



Dr. Edwin DeBarr, known to Sooners all over Oklahoma

Faculty Page

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DR. EDWIN DEBARR, whose picture appears on this page, is still a familiar figure about Norman, although he has not been teaching for a number of years. His home, at 507 Chautauqua, is a pleasant place to visit, and Mrs. DeBarr is a cheerful hostess. In the old days, early graduates called the doctor "Daddy DeBarr" the term implying affection and respect, for Professor DeBarr trained chemists and pharmacists for positions all over the state.

Go into any drug store anywhere in Oklahoma and ask "Does anyone here know Doctor DeBarr?" The chances are that a grey-haired druggist will arise and begin to grin, for the name brings up memories. The doctor is well known in Masonic circles.

He is ever young. A year or so ago in preparation for a trip to South America he enrolled in French and Spanish classes. He did better, they say, than the freshmen. The young instructor would have been surprised to learn that before the University had a Modern Language Department, Doctor DeBarr taught beginning classes in German and French.

This last summer while investigating the silt which was poisoning fish in the North Canadian river, the professor ran into a ditch and broke a rib or two. Well, if you never climb a tree you will

never have a fall; if you never venture, you won't run into a ditch. But the doctor has ever been venturesome, the ideal investigator. Old students will say that two things at least besides courtesy and good humor Doctor DeBarr taught them: hard work and accuracy.

Doctor DeBarr's experience while traveling in a car furnishes the idea for this page. Oklahomans are great travelers. You see the yellow and black tags all over the country. "Where were you this summer?" we asked a number of friends. The list could be made longer; it is not representative, but it illustrates a variety of interests and a desire on the part of the faculty for improvement.

President and Mrs. Bizzell were in Norman nearly all summer, but they visited the Fiesta in Santa Fe, the first week in September.

Professor and Mrs. John Alley were at Harvard and other spots in New England.

Dean and Mrs. Julien C. Monnet were in New Hampshire all summer. They say the Dean was pleasantly located between two good golf courses.

Dr. Ernest C. Ross has just returned from a year's residence in England.

Dr. E. E. Dale taught at Nebraska University.

Professor H. C. Peterson of the Department of History was studying conditions in the trouble spots of Europe.

Professor T. H. Brewer visited his sister in Boulder, Colorado.

Dr. Roy Gittinger and family took a motor trip through New Mexico with an excursion into Old Mexico. Santa Fe, Albuquerque, and Carlsbad Caverns were included.

George Wadsack and family drove to Oregon and Washington.

E. R. Kraettli and J. L. Lindsey and families attended a University officials' convention at Laramie, Wyoming.

Dr. S. M. Salyer took the boat from Galveston to New York, and spent his vacation at Amherst College.

Dean Reaves and family and Dean Salter and family were in the vicinity of Latta, South Carolina.

Professor Jerome Dowd and family motored to North Carolina, Florida, and the Southeast.

Professor E. R. Duvall visited Virginia, Florida, and Texas.

Kenneth Kaufman spent a part of the summer in the offices of Bobbs-Merrill Company at Indianapolis.

Dr. and Mrs. Roy T. House found a pleasant German community at Elmhurst, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago.

Dr. G. L. Cross was botanizing in California and the Northwest.

Dr. Milton Hopkins conducted classes in botany in the South St. Vrain, near Lyons, Colorado, at Innisfree.

School attracted many: Eugenia Kaufman at the University of California, Bess Clement at Stanford, and Mary Elizabeth Simpson at Stanford. Edith Shepherd attended school in Texas, Catherine Holman in Wisconsin, Goldia Cooksey in Chicago.

J. H. Marshburn attended the International Lions Convention in California.

J. M. Hernandez and Stephen Scatori taught languages in Colorado Springs.

Dr. C. E. Decker was doing geology work in Illinois. Dr. Victor Monnett was in the Northwest with a party on geological work.

Dr. S.W. Reaves, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the only honorary Life Member of the Alumni Association, visited his parents this summer, who still live in the house in which Dr. Reaves was born. His father is 91 years old and his mother 87. They have lived in the same house for seventy years and last June observed their seventy-first marriage anniversary.

Professor J. F. Brooks was in Illinois.

We haven't seen them all yet, but the familiar item in the local paper deals with the return to the University of some well-known person who has traveled and studied at the ends of the earth—does the earth have ends? But this will illustrate the point. Ask "Where have you been?" You will get an instructive or amusing answer.