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Leader of the house

There are few men living in America today, probably, who were able to share in the making of the fundamental laws of their states while yet students in some university.

Yet such is the distinction of Carlton Weaver, ex '07, of Wilburton, who was elected speaker of the house of representatives of the thirteenth Oklahoma legislature when it convened January 5.

Mr Weaver is a member of the important class of 1907 that enrolls such names as his own, George B. Parker, editor in chief of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, Walter Ferguson, vice president of the Exchange National bank of Tulsa, and Charles Marsh of Austin, Texas, owner of one of America's largest newspaper chains.

Mr Weaver was a student in the university when he was elected a delegate to the constitutional convention that created the charter of the infant state of Oklahoma in 1907.

He described himself, on accepting the election to the speakership on January 5, as a "cowhand, farmer and newspaperman." He might have added with justice, that he was a builder of Oklahoma, for you will find his name in the background of many worthwhile achievements in Oklahoma.

Mr Weaver was born at Mount Vernon, Texas, August 25, 1881. When he was seventeen, wanderlust seized him, and he boarded a freight train bound for

Oklahoma. He dropped off at Pauls Valley. He lived "on his own" there for a year, then in 1900 he moved to Ada, working at odd jobs in a store until 1902 when he and Marvin Brown purchased the *Ada Weekly News*.

Thus he is one of the early Oklahoma newspaper publishers, and printer's ink has stained his fingers practically ever since. He later bought out Mr Brown's interest and changed his paper into a daily, the *Ada Daily News*.

In 1904 he decided to go to college. He entered Kentucky university, but after a year there, returned to the Sooner state and entered the University of Oklahoma in 1905.

Mr Weaver left his impress on student life on the campus. He was elected president of the freshman class and served in that capacity in '05-'06. He was a charter member of the Norman chapter of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. "Col. Bo Weaver" as the students affectionately knew him, was a member of one of the early Sooner debating teams, debating and winning from Friends university (now University of Wichita). He organized the first University Democratic club and was its first president.

While home on vacation, Mr Weaver announced his candidacy for the constitutional convention. He had stiff opposition in three candidates but won over all three.

In the historic convention that created

the constitution for the next to the youngest state in the Union, Mr Weaver has the honor of being the youngest member, being known as the "baby member."

"One of the greatest thrills I ever experienced," Mr Weaver says, in recalling that momentous period, "was meeting in the convention Dr James Shannon Buchanan, my old professor of history. We occupied the same room during the session."

Mr Weaver did not return to the university. Instead, he tried farming, but, as he says with amusement, he failed "miserably." Before trying the farm venture, he married Miss Amanda James Haynes of Ada.

Like most men who once experience the thrill of the newspaper game, Mr Weaver returned to his first love, entering the newspaper business in Wilburton in 1914, where he has remained ever since owning the only newspaper in his county, the *Latimer County News-Democrat*.

The newspaper proved to be Mr Weaver's forte. By nature never happy unless he is busy, he plunged wholeheartedly into the civic life of his city and county, and is identified in every worthwhile activity, whether civic, commercial or political, in Latimer county and Wilburton. His newspaper has been successful.

Politics have always interested him, just as the call of the constitutional convention thrilled him. Once convinced, he

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closed a mortgage and was neither the plaintiff nor defendant in any action before a court. It weathered financial storms that brought closure to three other banks in the community and was the only bank to remain open.

Mr Memminger was active in the life of Atoka. He was the president of the Atoka Building and Loan association, the president of the Atoka Lions club, the only business men's organization in the county, county chairman of the Democratic Central committee, service officer and county commander of the American Legion. He was named a colonel on the governor's staff.

Three weeks after war was declared, Mr Memminger resigned as cashier of the bank and enlisted in the army. He attended the officers training camp at Fort Roots, Little Rock, Arkansas, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the quartermaster corps on August 15, 1917. He was on duty at Camp Pike, Little Rock, until December, 1917, when he was transferred to the army finance school at Camp Johnston, Jacksonville, Florida. He sailed for France in April, 1918. He received promotion to become a first lieutenant and was stationed at La Rochelle, France most of the time. He was in service a total of twenty-six and a half months, fourteen months being overseas service.

