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FOUR men who served the University in its earlier days were claimed by death during the summer. One of them, W. N. Rice, was included in the original four faculty members who established the University in the Fall of 1892. The others who died are Dr. J. F. Paxton, professor of Greek and the oldest member of the faculty in point of service; Edmund Berrigan, professor of accounting and a member of the faculty since 1913; and Dr. Floyd J. Bolend, retired former professor of anesthesia and tropical medicine.

Mr. Rice served on the faculty for the first two years of the University's existence, teaching Latin, English grammar, history and other subjects. Later he taught school in Norman, Lexington, Alva, Blackwell, Moore, Yukon and Newkirk. For a time he was principal of a school in Norman.

When he first came to Oklahoma Mr. Rice became editor of the *Oklahoma School Herald*, the first successful educational magazine in the territory.

He moved to Oklahoma City in 1917 and at the time of his death made his home with a son and daughter in Oklahoma City. He was 87 years old and had been in poor health for several years. Burial was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Norman.

Mr. Rice's death leaves only two of the four original faculty members still living. Dr. David Ross Boyd, the first president, died in 1936 at the age of 83. The two surviving members are Dr. Edwin DeBarr, city health officer in Norman; and F. S. E. Amos, who retired from the faculty a year ago and is now living in California.

Dr. Joseph Francis Paxton, who died in June at the age of 74, had been on the faculty since 1896. He served the University as professor of Greek and classical archaeology and head of the department. He was still on the faculty on a retirement basis at the time of his death, but had been unable to teach for the last year.

Dr. Paxton was a graduate of the University of Missouri and also received a degree from Harvard University. He was a charter member of both the University of Oklahoma and the University of Missouri chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honor society.

He was widely known as the editor of the *University Anthology of Poetry*, a collection of poetry by students, faculty members and alumni of the University and was known also as a writer. He was a member of the American Association of University Professors and the Faculty Club.

Mrs. Paxton, the former Fantine Samuels, was the first woman graduate of the University. She received her degree in 1901. Survivors in addition to Mrs. Paxton include two daughters, Mrs. H. P. McCrimmon (Adelaide Paxton, '24), now living in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Mrs. Neil Sanborn (Josephine Paxton, '29, '32lib.sc), of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

In accordance with Dr. Paxton's wishes, the body was sent to Kansas City for cremation and no funeral service was held, and his friends were invited to contribute to the University's library of classical languages rather than sending flowers.

A Paxton Memorial Scholarship Fund was started by a faculty committee consisting of Dr. O. W. Reinmuth, head of the classical language department, Jerome Dowd, Dr. J. W. Sturgis and Emil R. Kraettli.

Edmund Berrigan, who had been a member of the O. U. faculty since 1913, died July 18 in an Oklahoma City hospital. He was 76 years old. Mr. Berrigan began service on the faculty as an assistant in economics in the extension division. Later he became assistant professor of economics and in 1927 was made professor of accounting and served for a time as head of the department.

He received the B. A. degree from the University in 1917, and the M. A. degree from the University of Chicago in 1918. He was author of the widely used textbook, *Elements of Accounting*. After



This is probably the last picture ever taken of William N. Rice, one of the four original faculty members of the University, who died this summer in Oklahoma City

reaching the retirement age, he continued to teach on a half-time basis until illness forced him to give up his work.

Survivors include Mrs. Berrigan; two daughters, Dr. Agnes Berrigan, '13 '13ma, Stillwater; and Mrs. William L. Clark, '18, Oklahoma City; and one son, W. J. Berrigan, '24bus, Woodboro, Texas.

Funeral services were conducted in Norman and burial made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Dr. A. B. Adams, dean of the College of Business Administration, announced plans for a memorial in the form of a book collection for the business administration library. Members of the committee are Dr. Findlay Weaver, I. J. Soltenberger and A. W. Johnson.

The fourth former faculty member taken by death this summer was Dr. Floyd J. Bolend, of Oklahoma City, who until his retirement in 1933 was professor of anesthesia and tropical medicine in the University School of Medicine. He was 62 years old.

Dr. Bolend received the Ph. C. degree from the University in 1901 and the M. D. degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis, Missouri, in 1906. He became a physician and an army officer. Following the world war he was decorated by the king of Italy for his work in control of the influenza epidemic. He was deputy chief surgeon for the A. E. F. in Italy.

Beginning the practice of medicine in 1910 at Oklahoma City, Dr. Bolend joined the School of Medicine staff in 1911. He attained the rank of colonel in the United States army before his retirement.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Horace Thompson (Ethel Bolend, '29), of Oklahoma City.

