

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS  
AUGUST 24, 2015  
NRD-2015-0069  
1300 Northwood Road  
Old West Austin National Register Historic District**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a 1 story detached outbuilding/garage and build a new two story accessory detached building. The house and existing garage are contributing buildings to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District

**ARCHITECTURE**

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1300 Northwood Road is a one and a half story Tudor Revival brick and stucco single family residential building. It has a partial width front porch and is a cross gable form. It has the steep gable ends typical of a Tudor Revival building and 6 over 1 window throughout. The existing garage is a one story hipped roof board and batten out building.

**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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Demolish existing out building and build a two story hipped roof with a small cross gable on the west and south elevations. The building is sided in stucco and has a roof to match the existing house. It will have an exterior spiral staircase and full light glass doors on the east façade. The north and west facades have mostly blank walls with a regular fenestration of windows at the top of the floor. These facades are on sides that face the property lines. The south façade as a cross gable with high windows on the first and a balcony and glass doors on the second floor. This two story building attaches to the rear of main house through a second story breezeway

**HISTORY OF THE PROPERTY**

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The property was built around 1934 and the first owners of the building were W. Harvey and Bess Young who owned Young and Schieffer service station. Luther, a University of Texas Professor and his wife Ruth lived in the property in the 1940s and after Luther's death Ruth continued living in the property through the mid-1950s. The house was vacant for some time in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Marvin and his wife Shelia Shwiff lived in the house from the early 1970s through the 1990s. Marvin was a founding member of Austin Community College. He was the Dean of the college when it first opened in 1973 and then became the acting President in 1977. He was also a lawyer at Levantio, Shwiff, Graham.

**STANDARDS FOR REVIEW**

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The house is contributing to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District and is listed as a contributing building. The Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Rehabilitation state

2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

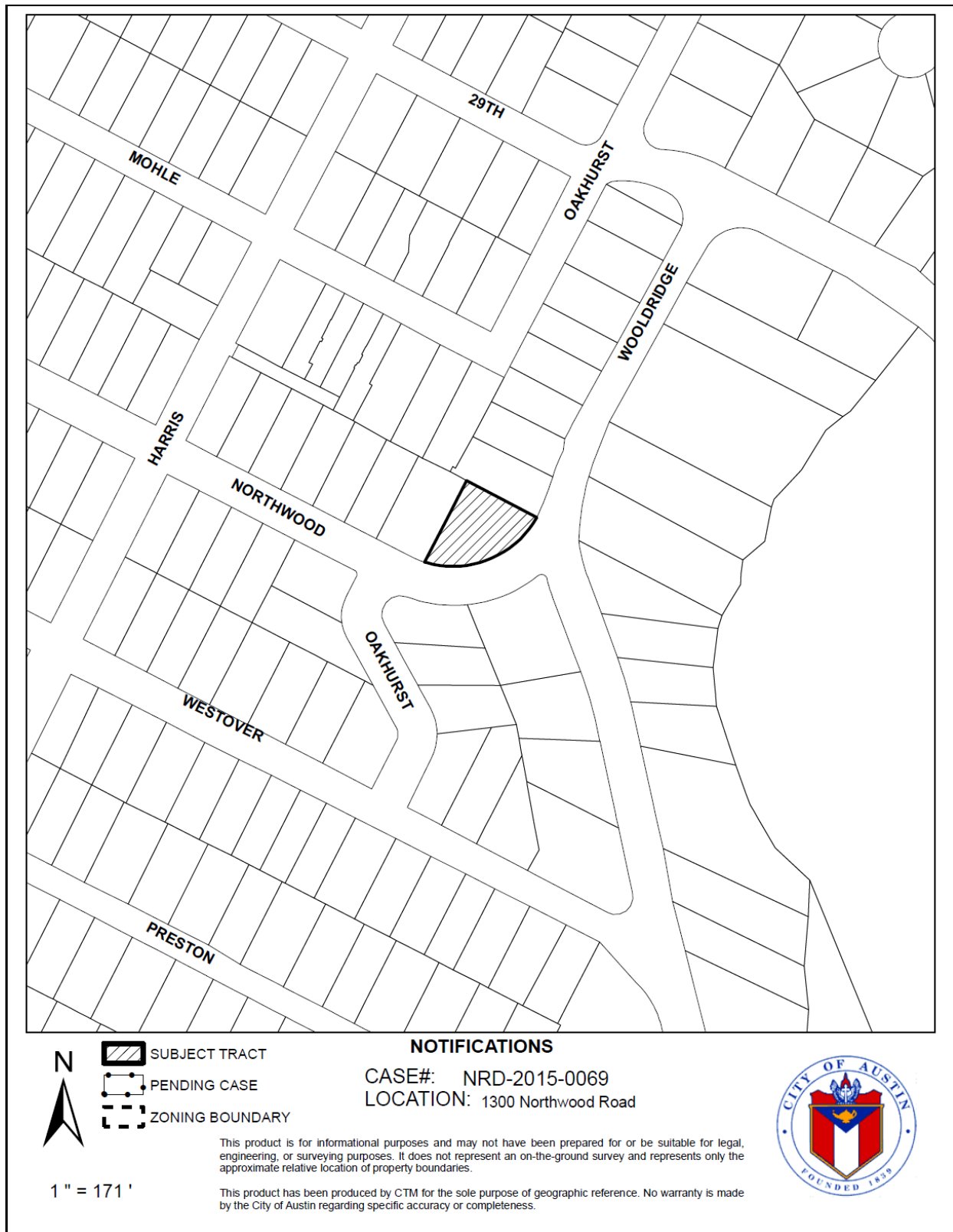
#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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The applicant has designed a rear accessory addition that complements the original historic home. Through the connector and using stucco siding, similar roofing material and mimicking the detailing around the windows the design compliments the original house while have windows that do not have divided lights it also differentials itself from the historic home. They have used a best practice design in connecting the two buildings together through a connector, minimizing the impact on the historic building.

