

# S.C. - Biography - Sims, Lucile Howell (Mrs. Hugo S.)

## IN ORANGEBURG

### Mrs. Sims Honored As SC Mother of Year

Mrs. Lucile Howell Sims, widowed mother of three successful sons, will be honored today as South Carolina Mother of the Year at special services at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Orangeburg.

Mrs. Sims, whose late husband, Hugo S. Sims, edited The Orangeburg Times and Democrat and served as Orangeburg city attorney, has long been active in civic, religious and educational affairs in her home town.

Presenting the gold State Mother pin will be Mrs. David R. Coker of Hartsville. Mrs. Coker was State and National Mother of the Year in 1958.

Mrs. Caroline McKissick Belser of Columbia, chairman of the State Mothers Committee, will present the State Mother scroll from the American Mothers Committee. John A. Montgomery, managing editor of The State, will preside over the presentation ceremony. The State sponsors the State Mother selection.

#### SERVICES AT 11:15

The services at St. Paul's will begin at 11:15, and will be conducted by the pastor, Dr. Carlisle Smiley.

Mrs. Sims carries on a host of activities requiring a variety of talents. She has taught for many years in St. Paul's Methodist Church Sunday School, has operated a private kindergarten for pre-school children, taught school, served as a director of the American Red Cross, and is a past president of the Orangeburg Garden Club.

In addition, she is a past president of the Town Players of Orangeburg, has been active in aiding underprivileged, and is a former society editor of the Orangeburg Times and Democrat. Mrs. Sims continues to write a column for the Orangeburg paper.

#### INJURED IN WRECK

Mr. Sims was killed in an automobile accident in 1951 while returning from Spartanburg where he had attended a meeting of the Wofford College board of trustees. He was chairman of the board at the time of his death.

Mrs. Sims was badly injured in the wreck, and did not fully recuperate for almost a year.

Mr. Sims, in addition to his work as an attorney and editor, was active in civic affairs. He served as trustee of Orangeburg City Schools, and was a past president of the local Rotary Club.

#### THREE SONS

The three sons, Hugo S., Jr.,

Edward H. and Henry, II, have been quite successful.

Hugo, a graduate of Wofford, entered World War II service as a private and came out a much decorated captain. As a paratrooper Hugo jumped in Normandy and Holland and was in Bastogne during the famous siege of that town.

He won the Distinguished Service Cross as the leader of the "Incredible Patrol" which went behind the German lines and brought back 33 German prisoners.

#### CONGRESSMAN, AUTHOR

After release from active duty, he studied law at the University of South Carolina, and became a member of the state legislature while still in school.

At 26, he became the youngest man in the Congress of the United States, winning election as representative from the Second South Carolina District. He ran for lieutenant Governor last year.

Edward H., the second son, was named Jaycee "Young Man of the Year" for South Carolina this year, and has written a fast selling book "American Aces." He served as a pilot in WWII.

In 1947, Edward founded a Washington bureau for daily newspapers (The State uses its services) and became Wash-

ington correspondent for Editor's Copy Syndicate, a national news and feature service started by his father in 1918.

#### YOUNGEST SON

The youngest son, Henry, only recently completed his law school training at the University, where he served as president of the USC Law Federation. He is now a member of Sims and Sims law firm.

Mrs. Sims, a daughter of the late Charles and Jessie Smoak Howell, was born in Orangeburg in 1894. Her father died when she was 13, and her mother died of cancer in 1914.

At the time her mother became ill, Mrs. Sims was a sophomore at Winthrop.

#### SCHOOL TEACHER

Mrs. Sims taught school two years in Alabama, then returned to Orangeburg County to teach. In the spring of her first year of teaching at the West Middle school, she and Mr. Sims were married.

He had just opened his law office and was beginning a weekly editorial syndicate for newspapers. Four of the syndicated features were written by Mrs. Sims, who also became society editor of the Weekly Orangeburg Sun.

In WWII, Mrs. Sims headed a Women's Civilian Defense unit. For the past decade Mrs. Sims has served as chairman of the board of the Orangeburg Day Nursery for underprivileged children.

She helped investigate conditions in jails for children, and helped publicize a report which resulted in establishment of a juvenile court in Orangeburg County.



MRS. LUCILE HOWELL SIMS  
Orangeburg  
SOUTH CAROLINA MOTHER OF THE YEAR

## ORANGEBURG WIDOW

### '59 SC Mother Is Mrs. Sims

Mrs. Lucile Howell Sims, widow of Hugo S. Sims, of Orangeburg was yesterday named State Mother of the Year for South Carolina.

