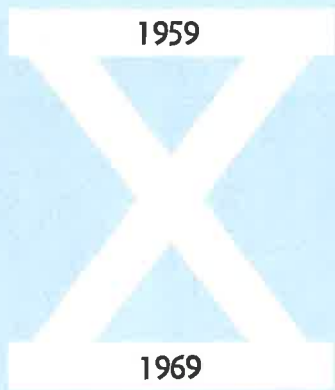




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PALMER HONORED WITH DOCTORS DEGREE



Dr. James O. Baird (left), President of Oklahoma Christian College, confers the Doctor of Laws Degree upon MCC President E. Lucien Palmer at the formal convocation which opened the 1969-70 school year at MCC. MCC Dean Joseph Jones placed the doctoral hood on the shoulder of Dr. Palmer.

"THE PORTRAIT OF A MAN"

"Because of your commitment to Christian education, especially as a teacher at David Lipscomb College and as president of Nashville Christian Institute, Nigerian Christian College and Michigan Christian College;

"Because of your devotion to the Lord's work as a minister of the gospel and as a builder of churches;

"Because of your love for people of all races that led you to toil in foreign lands that souls might hear the Story of Redemption; and

"Because of your stature and character,

"Oklahoma Christian College, by authorization of its Board of Trustees, is honored to bestow upon you the Degree of Doctor of Laws, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto."

Subsequently, upon the completion of the reading of these words, President E. Lucien Palmer received the degree which gives further recognition to the accomplishments, so far, in his life. Dr. James O. Baird represented Oklahoma Christian College in conferring the degree. This impressive ceremony was the climax of the Convocation on Sept. 28, 1969 which officially launched Michigan Christian College into its second decade of service to young people.

It is difficult to adequately portray a man who has never been too big or too small for any task which confronted him.

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HOMECOMING SET FEBRUARY 14

The Annual MCC Homecoming for the 1969-70 year is set for Saturday, February 14. Activities will include a homecoming basketball game featuring the MCC Warriors and Grand Rapids Baptist College. This is a regularly scheduled league game and the competition is always keen. Featured, also, is the annual Homecoming Banquet held in the College Cafetorium.

The highlight of Homecoming activities will be the crowning of Homecoming Queen during the half-time activities at the basketball game. The Queen and her court along with their escorts always make a lovely occasion. The suspense always heightens in that the revealing of the one selected as queen is not done until all members of the court are on the floor.

A very cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend the Homecoming game and activities scheduled for 3:00 p.m. in the Avondale High School gym just south of the College Campus.

1969 LECTURESHIP IS "BEST"

The above caption has been repeated each year by appreciative guests of the Annual Bible Lectureship. Only the date is changed. Maybe it is the excitement at the climax on Thursday night each year that prompts this annual description of the fall series each October. Maybe, indeed, each year's Lectureship gets better than the one before. Whatever it is, the College is grateful for the opportunity to bring fine speakers to the campus for the benefit of the great Christians who attend the Lectureship series.

Maybe even in the face of many accusations that the people of God are drifting away from his precepts that, in reality, the theme this year *"Thy Will Be Done"* expresses the motivation of their lives and the deep desire of their hearts. It is evident that the speakers and their subjects were well received by those who heard.

Thursday evening's attendance was the largest campus lecture-

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LEARS SHOW WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH GOOD JUNK



Mrs. Zada Smith, MCC women's Head Resident, enjoys the comfort and beauty of the new furniture in the Supervisor's apartment which has been furnished by Fred and Carolyn Lear through the sale of junk and old newspapers.

"I Hate to Throw Good Junk Away" was the title of a recent delightful article by Irma Bombeck. But Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lear of 17358 Woodbine Avenue in Detroit are happy when people throw Junk of any kind away.

Unlike Shakespeare's King Lear, the Fred Lears want to serve rather than be served. They want to give to others rather than be given to. They are more interested in working that which is good than in receiving unmerited glory.

Carolyn and Fred Lear have a burning desire to help young people; or anyone else who needs it. They turn junk into "gold" and old newspapers into "silver" and the money is given to worthy causes. Recently, they took a sizeable contribution



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lear are shown in their junk-filled garage at 17358 Woodbine in Detroit. They have turned such items as shown above into over \$1700 within the last twelve months.

out of their "kitty", as they call it, and gave toward the relief of the victims of Hurricane Camille and donated \$100 to the Strathmoor Church of Christ in Detroit for a special project.

