

## **The Vance and Bertha Clapp Endowed Scholarship**

Vance and Bertha Clapp married on December 24, 1937 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. As a university professor, Dr. Clapp taught on the campuses of Oregon State University and Wayland Baptist University. He began his teaching career at Wayland in 1959, and served 15 years as chair of the Department of Business. Dr. Clapp was also instrumental in the establishment of Wayland's off-campus centers, working with others to create the first centers in Lubbock and Wichita Falls, Texas.

Beyond the field of higher education, the Clapp's were deeply involved in religious work. Their devotion to First Baptist Church, Plainview, and to all aspects of evangelical activity is evident in many ways. Dr. Clapp is a member of the Formby Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church.

Bertha went to live with the Lord in 1996, after 60 years of marriage to Vance. His testimonial to their long love affair can best be summarized in these words which he penned shortly after her passing: "Death, instead of being a great tragedy as some see it, is a great victory for the Christian. It's like blowing out a candle because daylight has arrived."