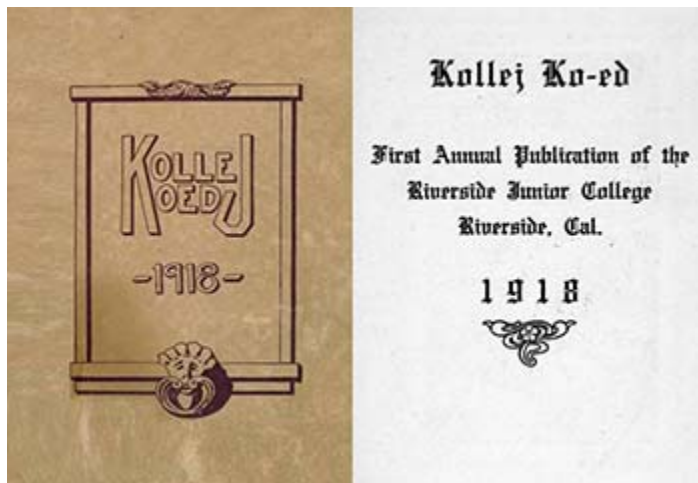


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Countdown to Riverside City College's 100th Anniversary

Ninety-five years ago, Riverside City College (then known as Riverside Junior College) published its first yearbook. RJC and Fullerton College were the first Southern California junior colleges to issue yearbooks in 1918. The 72 page publication, called the "*Kollej Ko-ed*", was a predecessor of the "*Tequesquite*" yearbook which began its run in 1920 chronicling college life until its 1966 demise. The 1918 "*Kollej Ko-ed*" featured some of the earliest photos of RCC.

Below is the cover and title page of the premiere yearbook.



A photo collage of the RJC faculty appeared. Four members of this faculty served the college for at least 25 years. Seen below are - Row One: R. P. Anderson (1916-50), E.W. Gold, G. Ross Robertson, and W.R. Goddard. Row Two: Hugh Law, A. Haven Smith (Dean) and Reba G. Wharton. Row Three: W.C. Wigley, Kate N. O'Neill (1916-42), F.E. Brewster and G.E. Houghton. Row Four: A.G. Paul (1917-50), Lieut. Price and R.M. Matthews. Row Five: A.S. Orcutt, G.W. Scott, E.L. Rea (1916-42) and A.B. Forster. Perhaps the best known of this group is A.G. Paul who, after serving three years as a faculty member, became Principal, Director and President of the college from 1920 to 1950.



Fourteen members of the Class of 1918 (the first to graduate from RJC) are pictured below. The names of these students are: (Left panel, top to bottom) Ruth C. Anderson, Grace A. Cutting, Wakefield B. Byrkit, Madeline Enman and Florence B. Hansbrough. (Center panel, top to bottom) Blance Hess, Dorothy Kincell, Harvey Davison, Verda Manners and Ida Michelbacher. (Right panel, top to bottom) Frances Alice Tetley, Alta Thomas, Myrle Waldman and Marjorie M. Wright. Perhaps the most notable member of this class is Dorothy Kincell. In 1921, she became the first alumnus of RJC to teach at the college when she, at the request of A.G. Paul, returned to fill in for Spanish instructor Kate O'Neill (Associate Professor of Spanish 1916-1942) who was taking graduate courses. When O'Neil returned, Kincell went over to Riverside Poly High to teach Spanish. Following O'Neil's passing in 1942, Kincell returned RJC where she taught until 1961.



Below is a photo of the 1918 RJC Freshmen Class. Note the military uniforms on many of the men. RJC came into existence during World War I and all men of the college were required to take Military Training as part of their curriculum beginning in October of 1917.



Next week's "Countdown" will deal with the 1918 yearbook's coverage of student activities.

Wednesday March 13, 2013 is Riverside City College's 97th Anniversary. On that day it will be exactly 3 years 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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