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Ralph Beegle, '22pharm, has resigned as associate professor of commercial pharmacy to accept a position as manager of sales promotion for the Cerophyl Laboratories with headquarters in Kansas City. He began his new work August 1.

Mr. Beegle, a member of the University staff for eleven years, organized the University's short courses for druggists which attracted large crowds in the last two years.

Because of the University's budget reductions, it appeared likely in August that the vacancy would not be filled.

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Folsom D. Jackson, former member of the University of Oklahoma voice faculty, has left his position as head of the fine arts division of Panhandle A. and M.

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Daniel M. Garrison, of Seminole; and Ned DeWitt, '36ex, and Jim Thompson, both of Oklahoma City.

Sooner writers

Give Me a Child, a new book by Mary McDougal Axelson, '13ex, has been published by Caxton Printers, Idaho. The book is a novel of motherhood, based on her play, *Life Begins*, which was remarkably successful on both stage and screen.

The courses in professional writing conducted at the University of Oklahoma by W. S. Campbell of the English faculty received a warm compliment recently from the *Saturday Review of Literature*. This widely read publication stated "The course in professional writing offered by the University of Oklahoma sounds so efficient and intelligent, whether taken in person or by correspondence, that we are tempted to refer it to many applicants who wish that kind of information and training."

An article on "The Training of College and University Teachers" by Homer L. Dodge, dean of the Graduate School of the University, appeared in a recent issue of *School and Society*. Dr. Dodge, who had made an extensive survey of this field, suggests that each institution needs an all-university committee to make suggestions for the improvement of the whole education program, to insure better training for future college and university professors.

A second edition of *Level Land*, book of southwestern poetry by Kenneth C. Kaufman, '16, '19ma, professor of modern languages in the University and editor of the *Sunday Oklahoman* literary page, has been released by the Kaleidograph, Dallas, Texas. The second edition is slightly enlarged to include some recent poems.

A short story, "Calamity Rolls His Guns," by Lee Bond, '32, appeared in the July 15 issue of *Wild West Weekly*. Mr. Bond is on the staff of the United Press bureau at Oklahoma City.

Robert Whitehand, '33, instructor in drama in the University during the last year, won second prize in a national radio script writing contest conducted by Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Maurice Halperin, assistant professor of Romance languages in the University, is author of a comprehensive survey of literary productions of Mexico during the last year, which was published recently in *The Living Age*.

Edits new publication

Ira Rice, '38ex, is editor of a new religious newspaper, *Christian Soldier*, which he founded in the Rio Grande Valley March 2. Mr. Rice is evangelist for the Church of Christ at Edcouch, Texas.

He is former city editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*.

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College at Goodwell to become dean of fine arts at Amarillo College, Amarillo, Texas. Mr. Jackson also will be director of music at the Polk Street Methodist church at Amarillo, and give private instruction in voice.

Robert Whitehand, '33journ, instructor in drama during the last year, has resigned in order to spend the next year completing work for a Ph. D. degree in drama at the University of Iowa, where he received his master's degree.

Mr. Whitehand hopes to return to the University of Oklahoma, he said, but was not eligible for a leave of absence as he had been on the staff only one year. He is author of a number of prize-winning plays and short stories.

B. A. Botkin, who has been on leave of absence from the faculty for the last two years, will return this Fall to his work as associate professor of English. During the last year he has been in Washington, D. C., serving as folklore editor for the Federal Writers' Project.

Robert C. Gorham, associate professor of electrical engineering at the University of Pittsburgh and former member of the University of Oklahoma faculty, is author of a new book, *Power Economics for Engineering Students*.

W. R. Wehrend, director of University bands and professor of music education, was elected national counselor at the convention of Kappa Kappa Psi, band fraternity, held in August at Cincinnati, Ohio. Herman Ziemer, manager of the University bands, was elected national treasurer.

Dr. J. Rud Nielsen, professor of physics, is scheduled to address an international meeting of philosophers at Harvard University September 10. He was to return to New York August 31 from a summer of travel in Europe.

A life fellowship in the Andean Anthropological Expedition of the Institute of Scientific Research has been awarded Dr. Willard Z. Park, head of the University's department of anthropology. Dr. Park headed an expedition to northern Colombia two years ago.

Herbert H. Scott, '26, '26ma, director of the Extension Division, spoke at the annual meeting of the American Library Association at San Francisco in June, and led a roundtable discussion at the convention of the National University Extension Association the next week at Berkeley.

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