

DIES SUDDENLY

Funeral Set For J. W. Kidd, Mines Dean

Funeral services for John W. Kidd, 61, dean of the School of Engineering, College of Mines, who died suddenly in his home, 405 West Kerbey Street, Monday, will be held at 4 p. m. Wednesday in Peak-Hagedorn Chapel with the Rev. W. S. Vanderpool officiating.

Dean Kidd, affectionately known as the "Daddy of the College of Mines," died of a heart attack at about 5 a. m. The body was discovered by his widow, Mrs. Nina Kidd, when she went to waken him at 7:30 a. m.

In 1914, a year after the college was created by the Texas Legislature as a mining school for West Texas, he began to teach in the small school, housed in buildings of the old El Paso Military College in the Fort Bliss area.

MOVED AS COLLEGE CHANGED LOCATION

When the school was burned out of these quarters in 1918, it was moved to its present location, and Dean Kidd moved with it. The College of Mines became a branch

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of the University of Texas in 1919, and Dean Kidd's struggle to guide and direct what had been at first a founding of the university were somewhat alleviated.

He served as president of the college in 1923, 1925 and 1927. Since 1927 he has been dean of the engineering department.

Born in Atkins, Ark., Dean Kidd came to El Paso when the school opened. He sought a healthful climate and soon won prominence as a civil engineer throughout the Southwest.

MINES STADIUM NAMED FOR DEAN

The Mines stadium is a monument to Dean Kidd, having been named Kidd Field in November, 1933. He always was an enthusiastic supporter of the Miners' football team. The last Homecoming in the College of Mines, Nov. 22, 1941, was dedicated to him and he sat on the bench with the football team during the Mines-New Mexico Aggies game that day.

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STUDENTS BECAME PROMINENT ENGINEERS

His students, year after year, left college to become prominent and hold responsible positions in the engineering world. Every year he received requests from executives of companies for his recommendations of young graduate engineers from the College of Mines.

His own engineering work in the Southwest including assisting in construction of Elephant Butte Dam, working as a draftsman in City Engineering Department and acting as field engineer in construction of William Beaumont General Hospital.

Governor Coke Stevenson recently appointed him co-ordinator of mining in Texas, to aid the Federal Government in obtaining the maximum production from mines during the emergency. He was commended several years ago by a Texas Governor for his services in the mining field.

WANTED TO ADD SURVEYING COURSE

Dean Kidd received his degree in electrical engineering in Oklahoma A. and M. College. He did graduate work in the University of Wisconsin and later was professor of physics in Texas A. and M. College for six years.

His ambition for the College of Mines included surveying of streets and highways, electrical engineering and laboratory, structural design and mechanical economy.

He is survived by his widow and three brothers, C. C. Kidd of Strub, Okla., W. C. Kidd of Seminole, Okla., and Robert L. Kidd of Rapid City, S. D.

Pallbearers will be Thomas J. Dwyer, Paul Lance, Joe Friedman, Fred W. Bailey, Dr. Lloyd A. Nelson, and Richard W. Tighe.

Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.