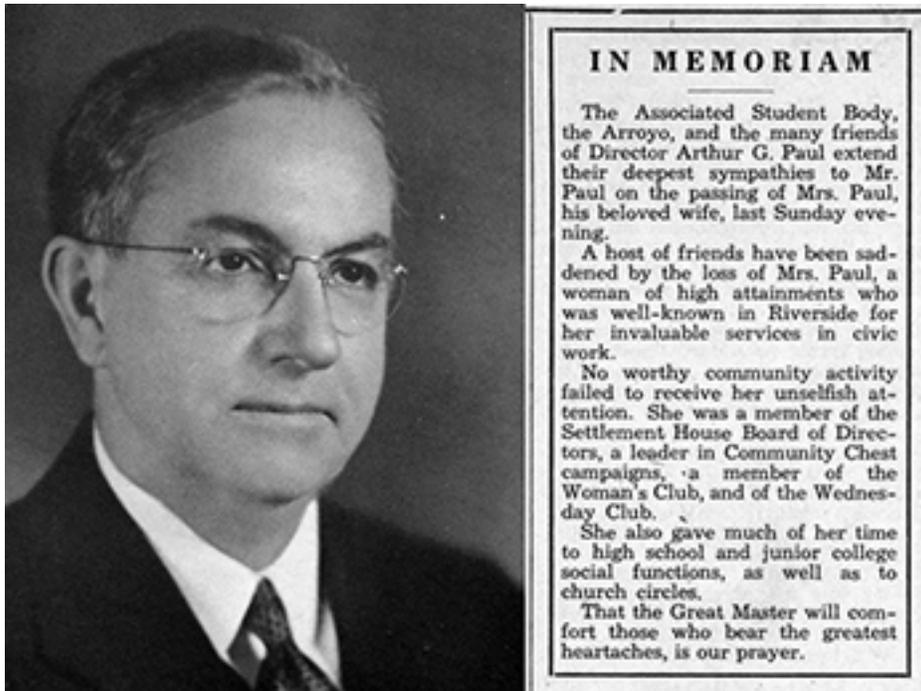




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Countdown to Riverside City College's 100th Anniversary

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, it seemed an appropriate time to tell the story below. In March of 1937, A.G. Paul's (RCC Principal-Director-President 1920-1950) wife passed away. The photo (below left) appeared in the 1937 "Tequesquite" yearbook. The article (below right) ran in the March 10, 1937 issue of "The Arroyo" student newspaper.



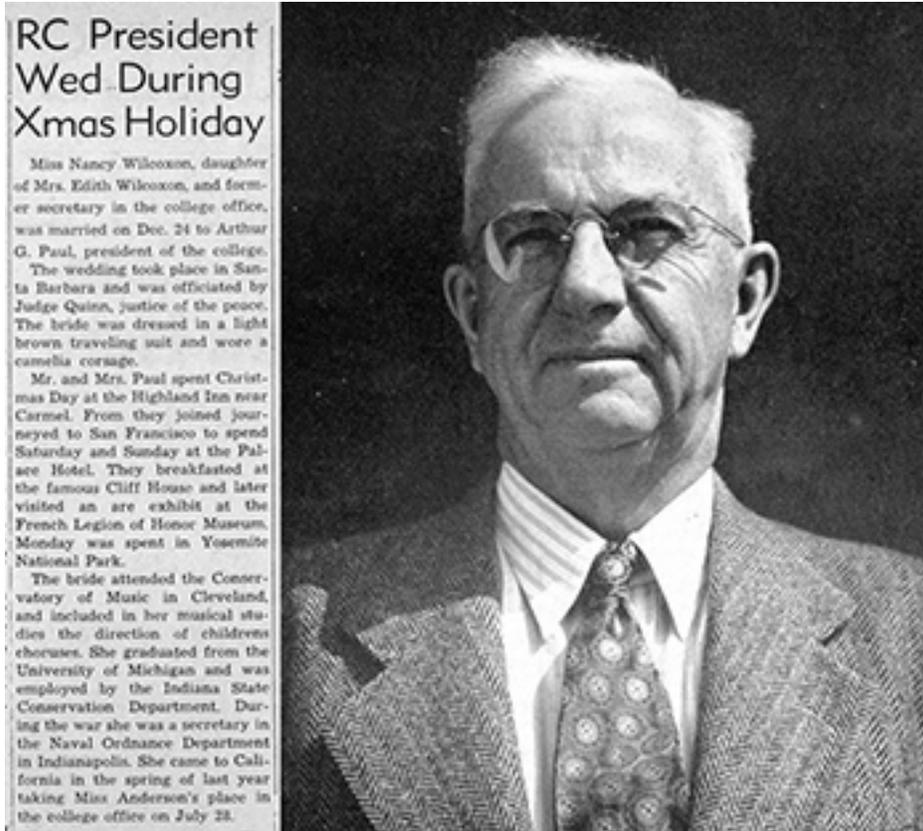
The text of the article read:

IN MEMORIAM

The Associated Student Body, the Arroyo, and the many friends of Director Arthur G. Paul extend their deepest sympathies to Mr. Paul on the passing of Mrs. Paul, his beloved wife, last Sunday evening. A host of friends have been saddened by the loss of Mrs. Paul, a woman of high attainments who was well-known in Riverside for her invaluable services in civic work. No worthy community activity failed to receive her unselfish attention. She was a member of the Settlement House Board of Directors, a leader in Community Chest campaigns, a member of the Woman's Club, and of the Wednesday Club. She also gave much of her time to high school and junior college social functions, as well as to church circles. That the Great Master will comfort those who bear the greatest heartaches, is our prayer.

