

# Sooners at Home and Abroad

**F**OR the first time in the history of the materiel division of the U. S. Army Air Corps, on August 4, twin brothers, first lieutenants, snapped to attention and reported for duty. The unique happenings at the research and experimental Air Corps station at Wright Field, Ohio, have usually to do with equipment rather than personalities. But this was an exception to the rule.

Lieutenants Thomas and Robert Mayrath are identical twins. Born in Dodge City, Kansas, in 1911, they graduated from the Dodge City High School in 1928 and from the University of Oklahoma with B. S. and M. E. degrees in 1933. They were R. O. T. C. students during their college years and graduated with commissions in the Field Artillery.

After graduation they obtained positions with the Coast and Geodetic Survey and were placed on First Order Control Surveys, their work taking them to Mexico, Canada, and the Rocky Mountains, locating and establishing control points to be used in the making of highly accurate maps.

After a year with this service, they decided they would like to enter the commercial field and applied for positions. They were advised by the personnel managers not to attempt to work together but to strike off into different directions, and were willing to abide by the advice. However, when they were offered positions by the Bendix Aviation Corporation, they were placed not only in the same engineering department but in the same office.

"While we make no point of staying together, we guess people just find out that we're a little happier working together and therefore more useful that way," one of them laughingly explained. After five years with Bendix Aviation, they went to the American Machine & Foundry Company, again working together in the engineering department.

After leaving the University, they requested transfers in their reserve officer capacities from the Field Artillery to the Air Corps, this service offering them more opportunity for the exercise of the engineering work to which they were devoted. They had, therefore, been with the American Machine & Foundry Company but a year when they were called to active Air Corps duty and assigned to Wright Field. Here, too, they were placed not only in the same department in the equipment laboratory of the Experimental Engineering Section, but in the same office.

The twins claim that although their tastes and preferences in all lines of work



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*Lt. Robert L. Mayrath (left) and Lt. Thomas L. Mayrath are a pair of identical twins who have always worked together, and the Army decided to keep them that way*

and entertainment are the same, they complement each other temperamentally rather than think and feel identically. The "identical" feature, however, seems to be ever present, historically speaking. When questioned about their grades in school and in college, they admitted they were very much the same. They say, however, that this may have been in part caused by the confusion of the teachers and professors as to which one of them actually was reciting, since if one didn't know the answer to a question, the other would usually jump up and take it for him.

Their work at Wright Field, which has to do with the development and testing of special airplane equipment, they refer to as "gadget engineering." They are unmarried. When they take leave, it is often to visit their mother who lives in Dodge City, Kansas.

Even in their outside activities at the University of Oklahoma the two Mayraths followed the same path. Both of them were elected to membership in Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Tau, and Tau Omega, and both of them were members of the pistol team for three years.

## Washington Appointment

Charles H. McNeese, '20ba, formerly valuation engineer with the Continental Oil Company in Ponca City, is one of ten business men appointed to the staff of

the newly created Office of Price Administration in Washington, D. C.

Mr. McNeese was named to the fuel section. The men are assigned to sections dealing with commodities with which they have had particular experience.

As an expert in geology and engineering, Mr. McNeese has been associated with Continental Oil Company for several years. He is a captain in the U. S. Army.

## Sooners in R. A. F.

On the fighting front in Europe and in the widely expanded aviation program in the United States are a number of Sooner pilots, engaged in everything from fighting Nazis to testing bombers.

Just returned from England is Bob Moore, '39, former lightweight boxing champion at O. U., who brings a first-hand account of actual warfare as he saw it from the cockpit of his Hurricane, British fighting plane.

Mr. Moore sailed for England and enlisted in the American Eagle Squadron of the Royal Air Force a year ago after being turned down by the U. S. Army Air Corps. He has more than 400 hours of flying to his credit.

