

Alumni President

WHENEVER there is a tough job to be done in the vicinity of Atoka, someone is pretty sure to suggest, "Let's get Charlie Memminger—he'll do a good job of it."

That's the kind of man the University of Oklahoma Association has for its president this year. He's the kind of man who is always busy, yet can find time to take on an additional job if it is something worthwhile that needs to be done for the good of the community or the state. Banker, state legislator, farm operator, soldier, civic worker and attorney, he's the kind of substantial citizen whose life of real service reflects credit upon his alma mater.

Here is a partial list of his present responsibilities: president of the University of Oklahoma Association, president of the Kiamichi Production Credit Association which makes about \$400,000 of loans per year to farmers in eight counties in southeastern Oklahoma, president of the Kiamichi chapter of the Reserve Officers Association, vice-president of the Atoka Chamber of Commerce, vice-chairman of the administrative committee of Section 18 of the State Bar Association, member of the board of directors and former president of the Atoka Building and Loan Association, elder in the Atoka Presbyterian Church, member of the Atoka County Excise Board, district judge advocate of the American Legion and membership chairman for the Atoka Post and former member of the Legion's state executive committee, and major in the United States Army Reserve Corps.

The list is all the more impressive in view of the fact that Mr. Memminger takes each of these positions seriously, and takes on new responsibilities only when he feels that he can make a definite contribution. Thoroughness with which he works is shown by the fact that his first act when he became president of the Alumni Association was to make a careful study of Association records and financial statements so that he would have a full background of information to guide him in his work as head of the Association during this year. He has kept in close touch with other members of the Executive Board and after considerable study has worked out a plan for establishment of a number of committees within the Executive Board to devote special attention to important phases of the Association's work.

Mr. Memminger's interest in politics dates from the time he served as a page in the very first session in the State Senate of Oklahoma, in 1907-08. He was elected a member of the State Senate in 1930 and served until 1934. He did not



Charles B. Memminger, '14, '33law, your hard-working alumni president

run for re-election in 1934. He served as chairman of the Atoka County central committee and treasurer of the State League of Young Democrats.

While a member of the Senate, Mr. Memminger was vice-president of the committee that investigated the University of Oklahoma. While showing no special favors to the University, he was instrumental in seeing that the full facts were presented fairly in the hearings.

Beginning his business career as bookkeeper in the Atoka State Bank in 1914, he soon became cashier. After serving in the army during the World War, he returned as cashier of the bank and was cashier and vice-president with a controlling interest when he sold out in January, 1929. While fifty banks within fifty miles of Atoka went out of business, this bank had never filed a suit of foreclosure under Mr. Memminger's management. He also served as treasurer of the State Bankers Association in 1929.

Although he received a bachelor's degree in 1914, he had taken a half year of law in his senior year, and became interested in law as a profession. When he sold the bank in 1928, he decided to go back to the University and complete a law course. He was admitted to the Bar in 1931 and went back to O. U. to receive his degree in the Spring of 1933.

In January, 1934, Mr. Memminger went to Wichita, Kansas as secretary to the newly organized Production Credit Corporation with ten million dollars capital, having supervision of the organization and operation of the Production Credit Corporation in Kansas, Oklahoma, Colo-

rado and New Mexico. These production credit associations are co-operative lending associations which make loans to farmers and stockmen. After two years in this position, Mr. Memminger returned to Atoka to live on a farm nearby and practice law in Atoka where he is a law partner of Judge J. W. Clark, a former member of the State Supreme Court.

Another phase of Mr. Memminger's interest—his work in the army reserve corps—results from two and one-half years of active service during the World War. He attended the first officers training camp at Fort Logan H. Roots, Arkansas, from May to August, 1917, when he was commissioned second lieutenant. He attended the army financial school at Camp Joseph E. Johnston, Jacksonville, Florida, early in 1918 and served overseas for fourteen months, from April, 1918 to July, 1919.

An unusual experience during his duty overseas was an opportunity to attend the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, after the signing of the Armistice. Because facilities for transporting soldiers back to America were very inadequate, military authorities decided to send two thousand picked men to various schools in England, and Mr. Memminger was one of the men chosen for this special opportunity. He enrolled in agricultural courses and with other students visited farms in the vicinity of Edinburgh to study agricultural methods. During a month's vacation he had the pleasure of meeting King George at Buckingham Palace where the King, in accordance with military etiquette, exchanged salutes with him.

Mr. Memminger was born at Madison, Nebraska, but came to Indian Territory with his parents and sister in the winter of 1904-05. They lived at Durant for a short time, but Atoka has been the family home since 1906.

The schools he has attended include public schools at Madison, Nebraska, the old Presbyterian Indian College at Durant, the Atoka public schools, Epworth University Preparatory School in Oklahoma City, the University of Edinburgh and the University of Oklahoma.

Mr. Memminger has been active in O. U. alumni affairs for many years and has been a member of the Executive Board off and on for about twenty years. He served as vice-president last year. He and Mrs. Memminger (Ruth Moore, '20, '26) are life members of the Association. Mrs. Memminger was instructor in piano at O. U. before their marriage in 1933. They have one child, Caroline Margaret, three years old.

