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Countdown to Riverside City College's 100th Anniversary

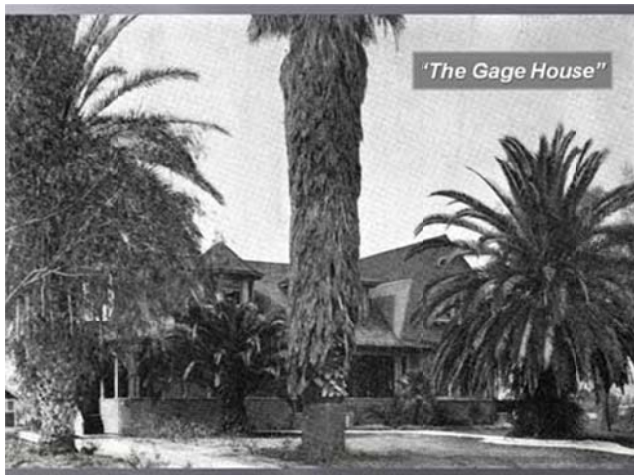
From 1916 to 1921, all Riverside Junior College classes were held at Old Poly High. RJC's first real building was the "Gage House". The Riverside City Board of Education authorized its purchase (along with several other buildings on Terracina Drive) on September 6, 1921. Classes were held in its rooms.

The 1923 RJC Commencement ceremony for thirty-three graduates was held in "Gage Hall" as it became known. The house was located near the present-day north entrance to the Quadrangle. It was formerly the property of Riverside pioneer Matthew Gage. For more information on Gage's importance to Riverside's history, follow this link:

<http://www.rusd.k12.ca.us/schools/SchoolIntro.aspx?sub=ss&nws=0&cl=240> and scroll down to the bottom of the page.

In a 1966 "Tiger Times" student newspaper interview with Dorothy Kincell (Poly High/ RCC Professor of Spanish 1921-1961), she recalled teaching in one of the upstairs bedrooms which was the envy of the Latin classes which had to use a smaller room downstairs. Kincell also remembered her room having dormer windows on which she and the taller members of the class were continually bumping their heads. She said her students would tease her, "They would tell me they wished I would bump my head so hard that it would knock me out and they wouldn't have to have class."

It is 4 years and 31 weeks until RCC's 100th Anniversary on March 13, 2016.



The Riverside City College Instructional Media Center is bringing you this five year countdown to RCC's 100th Anniversary. Our intention is to give everyone a weekly glance at the many people and events that have been a part of the college.

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about RCC's history. "Riverside City College 1916-1981- A 65 Year History" is available in the RCC Digital Library.

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