Staff recommends releasing the application as submitted as the design of the additions and new entry meet the Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Rehabilitation. The changes proposed to this building would not affect a potential landmark designation on this property.

## LOCATION MAP



# 1300 Northwood Road

Circa 1934



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1300 Northwood Road

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
August 2015

1992	Shelia Shwiff, owner No occupation listed
1985-86	Marvin and Shelia Shwiff, owner Retired
1981	Marvin and Shelia Shwiff, owner Lawyer at Levantio Shwiff and Graham.
1977	Marvin and Shelia Shwiff, owner Acting president of Austin Community College
1973	Marvin and Shelia Shwiff, owner Dean of Austin Community College
1968	Phil A. and Carole Elizabeth Bleakney, renter Assistant Cashier at The Capitol National Bank
1962	Vacant
1959	Vacant
1955	Mrs. Ruth M. Snider, owner Widow of Luther
1952	Mrs. Ruth M. Snider, owner

	Widow of Luther
1949	Mrs. Ruth M. Snider, owner Widow of Luther
1947	Luther C. and Ruth M. Snider, owner Professor of University of Texas
1944-45	Luther C. and Ruth M. Snider, owner Professor of University of Texas
1941	William L. Moore Jr, owner Student
1939	W. Harvey and Bess Young, owner Student at University of Texas
1937	W. Harvey and Bess Young, owner Young and Schieffer, Service Station at Lavaca and 14th
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**Biographical Information**

## **Shirley/Shelia Scwiff**

Shwiff, Shirley Cohen Shirley Cohen Shwiff, 78, died peacefully at her home on December 10, 2013. Born on March 15, 1935, in Cairo, Illinois, to Edna and George Cohen, she was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Marvin G. Shwiff, and her daughter, Shelley Shwiff. She is survived by her daughters, Kathy Shwiff and Laurie Shwiff; her son, Stephen Shwiff, and her daughter-in-law, Dr. Barbara Spezia; her beloved grandchildren, Austin, Emily and Nicholas Spezia-Shwiff; her brother, Norman A. Cohen, and sister-in-law, Ruth Cohen; her sister-in-law, Estelle Shwiff; and many nieces and nephews. A graduate of Highland Park High School and the **University of Texas** at Austin, Shirley spent her adult life caring for her family and community. She volunteered for many organizations, from her children's school PTAs to national charities. Shirley also was an active member of the Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood and received its Hall of Fame honor. Her hobbies included needlepoint, bridge and mah jongg, and she enjoyed travel and theater. Over the years, everyone in the family circle and beyond received a lovingly made personalized needlepoint from Shirley. Services will be Friday, December 13, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, Lefkowitz Chapel, 8500 Hillcrest Road, Dallas, TX 75225 with burial following, Rabbi Debra J. Robbins presiding. Memorial contributions may be made to Temple Emanu-El WRJ or a **charity of your choice** . - See more at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dallasmorningnews/obituary.aspx?pid=168489099#sthash.k7p3k3ik.dpuf>

