

Oil Industry Honors DeGolyer

[Sooners at Home and Abroad]

IN recognition of "distinguished achievement in improving the technique and practice of finding and producing petroleum," Everett L. DeGolyer, '11, internationally famed geologist and oil producer, has been awarded the Anthony F. Lucas gold medal for 1940. The award is made annually by the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers on the recommendation of a special committee of sixteen leaders in the petroleum industry in the United States.

This honor came closely on the heels of an announcement that Mr. DeGolyer will join the faculty of the Department of Geology of the University of Texas as a "distinguished professor." He will take this post February 1, bringing to the classroom his experiences gained both from the oil fields and from the directorates of oil corporations.

His name appeared in the news again last month, when he became a director of the First National Bank of Dallas, Texas.

Mr. DeGolyer's most widely acclaimed work has been in connection with geophysics in the petroleum industry. The modern seismograph method of prospecting for oil has developed from the early experiments made by him and his associates.

Beginning as a United States Geological Survey field assistant in 1906, Mr. DeGolyer worked steadily upward. The year following his graduation from the University, he became chief geologist for the Mexican Eagle Oil Company. He continued to serve this firm as consultant until 1923. He has since been president, general manager, and vice president of three independent oil companies.

He formed the Amerada Petroleum Corporation, of which he was vice president, president and chairman of the board successively. He followed a similar pattern with Rycade Oil Corporation, the Geophysical Research Corporation, and the Felmont Corporation.

Since 1935, when he became a director of the American Petroleum Institute, Mr. DeGolyer has been giving his attention to personal geological research and to his extensive oil interests. He is author of more than seventy-five scientific articles, several of which have been translated into foreign languages.

He was given an honorary doctor of science degree in 1925 by the Colorado School of Mines.

In addition to his vocational interests, Mr. DeGolyer is also an art enthusiast. He is familiar with many of the art libraries of the Southwest, and has studied Mexican painting and its history.

Mr. DeGolyer and Mrs. DeGolyer (Nell Goodrich, '06fa, '07) live in Dallas, Texas.



E. L. DeGolyer, winner of the Lucas medal for distinguished service to the oil industry

Governor speaks at Chicago

Governor Leon C. Phillips, '16law, although not an oil man by profession, was credited by newspaper writers with "stealing the show" at the twentieth annual meeting of the American Petroleum Institute held in late November at Chicago.

Paul S. Hedrick, writing in the *Tulsa World*, declared that Governor Phillips, "pictured at committee, group and main sessions as a fighting, two-fisted red-headed chief executive, captured easily the sympathy and friendship of the more than 3,500 oil men who took in the institute's greatest meeting."

Also sharing the limelight with Governor Phillips was Frank Buttram, '10, '12 ma, Oklahoma City oil man who is the new president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

Part of the program of the annual banquet, which was attended by 2,500 oil men, consisted of the playing of various college songs, and the two Oklahomans led the singing of "Boomer Sooner."

Governor Phillips, in his formal address to the convention, opposed the so-called Cole bill for federal regulation of the oil industry, and his speech was hailed as bringing the oil men new ideas on state's rights.

New Sooner song

Nearly fifty University of Oklahoma alumni, with wives, husbands and friends, were guests of Fred Waring's orchestra in New York City the night of November 27 to hear the introduction of Mr. Waring's new song, "O.K. Oklahoma." The song

was written especially for the University of Oklahoma at the invitation of the staff of the *Covered Wagon*, student humor magazine.

Because Dr. M. L. Wardell, '19, assistant to the president of the University, was in New York November 27 in connection with an educational survey he is making, arrangements were made by Mr. Waring to present the new song to the O.U. group in a special preview, in advance of the national broadcast of the song in the orchestra's regular commercial program.

Following the prevue of "O.K. Oklahoma," Mr. Waring and his Pennsylvanians gave a forty-five minute floor show to entertain the Sooner crowd.

After the musical program, the group went to the Maison Louis Restaurant for dinner. Dr. Lloyd N. Morrisett, '17, assistant superintendent of schools at Yonkers, New York, acted as toastmaster. Each member of the group introduced himself and his guest, and the toastmaster called upon six alumni from different student generations to describe campus life at O. U. as they knew it.

These speakers were Robert Calvert, '09, chemist and patent attorney; Lloyd W. Maxwell, '12, editor and economist for Standard Statistics Company; Jim Brill, '16, '26, technical expert with Educational Sound Films; Helen McMurtry, '32, head nurse, Memorial Hospital, New York City; John Forston, '34, with Crowell-Collier Publishing Company; and Martha Gossett, '39, physical education director, Drew Seminary, Carmel, New York.

Dr. Wardell gave the main address of the program, describing the recent achievements of the University, and explaining some of the current problems faced.

