

Dr. Arthur Wickenden Dies; Was Retired Miami Professor

Funeral services for Dr. Arthur Consaul Wickenden, 74, retired Miami University professor and department chairman in Oxford who died Wednesday, June 7, were held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the United Presbyterian Church of Oxford in charge of the Rev. Robert Foster, pastor, and F. Stanley Lusby, his successor as department chairman. Cremation followed.

Dr. Wickenden had retired in 1963 after a total of 38 years of service to the university which began in 1915. From 1927 to 1952 he also was Director of Religious Activities. For many years he was responsible for bringing guest speakers to the campus for assembly programs, frequently presiding in the absence of the president of the university. He opened Miami student programs with a five-minute sermonette. He also was Advisor to Fraternities 1937-45. He was author of several books and had held several offices in his college fraternity, Beta Theta Pi.

Since retirement, Dr. Wickenden had completed and published through the Miami University

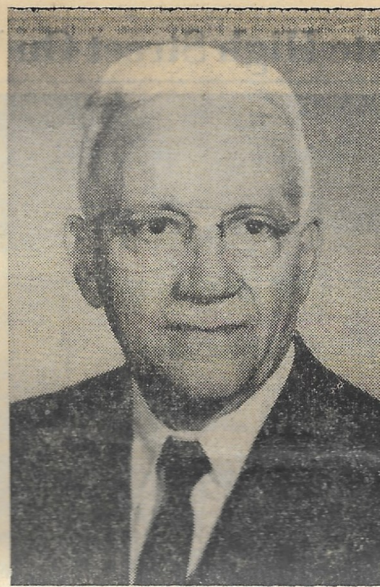
Alumni Association a biography of Miami's 13th president, "Raymond M. Hughes: Leader of Men." He also had completed most of the research for a volume on recent history of the Denison University chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

Some of his editorials for the magazine "The Beta Theta Pi" became a book titled "Time Out." He also was author of "Jesus and the Kingdom of God" and "Youth Looks at Religion"; co-author with Eliot Porter of "The Sabbath—for Man," and contributor of a chapter on "The Director of Religious Life" in the book "Religion in Higher Education."

He was born in Toledo April 24, 1893, son of Thomas and Ida Consaul Wickenden. Graduated from Denison University in 1915, he came to Miami that year as YMCA director. He left Miami in 1917 with the 1st Division of the American Expeditionary Force to establish YMCA cantonments in France. That accomplished, he returned to this country to enlist. He returned to Europe almost immediately with the 4th Division as a sergeant in the 12th Machine Gun Battalion. He fought at Chateau Thierry and at Meuse-Argonne and was leading the battalion when wounded in action a week before the Armistice.

Resuming study after the war, he received a master's degree from the University of Chicago in 1920 and a Bachelor of Divinity degree from the same university in 1921. He was a Baptist minister at Owatonna, Minn., for four years and at Mason City, Iowa, for two years. He then was invited by President Raymond M. Hughes to return to Miami in 1927 to establish a Department of Religion. He remained chairman of the department until September 1962. He received the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Chicago in 1931.

He was director of campus religious activities 1929-52 and chairman of the department of religion 1927-62. Miami students chose him Miami Dad of the Year in 1962. When he was asked to deliver the baccalaureate address for June



DR. ARTHUR C. WICKENDEN

commencement in his retirement year, Miami conferred the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters upon him. Denison gave him an honorary degree in 1966.

In Beta Theta Pi, his fraternity, he had been district chief 1932-39 and as Keeper of the Rolls for the international organization established in Oxford in 1946, a record office which led to establishment of its present administrative office. He was president of its 1952 General Convention.

He also was a member of the National Council of the YMCA 1939-42 and in 1944; chairman of the USO Committee of Oxford 1942-44, and president of the National Association of Biblical Instructors in 1954. His memberships include the Archaeological Institute of America, Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa and the American Association of University Professors.

Survivors include Mrs. Wickenden, the former Ethel Frances Russell of Chicago, to whom he was married June 30, 1921; two sons, Herbert Russell Wickenden, Akron, and Roger Consaul Wickenden, China Lake, Calif.; a brother, Thomas H. Wickenden, Short Hills, N. J., retired vice president of International Nickel Company; three sisters, Mrs. Ida Nixon, Pomona, Calif.; Mrs. Ruth Winans Ashland, Ky., and Mrs. Dorothy Klag, Toledo; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was a brother of the late Dr. William E. Wickenden, who had been president of Case Institute of Technology, and the late Homer Edgar Wickenden, who as executive vice president of the National Health and Welfare Retirement Organization and as director of United Hospital Funds Inc., New York, was instrumental in the es-

establishment of the Blue Cross gram.

The family requested that flowers be omitted but suggested that those who so desire could contribute to the scholarship fund of either Miami University or Denison University in his memory.