## **Marvin D. Shwiff AUSTIN –**

Marvin D. Shwiff, 59, of Austin died Thursday in Austin. Services are 11 a.m. today at Cook-Walden Funeral Home, 6100 Lamar, Austin. Rabbi Scott Saulson, Rabbi Louis Firestein and Rabbi Marc Sack will officiate. Burial will follow in Agudas Achim Cemetery. Mr. Shwiff was born and raised in Galveston. He was a member and past president of Temple Beth Israel, past president of Tejas Toastmasters, past president ad Interim of Austin Community College, past member of the Board, Region XIII Educational Service Center, and a member of the Advisory Council of Southwest Public Broadcasting Corporation. Survivors include his wife, Sheila Shwiff of Austin; son, Stuart Shwiff of Houston; daughter, Emily Shwiff of Dallas; brother, Seymour Shwiff of San Antonio; a niece and two nephews. Pallbearers will be Ramon Dovalina, Bob Tocker, Peter Vogel, David Vogel, Glenn Wilkerson, Reuben Kogut and Adam Hauser. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice-Austin. Wesley L. Roberts

*From The Galveston Daily News*

Marvin **Shwiff**, who turned an abstract vision of a community college that would offer educational opportunities to all segments of society into the reality of Austin Community College in 1973, died Thursday. He was 59.

**Shwiff**, who was suffering from pancreatic cancer, died at 4:15 a.m. at Seton Medical Center.

"If it hadn't have been for Marvin, there wouldn't have been a college," said Ramon Dovalina, vice president for community resources and services at ACC.

"He had to bring in this new idea: that all people can learn. Some people learn now and some people learn later, but they all can learn."

That concept and the college's open-door admission policy were "totally new ideas," in a community long reliant on an educational giant, the University of Texas, Dovalina said.

Austin voters had already nixed the idea of supporting a community college district three times when the Austin Independent School District board unanimously voted to propose the creation of a community college to be run by AISD trustees.

**Shwiff**, an attorney who was participating in UT's Program for Educational Leadership, was asked to create a community college proposal, said Will Davis, an attorney and a member of the State Board of Education who was president of the AISD board when the decision to establish ACC was made.

Voters approved the AISD proposal to establish ACC in December 1972. Classes began the following September.

**Shwiff**, who developed institutional goals, assembled staff and equipment and readied classrooms at the district's long vacant Anderson High School and three of the district's high schools, where evening classes were held, "was the guy who did all the hard work" necessary in the college's early days, Davis said.

"He got us off to a good start," Davis said, noting that ACC's beginning enrollment of about 2,200 students was "far greater than anyone expected it to be."

Enrollment this year at ACC's eight campuses is expected to be more than 29,000 students, making it the fifth-largest community college in the state. It established its own governing board in 1982 and became a taxing district in 1986.

"His contributions and commitment to the program were fundamental to the success of the college today," Davis said.

Dovalina, who as college registrar was one of the first ACC staff members hired, said **Shwiff** told him recently, "He had no idea it (ACC) was going to be as big as it is now."



"Next to his family," said **Shwiff**'s wife Sheila, "the thing he was proudest of was the creation of a community college for Austin."

Born in Galveston, **Shwiff** graduated from the University of Texas and its School of Law. He practiced law from 1957 to 1971 in Dallas, then returned to UT to participate in the educational leadership program.

He served as executive vice president under ACC's first president, Thomas Hatfield, and four years after the school opened became its president ad interim, serving in that capacity for about a year and a half after Hatfield's resignation. **Shwiff** left to return to his law practice in March 1979.

**Shwiff** was a board member of the Southwest Public Broadcasting Advisory Council and the Region 13 Educational Service Center.