He also answered questions from the crowd about various old-time faculty members.

"The University of Oklahoma is a first rate institution educationally, scholastically and numerically, but a second or third rate institution so far as equipment and buildings are concerned," Dr. Wardell told the New York alumni.

Following Dr. Wardell's talk, Dr. Morrisett suggested that all those present devoted to the University write to the president and faculty members, encouraging them in their work and expressing appreciation for the progress made.

"The University of Oklahoma and the people of the State of Oklahoma have been singularly blessed in having President William B. Bizzell as head of the University of Oklahoma during the trying decade that has just passed," Dr. Morrisett said. "During these critical years the University has been guided and directed in a most superlative fashion by Dr. Bizzell who is indeed one of the 'wise men' of his

generation, a scholar of the first rank, and a most understanding humanitarian. Dr. Bizzell has indeed been an inspiration to the faculty and a source of confidence to the Alumni Association, and a tower of strength in behalf of education among the people of Oklahoma."

Those present for the meeting included:

Robert E. Brittain, '29, teacher of English literature in Queens College; Morton Glass, '35, salesman; Mrs. Margaret Rayburn Harrison, '22, chemist in U.S. Marine Hospital, Staten Island; Sarah Marshall, '26, social worker; Ruth Downing, '31, psychiatric social worker; C. C. Taliaferro, '19ex, Johns-Manville Corporation; Robert E. Rogers, Jr., '29, sales engineer, the Foxboro Company; James Pipines, '39, engine tester, Wright Aeronautical Corporation; Milton Zuckerman, '39; Alfred P. Slaner, '39, finance department, C. H. Roth Company; Mayo B. Parks, '36; J. E. Grady, '36; W. F. Seba, '28, office manager, National Theatre Supply Company; Mrs. M. A. Shaw (Marguerite Van Dyke, '26), department of public welfare, New York City; Dr. Marvin Elkins, '38med, resident physician, Memorial Hospital, Orange, New Jersey; Martha Gossett, '39, physical education director, Drew Seminary, Carmel, New York; John Fortson, '34, publicity department, Crowell-Collier Publishing Company; Helen McMurtry, '32, head nurse, Memorial Hospital; Jim Brill, '26, technical expert, Educational Sound Films, New York City; Lloyd W. Maxwell, '12, editor and economist, Standard Statistics Company; Robert Calvert, '09, chemist and patent attorney; Dr. Earl C. Chesher, '28med, physician; Mrs. Lucille Griffin Shannon, '24, housewife; Dr. William B. Mullins, '37med, Bellevue Hospital, New York City, pediatric division; Philip C. Keiper, '27, control application engineer, Westinghouse Electric Elevator Company; Dr. Charles Hugh Wilson, '37med, Bellevue Hospital; John W. Davis, '39, student at Columbia University; Roy F. Coleman, '35ex, engineer for petroleum refinery division, Foster Wheeler Corporation; Saleemie Moussa, '28, teacher; Mrs. Lloyd W. Maxwell (Eva Ives, '15); Juanita B. Elkins, '38, private duty nurse; Lloyd N. Morrisett, '17, assistant superintendent of schools, Yonkers, New York.

Ponca City meeting

Two groups at Ponca City, each including a large proportion of O.U. alumni and

former students, heard addresses by Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University, November 28.

At noon that day, Dr. Bizzell spoke to a joint meeting of the Kiwanis Club and O.U. alumni. He was introduced by Charles B. Duffy, '22law, Ponca City attorney, state senator, and former member of the executive board of the University of Oklahoma Association.

In the evening, Dr. Bizzell gave the main address at a dinner meeting of the Ponca City Teachers Association, at the high school. Discussing "Education for Personal Security," the University president expressed belief that America should worry more about individual security than social security.

"If I were doing this thing," he said, "I would spend more money for education with the view of making it possible to reduce social security. That is the only way we can do it."

Roy Grantham, '34law, president of the teachers' association, presided at the dinner. Charles Cuning, '26, was toastmaster. The girls' quartet from the University of Oklahoma gave entertainment numbers.

Special guests at the dinner program included Dr. Laile G. Neal, '25med, chairman of the O.U. Alumni Association Advisory Council in Ponca City, and Mrs. Neal; State Senator Duffy and Mrs. Duffy; Dan Garrett, '17, and Mrs. Garrett, and Clarence Northcutt, '38law.

