

Alumni in The News

Jess Larson, Peyton Ford—Two Successful Washington Alums

Two outstanding alumni who are holding down big jobs in the national capital are Jess Larson, '22-'26, '33, and Peyton Ford, '34ba, '34law.

Larson, former secretary of the State School Land Commission, recently was appointed director of the War Assets Administration by President Truman. He has served in the past as general counsel and associate director of the agency.

Ford is assistant to U. S. Attorney General Tom C. Clark. Before his recent promotion he was assistant attorney general in charge of the claims division.

Ford's work in the U. S. Attorney General's office is preceded by experience as a practicing lawyer in both his hometown of Sayre and Oklahoma City and as Assistant Attorney General of the state of Oklahoma.

The war record of Ford is especially outstanding. As a lieutenant in the Navy he played a role in one of the most romantic and dangerous episodes of the war against Japan. He was a member of a Naval group of guerrillas, intelligence agents and weather observers behind the Japanese lines in Asia. The project grew until it was providing the U. S. Fleet, the Army's 14th Air Force and the Chinese and American Army Headquarters with weather reports and with intelligence on movement of Jap ships, troops and supplies. It became a dangerous fighting outfit, killing Japs, blowing up trains and raiding Jap outposts. It was known as Sino-American Co-operative Organization.

Larson also has a brilliant war record. As a National Guardsman since he was 17, he enlisted in the Federal Services as lieutenant colonel in 1940, and went overseas with the 45th Division. He saw action on both the Sicilian and Italian fronts. As a result of wounds he was ordered back to the states in November, 1943, and was assigned to the Field Artillery Schools at Fort Sill as an instructor. After the war he worked with the general staff on reorganization of the National Guard.

Scholarship Lengthens Miss Hsiao's Stay in U. S.

Hsiao-Hsia, Tsai, '47mf, has been assured a stay in the United States of another six months—thanks to the Oklahoma City Altrusa Club.

The daughter of one of China's wealthiest families, Hsiao-Hsia Tsai, because of talent displayed at the University of Chungking, was offered a scholarship to Colorado University and the University of Oklahoma when she finished her bachelor's degree in China in 1946.

Tsai arrived in this country in May, 1946, and elected to accept the O. U. scholarship. She completed her Master of Fine Arts work last summer. She continued research work in art, but immigration officials weren't satisfied.

Then Tsai received a letter. "They told me I quit school—I have to leave," she explained.

The Altrusa Club came to the rescue with a \$250 scholarship, allowing two semesters of graduate study at Oklahoma City University. At an exhibit recently of Tsai's paintings in the Oklahoma Art Center in Oklahoma City, the scholarship and a check for \$250 were presented to Tsai by Margaret Wilbour, club president.

The tiny, friendly 19-year-old artist's name is pronounced "show shaw tie." Her friends call her simply "Tie." Her parents have both been poet laureates of China. Her three brothers include a banker, a doctor of chemistry and a doctor of medicine.

Mrs. Frank Eng, Oklahoma City, with whom Tsai is staying, explains the necessity for scholarships arises from freezing of all money in China. No one is allowed to take any out of the country.



W. H. BUTTERFIELD, '35MA
Nears the Top.

W. H. Butterfield Named New Vice-President at DePauw U.

William H. Butterfield, '35ma, chairman of the University department of business communication for seven years, has been named vice-president of DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana.

He joined the O.U. faculty in 1935, and left in 1946 to become educational director of the National Retail Credit Association. It was that job he was holding at the time he was appointed vice-president of DePauw. As educational director he directed a program of credit education and business public relations sponsored by the National Retail Credit Association as a service to its 19,000 members in the United States, Canada and several other countries.

At DePauw he will be in charge of public relations and financial promotion activities of that institution. He was to have assumed duties there on February 1.

Butterfield is the author of 12 books on business letter writing and public relations in business. He is recognized as one of the nation's leading authorities in this field. In 1945 he was named by Dartnell Better Letter Service, Chicago, as the "nation's leading author on the subject of business letters." His writings also include more than 60 articles published in well-known business magazines.