The Sooner aviator went right into the thick of combat and brought down two Nazi planes in aerial battle. He is the first American fighter pilot in the R. A. F. to return to the United States. He came back home to have an operation required by sinus trouble. Mr. Moore still wants to be an American flyer, but if Uncle Sam won't accept him he plans to get into the bomber ferrying service between Canada and England.

A former O. U. student who is still flying in the American Eagle Squadron of the R. A. F., Forrest Patty Dowling, Jr., '36 was injured September 7 in his first aerial battle with the Germans.

Mr. Dowling, who signed up with the R. A. F. last April, was flying over France with the American squadron when the combat occurred. He fought his way out of the encounter with the Nazi Messerschmitts and returned to headquarters in Britain. Bullets tore the wings of his plane and damaged the engine.

Before going to England, Mr. Dowling was a passenger agent for Braniff Airways, Inc., in Oklahoma and Texas.

Almost half-way around the world from war-torn Europe, Jimmy Haizlip, '28, engineering test pilot and ace speed flyer, is testing bombers for Douglas Aircraft Company at Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Haizlip, who taught flying lessons while at the University, is a veteran pilot,

having flown in France during the first World War. He is the only American pilot to have won the British Wakefield cup for precision flying. He received the award in 1936 at Lymphe, England.

Mr. Haizlip has just returned from a year in the Philippines where he surveyed the possibilities of aviation development.

### National Fraternity Secretary

Along with his duties as general manager of student publications at the University, amiable, cigar-smoking Cecil H. Brite, '29bus, '31law, will now serve *Acacia* social fraternity as its national secretary. He will hold the office for a four-year term, having been elected by delegates at the national convention in Lafayette, Indiana, in August.

Mr. Brite, financial adviser for the O. U. chapter of the fraternity, has been active in affairs of both the University unit and the national organization since his graduation. During his senior year on the campus he was treasurer of the chapter at the University.

Taking the managership of student publications immediately after finishing school had not been included in Mr. Brite's earlier plans. In his student days he did a little work on the *Oklahoma Daily*, campus newspaper, and academically he pointed for other fields. His major was accounting until he entered law school, from which he graduated in 1931. He was a member of Blackstone Bar.

His decision not to pursue law as a vocation has resulted in efficient business management of the three student publications, *Oklahoma Daily*, *Sooner Year-Book* and the *Covered Wagon*.

### Manager of Piano Team

Acting as personal representative for her two younger sisters who have established a national reputation as duo-pianists is the unusual occupation of Dorothy E. Aley, '33ed.

The two younger sisters, Merry Joy, 11, and Elaine, 14, first crashed the entertainment world in Hollywood where they were presented on the Rudy Vallee broadcast. The orchestra leader said of them, "These children are not only piano prodigies, but they can really play the piano, as proved on my broadcast."

During the last year they gave a concert at the University of Minnesota, followed by a series of concerts through the surrounding territory.

Miss Aley won honors for her forensic ability when she attended the University. She won first place in the Old Line Oratorical Contest in 1932, and placed second in the state contest. She was the only girl in the University elected to Delta Sigma Rho, honorary forensic fraternity.

Elaine was a performer for WNAD, the University radio station, in the early days of the station's existence. She was pre-

sented over WNAD several times when only about four years old.

### National Champion Bulldog

Champion Norhoma Red Warrior, a one-year-old red fawn English bulldog raised by Herbert H. Scott, '26ba, '26ma, director of the University Extension Division, last month was hailed as the youngest champion bulldog in the world.

The dog earned the final points in the 15 required for a national championship by winning the best of breed title at a dog show in Detroit, Michigan. He is one of the three or four bulldogs in the United States and England ever to win a national championship at such an early age. He won championship points in dog shows at Tulsa, Kansas City, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and Louisville.

Mr. Scott has been raising bulldogs for twelve years, as a hobby. Red Warrior is the fourth national champion he has raised or groomed for championship, the others being Princess Norhoma, Leatherneck Semper Fidelis, and Norhoma Squire.