Honorary pallbearers were Bert R. Weber, Cincinnati, and P. Irvin, Don Shera, Ralph Fey, John E. Dolibois, Leonard Howell, H. H. Stephenson, A. Morris, and William E. Alder, Oxford.

Dr. and Mrs. Wickenden had been making arrangements to return to the home, with plans to move permanently to a retirement community at Laguna Hills, Calif., where they had spent the winter

William Sexton Dies In Texas

William Sexton, 72, well known in Hamilton and Oxford died suddenly of a heart attack Wednesday, June 7, in Huntsville, Tex., where he had made his residence since retiring as president of the Great Southern Insurance Co. at Houston, several years ago.

Mr. Sexton was a twin brother of Dr. Hardigg Sexton, director of the Sesquicentennial Chapter of Miami University.

Both were graduated from Hamilton High School in 1914 and from Miami University in 1916. Mr. Sexton and his twin brother attended the 50th reunion of Hamilton High School class several years ago.

Mr. Sexton was born in Hamilton, Ind. The family lived in Hamilton for a period of several years. He was a frequent visitor to Hamilton and Oxford especially since his twin brother returned to Miami University as director of the Sesquicentennial Chapter.

He leaves the widow; two daughters, Mrs. Patric DeRockport, Tex., and Mrs. Ann Pitts, Conroe, Tex., and several grandchildren.

Dr. and Mrs. Sexton left Oxford last Thursday to attend the services which were held in Huntsville.

Hold Last Rites For Miss Devine

Miss Hazel F. Devine, 67, Franklin St., Hamilton died Friday, June 6, at 9:40 p.m. at Mercy Hospital where she had been a patient the last three weeks. She had been in ill health for several years and was hospitalized numerous times during that period of a heart condition.

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Dr. Arthur Wickenden
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Dr. Arthur C. Wickenden, 74, of Oxford, O., a Toledo native who was a retired professor and chairman of the department of religion at Miami University, Oxford, O., was found dead Wednesday on the lawn at his home.

Dr. Wickenden moved from here 48 years ago. While in Toledo, he lived in the 600 block of Starr Avenue and belonged to the Second Baptist Church.

Dr. Wickenden was the author of several books including "Time Out," "Youth Looks at Religion," "Jesus And the Kingdom of God," and "Raymond M. Hughes, Leader of Men," and, with the late Rev. Elliott Porter, co-authored "The Sabbath-For Men."

Dr. Wickenden was one of four sons of the late Thomas and Ida C. Wickenden, all of whom became nationally known. Thomas L., of Short Hills, N.J., is a retired vice president of the International Nickel Co.; the late William E., served as president of Case Institute of Technology, Cleveland, and the late Homer E., an executive of several welfare organizations who was instrumental in having introduced legislation which made possible the Blue Cross program.

Also surviving are his wife, Ethel, of Oxford; sons, Herbert R., of Akron, and Roger C., of China Lake, Calif.; sisters, Mrs. Ida Nixon, of Pomona, Calif., Mrs. Ruth Winans, of Ashland, Ky., and Mrs. Dorothy Klag, of Toledo, and four grandchildren.

The body is in the Marshall-Smith Mortuary, Oxford. Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in United Presbyterian Church, Oxford. Burial will be private.

At Wickenden Rites

Among the out-of-town relatives and friends who came to Oxford for the funeral services of Dr. Arthur C. Wickenden on Saturday were the following:

Thomas H. Wickenden, Short Hills, N. J.; Mrs. Homer E. Wickenden, Bronxville, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weber and Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Whitcomb, all of Cincinnati; Mr. and Mrs. Roger C. Wickenden and daughters from China Lake, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wickenden and sons of Akron; Mrs. G. W. Bonner of Chicago; Fred Klag of Cleveland; Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Mullins of Pittsburgh; Gordon R. Bonner of Newark, Del.; Dr. Leslie Winans and Thomas Winans of Ashland, Ky.; Misses Ruth, Juliette and Harriet Nather of Granville.

DR. A. C. WICKENDEN,
MIAMI U. PROFESSOR

Special to The New York Times
OXFORD, Ohio, June 7—Dr. Arthur C. Wickenden, retired Miami University professor of religion and chairman of its department of religion, was found dead of a heart attack today in the garden of his home here. He was 74 years old.

Dr. Wickenden retired in 1963 after 39 years of service. For years he was coordinator of student religious activities.

Mrs. Wickenden found her husband's body. They had planned to sell their home soon to move to a retirement community at Laguna Hills, Calif.

Dr. Wickenden recently published a biography of Miami's 13th president, Raymond M. Hughes, who later became president of Iowa State University at Ames.

Dr. Wickenden was born in Toledo, Ohio. He served in World I as a Young Men's Christian Association worker, and as a sergeant in a machine gun battalion. He was wounded a week before the armistice.

His widow, Ethel; two sons, Herbert of Akron, and Roger, China Lake, Calif., and several grandchildren survive.