



Judge Lewis R. Morris, '15ba, '15ma, '17Law, performed his last official act when he administered the oath of office to new Oklahoma County Sheriff Newt Burns January 3 prior to his death January 4.

Judge Morris Is Dead

Genial Lewis R. Morris, the man with a heartzenith of its gridiron history with the 14-6 victory that demanded rest and relaxation and a spirit that would let him have neither, is dead.

"Lew" Morris, '15ba, '15ma, '17Law, was a brilliant prosecutor who stepped up to an Oklahoma County district judge's bench six years ago.

The heart ailment that forced a five-month summer vacation this past year took Morris' life on January 4 in Wesley Hospital, Oklahoma City. He was rushed to the hospital after a series of attacks in his home at 816 NE 20 in Oklahoma City.

Judge Morris blamed his illness on "the fact that I just don't know how to relax." His doctor's warned him repeatedly that complete relaxation at all possible times was essential. They told him any form of excitement was dangerous.

This last warning caused the jurist to forego one of his favorite pastimes. As a former president of the University of Oklahoma alumni, he was one of the most rabid O.U. football fans in the country. In former years, the judge never missed a game his alma mater's team played. This year it has been different.

New Year's Day when O.U. climbed to the

over North Carolina in the Sugar bowl, Morris was not there. In deference to his doctor's warnings he did not even listen to the broadcast of the game.

For years at the traditional homecoming dinner-dance sponsored each fall by the Oklahoma County O.U. Alumni Club, it has been Lew Morris, the genial toastmaster of toastmasters, who has greeted the thousands of Sooner sons and daughters at this night-before-the-big football day in Norman, in Oklahoma City. The judge carried through on this alumni assignment until the fall of 1948 when his health condition would no longer allow his serving.

Morris was born at Oskaloosa, Iowa, March 7, 1893, but he always regarded himself as a native Oklahoman. He attended gradeschool and high-school at Haileyville and studied at Bay View College, Portland, Texas, and the University of Texas before coming to O.U.

After his graduation from the University he started his law practice in the office of Moman Pruiett at \$40 a month. World War I and service with a machinegun battalion in France caused the

only break in his legal career.

From 1919 to 1923 he was associated with Pruiett and then with Dave Tant until his election to the office of county attorney in 1931.

Although he had occupied the district bench in Oklahoma City since 1943 and had distinguished himself as a jurist, Morris is remembered chiefly for the unprecedented 12-year record he made as a prosecutor.

It was in 1938, after four brilliant terms as county attorney that Lewis Morris was named Oklahoma City's most useful citizen of the year. He was the first public official to receive the coveted honor.

Morris, who entered the county attorney's office unmarried, was one of the city's "most eligible bachelors" before his marriage in 1941 to Mrs. Isabel Duffy Algeo, daughter of Mrs. T. S. Duffy, Oklahoma City.

He devoted the same drive that made him a successful prosecutor to make himself a successful judge. It was that refusal to let up that caused his death in the face of pleading on the part of his friends to "take it easy."

He is survived by Mrs. Morris, two brothers, Glenn O. Morris, common pleas judge of Oklahoma City, and David V. Morris, Santa Monica, California; and two sisters, Mrs. Shirley Scales, Alpine, Texas, and Miss Ruth Morris, Oklahoma City.

Heart Ailment Fatal To Dean Carpenter

Paul S. Carpenter, dean of the College of Fine Arts, died January 4 in Norman Municipal Hospital. He had been hospitalized since December 26 with a heart ailment.

Mr. Carpenter became dean of the College of Fine Arts September 1, 1947. He was director of the school of music the previous year, and had been conductor of the university symphony orchestra and director of the string quartet and string trio.

He was the founder of the annual festival of American music at the University which has been held annually, except during the war years, since 1938.

Dean Carpenter was writing a book, *Music, an Art and a Business*, under a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. He had planned to work on the book during the Christmas holidays.

Dean Carpenter's untimely death comes as a stunning blow to all of us. His loss will be felt keenly throughout the University. His extraordinary talents as an artist and an administrator fitted in uniquely for the deanship of the college of fine arts. It will be virtually impossible to replace him.

George L. Cross
President

He was born in Philadelphia in 1895. There he graduated from the Combs Conservatory of Music in 1913. He came to the University in 1914 as an instructor in violin.

He served as a lieutenant in the infantry in World War I and returned to the University in 1919.

He took a 1-year sabbatical leave in 1922-23 to study in Paris with Guillaume Remy, director of the Classe Massart of the Nationale Conservatoire of France.

Active in state music circles, Mr. Carpenter had been state chairman for orchestra and chamber music of the Oklahoma Federated Music Clubs.

The family includes Mrs. Helene Carpenter of the Norman home, and his mother, Mrs. Edwin L. Carpenter, Norman.