### Heads China Relief Drive

A university professor in China during the early '20s, B. A. Garside, '13ba, is continuing his work in behalf of the Chinese people by directing the United China Relief, Inc., a nationwide drive.

As executive director of the drive, Mr. Garside is working with such leaders as Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, honorary chairman of the national advisory committee, and Pearl S. Buck, novelist, who is chairman.

Since 1927, Professor Garside has been executive secretary of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, with headquarters in New York City. He



Cecil Brite, newly elected national secretary of *Acacia* social fraternity

was born in Stringtown, Oklahoma, and attended high school at Atoka.

### Race With Stork

Take it from Rev. Ervine Swift, '35ba, six days can seem like six years if you are delayed in a race with the stork. Enroute to Grand Island, Nebraska, from Hankow, China, the young Episcopalian missionary spent six days aboard the Japanese liner *Tatuta Maru* when it was held off the California coast last summer.

Despite the Japanese interference he arrived ahead of the stork, joining Mrs. Swift at her parents' home in Nebraska. She had returned to the United States a couple of months earlier.

The baby, a girl, has been named Margaret Ann.

Mr. Swift returned to America on a six-months furlough from his missionary duties in the Orient.

### Heads Speech Department

Jack Douglas, '36speech, Norman, who specialized in speech and oratorical activities during his student days at O. U., has been appointed head of the speech department at Southeastern State College at Durant.

At O. U., Mr. Douglas was a member of the glee club, Thalian, speech organization, and the University Playhouse. He won several honors and awards in debate and oratory.

### Military Artist

Army artist is the unusual designation that fits Private Ralph L. Stuart, '40, Oklahoma City selectee at Fort Sill. Since his induction among the first draftees last fall he has been at work in the Field Artillery school's reproduction office. Besides drawing pay as a third class specialist he is learning phases of art that would require years of expensive study elsewhere.

It all came as a surprise to Private Stuart. He went into the army convinced that his connection with art was at an end. Notice reached him shortly, however, that he would be assigned to a post where he could follow his chosen work.

At first he used water colors in preparing various maps and charts needed at the artillery school. Now he is rapidly becoming an expert in the use of a new paint gun or air brush which offers a greater contrast and adds to the effectiveness of colored drawings.

### Ward Has New Post

Artist and former Sooner cinder star, Bart Ward, '37fa, '38fa, '39m.f.a, has been appointed assistant supervisor of the Works Projects Administration statewide art project and assistant director of the WPA Oklahoma Art Center. For about a year he has been in charge of the Center's art school in Oklahoma City.

One of Oklahoma's best known young sculptor-painters, Mr. Ward has had his

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work on exhibit in Rockefeller Center, New York City, and in a number of shows in the Southwest. He has also taught on the art faculties of Oklahoma City University and Central High School, Oklahoma City.

An outstanding athlete as well as artist, he won numerous track honors in both high school and college. At the University he held Big Six titles in the 440 and 220-yard dashes and broad jump.

## Fine Arts Alumna Killed

An automobile accident near Harrah resulted in the death of Christelle Kern, '38fa, August 25. She was a graduate student and assistant in the music department of North Texas State Teachers College at Denton. She was a sister of Genevieve Kern, University instructor in piano.

During her campus days she was elected to membership in Alpha Lambda Delta, honorary scholastic organization for freshmen, and Sigma Alpha Iota, national honorary musical fraternity. She belonged to El Modjii, for which she was secretary in 1937-38.

Surviving Miss Kern, besides her sister in Norman, are her mother, Mrs. Ivan H. Kern, another sister, Frances Mae Kern, and a brother, Frank J. Kern, Jr., all of Oklahoma City.

## Seven Degrees in Family

A Sooner family if there ever was one is that of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Culp of Norman. Mrs. Nelle Culp Higbee, '41ba, graduated last spring to bring to seven the number of degrees from the University that the six children of the family hold.

John H. Culp, Jr., '33ba, received the first one in 1933. He is in the music and appliance business in Ardmore.