Survivors include his wife, Sheila **Shwiff** of Austin; a son, Stuart of Houston; a daughter, Emily of Dallas; and a brother, Seymour**Shwiff** of San Antonio.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Colonial Chapel, Cook-Walden Funeral home, with interment at Agudas Achim.

*From Austin American Stateman*

# Shwiff's Management Job Complex, Integral

Marvin Shwiff's official title at Austin Community College is "executive dean for planning and management."

His duties, when listed, are even more complex than his title.

"My position is similar to that of an executive officer," said Shwiff. "I have responsibility in the absence of the president."

The Galveston native is also the ACC chief financial officer, supervisor of the comptroller's office, administration and records, business office and campus coordinators, at the college's three outlying locations.

The busy dean is also liaison officer between the ACC staff and the Austin Independent School District Staff and draws the guidelines for short

and long range planning.

Shwiff said one topic currently occupying his time is the management of ACC as it continues to become decentralized.

"It's one college but in multi-locations," said Shwiff. "It's accurate to say that Austin Community College is not a place but people and an organization."

Campus coordinators at Austin, Reagan and Crockett campuses work with Shwiff, and he said additional ACC branches are planned at the Internal Revenue Service, St. Edward's University and Bergstrom Air Force Base.

"Many community colleges are like this," said Shwiff, "but the traditional community college is identified one or two campuses, not woven into the

community, which is the wave of the future.

"The old idea of going into a cornfield and putting up a library is over," he said.

ACC is financed by approximately 85 per cent state funds, and about 15 per cent from students' tuition, and the college has no debt service or construction costs.

There is no local tax base supporting ACC, Shwiff said, and the college was founded under statutes allowing the AISD board of trustees to govern ACC. Austin and the Houston Community College are the only two Texas community colleges still operating under a single board.

Shwiff said the college and the public schools receive



**MARVIN SHWIFF**  
Finance's his job

mutual benefit from the joint operations, since school facilities can be used at night. "And, the community college pays its fair share of lighting and maintenance costs," he said.

Shwiff, 42, holds a bachelor of business administration and a law degree from The University of Texas.

# ACC names interim president

By KATHY HAWORTH

Staff Writer

The Austin Community College board Wednesday named ACC's No. 2 administrator as interim president.

Marvin D. Shwiff, 45, ACC executive dean for administrative services, will take over next month when Dr. Thomas Hatfield leaves to become dean of continuing education at the University of Texas.

Hatfield submitted his resignation last September, but the search for his successor is still in the preliminary stages.

Dr. Lorrin Kennamer, head of the president screening committee, said the group has received about 100 applications and will begin reviewing resumes in January. They will boil the list down to about 12 applicants, who will be interviewed by the governing board.

The new president should take over next summer or by the start of fall semester classes, Kennamer said.

Shwiff said Wednesday he has not yet applied for the president position, "and it's not probable that I will ever do so. I like where I am."

An attorney, Shwiff practiced in Dallas until 1971, when he was named a fellow of the National Program for Educational Leadership. The program selects persons



MARVIN SHWIFF

Interim president

who have demonstrated leadership in various fields and provides them training to adapt their skills to education.

After completing a graduate program in community junior college administration under the fellowship, Shwiff worked toward the formation of ACC before it was finally approved by Austin voters in 1972.

As executive dean of administrative services, Shwiff is the second highest administrative officer of the school, with broad management and business duties.

Shwiff said he expects to introduce no radically new policy measures as interim president, "but I will do whatever is needed to keep the school financially and educationally stable until the new president is selected."

# Shwiff 'Positive' Concerning College

By NELL SHEFFIELD  
Staff Writer

One might say that Marvin Shwiff, coordinator of plans for the proposed Austin community college, started with a big advantage in the job. He'd already practiced a lot of coordinating on his own by building two separate careers into one.

A lawyer by profession, Shwiff set for himself the goal of merging his first career into a new one in education.

That he is successfully doing so is supported by the praise Shwiff is receiving from his colleagues at the Austin Independent School District.

Shwiff says he'll be especially satisfied if he can bring to education strengths he has earned in his first profession.

Shwiff is one of 40 fellows in the National Program for Educational Leadership administered by the University of Texas Department of Educational Administration and several other colleges.