The principal beneficiary, however, of the unlimited energy and generosity of this couple is Michigan Christian College. During the last 12 months, Fred and Carolyn Lear have transformed junk and old papers into more than \$1700 in cash. \$1600 of this has gone to Michigan Christian College in one form or another.

Junk has also paid for life-time memberships in the Associates of MCC for Mrs. Lear and her daughter, Midge, who attended MCC for two years.

The garage at the Lear's house is a

favorite browsing spot for all kinds of people. Antique dealers make regular visits in the hope of finding valuable pieces. The project began in a small way, but more and more people are hearing about the unselfish dedication of Fred and Carolyn Lear. Fred, in his red car with the overload springs, is a familiar sight to people in the Redford and northwest Detroit area who throw "good junk" away. He has established a paper route and many who come to know and appreciate this couple through their unique project are regular contributors to their junk operation.

Anyone desiring to discard good junk with assurance that all proceeds will go for a good cause can call Fred or Carolyn at KE 5-3304.

Dan Woodroof Moves to Kerrville, Texas

On November 1, Dan Woodroof, who for the past several years has served as Director of Public Relations at MCC, moved to Kerrville, Texas to serve as the full-time minister of the church in that city. During his tenure at MCC he also served for some time as Director of Student Life.

In a Chapel speech just prior to their departure, President Palmer in speaking of the Woodroofs made the following statement: "Dan Woodroof, along with Jane and the children, will surely be missed at MCC

—both in a personal way and in the college programs. Dan participated freely in the organizing and executing of many MCC activities. He added strength and ability to those areas assigned to him and to the college as a whole. He assisted my office in so many ways. He served as the Associate Director of the Lectureships. He strengthened our community relations. He, indeed, was a good co-worker and will, along with his family, be missed at MCC. Every good wish is, therefore, extended to him and the family as they accept the work in Kerrville."



Dan H. Woodroof

A SPECIAL FINANCIAL GIFT TO MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE AS THE YEAR ENDS WILL HELP AND BE GREATLY APPRECIATED



Immediately following the Convocation, Dr. Palmer was honored at a special reception. Grateful appreciation for the warm congratulations of his co-workers at MCC shows on the President's face as he greets them in the reception line.



The proud family of President Palmer has been of great assistance to him through the years. On his right is his daughter Pat, now an MCC student. To his left are his wife, Ida, daughter-in-law Joan and son Edward. Joan and Edward are alumni of MCC.

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The desire to serve good causes has permitted him with dignity to assist Nigerian natives in clearing great areas of African bush to build schools and places of worship. Also, in humility and strength, to serve as the President of three Christian educational institutions.

Not in every instance has an honorary degree been indicative of work performed or honor due. But in Lucien Palmer's case the work he has performed and the leadership he has supplied in many fields of Christian endeavor cannot be adequately rewarded or recognized by a degree of any kind. His friends, however, are grateful to Oklahoma Christian College for this recognition of one of God's real men.

Born the eleventh child of Robert and Rebecca Palmer, he was reared in Central Florida. He gained business experience in the transportation division of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad in Columbia, South Carolina from 1941-44. He attended David Lipscomb College and received the Bachelor's Degree and the Master's Degree in Education from George Peabody College. His college educational experience was embellished and interrupted by two tours in Africa as a missionary to Nigeria. Involved with him in this work was his wife, the former Ida Coates of High Springs, Florida and two children Edward L. and Patsy Joyce.

After his second tour in Africa he accepted the presidency of Nashville Christian Institute as the first white president of the all Black school, replacing his close friend Marshall Keeble. Willie Cato, who succeeded Lucien Palmer as President of the Nashville Christian Institute, wrote the following of President Palmer. "While the tenure of Lucien Palmer at Nashville Christian Institute was short, the results lasted throughout the life of the Institute. Any transition can prove to be difficult; however, when Christians work together in the spirit of

Christ, many wonderful things take place. That is exactly what occurred when Lucien Palmer came to N.C.I. It was he, working in the spirit of Christ, with the wonderful Christ-like spirit of Marshall Keeble, who made the transition between the black administration and the white administration of N.C.I. successful. The transition was smooth, pleasant and profitable in every way.

"Lucien Palmer made the way for those who followed after him much easier and continued to be a part of the spirit of N.C.I., as we looked to him for encouragement and guidance. All of us who followed after Lucien Palmer at N.C.I. shall ever be grateful for his Christian leadership and service."

