

### Sikes Honored By University

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Time and again the splendid work of Dr. Enoch W. Sikes, veteran educator and president of Clemson Agricultural and Mechanical College at Clemson, has brought wide praise from South Carolinians as well as residents of other states. And one of the greatest of tributes was paid to him on June 7, 1939, when the University of South Carolina conferred upon him the degree of doctor of laws "in recognition of outstanding work in behalf of higher education in South Carolina."

A native of Union County, North Carolina, Dr. Sikes attended Wake Forest College and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from there. In 1897 he was awarded the degree of doctor of philosophy by Johns Hopkins University, where he majored in political science and studied under Woodrow Wilson.

Becoming president of Coker College, in Hartsville, in 1916, Dr. Sikes enjoyed a very successful administration and was made the head of Clemson College in 1925. Under his leadership this institution has experienced one of the greatest periods of growth and prosperity in its history.

During his educational career he has found the time to write a number of books, including: "From Colony to Commonwealth," "Nathaniel Macon," "James Iredell," "Talleyrand, the Diplomat," "The Confederate Congress," "Joseph Hewess," "Sketches in Biographical History of North Carolina," and "The First Constitution of North Carolina."

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### J. I. Sims, 67, Dies at Orangeburg

ORANGEBURG, Aug. 13—(Special)—James Izlar Sims, 67, president of the Sims Publishing Company, which publishes The Times and Democrat, and other local businesses, died at 2:50 this afternoon at his home here.

Mr. Sims suffered a heart attack Wednesday of last week, and had been in serious condition since. It was his fifth heart attack since 1942.

He headed many business establishments in Orangeburg in addition to the Sims Publishing Company. They include the Bank of Orangeburg, WTND, Inc., a local radio station, Edisto Homes, a residential development, and Orangeburg Theatres, Inc. Since 1905 he had been active in various business undertakings here, remaining so until his most recent heart attack.

The eldest son of James Loyal Sims and Georgia Carolina Sheridan Sims, Mr. Sims attended the Orangeburg City Schools, from which, during his final year and at the age of 14, he was called to take over The Times and Democrat when his father, its founder, suffered a serious illness.

From that time, 1905, until his death, he played an active part in its direction, though after his first attack in 1942, he assumed a less active role in the actual management of the newspaper.

While only 15, he went to New York to learn the assembly and operation of the Mergenthaler Lin-

otype. He returned to Orangeburg and assembled the first such machine in this city. Under his direction, The Times and Democrat steadily grew and expanded its operation in the printing field. At one time he was printing papers for some 25 different publishers in South Carolina, distributing them from Orangeburg.

In the 1930's he carried on a Theater Circular Business, which distributed Multi-page circulars all over the United States and in other countries. He became interested in this business through his association with theaters. Beginning shortly after World War I he operated five different theaters in this city, one of which is now in operation.

Mr. Sims brought the first modern talking picture to Orangeburg. To offer it to local viewers, he had installed the latest sound recording equipment available, and the occasion was a historic milestone in the Orangeburg entertainment field.

While publishing the Times and Democrat and managing theaters he also operated the Sims Book Store, which sold county school books for many years.

Mr. Sims was also interested in real estate development and promoted many building projects, among them the Orange Park development in the early 1920's which later became a highly developed area.

He brought Orangeburg many "firsts." He promoted some of the first balloon ascents in the state. He brought the first airplane to Orangeburg prior to World War I at the Old Fairgrounds and promoted early parachute jumps and air shows.

In his early years he was active in baseball, managing a team at one time and fielding Orangeburg teams to compete with other cities. He was assistant chief of the Young American Volunteer Fire Department, and served on a committee which obtained for Orangeburg its first motor fire truck.

He became its driver.

When President Woodrow Wilson appointed his father as U. S. Marshal in 1914, Mr. Sims assumed complete responsibility at The Times and Democrat, and his twin brothers, President Henry R. Sims of Winthrop College and the late Hugo S. Sims, became co-editors.

From that time until he assumed a less active role in its management, his primary job was publishing the newspaper. It was in his later years that he became associated with additional local businesses.

Survivors include his wife, the former Miss Isabelle Wannamaker; one son, J. L. Sims, publisher of The Times and Democrat; two daughters, Mrs. James H. Gressette and Mrs. John B. Rembert, all of Orangeburg; two brothers, Dr. Henry R. Sims, president of Winthrop College at Rock Hill, and Admiral Gelzer L. Sims, USN, retired, Orangeburg; his sister, Miss Georgia Sims of Orangeburg; and a number of nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 5 p.m. Wednesday from the First Baptist Church in Orangeburg by Dr. J. Carlisle Smiley, assisted by Dr. Carl B. Caughman and the Rev. J. M. Lane. Burial will be in Sunnyside Cemetery.

The body will be at the home, 811 Edisto Street.

### James I. Sims, Long Active In Orangeburg Life, Buried

ORANGEBURG, Aug. 14 (AP)—Funeral services for James Izlar Sims, 67-year-old president of the Sims Publishing Company and several other local businesses, were held here this afternoon from the First Baptist Church.

A well-known figure in Orangeburg's community and business affairs since 1905, he enjoyed wide contacts throughout the state and was greatly admired for his gentle modesty and philanthropy, much of which was completely unknown.

Mr. Sims died yesterday of a heart ailment. His fifth attack came last Wednesday and he had been in serious condition until the time of his death.

The Rev. J. Carlisle Smiley, one of the officiating ministers paid tribute to "the man we honor here today."

Extolling his virtues, Mr. Smiley concluded: "He was a citizen of his community . . . loved and respected by all who knew him."

Interment was in Sunnyside Cemetery.

An official delegation represented the South Carolina Press Association at the rites.

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