Next came Dudley H. Culp, '34law, now an attorney at Seminole. On the campus he was president of the Interfraternity Council and member of Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

William C. Culp, '35ba, holds the only non-O. U. degree. But before going into graduate work at Louisiana State University, he received the Sooner diploma and the bachelor of arts degree. His present position is assistant professor of geography at Louisiana Normal School, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Another attorney, Joseph M. Culp, '35ba, '37law, Ardmore, is the only member of the family with two University degrees. He was a member of the President's Honor Class and of Phi Delta Phi, honorary legal fraternity.

Last of the boys was Eugene F. Culp, '39eng, who has worked with the Standard Oil Company in Louisiana and for the federal government. He is now in charge of construction of the Nimrod

Dam, Russellville, Arkansas, for the War Department.

## '35 Class President Dies

Lt. Wayne Heckler, '35ba, died at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, August 17, after a short illness. He was called into active military service as a reserve officer last fall. He was 29 years old.

A former Waukomis resident, he came to the University after graduating from Waukomis High School. In addition to being president of the 1935 senior class at O. U. he belonged to Scabbard and Blade, Skeleton Key and was on the staff of the *Sooner Yearbook*. In 1934-35 he was president of the Norman chapter of Delta Upsilon social fraternity and represented it on the Interfraternity Council.

Survivors include his wife and two small children, his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Heckler of Waukomis, and two sisters.

## Called to Service

From coast to coast, hundreds of O. U. alumni and former students are answering Uncle Sam's call for aviators, soldiers, sailors and marines to help prepare America for national defense. A partial list of Sooners recently called to active duty follows:

- Lt. Robert A. Champlin, '32, Medicine Park.
- Lt. Jack O. Cheairs, Jr., '33, Tulsa.
- Lt. Samuel T. Coleman, '38law, Okmulgee.
- Lt. James R. Cowles, '36eng, Tulsa.
- Lt. Arlie G. Henry, '40 Francis.
- Lt. Phil J. Newkumet, '38, Wister.
- Lt. Earl Sneed, Jr., '34ba, '37law, Tulsa.
- Lt. Tom C. Smith, Jr., '41, Oklahoma City.
- Capt. Clyde Lovell Andrews, '21, Enid.
- Capt. Dennis Otis Bernier, '25, Purcell.
- Lt. Joshua Johnson Evans, '38ba, '40law, Vinita.
- Lt. Herbert Thomas Hope, '38bus, Maysville.
- Lt. Howard Russell Huff, '39pharm, Pawhuska.
- Lt. Joseph Thomas Prendergast, '38eng, '39eng, Oklahoma City.
- Lt. Jackie Lynwood Ridley, '39eng, Ponca City.
- Lt. Louis C. Ross, '38law, '36ba, Claremore.
- Lt. Warren Thurman Shayler, '38, Oklahoma City.
- Lt. Robert Earle Witt, '39ba, '39eng, Tulsa.
- Maj. Elva Kenneth Johnson, '28, Oklahoma City.
- Capt. Clyde Jefferson Watts, '31ba, 31law, Oklahoma City.
- Lt. Nathan Wesley Anderson, '39eng, Oklahoma City.
- Lt. Max Edward Billingsley, '39bus, Oklahoma City.
- Lt. Harlan Rankin Emerson, '39, Duncan.
- Lt. Byron Bacon Jones, '38, Oklahoma City.
- Lt. John D. Prendergast, Oklahoma City.
- Marvin Burditt, '39eng, Maysville.
- Benjamin Owens, '40ba, Miami.
- Maj. Frank S. Cleckler, '21ba, Muskogee.
- Lt. Mack M. Braly, '35law, Ada.
- Lt. Leon Virgil Davis, '37, Henryetta.
- Lt. Russell L. Morgan, '37ba, '39law, Oklahoma City.
- Lt. Jackie L. Ridley, '39eng, Ponca City.
- Lt. Edward M. Shipp, '38law, Idabel.
- Lt. Thomas W. Snodgrass, '37pharm, Hobart.
- Lt. Leon M. White, '36bus, Seminole.
- Lt. William L. Boosa, '34eng, Wewoka.
- Lt. Lloyd E. Schilberg, '37eng, Anadarko.
- Lt. Jack L. Marshall, '40eng, Oklahoma City.
- Lt. Jack Edward Whitener, '41bs, Duncan.