In March, 1919, he was one of a detachment of 2,000 from the army assigned to English universities. He attended the University of Edinburgh until June, 1919. During his first month in England, he travelled over the country, and was presented to King George V in Buckingham palace. Other interesting experiences of this pleasureable period were a tea with Princess Alice at Windsor castle and tea with Marie Corelli at Stratford-on-Avon.

Mr Memminger was discharged at Camp Dix, New Jersey, July 26, 1919. He at present holds the rank of major in the officers reserve.

It was natural that Mr Memminger should enter politics. His father had a long and honorable part in the making of Oklahoma. He himself had been a page in the first senate of the state. In the university he had helped organize the Oklahoma League of Young Democrats, and was state treasurer for the organization in 1917. In 1926, he was a member of the platform committee of the state democratic convention. In the primary campaign last summer, he was nominated and elected senator for Atoka, Bryan and Coal counties. His primary majority was 2,500, his final majority was almost eight thousand.

Mr Memminger makes his home at Atoka with his mother and sister.

GEORGE H. JENNINGS

George H. Jennings, '16 law, is a newcomer to the state senate, but he has long been a leader in Creek county, where he practices law. He is the senator for the eleventh district, embracing Creek and Payne counties.

In the university, he was the president of the second year law class, in 1915 and won the Callagan law scholarship prize that year. He was president of the Sooner bar, and was elected to membership in Phi Delta Phi, honorary legal fraternity. He is a member of Phi Gamma Delta social fraternity.

Mr Jennings holds one of the highest averages of any graduate of the law school.

In addition to the practice of law in Sapulpa from 1917 to 1918 he served as justice of the peace. During the war he served as a Four Minute Man and as a member of the Creek county exemption board. He was secretary of the Creek county election board for four years.



NATIONAL LEADER OF PHYSICS TEACHERS

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high standing, having for its chief aim the promotion of better teaching in physics.

Several organizations of physics teachers have existed among secondary school and junior college teachers but never with the full approval and co-operation of the research physicists and of the great organizations devoted to the promotion of research in physics. What evidently was lacking was the able leadership of a man who knew and appreciated the viewpoint of both the teacher and the research physicist. It has turned out that the man who is equipped to fulfill this need is here at the University of Oklahoma.

A few weeks ago a group of men met in Chicago to talk over the possibilities of forming a society for the teaching of physics. These men knew of the work of Doctor Dodge and it was an acknowledged fact among them that if they could get him actively interested in the formation of the proposed society, the venture would be a success. Dean Dodge was therefore asked to preside as chairman of an organization meeting to take place in Cleveland, Ohio, during the recent annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He accepted and the meeting resulted in the formation of the American Association of Teachers of Physics.

This society, of which Dean Dodge has been made the first president, fills an unique place, not only because it is the only national organization of teachers of physics but because it is devoted primarily to the betterment of both graduate and undergraduate teaching in colleges and universities. There is something refreshing in the assumption involved here, namely that teaching can be improved in all ranks, including that of the graduate school.

There is little doubt but that the organization will have the co-operation that it deserves from physicists in general and from the American Physical Society, the research organization. Doctor Dodge has seen to that by having the officers and executive committee include such men as Dr K. T. Compton, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr F. K. Richtmyer, dean of the graduate school of Cornell university, Dr Ralph S. Minor, professor of physics in the University of California, and Dr Paul E. Klopsteg, president of the Central Scientific Company.

There are between fifteen and twenty thousand teachers, research workers and industrial physicists in the United States and Canada who are eligible for membership in the American Association of Teachers of Physics. This infant which our Oklahoma teacher-dean is guiding bids fair to become an exceedingly important factor in science education in America.



LEADER OF THE HOUSE

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espouses one side or another in a political battle. You can't keep him out of a political campaign.

During the early part of the war, Mr Weaver was secretary of the Latimer county council of defense and county food administrator. Later, he enlisted in the tank corps, and is probably the only soldier in the American army enlisted through the selective draft who had previous to that time served in a constitutional convention.

Mr Weaver has varied interests in life. A major program with him has been promotion of good roads for southeastern Oklahoma. He blocked out and promoted the state game reserve in Latimer county. He led in the establishment of the most extensive and the most attractive boy scout camp in Oklahoma, eight miles north of Wilburton.

His election as speaker of the house was made by unanimous vote and was popular in the state generally. He is the first Sooner to be speaker of the house.