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Professional Education History

Undergraduate:

Enrolled in South West Baptist College in 1937 and was graduated in May 1940, with an Associate of Arts degree. Area of study was Religion – General.

Enrolled in Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, in September 1942 and was graduated in May 1944 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Area of study was Religious Education and Youth Ministries.

Graduate:

Enrolled in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, in August 1944 and was graduated with a Master of Religious Education degree in May 1946. Was accepted for further graduate study toward the Doctorate of Religious Education degree and was awarded the DRE degree in May 1948.

While recovering from a serious highway accident in 1954, I accepted a position of Instructor of Recreational Crafts in the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, and also did additional graduate work. I was awarded a Master of Science in Recreation in 1955 and a Master of Science in Audio Visual Education and Communications in 1956.

Extra curricular activities, positions, awards, etc.

South West Baptist College:

President of the Freshman Class 1937-38.

Member of the Student Council both years.

Member of the Baptist Student Union both years.

Lettered in tennis and track both years.

Spent weekends organizing Sunday Schools in Polk, Dade, Webster counties.

Southwest Baptist University:

Awarded the **Life Service Award** in recognition of outstanding Christian service from the Southwest Baptist University Alumni Association at Homecoming October 11, 2002.

Awarded the prestigious **2007 Edwin Lightfoot Award** by the Southwest Baptist University Alumni Association at Homecoming October 5, 2007.

Oklahoma Baptist University:

President of the Baptist Student Union.

President of the Elean Social Club for Men.

Member of the Student Council both years.

Voted by the student body as Best All Around Man on Campus in 1942.

Lettered in tennis both years.

Listed in Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges.

Appointed Student Assistant Teacher of Zoology for second semester in 1942, when Dr. Winchester resigned to take a position at Baylor University.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary:

President of the Religious Education Club for 1945-1946.

President of the Student Council in 1946-1947.

Appointed as Assistant to the head of the Religious Education School . . . Dr. W. L. Howse. Graded papers and taught classes when Dr. Howse was away.

Appointed as Student Assistant to the Instructor of Recreation, with responsibilities of grading over 500 special party and recreational activities submitted by the 200 class members and selecting and reproducing 55 of the best to be included in a publication entitled "The Church at Play" that was sold through the SWBTS bookstore and ultimately sold in Baptist Book Stores throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

I was asked by the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee to write several other recreational books that they wished to publish, including a "A Calendar of Parties" and four separate volumes of "The Social Kit" and edited a monthly publication called "Directed Leisure" for four years.

Led the SWBTS Student Protest to President Dr. E. D. Head and Trustees to successfully getting African-American students admitted to regular day-time classes instead of their having to attend night classes in the basement of the Administration building taught by Student Assistants.

While serving as President of Fel-Crest Enterprises, I wrote, developed and published several publications, including a manual called "Leathercraft for the Amateur" and an advanced publication called "Advanced Working with Leather" and an extensive selection of designs and patterns to be used in creating large leathercraft items.

Indiana University:

President of the IU HPER Recreation Club in 1955-1956.

Received the 1956 Albert H. Weir Award as Outstanding Student of the Year.

Church responsibilities while attending the Seminary:

Served as full-time Minister of Education and Music with the Diamond Hill Baptist Church in Fort Worth in 1945-1946.

Served as full-time Minister of Education and Youth with the Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth in 1947.

Served as full-time Minister of Education and Youth with the First Baptist Church of Houston, Texas in 1948.

(Travis Avenue and First Baptist were two of the largest churches in Texas at that time.)

Following Graduation from SWBTS:

Appointed as Professor of Religious Education and Special Studies at the Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, in August 1948 and served there until May 1954.

As the seminary did not have summer school, I accepted the invitation from the Baptist Sunday School Board to head up the recreation and leisure activities at the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in Ridgecrest, N. C. and served there each summer for 13 weeks from 1948 until 1954. In 1953 I established the first Recreation and Leisure Conference for Southern Baptist Churches and was recognized as the first Recreation Specialist by the Baptist Sunday School Board for Southern Baptists in 1954.

Other Awards:

Awarded, as an Eagle Scout on my 16th birthday.

When my wife and I retired in 1984, we pledged to devote at least 50 % of whatever time the Lord granted us to stay on this earth in serving Him in volunteer service.