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Lt. Samuel M. Anderson, Jr., '39ba, '41law, Oklahoma City.

Lt. Platho P. Scott, Jr., '41eng, Tulsa.

Lt. Cline L. Mansur, '35eng, Vinita.

Lt. James W. Farrimond, '27bus, Oklahoma City.

Lt. Ellis L. Brown, '39eng, Duncan.

Lt. Joe F. Gibson, '34ba, '36law, Oklahoma City.

Lt. Clifford F. Kluck, '35bus, Oklahoma City.

Lt. Nash P. Truss, Jr., '36bus, Oklahoma City.

Lt. Odith K. Spurrier, Jr., '40bus, Oklahoma City.

Lt. Thomas Taylor, '39m.ed, Tulsa.

Lt. Eugene Dale, '38, Enid.

Lt. Andrew Reynolds, '40, Seminole.

Lt. Wesley Gamble, '40, Enid.

Lt. James F. Thomas, '39ba, Oilton.

Lt. Aubra E. Tilley, '40, Bartlesville.

Lt. Glenn E. Hess, '40eng, Oklahoma City.

Lt. John J. King, '38bus, Oklahoma City.

Lt. Guy R. Nichols, '41, Cordell.

Lt. Horace K. Calvert, '40ba, '40law, Madill.

Lt. William W. Musser, Jr., '39ba, '41law, Enid.

Lt. George V. Stein, '40ba, '41law, Miami.

Lt. Richard G. Taft, '37bus, '40law, Norman.

Lt. John Rodney Brown, '41ba, Tulsa.

Lt. John H. Tippit, '38ba, '40law, Marietta.

Lt. Edgar E. Bartlett, '36ba, Oklahoma City.

Lt. Joshua J. Evans, '38ba, '40law, Vinita.

Lt. Lawrence M. Williamson, '34zool, Lindsay.

Lt. Robert L. Grady, '38ba, '38law, Bartlesville.

Lt. Howard R. Huff, '39pharm, Pawhuska.

Lt. Roy O. James, '40ed, Leedey.

Lt. Albert E. Loughmiller, '35ba, '35law, Tulsa.

Lt. Fred S. Ball, Jr., '39ed, Norman.

Lt. Walter D. Hart, '39ba, '41law, Oklahoma City.

Lt. Jackson A. Kinnebrew, '35ba, Oklahoma City.

Lt. Kenneth E. Richards, '37fa, Durant.

Lt. Dudley Lancaster, '24, Seminole.

Lt. Edward P. Allen, '41, Oklahoma City.

Lt. George N. Austin, '40ba, Oklahoma City.

Lt. Clarence H. Bowersox, Jr., '41eng, Oklahoma City.

Lt. Roy E. Caruthers, '41, Chickasha.

Lt. H. A. Deck, '41pharm, Jet.

Lt. Lionel E. Edward, '38eng, Ponca City.

Lt. Charles E. Hughes, '39bus, Norman.

Lt. Oscar J. Jacobi, '41eng, Sterling.

Lt. Robert E. Lyon, '37ba, Shawnee.

Lt. Jack E. Moore, '41, Norman.

Lt. Gerald A. Northrip, '38ba, Madill.

Lt. Robert A. Sellman, '40eng, Oklahoma City.

Lt. Lowell D. Sollenberger, '41eng, Norman.

Lt. Ralph L. Stevenson, '41, Ponca City.

Lt. Herbert Anthony Turk, '40ba, Norman.

Lt. John J. Richards, '41, Oklahoma City.