In 1944 and 1945, Butterfield served as president of the American Business Writing Association.

In addition to holding the Masters Degree from O. U. Butterfield holds the B. A. from the University of Nebraska, and has pursued graduate work at Columbia, University of Pennsylvania, Harvard, and the University of Berlin. Fraternities and societies of which he is a member include Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Gamma Delta, social fraternity, and Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity.

His wife is Mrs. Virginia Shire Butterfield, '35 lib.ci.

300 Oklahomans in Nation's Capital Fete Governor Turner

While in Washington in October, Governor Roy J. Turner was entertained at a luncheon in the Mayflower Hotel sponsored by the Oklahoma State Society of Washington, D. C.

At the luncheon meeting planned by Mrs. Emaline Samuel, president of the society, over 300 Oklahomans residing in Washington were present to greet the governor.

Many University alums heard Governor Turner speak on his constructive program as director of state affairs. Among those present were Congressman Mike Monroney, '24ba; Federal Communications Commissioner Paul A. Walker, '12law, and Mrs. Walker (Myra Evelyn Williams), '12; Dr. Elgin Groseclose, '20ba, and Mrs. Groseclose; Miss Malvina Stephenson, '36ma; Dr. J. J. B. Sebastian, '32bs, '36med; Miss Elizabeth Smith, '29; Earl Foster, Jr., '40ba, '47law. And Josh Lee, '17ba, and Mrs. Lee (Louise Gerlach), '23; Asst. Attorney General Peyton Ford, '34ba, '34law, and Mrs. Ford (Helen Hutto), '34ba; Miss Frances Hunt, '29ba; Federal Power Commissioner Harrington Wimberly, '24ba, and Mrs. Wimberly; Col. and Mrs. John E. Moore; Hurschel Underhill, '27bus, and Mrs. Underhill; Richard Disney, Jr., '37journ; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Huff; Donald Leecraft; Walter Emery, '34law, and Mrs. Emery; War Assets Administrator Jess Larson, '22-'26, '33, and Mr. and Mrs. Parker LaMoore.

In addition to the governor's speech, the group was entertained by a quartet under the direction of Jack Summers, Woodward. Some of the songs written by the governor ("Hereford Heaven" being among them) were sung. R. R. Zimmerman served as master of ceremonies.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson and Undersecretary of the Interior Chapman were special guests of the society.

In the governor's party were Paul Wilson; J. Wiley Richardson; Joe R. Jarboe; R. P. Matthews; Elmer Harbour; S. E. Harbour; S. E. Harper; H. W. McNeil; Forest McIntire; Wilburn Hoback; Leon Shipp, '28law; Representative Streeter Speakman, '12law, and Senator Jim Rinehart, '23law.

Dr. Logan Begins Health Survey

Dr. Leonard Logan, '14ba, director of the Institute of Community Development on the campus, has begun a statewide survey to determine the number of persons who require treatment for chronic and convalescent illnesses. The purpose of the campaign is to forward construction of a definite program for the care of such cases.

Dr. Logan is conducting the survey upon request of Dr. Grady F. Mathews, commissioner of the state department of health acting upon recommendation of the advisory council of the state health department.

Cases involving alcoholics, drug addicts, cancer and other types of chronic cases will be checked. Tuberculosis cases, which are cared for under separate facilities, will be exempt from survey. Dr. Logan plans to visit rest homes, convalescent homes and county institutions relative to determining the number of homes, hospitals and other facilities available for chronics.

ALUMNA GIVES GIFT

A gift of \$2,650 to be used for research and study has been received by the University School of Petroleum Engineering, J. L. Lindsey, controller, has revealed. Donor of the fund is Mrs. Sue Aycock Turnbull, University graduate in architectural engineering in 1936. Her husband, J. Gordon Turnbull, is a prominent consulting engineer in Los Angeles, California.