

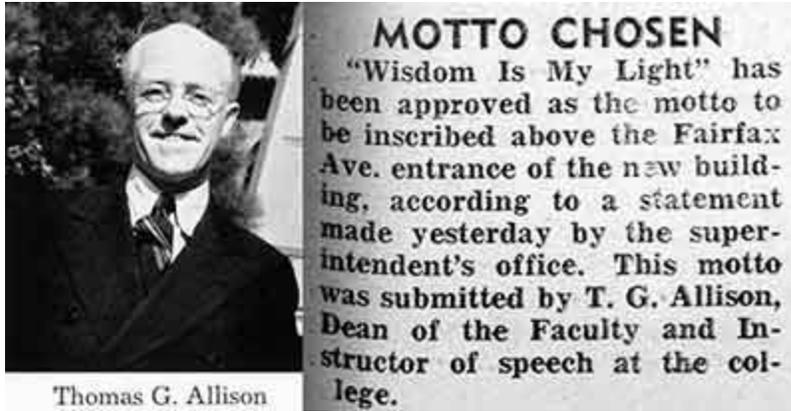
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### **Countdown to Riverside City College's 100th Anniversary**

When the southwest corner of the Riverside City College Quadrangle was completed in January 1951, it resulted in a new entrance on Fairfax Avenue. Above the archway, the college seal and the motto "Wisdom Is My Light" were inscribed. RCC's seal and this phrase have been associated with Riverside City College's historical links with Occidental College. Occidental's seal (a burning lamp) is very similar to RCC's. President Arthur G. Paul and several of the early faculty were alumni of Occidental and the origins of the school colors (orange and black) and mascot (the Tiger) are frequently (but hazily) linked with the Los Angeles college.



The credit for suggesting the phrase, "Wisdom Is My Light" to be inscribed over the entrance goes to Thomas G. Allison (English, Registrar, Dean of the Faculty 1928-50). The January 31, 1950 issue of *"The Tiger Times"* student newspaper carried the story below. Allison's photo is from the 1940 *"Tequesquite"* yearbook.



Thomas G. Allison

It is 3 years and 23 weeks until RCC's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on March 13, 2016.

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

Our thanks go to the RCC Digital Library Archives and the District's Office of Strategic Communications and Relations for allowing us to use their photo and newspaper collections. Thanks as well to all of the RCC students and Faculty Advisors that were a part of the yearbook and newspaper staffs. Thanks also to Tom Johnson and Gilbert Jimenez who wrote "the book" about RCC's history. "Riverside City College 1916-1981- A 65 Year History" is available in the RCC Digital Library.

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