Lt. Ernest H. Gilbert, Jr., '40bus, Oklahoma City.

## Couple Killed in Wreck

Lt. James L. Witt, Jr., '31, and Mrs. Witt died in an automobile accident near Lake Charles, Louisiana, August 31. Lieutenant Witt was on maneuvers with the army in Louisiana. He had been stationed at Abilene, Texas, in the military police company of the 45th division.

Joint services for the couple were held at Norman. Survivors of Lieutenant Witt include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Witt, Sr., Norman, four brothers, Ernest, Paul, and Roy all of Norman, and J. R. Witt, Oklahoma City.

## Death Takes Attorney

Robert S. "Bob" Howe, '18, Oklahoma City attorney and an active leader in the state American Legion, died September 12 in Wesley Hospital, Oklahoma City,

following a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 47 years old.

Mr. Howe was stricken Thursday, September 11, while visiting in the office of Earl Welch, '11, chief justice of the State Supreme Court. Funeral services were held at Hugo, former home of the attorney, and burial was made in the Hugo cemetery.

Mr. Howe moved to Hugo in 1903 and practiced law there for several years. He served overseas for 19 months during the first World War and later helped organize an American Legion post at Hugo. Elected first commander, he served three terms.

At the University, Mr. Howe was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Survivors include his wife, Lucinda, and two daughters, Gloria, 17, and Lucinda, 5.

## Lochner Directs Recreation

Floyd O. Lochner, '37ed, former University track star, is busy these days directing a program of outdoor sports and recreation for the men on active duty at Fort Sill.

Although the soldiers aren't able to vacation in the mountains or at the seashore, they have plenty of opportunity to take part in the favorite American sport—baseball, swimming, tennis and other games.

Mr. Lochner, whose athletic record qualifies him for the position, won the national intercollegiate two-mile race in 1935 while a student at the University, and accompanied the Princeton track team to Japan in 1937 and set a new world record in the two-mile steeplechase.

Before his appointment as director of the recreation program at Fort Sill, the Sooner athlete was district supervisor in the state WPA recreation program.

## Commissioned as Ensigns

Because of their engineering training at the University, a number of the 1941 engineering graduates have been given commissions as ensigns in the United States Naval Reserve.

They include Clair Eugene Cain, William E. Ranney, Gerald D. Butterworth, Ira Calvin Dockrey, DeWitt C. Hamilton, Jr., Joe Cabot Hannah, William S. Tenhagen, Velmar Van Hendrix, '40eng, '41 m.eng., James Billy Green, Edwin Samuel Arnold, and Robert Harold Stewart. Former students, last on the campus in 1941, who have been commissioned as ensigns, are James W. Allen, Cecil E. Waller, William L. Boyd, John S. Cook, Ernest E. Evinger, and Carl G. Shepard, Jr.

## Six Degrees in Family

Three members of the Wild family at Weatherford have proved their interest in higher education by amassing six degrees from O. U. in the last 14 years.

George Posey Wild, '27ed, '31ma, '41 d.ed, is dean of men and associate professor of history at Southwestern State Col-



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lege, Weatherford. Mrs. Wild (Minnie Mae Davis) received her master's degree in education the summer of 1940.

Their daughter, Mary Ellen, holds two degrees from the University—a fine arts degree in 1940 and a master's degree in education in the summer of 1941.

Dr. Wild has been connected with the faculty at Southwestern since 1929. His doctor's thesis was entitled *History of Education of the Plains Indians of Southwestern Oklahoma Since the Civil War*.

### Geologists Stay in Southwest

Majority of the men who were graduated from the University last June with degrees in geological engineering now are employed with oil companies in three states—Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas.

They include Bob Jess Beams, Shell Oil Company, Tulsa; Gilbert LeRoy Brown, Sunray Oil Company, Oklahoma City; Robert Rondo Eckhart, Jr., Shell Oil Company, Houston, Texas; Arthur R. Erickson, Phillips Petroleum Company, Amarillo, Texas.