We spent 21 years as Volunteer Food Shoppers for the handicapped through the American Red Cross. In 1998 we received the Outstanding Montgomery County – Maryland Award for volunteer service.

We spent 19 years as volunteers with the Montgomery General Hospital on the Information Desk one evening a week and were recognized as Volunteers of the Year on three different occasions.

One of the highest honors I have ever received is the [SBU Life Service](#)

Award by the SBU Alumni Association at Homecoming on October 11, 2002. At the same time Dr. C. Pat Taylor asked us to consider returning to the campus to be associated in the SBU mission programs.

In the Fall 2005 issue of the SBU *Life* he wrote: "We have asked Dr. Jack Fellows and his wife Edythe to provide the leadership for the 25th Anniversary of our celebration of missions.

Dr. Fellows graduated from SWBC in 1940 and Edythe attended for three semesters. They have a long and successful career in ministry, doing missions across the world, and recently relocated here in Bolivar. As a part of the celebration, we also will begin a mini-fundraising campaign, which will be a part of the next capital campaign to raise a \$1,000,000 to endow our missions program.

C. Pat Taylor."

Current Professional Volunteer Relationship:

In February 1998, Edythe and I founded a non-profit organization called *Life Center International-America, Inc.* to raise money for mission organizations and individuals. I serve as President and Edythe is Vice President and Treasurer. We had 10 members on our Board of Directors prior to coming to Bolivar and have added 13 local leaders to the Board of Directors since coming here two and half years ago.

Church Affiliation

I spent from 1993 through 2004 as a member of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D. C. I served on the Middle East Missions Committee from 1993 through 1996 and Chair of the Balkan Committee from 1997 to 2002 and on the Mission Council 2003/2004.

My wife and I led NPC service teams to Holy Land in 1994 and stayed on to serve as volunteers with the Bethlehem Bible College in the West Bank. We also took teams to the Balkans (Bosnia and Croatia) each year from 1997 to 2002. We were Co-Chair of SKIFF for Seniors for 2004 and 2005 and the Older Adult Committee for NPC.

My wife and I are currently members of the First and Calvary Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Missouri, as there is no Presbyterian Church in Bolivar. I have served on the Usher Board and a member of the Missions Committee for the past two years. I have just been elected by the congregation as an Elder, to serve from 2008 to 2010 and asked to serve on the Mission Committee.

Current Community Involvements:

Co-Chair of the SBU Endowment for Missions Committee to assist in raising

a \$1,000,000.00 from which the proceeds may be used for students wishing to be involved in a short-term mission project sponsored by the SBU Missions and Ministries Department.

Member of the Bolivar Rotary Club and serve as one of the fund raisers for the new Bolivar Rotary Park now being established in Bolivar at a cost of slightly over \$200,000.

Member of the Board of Directors of the Polk County Senior Center and serve as the fund raiser for the Annual Festival and Silent Auction that provides several thousand dollars for senior support each year.

Member of the Board of Directors of the Polk County Senior Council.

Member of the Bolivar Chamber of Commerce.

Member of Bolivar Habitat for Humanity fund-raising committee.

Creator of the Polk County Property Tax project placed on the ballot in August 2006 to provide financial assistance for Polk County citizens over 60 years of age and was successful in seeing it approved by majority vote. This will provide from \$120,000 to \$140,000 a year to provide much needed services for seniors 60 years and over until such time that the property tax is repealed by vote of the Polk County citizens..

Appointed by the Polk County Commissioners to the seven member Polk County Senior Citizens Service Tax Fund Board of Directors and was elected Treasurer by the board.

Selected as a member of the Board of Directors of the SBU Alumni Association in 2006.

My wife and I are life-time members of the SBU Six-Man Club (Basketball) and the Touchdown Club (Football). We sponsored one of the six new tennis courts in honor of Coach Stewart with a gift of \$10,000.00.

Founders of the SBU Global Ambassador Award:

On June 5, 2004, Dr. C. Pat Taylor, President of the Southwest Baptist University, recognized Dr. Jack and Edythe Fellows as "Our SBU Global Ambassadors." After discussion, it was decided that a \$30,000 Endowment Fund would be established by Dr. and Mrs. Fellows and the proceeds each year would be used to award the SBU Global Ambassador Award to from four to six outstanding mission personnel each year. It has now been established that three will be awarded in the spring each year during the Commissioning of Student Teams in chapel and another three will be awarded during Homecoming each year. More may be awarded if desired and funds are available.