

Dr. Templin, Ex-Radford Chief, Dies



DR. LUCINDA TEMPLIN

Dr. Lucinda de Leftwich Templin, former Radford School Principal, acknowledged as one of the country's leading educators, died in Southwestern General Hospital early Monday.

Her body will lie in state in Harding-Orr & McDaniel Montana Chapel through Wednesday and funeral services will be held in Alton, Ill.

Memorial contributions may be made to Radford School for Girls.

Dr. Templin was born Nov. 10, 1889 in Nevada, Mo. She was educated at the University of Missouri, from which she obtained AB, BS, MS and PhD degrees. Further graduate work was done at Harvard and Columbia University, after which she was dean of Lindenwood College from 1916 until 1924.

She took over as principal of El Paso

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School For Girls in 1927, later renamed Radford to honor the late Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Radford, whom, through Dr. Templin's intervention, eased its financial stability with bequests in excess of \$500,000.

During her administration at Radford, there had been more than \$1 million in physical improvements to the 22-acre campus. A war museum, begun by Dr. Templin at the outset of World War II is at the school and valued highly for its educational interest. Included are autographed photographs of leading military and civilian figures, original documents and medals. Artillery pieces, some of which were captured from the enemy, were presented to the museum by Maj. Gen. John L. Homer, former commanding general at Ft. Bliss and have been placed on the grounds. Also in the school is Dr. Templin's Napoleonic collection.

As administrator of the nationally prominent school, Dr. Templin stressed education of the heart, development of character and scrupulous honesty above all else. Under her philosophy of "no easy road to education and no substitute for character," she raised the quality of the school to national prominence during her 41 years administration.

She was opposed to federal aid to education, to educational control passing to the government owing to the fact many things the government has done have demoralized the people, and this public apathy as government dictates what will be taught is evidence that something has happened to the American character.

She believed that schools which accept federal aid must comply with the government's ban on prayer. Radford has never accepted federal assistance in any form by resolution of its Board of Directors and it continues to have non-sectarian chapel services three times a week.

Dr. Templin was listed consistently in Who's Who in America. She was honored in 1965 to El Paso County Historical Society's Hall of Honor for her lasting cultural contributions to El Paso.

Dr. Templin was a member of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, National Association of Principals of Schools for Girls, American Association of University Women, National Association of Administrators, National Vocational Guidance Association, American Association of University Professors, American Institute of Management, American Geographical Society, American Historical Association, American Social Association, American Academy of Political Science, Shakespeare Society, Phi Theta Kappa, Pi Lambda Theta and Alpha/Pi Zeta.

Locally, she was a member of Pan-American Round Table, El Paso Woman's Club, Women's Department of El Paso Chamber of Commerce and Colorado Country Club.

She retired last June 1 and was succeeded by Miss Marjorie Graham. Dr. Templin served as chairman and treasurer of the Radford board and principal emerita until her death.

Dr. Templin is survived by a brother, Roger P. Templin of Alton, Ill.