

Sooners at Home and Abroad

MEMBERS of the Oklahoma City School Board have announced the election of N. L. George, '31m.ed, as director of business for the Oklahoma City schools.

He accepted the new position, at a salary of \$4,000 a year, at the close of his sixth year as superintendent of schools at Duncan. He had served previously as superintendent at Geary.

Mr. George has specialized in studies of school finance, and his work in Oklahoma City will include the supervision of all building programs, maintenance and repair work and bookkeeping.

His appointment by unanimous vote of the school board members, was effective June 1.

Death Takes Homer Risen

Homer J. Risen, '19ba, '21eng, electrical engineer and former Sooner athlete, died last month in Gorgas Hospital in the Panama Canal Zone after a short illness. He was 43 years old.

After ten years service with the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company at Oklahoma City, Mr. Risen went to the Canal Zone last September to take a position as electrical designer in the office engineering division of the army.

Mr. Risen came to the University from Hooker, Oklahoma. His student activities included Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Tau, Phi Delta Chi, Alpha Kappa Tau, Chi Chi Chi, Golden O, A.I.E.E., Engineers Club, St. Pat's Publication Board, Varsity Basketball '17, Manager '18, Captain '19; Physics Club, Lotus Club.

Risen captained the 1919 basketball team that was undefeated in twelve games, scoring 707 points to its opponents' 355.

With Mr. Risen in Panama at the time of his death were his wife, Mrs. Mary Lou Risen, and 5-year-old daughter, Henrie Bea. The body was brought to Hooker, the family home, for burial.

Oil Company Counsel

W. R. Wallace, '10, Oklahoma City lawyer and chairman of the Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission, has become chief counsel in Oklahoma for the Magnolia Petroleum Company. He has been in the legal department of the company for sixteen years. Mr. Wallace succeeds B. B. Blakeney, veteran Oklahoma City attorney who retired last month.

Remembered as the first person to enroll in the University School of Law, Mr. Wallace, though forced to leave the institution after one year, was admitted to the Oklahoma Bar in 1910. Even before that time, he served in the second session of the Oklahoma Legislature, 1909, and was youngest member of the body.

Before joining Magnolia as legal counsel



N. L. George, '31m.ed, who became business manager for Oklahoma City schools June 1

in 1925 he served as city attorney of Pauls Valley, two terms as Garvin County attorney, and was a member of the State Senate during the legislative sessions of 1919 and 1921.

At the University Mr. Wallace was a member of Kappa Sigma social fraternity and belonged to the Websterian Debating Society.

Attorney for Commission

Orlando Sweet, '19, former head of the title division of the State School Land Commission, has been appointed attorney for the board.

In announcing the promotion, C. B. Steele, '15ba, secretary of the commission, complimented Mr. Sweet on his "splendid record with the department."

100 Percent Sooners

Two generations made up of University alumni is the record of the family of Charles G. Morris, '16, and Mrs. Morris, '35ed, 39 ed.m, Oklahoma City. Their two daughters, their son and his wife complete the one hundred percent alumni family.

Mr. Morris, a former superintendent of schools of Jefferson County, is now an accountant in the office of the State Examiner and Inspector. Mrs. Morris has received two education degrees at the University and is now completing pre-medic requirements. By September she expects to be ready to begin the actual study of medicine.

Miss Margaret Morris, '34ba, the older daughter of the family, is teaching mathematics in Lawton High School. At the Uni-

versity she belonged to Pi Mu Epsilon, honorary mathematics fraternity, and Kappa Delta Pi, honorary education organization.

Miss Dorothy Morris, '36h.ec, teaches home economics in an Oklahoma City high school. She was active in women's intramural sports on the campus and was a member of Hestia, home economics club.

Both Everett Morris, '38fa, and his wife, Mrs. Murrell Holly Morris, '39fa, are engaged in dramatic work in Oklahoma City. Mr. Morris, who is employed at a scenic studio there, is president of the Municipal Drama Association of the city. Mrs. Morris broadcasts regular programs over an Oklahoma City station. She also directs children's plays. At the University both of them were members of the University Players and other dramatic organizations.

