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Countdown to Riverside City College's 100th Anniversary

As Riverside City College begins the 2015 summer semester, we take a look back at newspaper articles from 1939. In October and November of that year, the “Arroyo” student newspaper ran a series of columns by Riverside Junior College Faculty reminiscing about what they did during past vacations. The third article in this series appeared in the October 18, 1939 edition of the newspaper and was written by Edmund C. Jaeger (Life Science 1922-1952). Below is a photo of the 1927 R.J.C. Faculty. Jaeger is in the back row, second from the left.

Jaeger earned a BS degree in 1918 from Occidental College. In the years following his graduation, he traveled and did special research at Berkeley. Before he joined the R.J.C. Faculty in 1922 (at the behest of A.G. Paul), he authored two books “The Mountain Trees of Southern California” (1919) and “Denizens of the Desert” (1922). The title of Jaeger's column was “A Dangerous Enemy”.

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A DANGEROUS ENEMY
By Dr. Edmund C. Jaeger
“GLADSTONE’S opponents,” said Lord Bryce, ‘used to say that it was dangerous to meet him, because one might be forced to leave off hating him.’ What a wonderful disposition must this grand old man of England have had, what sympathetic cordiality, what radiant goodness, that such could be said of him. 'Dangerous to meet him because one might be forced to leave off hating him!’ Do you catch the thought? Do you sense the significance of it? The world is held up by the influence of such men; it is made sweet and pure and lovely in proportion to the number of them about us. All unconsciously they live a thousand lives about them, spreading abroad their pacific goodness, purifying, cleansing, and uplifting society. On any terms whatsoever we can hope to live near them; there is an impulse to virtue in the very hearing of their names or the sight of their countenance. This quality of character which disarms opponents and causes even bad men to love us is such every one of us should cultivate. It is not made to order in Boston, nor can it be purchased in Parisian shops; it comes through association with noble souls, with contemplation of great ideals, with engagement in noble endeavor for the good of others; and above all the practice of doing good to those 'who revile us and say all manner of evil against us falsely.' Nothing can stand against such magnanimous conduct. It used to be said,’ said Spencer of Archbishop Cramner, ‘if you would be sure to have Cramner do you a good turn you must do him some ill one, for though he loved to do good to all, yet especially he would watch for opportunity to do good to such as had wronged him.”

Below are six photos of Jaeger that appeared in “Tequesquite” yearbooks. The top row photos are from 1929, 1932 and 1933. The bottom row photos are from 1938, 1939 and 1942.

There are 37 weeks until RCC’s 100th Anniversary on March 13, 2016.
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