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Albert H. Follmar, '38, is attending the United States Marine Corps Basic School at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

BAGG-ATKINS: Miss Manon Turner Bagg, '38ex, and Robert Lockard Atkins were married in November. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. He attended Washington University and the University of Arkansas, and is now employed in the geophysical department of a Tulsa oil company. They have established a home at Woodward where he is stationed.

GREEN-GRANT: Miss Dorothy Green, '38ex, and Tom Calvin Grant, '38ex, were married May 21 in Wewoka. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. They live in Oklahoma City, where he is employed by the Ancel Earp Insurance Company.

CARPENTER-BRASEL: Miss Ovis Lorraine Carpenter, '38pharm, and Leslie P. Brasel, '38 pharm, were married December 31. They live in Ada, where they are both employed in the Carpenter Drug Company.

FORRESTER-DeLAY: Miss Elvina Forrester, '38ex, and Dana Wallace DeLay were married December 17 at Oklahoma City. Mr. DeLay, a graduate of the University of Utah, has charge of the government radio station at the Municipal Airport, Oklahoma City.

MILLER-WILSON: Miss Abbie Miller and George Wilson, '38bus, were married December 24. She attended Cameron Junior College at Lawton. They live in Oklahoma City, where he is assistant manager of the Clow Gasteam Company.

SHERIDAN-KERR: Miss Lucille Sheridan and William A. Kerr, '38law, were married in December. Mr. Kerr is an attorney in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Kerr is employed by the Aetna Life Insurance Company.

ELLIS-CLIFFORD: Miss Berthell Ellis and Earl Leon Clifford, '38ex, were married December 24 in Wewoka, where they now reside.

McCARLEY-HILSEWECK: Miss Helen McCarley and William Hilseweck, '38geol, were married December 10 in McAlester. They are at home in Fort Worth, Texas, where Mr. Hilseweck is employed by the Gulf Oil Company.

WALL-WRIGHT: Miss Imajean Wall and Randolph Earle Wright, Jr., '38geol, were married November 26 at Perry. He is a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. They live in Oklahoma City.

ANDERSON-MANNUS: Miss Elizabeth Adele Anderson, '38ed, and Eugene C. Mannus were married December 21. She is a member of Chi Omega sorority. They live in Norman.

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Paul Sinderson, senior journalism student, joined the staff of Senator Josh Lee in Washington, D. C., January 1. Former managing editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*, Mr. Sinderson plans to complete work for his degree through correspondence courses.

SHOBERT-GILBERT: Miss Geraldine Shobert, freshman, and L. N. Gilbert, Jr., senior, were married December 23. They live in Norman, where they are continuing their studies at the University.

MATTOX-SILVEY: Miss Kathryn Mattox and Max Silvey, senior engineer, were married December 24 in Oklahoma City. She attended Harding College and Central State Teachers College, and is now a member of the faculty at Taft Junior High School in Oklahoma City.

TROUT-WILCOXSON: Miss Mozelle Trout and Luther Karl Wilcoxson, both seniors in the University, were married at Terral during the Christmas season. She is a member of Delta Gamma sorority and he is affiliated with Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. They live in Norman, where he is employed at McCall's Men's Store.

RUDROW-BAXTER: Miss Evelyn Rudrow and James L. Baxter, University senior, were married December 30 in Shawnee. She attended Central State Teachers College. They live in Oklahoma City.

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One of Mr. Memminger's qualifications for president of the Alumni Association is his wide acquaintance with several different generations of students at O. U. He first enrolled on the O. U. campus as a student in the preparatory department in 1919. He took four years of college work and received the B. A. degree. He enrolled again in 1929 and completed most of his law work with the class that graduated in 1931. However, he came back later in the spring term of 1933 and completed his work for the LL. B. degree.

As an undergraduate student in the University, Mr. Memminger took part in class athletics, was interested in student dramatics, literary societies, publications and almost everything else of interest on the campus. He played class baseball, football and basketball. He was assistant business manager of the 1913 Sooner Yearbook and served the next year as member of the publication board. He had a part in a German play presented by Teutonia, German Club, in 1913; the next year he played "Uncle Buck" in the annual burlesque sponsored by the junior class, and he had a part in the senior play of 1914. He found time to serve on the Y. M. C. A. cabinet three years and was treasurer of the organization in his senior year.

However, young Memminger wasn't so completely serious as his record of substantial activities might indicate. It was during his time in school that the engineers' smoke stack was first desecrated by the painting of "D. D. M. C." high on the stack. He wasn't one of the two foolhardy students who volunteered to let themselves be pulled up to the top of the smoke stack on a precarious platform drawn up by a cable, but he was one of the trustworthy men who held onto the cable at the bottom of the smoke stack and enabled the dangerous painting job to be completed without any fatalities.

That's the kind of man Charlie Memminger is. You don't find him doing spectacular things to attract public attention, but you find him always with a steady hand on the cable doing his share of the important ground work behind any worthwhile project in his community or state.

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Finish aviation training

Three former students in the University are scheduled to receive their "wings" in the United States Army Air Corps at graduation ceremonies this month. They are Leonard B. Storm, '37ex, Seth J. McKee, '37ex, and Herbert Von Tungeln, '34.

Mr. McKee and Mr. Von Tungeln are being trained in attack aviation and Mr. Storm is in the pursuit division.

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