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Meet Minneola Dixon, Guest Editor

When you get to know Minneola Dixon, Oakwood Archivist and Museum Director, you will understand how normally sedate places, a museum and an archive, have become the active hub of Oakwood College. Housed in the Eva B. Dykes Library, the archives is in one wing and the museum the other. Soon we hope, they will be housed together in the restored East Hall, the historic heart of the College. So much life and vitality flow from the archives and museum that one senses the great heart guiding them. Indeed Minneola Dixon is such a dynamo that I am reminded of one of my favorite Psalms: *Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise, . . . Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together.* (98:4,8) Not that Minneola is noisy. She is exceedingly soft-spoken and demur, like the eye of a hurricane, perhaps. Yet the energy she produces is undeniably powerful and all around her reverberate.

An Oklahoma native, Mrs. Dixon came to Oakwood as a college freshman. Earning her B.A. in 1951, she threw herself into a career of service at the College. From Business Office to Director of Student Employment, to Director of Alumni Affairs, to the archives, Mrs. Dixon has lived and breathed the work and mission of the College. To fully prepare herself for her archival appointment, Mrs. Dixon returned to the classroom, receiving her M.A. in Library Science and Information Studies from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa in 1990. Obviously, Minneola Dixon is one of those who operates on God's time as there isn't enough time in the day to achieve what she has.

Since 1991, Mrs. Dixon has taken to the airwaves on W.O.C.G.-FM radio to tell Oakwood's story. Her's is the first Black Adventist radio ministry which highlights "Oakwood Heritage Moments." Hers is the voice at the gate. One of her favorite verses is "What meaneth these Stones." (Josh 4:24) Minneola Dixon has spent a lifetime giving meaning.