The mother of three outstanding sons, Mrs. Sims still carries on a host of activities requiring diverse talents. She has long been active in the religious, civic, and educational affairs of her native city. She also continues to write a column for the Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

Possessing boundless energy, a keen mind and a radiant personality, Mrs. Sims has taught for many years in the St. Paul Methodist Church Sunday school, has operated a private kindergarten for pre-school children, taught school, served as a director of the American Red Cross, is a past president of the Orangeburg Garden Club, a past president of the Town Players of Orangeburg, has been the society editor of the Orangeburg Times - Democrat, writes a column, and been active in aiding underprivileged.

The new State Mother of 1959 will be honored at special services at the church of her choice on Mother's Day. She will also receive a special plaque, and will be presented a State Mothers pin.

In addition, she automatically becomes the South Carolina nominee for national mother, and will be entitled to participate in a national conference of state mothers in New York City.

Mrs. Sims will succeed Mrs. David R. Coker of Hartsville as State Mother. Mrs. Coker was also named National Mother last year, and was sent to Europe carrying a message from American mothers to European mothers.

The four men in Mrs. Sims' life have all been eminently successful. Her husband was for many years city attorney for Orangeburg, and he edited an Orangeburg newspaper.

Mr. Sims was killed in an automobile accident in 1951 while returning from Spartanburg where he had attended a meeting of the board of trustees of Wofford College. He was chairman of the board at the time. Mrs. Sims was badly injured in the accident, and did not fully recuperate for about a year.

Mr. Sims, in addition to his work as an editor and an attorney, was a past president of the Orangeburg Rotary Club, a trustee for the Orangeburg City Schools, and was well known for his speaking ability.

The other three men in the life of this outstanding South Caro-

and Sims law firm, and an active worker in St. Andrew's Methodist Church.

He spent two years in the Armed Services as a paratroop lieutenant. He was stationed at Hebrun, Germany, a part of this time.

Mrs. Sims was born in 1894 in Orangeburg, a daughter of the late Charles L. and Jessie Smoak Howell. Her father died when she was 13, and her mother died of cancer in 1914.

She was a sophomore at Winthrop when her mother became ill, and she had to leave school to be with her mother in Florida. Her mother died a few months later.

After teaching school for two years in Alabama, she returned to Orangeburg County and taught for a year at West Middle school. In the spring of that school year, she and Mr. Sims, who had just opened his law office and was beginning a weekly editorial syndicate for newspapers, were married.

Later other features were added to the syndicated offerings, four of which were written by Mrs. Sims—"Louisa's Letter," "Screen Stars," "Movie Reviews," and "Fashions." "Louisa's Letter" is still written by Mrs. Sims.

In addition to the columns, Mrs. Sims also served as society editor of the then Weekly Orangeburg Sun.

Despite the demands of writing for the syndicate and editing the Society page, Mrs. Sims managed to teach a Sunday School Class and take part in community projects.

As the depression of the 1930's deepened, she opened a private kindergarten and taught in the school for seven years.

When World War II came along, Mrs. Sims headed the Women's Civilian Defense unit at Orangeburg.

For the past decade Mrs. Sims has served as chairman of the board of the Orangeburg Day Nursery for underprivileged children, a charitable institution.

The nursery was started in an old store building but now, with three workers, is housed on city property. It is entirely supported by donations and cares for and feeds from 24 to 40 underprivileged children five days per week.

Mrs. Sims was instrumental in investigating conditions in the jails for children, and helped publicize a report of these conditions. As a result, a bill was passed establishing a juvenile court and authorizing a probation officer for children.

She has been active in Red Cross work, having served as a director and having completed a canteen course, first aid, and served as a gray lady in the hospital.

She has also served as chairman of the Tuberculosis drive, and is a past president of the Orangeburg Winthrop Daughters.

Active in the Orangeburg Garden Club, she is a past state

lina mother are Hugo S. Sims, Jr., Edward H. Sims, and Henry Sims, II, born in 1921, 1923, and 1931, respectively.

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As a paratrooper, Hugo jumped in Normandy and Holland and was in Bastogne during the Siege of that town. He won the Distinguished Service Cross as the leader of the "Incredible Patrol" which went behind the German lines and brought back 33 German prisoners.

The story of the patrol was carried in Life Magazine, and he also received medals from Holland, Belgium and France. After release from active duty, he studied law at the University of South Carolina, was elected to the State legislature while in law school, and subsequently became the youngest Congressman in that body. He was 26 when elected Second District representative. He made the race for lieutenant governor of South Carolina last summer.

Edward H., the second son, was only recently named Jaycee "Young Man of the Year" for South Carolina, and his recently published book, "American Aces," has gone into its second edition.

In 1947 Edward founded a Washington bureau for daily newspapers (The State uses the service) and also became Washington correspondent for Editor's Copy Syndicate, a national news and feature service started by his father in 1918. He is now editor of the Syndicate, and writes a column and has been on the air with a news analysis program since 1951.

In recent years he has traveled abroad extensively, and has written several articles on foreign and economic policy. He is also editor of the Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

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at the University of South Carolina, where he served as president of the USC Law Federation. He is now a member of the Sims