O.U. alumni attending the teachers' dinner included:

Harriett Fordyce, '30, Mrs. Ethel Grimma, '35 ed, Joyce Bradfield, '28, Mary Frances Floyd, '38 fa, Mrs. Irene Maine, '32ed, Mrs. Gladys Erickson, '17, '18fa, Dortha Nicholas, '36ed, Ruth Brookhart, '31ed, Virginia Livesay, '31, '38m.ed, Bathena Spears, '36m.ed, Maude Blue, '34ed, Neva Belle Harrod, '28ed, Mrs. Marguerite Scruggs, '32ed, Mary Belle Sullivan, '30, Edna



President W. B. Bizzell addresses the Ponca City Teachers Association

Thomas, '30ed, Mrs. Ruth Tyree, '26, Doris Casemore, '36, Raymond L. Caskey, '38ma, W. A. Franklin, '24, '28ms, '34ph.d, Daisy Frick, '34, '39m.ed, Dorine Guthrie, '22, '22ma, Mrs. Kittie Hammons, '18, Erskine Hogue, '27, Florence Mitschrich, '25fa, Alice Moyer, '26ed, Ann Paynter, '29, Ethel Utterback, '22, '36ma, Charles Cuning, '26, Elva Curtis, '26, Donald Galbraith, '38m.ed, Roy E. Grantham, '34, '34law, Mrs. Freda Plummer, '32ma, Carolyn Seitz, '21, Lillian Shuster, '33m.ed, Virginia Springer, '35phys.ed, Woodson Tyree, '26, Lenna Mead, '37ed, and Mrs. Frances S. Catron, '26.

City manager

Only twenty-five years old and his University degree less than four years old, John O. Hall, '36, has been chosen city manager of El Reno. He has been city manager of Nowata for the last year and a half.

Mr. Hall will serve also as city engineer at El Reno, as did his predecessor, George M. March.

Government and engineering were the two principal fields in which he studied at the University. He was a member of the University Band, Kappa Kappa Psi, Bombardiers, Congress Club, and the staff of *Whirlwind*. Before taking the Nowata managership, Mr. Hall worked in the National Archives Bureau at Washington, D. C., and taught in Mexico City, Mexico.

Secretary of medical group

Fred H. Ward, '21, formerly with the Criterian Advertising Agency in Chicago, Illinois, has been elected secretary of the Chicago Medical Association.

On co-ordinating board

Robert S. Kerr, '16ex, Oklahoma City oil man, has been appointed to the state educational co-ordinating board by Governor Leon C. Phillips, '16law. Mr. Kerr fills a vacancy left by the resignation of

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These Sooner alumni gathered in New York last month to hear a preview of "O. K. Oklahoma," new Sooner song written by Fred Waring, popular orchestra leader. Mr. Waring (on the stage at the upper left in the picture) and his orchestra gave the O. U. group a complimentary show. Next to Mr. Waring, standing, is Dr. M. L. Wardell, assistant to the president of the University, who spoke to Sooner alumni at a dinner following the orchestra presentation.

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Dr. John O. Moseley, '16ma, former president of Central State College who left the state to take an administrative position at the University of Tennessee.



Meeting in Los Angeles

J. Harold Decker, '19, was elected president of O.U. alumni in Los Angeles, California, at a meeting in November. Mr. Decker is an attorney. Frank Martin, '35 ex, was elected vice president, Grace Bumgarner, '19ex, secretary, and Barbara Jo Wilson, '35, treasurer.

Approximately sixty alumni attended the meeting, which was a Thanksgiving dinner affair held at the Chapman-Park Hotel.



Death takes Mrs. D. B. R. Johnson

Mrs. Pearl Webb Johnson, '18ma, '32 ph.d, wife of Dean D. B. R. Johnson of the University School of Pharmacy, was taken by death December 10 at her home in Norman. She had suffered a long illness with cancer.

Many years of her life were spent teaching in Oklahoma public schools. She was a rural school teacher and grade and high school instructor at Waynoka, Oklahoma, prior to 1918, when she became director of normal training at Norman High School. She was also superintendent of schools at Depew for a year before coming to Norman.

Mrs. Johnson's work with the American Association of University Women was widely recognized. She was president of the Norman chapter in 1933.



Wins \$5,000 prize

"Like hitting a jackpot" was the way Mrs. Julian Hollman (Margaret Shaw, '24 h.ec) described her recent victory in a national contest. For the best ten-word slogan submitted in a contest, a shortening manufacturer awarded her the grand prize of \$5,000. She and her husband are using the money to complete payments on their new home at 11 Encline Court, San Francisco.

Entering contests has been a hobby of Mrs. Hollman for several years. She has won a number of prizes, but most of them have been small ones.

At the University Mrs. Hollman was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, was active in the Drama League, the Art Club, Debarr Club, Oikonomia, and the Y.W. C.A.

She taught in the high school at Thomas, Oklahoma, after graduating. She spent three years as gift salesgirl at Ahwahnee Hotel in Yosemite National Park before going to San Francisco where she is now buyer and department head of the Schwabacher-Frey department store.

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