Commission Posts Changed

Appointment of Paul Pugh, '33law, young Oklahoma City attorney, to the State Industrial Commission was announced last month by Gov. Leon C. Phillips. The position was one of two made vacant by the resignations of George E. Fisher, '30 law, and Charles W. Miller, 27geol.

Mr. Pugh has been practicing in Oklahoma City during the eight years since his graduation. He was formerly associated with the law firm of McComb, Henshaw and Conrad.

Outstanding scholastically, he was elected to Phi Delta Phi, and the Order of the Coif, national honorary legal fraternities; served as president of the senior law class of '33, and of Monnet Bar during his freshman year. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi social fraternity.

Mr. Fisher, who was appointed to the five-man commission in March, 1939, has practiced law in Holdenville and Oklahoma City.

Mural for Jesse Jones

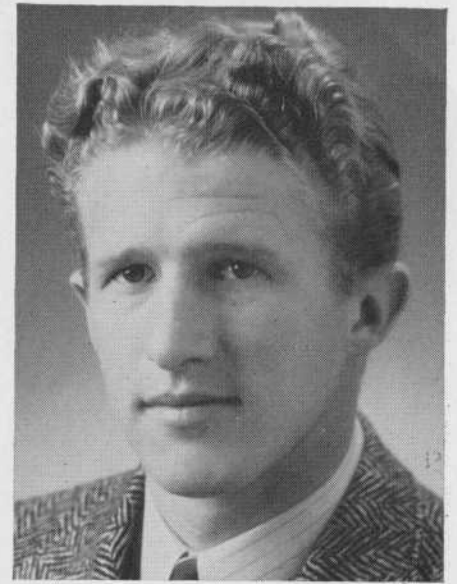
Sooner graduate and former art instructor in the University, J. Craig Sheppard, '38fa, '39fa, has completed a mural depicting the early Southwest which will be hung in the office of Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones in Washington, D.C. Mr. Sheppard is now teaching in the art department of Montana State College, Bozeman Montana.

Using a new process which he spent more than a year developing, Mr. Sheppard executed the work on white linoleum. For deep tones he engraved or cut into the surface, then applied the paint, rubbing it into the engraved portions until the desired tone appeared. Lighter tones required no engraving.

A group of Oklahoma business men,



J. Craig Sheppard, '38fa, '39fa, and the unusual Indian mural which he executed for the office of Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones at Washington, D.C. The mural is done on white linoleum by a special process worked out by Mr. Sheppard



headed by T. Jack Foster, '29, Norman, commissioned Mr. Sheppard to do the mural. Their only recommendation was that it portray the Southwest.

Other murals by Mr. Sheppard have attracted considerable attention. One of them was reproduced recently in natural colors by a national magazine. He has painted a large number for public and private buildings in Oklahoma and Kansas.

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sculpture, and in painting, are the two degrees he received at O.U. In the field of oil painting he won the Kerr award while he was in school. He also received the Letzeiser medal for outstanding art work during his senior year.

Drama Student at Yale

On his way to recognition as a playwright, Robert Yeaton, '34, is studying in the department of drama of Yale University on a double scholarship awarded him last year. He has just completed a play called "Phaedra," a modernization of an old Greek drama. In it he has incorporated much of his idealism and philosophy of life.

Mr. Yeaton is working as publicity manager for the department, is house manager of the theater, and is also acting as agent for a group of San Francisco artists in New York.

He acted in the first major production of the Yale theater this year, then directed another production in January. His course of study covers not only acting and writing, but also building scenery, designing costumes, and even pulling the curtain.

Before entering the Yale department of Drama in 1939, Mr. Yeaton worked on the *Birmingham Post* in Alabama, and studied in California.

Mrs. Yeaton (Helen Geiss, '32) also attended the University.