His responsibility is to assist Supt. Dr. Jack Davidson and the Austin board of trustees in implementing their plans for the college.

"In my work, I have broken down a general concept, created under their

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leadership, into smaller manageable parts to get the job done to create the community college," he said.

He has also coordinated the procedural requirements and applications to present to the Coordinating Board, Texas

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Staff Photo

MARVIN SHWIFF  
Reviews college plans

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College and University System and the Texas Education Agency.

"I am not employed by the school district," Shwiff said. He receives a stipend from the National Program for Educational Leadership from the program headquarters at Ohio State University.

When the local superintendent saw the need for some help in coordinating the plans as they developed he contacted the university and Shwiff began his work.

The University of Texas has six "fellows" participating in the program, including Shwiff. Other schools participating include Ohio State University, Northwestern, Fisk, Mavajo Community College, City University of New York, Claremont Graduate School and the University of North Carolina.

Shwiff came to Austin in September, 1971, when he entered the program. "I saw the program as an opportunity I thought was perfect for my personal wishes and because I thought I could be a very useful individual as a result of it," he added.

Shwiff's other profession, which he wants to merge with education leadership, is law.

As a fellow in the program at UT, Shwiff has no required course work. "The program is not a PhD program; it is completely individualized," he said.

"The fellows are to identify for themselves personal educational goals—assisted by professors and other persons—and to find experience and internships to promote these goals," he said.

Since he has been "particularly interested in community colleges more particularly as they relate to secondary schools," Shwiff gladly accepted the role with the local school district in the community college proposal.

His interest in community colleges is two-fold.

"One: I saw the growth of the Dallas Community colleges and the great services they provide.

"Second: I believe that somehow the gulf which exists between the end of the twelfth grade and post secondary education must be bridged so that education becomes a lifelong process and a maturing process."

How does he feel about the proposed community college?

"I feel very good about it. I feel very positive about the college and passage of the proposal," he said.

"I feel very positive especially about the services that it (the college) can provide to the Austin community," he added.

Dr. Davidson commended Shwiff for his part in the community college work. "He has done an excellent job. We are very pleased with the work he has done for us," Dr. Davidson said.

Shwiff is not new to Austin. He is a graduate of the University of Texas and lived in Austin in 1948-52 and again in 1955-57. He is married and the father of two children.

# Dr. L. C. Snider, UT Geology Professor, Dies

Consultant Succumbs  
To Heart Attack  
At His Residence

Death early Saturday morning claimed Dr. Luther Crocker Snider, 64, professor of geology at the University of Texas since 1941, and one of the most widely known consulting geologists of the United States.

Dr. Snider died at his home, 1300 Northwood Road, of a heart ailment.

The body will be sent to New Castle, Ind., Sunday by Weed-Cor-



DR. LUTHER C. SNIDER

ley Funeral Home for funeral services there Tuesday afternoon.

Surviving are his widow; one daughter, Miss Hester Snider of Philadelphia, Pa.; one son, John Luther Snider of Austin, a student at Denison University in Granville, Ohio; and one brother, Walter Snider, of East Port, Ohio.

#### Science Contributor

Dr. Snider was a member of the University Methodist Church, Masons and Knights Templar. He also was a fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science and held membership in the Geological Society of America, and in the Society of Economic Geology. He served as president of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists in 1940 and as editor of that organization from 1933 to 1937. He was a member of Sigma Xi and Phi Beta Kappa (honorary).

He was the author of "Earth History" in 1932 which was widely accepted and is being used in most universities of the country for the study of geology. He also was the author of "Petroleum and Natural Gas in Oklahoma," 1913 and "Gas in the Mid-Continent Fields," 1920 and of various bulletins of the Oklahoma Geological Survey, 1910 to 1916. He was also a contributor to scientific magazines.

#### Born in Indiana

Dr. Snider was born at Mount Summit, Ind., Sept. 13, 1882, the son of John and Lou (Leath) Snider. He was educated at Rose Polytechnic Institute and at the University of Oklahoma. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Indiana in 1908 and his Master of Arts from the same institution in 1909, and his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Chicago in 1915.