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In late 1947, A.G. Paul remarried. The January 13, 1948 issue of the "Tiger Times" ran the story (below left). The photo (below right) ran in the 1947 "Tequesquite" yearbook.



The article read:

Miss Nancy Wilcoxon, daughter of Mrs. Edith Wilcoxon, and former secretary in the college office, was married on Dec. 24 to Arthur G. Paul, president of the college. The wedding took place in Santa Barbara and was officiated by Judge Quinn, justice of the peace. The bride was dressed in a light brown traveling suit and wore a camellia corsage. Mr. and Mrs. Paul spent Christmas Day at the Highland Inn near Carmel. From there they journeyed to San Francisco to spend Saturday and Sunday at the Palace Hotel. They breakfasted at the famous Cliff House and later visited an art exhibit at the French Legion of Honor Museum. Monday was spent in Yosemite National Park. The bride attended the Conservatory of Music in Cleveland, and included in her musical studies the direction of children's choruses. She graduated from the University of Michigan and was employed by the Indiana State Conservation Department. During the war she was a secretary in the Naval Ordnance Department in Indianapolis. She came to California in the spring of last year taking Miss Anderson's place in the college office on July 28.

On March 8, 1985 Mrs. Nancy Paul spoke to the "President's Strategic Planning Advisory Committee" (PSPAC). She was invited to speak by Dr. Charles Kane (RCC President 1978-1992). Nancy Paul was married to A.G. Paul from 1947 until his passing in 1970. Below are two photos of Mrs. Paul speaking to a PSPAC meeting held on March 27, 1987.



Below is a transcript from a video that was recorded on March 8, 1985. The three speakers were Dr. Charles Kane (RCC President 1978-1992), Earl McDermont (RCC Professor of History, Registrar and Vice President, 1921-1958) and Nancy Paul.

Dr. Charles Kane: *Nancy, what time in the history of the college did you come in contact with the college and then later with your husband.*

Nancy Paul: *Well I came out here in the spring of 1947. I was advised to leave the middle west because of my health and I came here to visit friends. And I was going to Los Angeles, but they insisted on me applying for a job in Riverside. And I wasn't quite sure I wanted to stay in Riverside but I did weaken and I went to the state employment office. And this young lady told me that she had a wonderful man, with my experience, that was just the job for me. And when she told me who it was, I told her no, I'd been associated with the government for too many years and I wasn't interested in the academic field. But she insisted on my going and having an interview. And I met A.G. Paul. And my first remark to him was "I don't think I want this job but my friends insisted on me coming." (laughter) And with his English sense of humor he says, "I've already interviewed two young ladies and I will have to talk to them again." So I said that was alright. Well we did, we had an interesting conversation and I thought well that he was certainly a nice man, not like some of the people I had been associated with in the government. So I went home and in about ten days, why he called. And he said he wanted to talk to me. And being a woman, I had (just) washed my hair and I said "Well I'm busy". He said "Well when will it be dry? I'll pick you up". So anyway, he came and picked me up and I came down to the college and we talked and he said "Well I'll give you the job because you've had quite a bit of experience". And the secretary he had, had been there for 25 years and she wasn't overly anxious to share the files with the new secretary. And we finally made it and I went to work the first day of August. And on the 24th of December, I married the boss. So that was the love story.*

Dr. Kane: *Well that's not in the (RCC history) book.*

Nancy Paul: *No you're lucky you heard about it.*

Dr. Kane: *We were wanting to know if you wanted to pursue that conversation. We'd like to kinda know what was going on in the office. (laughter)*

Nancy Paul: *Well nobody knew what was going on. (laughter)*

Earl McDermont: *Are you sure? (laughter)*

Dr. Kane: *And you heard it here first. (laughter)*

Nancy Paul: *Well I can tell you, Earl McDermont didn't know anything about it. (laughter) There was only one faculty member that tried to be a real smart aleck. And that was Dorothy Kincell. I doubt if many of you ever knew Dorothy Kincell, she taught Spanish here and she was a very good friend of mine when I came to the college. (She) was very kind to me. You can imagine, going in to work at a college because you're all saturated with college and I wasn't. But she was very kind to me, but I never told her. So on the day before Christmas, we were married in Santa Barbara. But the Riverside press didn't know anything about it until that morning. And when we came back, Dorothy was going all over campus, she says "I knew something was going on!" That's the way Dorothy talked. But she didn't, we kept our personal lives very quiet and I never regretted marrying the boss. I had the advantage of having worked for A.G. Paul and observing how he coped with problems with faculty and particularly his interest in the students. There wasn't a student on the campus that couldn't come and talk to him. And when I would see him walking across campus and talking to the students, he made it a point to point to stop and say "How are you getting along?" And I had been with him sometimes. And they would tell him. They were very forthright and told him their problems. And everybody's problem was his problem".*

Below are photos of Dr. Charles Kane, Earl McDermont and Dorothy Kincell (RCC Professor of Spanish 1942-1961).



There are only 5 weeks until RCC's 100th Anniversary on March 13, 2016.

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