Death Takes Dorothy Belcher

Mrs. Wyatt Belcher (Dorothy Swank, '31ba, '32lib.sci.) died in a Flint, Michigan,

hospital in April after a short illness. She had been chief cataloger for the city library at Flint since 1939.

At the University Mrs. Belcher was a student assistant in the periodical department of the University library. She was a member of the Y.W.C.A. cabinet and belonged to Pi Zeta Kappa and Kappa Beta. After leaving Norman in 1933, she went to the library of the School of Mines and Metallurgy in Rolla, Missouri. She had been made acting librarian there when she accepted the Michigan position.

Her husband, Wyatt W. Belcher, '32ba, '32ma, is teaching in the Flint public schools. He is a brother of J. E. Belcher, '22ba, '24ma, assistant professor of chemistry at the University.

Surviving Mrs. Belcher, besides her hus-

band, are her mother, Mrs. S. B. Marrs, and grandfather, M. M. Furray, both residents of Norman.

Taliaferro Promoted

From an assembly line laborer to assistant manager of one of the largest Ford branches in the country is a brief version of the success story of J. Rowan Taliaferro, '25, Oklahoma City. He was made assistant manager of Ford Motor Company branch in Kansas City, Missouri, last month.

He has been assistant manager of Ford's Oklahoma City branch since 1929.

An Oklahoma Citian from birth, Mr. Taliaferro attended elementary school and Central High School there, then entered O.U.

In 1925, he began his service with the Ford Motor Company in Oklahoma City. Positions that he has held in the territory during the sixteen years he has been in the employ of the company are laborer, truck roadman, sales representative, car distributor, wholesale and retail sales department representative, general sales manager, then assistant branch manager.

Elected by Pharmacists

Names of several Sooner alumni appear on the roster of new officers of the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association. The election was held at the three-day convention of the association in Oklahoma City last month.

Chosen to serve during the ensuing twelve months were W. B. Irby, '19, Boswell; John Marik, '35pharm, Oklahoma City, and Cal Arnold, '18pharm, Tulsa, as executive board members; and B. M. Jones, '31ba, Tulsa, as treasurer.

Second in Command

Chief of selectees for army service at Fort Sill is genial Ruben G. Lewis, '12pharm, major in the Field Artillery, and executive officer and second in command of the post. He handles the assignments of newcomers



W. R. Wallace, '10, newly promoted to the position of chief counsel for Magnolia Petroleum company in Oklahoma

to the various organizations of the army in accordance with requisitions from Corps Area Headquarters.

Major Lewis first saw military life as a member of the Oklahoma National Guard during his college days. Before the approach of World War I, he had enlisted in the Missouri National Guard. He was commissioned second lieutenant at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, in 1917.

During a period of overseas service of almost two years he was transferred to chemical warfare service and was made an officer at Samur Artillery School in France. Back in the United States, the major accepted a commission as first lieutenant in the Field Artillery Reserve in 1923. He was promoted to captain in 1926, and to major in 1931.

Head of National Group

L. A. Horton, '23law, last month completed a term as president of the National Association of Independent Insurance Adjusters. An Oklahoma City claims adjuster, Mr. Horton is also president of the Claims Men's Association there.

For the past five years he has managed the Horton Claims Service of which he is owner. Previously he had been associated with different insurance companies in various capacities in the claims adjusting field. He entered the insurance business immediately after graduation from the University School of Law. His first position was that of investigator.

Mr. Horton came to the University with a degree from Central State Normal School, Edmond. He was a member of the University debating society and Phi Alpha Delta, legal fraternity.

Four on New Board

Four University alumni were among the eight men named by Gov. Leon C. Phillips last month to the new State Board of Education. Provision for the board was included in the reorganization of the State Department of Education under the "Ozmun bill," passed by the Eighteenth Legislature.

Three of the four newly appointed Sooners were members of the discontinued board. They are Richard Martin, '28law, Muskogee attorney, one-time superintendent of schools at Grandfield; James T. Martin, '28m.ed, superintendent of schools at Gage; and Loyd VanDeventer, '31, superintendent at Wellston. The other is Earle E. Emerson, '28, school superintendent at Cromwell.