John Lewis Hampton, Humble Oil and Refining Company, West Texas; John Alan Hord, Gulf Oil Company, Midland, Texas; John Newton Huff, Brown Geophysical Company, Stamps, Arkansas; Joe Stanley Peerson, Shlumberger Company, Oklahoma City.

Samuel Albert Ray, Pure Oil Company, Fort Worth, Texas; and Grady Henry Vaughn, Vaughn Drilling Company, Dallas, Texas. Raymond Wesley Dudley, who received a master of science degree in geological engineering, is employed by the Superior Oil Company, Midland, Texas.

In the army are Lt. Ben Frank Curtis, Camp Lee, Virginia, and Lt. James Wilson Darden, Fort Sill, Harry Richard Segnar, Jr., and Norman Robert Stewart. Warren Fitch Pilcher, another geological engineering graduate is in the naval reserve training school, San Diego, California.

### Sooners in Venezuela

O. U. is well represented in the Venezuelan oil centers, according to a letter from Woody Huddleston, '39eng, who is with the Standard Oil Company of Venezuela, South America.

He reports having seen M. R. Pitman, '32eng, W. J. Barnett, '35eng, W. E. Beatty, '37bus, W. E. Wilson, '39bus, and K. P. Graham, '38eng, all at San Joaquin; and all with Standard Oil of Venezuela; Clark Gruver, '39eng, with Socony, stationed near San Joaquin; and Cliff W. Peery, '33eng, H. H. Plummer, '34eng, W. E. Boyd, '36, and D. C. McKinley, '39eng, all with the Mene Grande Company at Oficina.

Sooners at Caripito include W. W. Butcher, '37geol, F. C. Whiteside, '31eng, and Mrs. Helen Byrd Falley, '33geol.

### Geological Sooners

A family of Sooners who can speak and understand the same language, especially when geology is concerned, is the W. H. Butcher family of Norman.

Mr. Butcher, an oil-well driller, has traveled in Africa and other parts of the world. A son, Walter, '37geol, now is engaged in geological work in Venezuela, South America.

One daughter, Virginia, '34geol, married Edward J. Hammer, '31eng, '32m. eng, who majored in geological engineering and now is employed with an oil company.

Another daughter, Martha, '39geol, married Alan G. Skelton, '34ba, '33lib.sci, who is librarian of the School of Geology at the University. Sarah Rose, '40, another daughter, did not major in geology, but she married David Richards, '40eng, '40geol, geologist in Oklahoma City.

### Speegle Goes to Wewoka

Cliff Speegle, '41ed, has been appointed football coach at Wewoka High School, one of the choice high school coaching positions in Oklahoma.

He succeeds Frank Crider, '30ba, who resigned to become freshman coach at the University of Oklahoma. Speegle was an outstanding center on the Sooner varsity.

### Youthful Major

The next to the youngest major in the entire Marine Corps is John H. Coffman, '26eng.

During his 15 years of service, the 37-year-old major has spent seven and one-half years in sea and foreign service and 23 months aboard ship. He has served in Nicaragua, China and Hawaii, with a stop in the Philippines thrown in for good measure.

Some of Major Coffman's most exciting adventures took place in the hills of Nicaragua where the marines were sent to put down guerilla warfare carried on by bandits who refused to recognize an armistice drawn up by the United States. He received a decoration from the Nicaraguan government for his service.

At the University, the Sooner seaman captained the polo team for one year. Later he played the game in China, the Philippines and while on duty at Quantico, Virginia. Major Coffman was married in 1939 to Miss Mary Chenery Clark, daughter of a retired army officer. They have a one-year-old son, John Chenery Coffman.

Recently he received a law degree from George Washington University in Washington, D. C. But the major isn't going to practice law for awhile—not, at least, while the United States needs men in the marines. He is stationed at the present time at San Diego, California, but expects to leave soon on a routine change of duty.