In 1960 he and Marshall Keeble made an extensive tour of the Holy Land and Nigeria. Again in 1962, Dr. Palmer escorted Marshall Keeble on an around-the-world tour visiting missionaries in many places with special emphasis on countries in Africa. In 1966 he revisited Nigeria and through his influence with Paramount Chief Udo Ekong successfully negotiated a 99-year lease on 75 acres of land for the Nigerian Christian College at no cost to the college.

Roger Church, long time board member and Secretary of the African Christian Schools, Inc. (formerly Nigerian Christian Schools Foundation) said of Dr. Palmer: "Lucien Palmer was largely responsible for the beginning of the Nigerian Christian Schools Foundation in 1958. He served as our first President and has been a constant source of help and encouragement. Through his leadership we built the Nigerian Christian Secondary School in Ukpom, Nigeria in 1963 which now has an enrollment of about 550 students. I have known and loved brother Palmer and his family for more than a quarter of a century; and have been closely associated with him in Christian education work in West Africa since its very inception. Several of our faithful Board members are

laboring in this work of love as a direct result of Lucien Palmer's influence."

For eleven years, Lucien Palmer has been associated with Michigan Christian College. He came to the campus and worked nearly a year setting in motion all phases of the establishment of the college. He served as its first dean and its first vice president. With full approval of the MCC Board of Directors he, at the same time, served as President of the Nigerian Christian Schools and Nigerian Christian College. When Otis Gatewood resigned the MCC presidency in 1964, Dr. Palmer was the unanimous choice of the Board of Trustees to succeed him.

MCC Board Chairman G. Wheeler Utey, who has served on the Board and as Chairman these eleven years said, "In my years of association with the great adventure in Christian education known as Michigan Christian College, I have enjoyed working with many good and great people. But none of them has stood taller than Lucien Palmer.

"This man has been an inspiration to us in courage, determination, stamina and capacity for accomplishment. He sets an example for all of us by his calm, pleasant, yet forceful and knowledgeable, approach to every situation and problem.

"Michigan Christian College is a montage of portions of many individual lives. But no one person's involvement and contribution approaches President Palmer's. The character and policies of the college reflect the image of this godly man more than any other force."

And so this "Portrait of a Man" remains unfinished. The capstone of his activity and influence can not yet be set in place. If the Lord wills, Lucien Palmer will touch other good works with his characteristic Christian commitment by which glory will be brought to the Master he serves, and the lives of many, regardless of age, race, or color will be blessed abundantly.



Pictured above is the Alma Gatewood Memorial Dorm as it appeared in mid-October. With the three stories the dorm will house 144 women students and is designed in suites of four. Women students will have a lovely home this September.

Alma Gatewood Memorial Dormitory Construction On Schedule – Ready for September, 1970 Opening

Presently, the Alma Gatewood Memorial Dormitory is about sixty percent complete. Construction was begun in plenty of time to assure completion prior to college opening in September, 1970.

The dormitory will house 144 women students and will be of the latest design for dormitory living. Two girls will share a room with private bath facilities between each suite of two rooms. It will also have laundry rooms on each floor and other features making the building not only beautiful but most servicable to those living in it.

Michigan Christian needs very much, of course, to fill this new dorm. In fact, President Palmer

and the entire administration views this as one of the most outstanding needs facing MCC. A most sincere invitation, therefore, is given to high school seniors to make their plans to come to MCC. Parents and friends are urged to assist in helping the college to enroll students to fill this new dorm and to keep full the existing dorms.

The Alma Gatewood Dorm has been talked about and planned for a long time and the Board of Directors have expressed a great faith in the present and future of Michigan Christian College in the decision to proceed at this time in the building of this large and beautiful new dormitory for women.

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ship assembly in MCC history. Contribution taken during the lectureship of almost \$4,000 is the largest contribution toward Lectureship expense. For all of these things President Palmer and the Lectureship Committee are deeply grateful. If the 1969 Lectureship is the "best", it has been made so not only because of its own quality and

content, but because great Lectureships have preceeded it.

Michigan Christian College and all Lectureship guests are grateful to the fine preachers and teachers who, through the years, have generously given of their time to make MCC Lectureships spiritually great events.



MCC's October (12 Annual) Lectureship drew some of the best crowds ever. Pictured above is the Thursday night audience.

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