

IN MEMORIAM

LLOYD LORING CLICK

Lloyd Loring Click was born on January 13, 1886, in Lee County, Virginia, the son of Andrew J. Click and Elizabeth Walker Click. After a long illness with emphysema, he died suddenly on November 16, 1967, and was buried on November 17 in Austin Memorial Park.

After Professor Click completed his secondary education, and some college work, he was Superintendent of the High School of Roane County, Tennessee, from 1907 to 1910. He attended the University of Tennessee for two years and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1912. From 1912 to 1916 he was Instructor and later Assistant Professor of English at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. He was a graduate student and Instructor of English at the University of Michigan from 1916 to 1919. In 1917 he completed his work for the degree of Master of Arts, and in 1919 he earned the degree of Doctor of Philosophy there. He came to The University of Texas in 1919 as an Instructor of English and rose through the ranks to become Professor of English in 1928, a position which he held until he retired in 1960 as Professor Emeritus. From 1922 until 1936 he was Lecturer in English during the summer sessions at Our Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio.

Dr. Click had a happy family life for over half a century. He and Robbie Seale were married in Benchley (near Bryan, Texas) on December 30, 1914. She was a devoted wife, interested in all of Loring's activities. Their attractive and hospitable home was a gathering place for the English Department and for many distinguished lecturers who came to the University. Dr. and Mrs. Click had one daughter, Mary Anne, who graduated from the University. She is married to Mr. E. L. Youens, an architect in Houston. The couple have identical twin daughters, Laura and Susan, and one son, Robert Blake Youens, each a constant source of interest and pride to Robbie and Loring.

For twenty-eight years a large part of Loring's time was devoted to administrative work in the College of Arts and Sciences. In 1928 he became Assistant Dean, and in 1954 he became Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Student Division. In 1956 he became Dean Emeritus.

In his work with students in the Office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dean Click always kept both an open mind and an open heart. No problem was too petty to have a hearing, no student too unimportant to receive the Dean's whole attention if he came for help or advice. However complex a student's problem might

have been, the Dean tried to find some solution or avenue of help. Thousands of men and women in and out of Texas have been touched by his gentle hand, encouraged by his good advice, and cheered by his understanding heart.

In his teaching Dr. Click specialized in modern English and American literature. He was also much interested in encouraging his more talented students to write, especially short stories. Although he was mainly concerned with Undergraduate students, he was a supervising professor for many graduate students and directed the writing of their theses and dissertations. Their subjects, reflecting his lifelong interest in English and American fiction of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, range from Stevenson and Melville to Conrad, Hemingway, and Faulkner. They indicate his special devotion to the works of Meredith, Hardy, and Galsworthy, and his taste, always fundamentally conservative, for more recent novelists such as Willa Cather and Ellen Glasgow and the poetry of Emily Dickinson, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Edwin Arlington Robinson, and Robert Frost.

In addition to his work as teacher and dean, Professor Click carried a heavy load of committee assignments, and for some years he was chairman of the Budget Council of the Department of English. He had little time for and perhaps little interest in the usual type of scholarly publications. He wrote book reviews frequently, and in 1930-1931 he and Don Lee published a number of short stories.

Professor Click was a Mason and a Presbyterian. He was a member of the Modern Language Association of America. His clubs included Scholia, Fortnightly, and Town and Gown. For many years he was Secretary of the Town and Gown Club and attended to most of its business. He was keenly interested in the establishment of the Austin branch of the English-Speaking Union and served as its president for two years.

Loring Click's friendly personality enabled him to establish harmonious relations with colleagues and students and his many friends outside the University. His never-failing courtesy and sense of humor made him a delightful companion in all circles. His kindness and generosity endeared him to all. He was a gentleman of unquestionable integrity. Those who were fortunate enough to know him will always remember him with affection.

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