Watkins Steps Up

In a series of promotions among Carter Oil Company officials last month William A. Watkins, '22ba, '23na, was advanced from superintendent of the company's eastern division to head of the southern division at Shreveport, Louisiana. His eastern division office was at Mattoon, Illinois.

A native of North Carolina, Mr. Watkins first attended college at the University of



L. A. Horton, '23law, retiring president of the National Association of Independent Insurance Adjusters

North Carolina. With the coming of World War I, he entered military service and spent some time overseas in the military intelligence department. His education afterwards took him into geology in a Colorado college. At O.U. he undertook a more specialized study of petroleum geology, after which he went to Cornell University, both to teach and to continue his scholastic work.

After working with oil companies in South America for the next decade, he joined the Carter firm in 1935 as a petroleum engineer. In a few months he was made central division superintendent which position he held until he was transferred to Mattoon in 1938.

Mr. and Mrs. Watkins have two sons, William A., Jr., 20, and MacNeill, 15.

Agnes Campbell Morrison Dies

Mrs. Leo Morrison (Elizabeth Agnes Campbell, '27fa), prominent in Oklahoma City and Norman music circles for more than fifteen years, died in an Oklahoma City hospital April 25. Her death resulted from pneumonia after a prolonged illness.

Thirty-three years of age, Mrs. Morrison had lived in Oklahoma City since 1924. She was born in Arlington, West Virginia. In October, 1930, she was married to Leo Morrison, 25bs, who is associated with an Oklahoma City finance company.

Mrs. Morrison was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Cathedral. She also was active in the Arts and Decoration club and had been a member of a number of music organizations.

An outstanding member of music groups at the University, she was elected to Mu Phi Epsilon, national honorary music fraternity for women. She played both in the University orchestra and in the WNAD Miniature Symphony. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, which she represented on the Panhellenic Council in 1926-27.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Morrison is survived by a son, Leo Campbell Morrison, 7; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Campbell; two sisters, Ann and Dorothy Campbell, and a brother, R. F. Campbell, Jr., all of Oklahoma City.

Heads Campaign

Frank Buttram, '10ba, '12ma, Oklahoma City oil man and civic leader, headed the successful campaign for public approval of an aviation bond issue in Oklahoma City. The bond issue was needed to purchase the site for the large government airplane depot to be established southeast of Oklahoma City, and for other civic aviation developments.

Success of the bond issue campaign was hailed as marking the beginning of a period of general growth and development in Oklahoma City.



Faculty

► A collection of 67 oil paintings by Oscar B. Jacobson, director of the School of Art, was exhibited recently in the WPA Art Center at Oklahoma City. Arranged in chronological order, the paintings presented a cross-section of his work since 1912. Mr. Jacobson has been a member of the art faculty at the University since 1915, except for one year when he was director of art at the Broadmoor Art Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

► Dr. Gilbert Harold, associate professor of finance, has been appointed to the committee on public education of the United States Savings and Loan League. Dr. Harold is recognized as an expert in study of the financing and appraisal of real estate.

► Dr. Ralph Bienfang, professor of pharmacognosy, has been invited to contribute a chapter to a book, *Handbook of Medical Physics*, being compiled and edited by Dr. Otto Glasser, director of the Department of Bio-Physics at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio. The chapter will be on the subject, "The Classification of Odors and Their Physiological Effects," a subject on which Dr. Bienfang has a national reputation.

► The Long Island biological laboratory at Cold Springs has invited Dr. O. J. Eigsti, assistant professor of botany at the University, to do research at Cold Springs during August.

► Dr. Maurice Halperin, associate professor of Romance languages, has been appointed by the University of Florida to serve as visiting professor of Latin-American literature during the summer.

► Lt. Col. William E. Corkill, former professor of military science in the University, has been transferred from Ft. Sill to the recruiting station at Indianapolis, Indiana.

► Herschel Elarth, associate professor of architecture, has been elected a member of the American Institute of Architects.