He began his professional career as a teacher in common and high schools in 1901 and became chemist, field geologist and assistant director of the Oklahoma Geological Survey in 1909 and served in that capacity until 1915. He served as field geologist for the Pierce Oil Corporation in Tulsa from 1915 to 1916; and in the same post for the Gordon Oil and Gas Company from 1916 to 1917, when he became assistant chief and later chief geologist for the Empire Gas and Fuel Company at Bartlesville, Okla.

In 1925, he began service as consulting geologist for Henry L. Deberry and Company and after 10 years in that post, he joined the staff of Cities Service Company as consulting geologist, serving until 1940. He became professor of geology at the University of Texas in 1941.

# Death Claims Geology Professor

Dr. Luther Crocker Snider, professor of geology at the University of Texas, died early Saturday morning at his home, 1300 Northwood Road, of a heart ailment.

He is survived by his widow; one daughter, Miss Hester Snider of Philadelphia, Pa.; one son, John Luther Snider of Austin, now a student at Denison University at Granville, Ohio; and one brother, Walter Snider, of East Port, Ohio.

The body will be at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home until Sunday morning when it will be sent to New Castle, Ind., where funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. Snider had been a member of the University of Texas faculty since 1941. He was a member of the University Methodist Church, Masons and Knight Templar.

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Dr. Snider was widely known in the geology profession and in the academic scientific field. He was a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Geological Society of America, Society of Economic Geology, and a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, serving the latter organization as editor from 1933 to 1937 and as president in 1940. He also was a member of Sigma Xi and Phi Beta Kappa (alumnus).

As an author he wrote "Petroleum and Natural Gas in Oklahoma" in 1913; "Oil and Gas in the Mid-Continent Fields," 1920; "Earth History," 1932; also various bulletins of the Oklahoma Geological Survey, 1910-16, and was a contributor to scientific magazines.

THE LUTHER CROCKER SNIDER MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 24, 1947, The University of Texas lost in death one of its most beloved professors, Dr. Luther Crocker Snider; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Snider was born at Mount Summit, Indiana, September 13, 1882, the son of John and Lou (Leath) Snider, and on March 31, 1907, was married to Ruth Marshall of Blountsville, Indiana; of this union a daughter and son were born: Hester Bernice and John Luther; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Snider was educated at the University of Indiana, being graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1908; was awarded the Master's degree from the same school the following year, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Chicago in 1915; and

WHEREAS, he began his professional career as a teacher in common and high schools in 1901, and became chemist, field geologist and assistant director of the Oklahoma Geological Survey from 1909 to 1915; subsequently serving with the Pierce Oil Company, The Cosden Oil & Gas Company, and chief geologist for the Empire Gas & Fuel Company, and, in 1925 began services as consulting geologist for Henry L. Doherty & Company in New York City, where he remained for the next ten years, after which he joined the staff of Cities Service Company serving this organization until 1940 when he accepted a professorship of geology with The University of Texas, assuming his duties on January 1, 1941; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Snider distinguished himself in the geology profession and the academic field, and was a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a member of the Geological Society of America, Society of Economic Geology and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, serving the latter organization as editor from 1933 to 1937 and as President in 1940, and was a member of Sigma Xi and Phi Beta Kappa (alumnus), and

WHEREAS, he further distinguished himself as an author, writing bulletins and research papers for the Oklahoma Geological Survey, and published in book form "Petroleum and Natural Gas in Oklahoma" in 1913; "Oil and Gas in the Mid-Continent Fields", 1920; and "Earth History" in 1932, and, had just completed another text book yet unpublished at the time of his death, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Faculty and Administrative Staff of The University of Texas to pay tribute to such a man and to express our deepest sympathy to the members of his family, therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Faculty Council of The University of Texas, that we acknowledge our great loss of this distinguished man who in his gentle and quiet manner endeared himself to all who knew him, and that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Faculty Council to serve as an acknowledgement of our loss and to pay tribute to him, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to members of his bereaved family.

A. H. Deen  
John T. Lonsdale  
F. M. Bullard

W. A. Felsing  
Hal P. Bybee,  
Chairman

Filed with the Secretary of the General Faculty by Mr. Hal P. Bybee  
Chairman, Special Committee on the L. C. Snider Memorial Resolutions,  
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