

## Former Faculty Member Dies

James Coe Van de Carr, former faculty member, died in Mare Island Naval Hospital early in July. *The Rotary Spokes*, official publication of the Norman Rotary Club, carried the following account as written by Gene Kendall, '32ba, '34ma, Associate Editor of the Spokes:

"Jim Van de Carr, a former member of this club was buried Wednesday, July 6 in California. He died in Mare Island Naval hospital. Jim and Betty were living in Napa, California. Jim spent a long and eventful life in service. An Annapolis graduate, he served as a submarine commander in WWI, was written up in Believe It or Not for almost being blown out of the water by his Annapolis roommate, who was commanding a sub-chaser and mistook him for an enemy submarine!

"He served all over the world until his retirement from the U. S. Navy, but still being an old sea dog, he went to South America and took a job as Commander-in-Chief of the Ecuadorian Navy. After he got them on their feet and functioning he returned to the states and while looking for a place to settle down and raise chickens he came through Norman, saw the University, asked Bill Bizzell for a job teaching math and joined the faculty. When the navy started installing NROTC units in universities, he got busy and got one for O.U. and became the first skipper.

"He couldn't stay off the sea in war though and when World War II started he got into convoy duty getting the lend-lease and other supplies delivered, serving in both the European and Pacific theatres. He was in on the invasion of southern France and finished the war as port director at Antwerp. When the nazis gave up he got a job with the Standard Oil Company as Captain of a freighter taking fuel to the Pacific to help finish off the Japs. With the war over, Betty prevailed upon him to quit the sea but even twin granddaughters in Tulsa couldn't keep him inland and he moved to Napa, California, to retire. He wasn't aboard ship when he died but he was completely surrounded by salt water and I'm sure he liked that. And I'll wager St. Pete hasn't heard as infectious and good-natured a laugh in some time as he did when he opened the gate and said 'come on in Jim'."

## Two Boyd Professors Selected

Effective September 1, Dr. John H. Leek, professor of government, and Dr. J. H. Marshburn, professor of English, will be David Ross Boyd professors.

"To receive a Boyd professorship," University President George L. Cross said, "a faculty member must have demonstrated over a period of years vigorous performance and leadership in teaching, counseling and guidance of students." Leek and Marshburn were named Boyd professors by the board of regents.

Named in honor of O.U.'s first president, who served from 1892 until 1908, the professorships were founded in June, 1945.

Dr. Leek, an University faculty member since 1925, is the author of many articles for government magazines and is co-author of a text on American government.

He began his college work during World War I at the AEF University in France. Later he received an AB degree from James Millikin University, a master's degree from the University of Illinois and a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the American Political Science Association, and American Association of University Professors.

Dr. Marshburn recently returned from a year's study in England. He has been a member of the University staff since 1920. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia and holds a master's degree from Harvard and a doctor's degree from Cornell University.

Dr. Marshburn studied old ballads, pamphlets and plays during his stay in England. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Modern Languages Association. While in England, he was elected to membership in the Royal Society of Literature.

## Professor Returns from Sabbatical

Frank C. Hughes, assistant professor of music at the University, '37fa, '39m.mus.ed, recently returned to the University after a sabbatical year in which he attended the Eastman School of Music at Rochester, New York.

He received the master of music degree in composition while there and studied with Dr. Allen Irvine McHose, who is author of many textbooks in music.

Hughes was honored by the playing of his orchestral composition, "Andante and Allegro for Orchestra." The arrangement was played by the Rochester Civic orchestra. Mr. Hughes also taught a special course in theory while attending Eastman.

## O.U. Gets Oak Ridge Membership

The University is now a member of the Oak Ridge institute of nuclear studies. The University is one of 24 schools allowed to send faculty members to the institute for special research for periods of three months or more.

Dixon Johnson, head of the public relations department of Oak Ridge, informed Dr. George L. Cross, University president, that the University was "unanimously elected."

Dr. Laurence H. Snyder, dean of the graduate college, will act as O. U.'s representative on the institute council, which names member institutions and the board of directors.

The institute was formed in 1946 as a non-profit educational organization. The Atomic energy laboratories at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, are used for its research and training program.

The institute also sponsors study of the treatment of cancer, stressing use of radioactive materials. A graduate training plan enables students from any university to complete their thesis research at Oak Ridge.

## Harral Named On Committee

Stewart Harral, '36ma, director of public relations at the University, has been named a member of the joint committee of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and the American College Public Relations Association.

Each year the committee publishes a manual on public relations for teacher education, issues a mimeographed news letter, publishes a directory of public relations personnel employed by teachers colleges and operates a speakers bureau.

## University Receives Grant

The University received a grant from the National Heart Institute for heart disease research. Oklahoma University was one of four schools receiving such grants to medical schools and hospitals.

Dr. C. J. Van Slyke, institute director, said the grants are only a part of the federal funds to be awarded for such research during the year which began July 1. This grant for all schools was for the sum of \$1,200,000.

## Rent Up, Professor Goes

One University professor has resigned his post because of increased rent costs.

Thomas McClure, assistant professor of art, was one of 79 faculty members evicted from University housing to make room for students. McClure said he resigned because he was unable to afford the price being asked for privately-owned apartments.

"The University offered me a salary raise, but it would have taken all of the raise to pay the increased rent," McClure said. He has accepted a position on the University of Michigan faculty.

## Dr. Smith Will Conduct Clinic

Dr. Edward N. Smith associate professor of obstetrics at the University, was chosen as one of five specialists in the country to conduct a clinic for airforce, army and department of interior medical officers in Alaska.

He and the other specialists met in Chicago July 16 to go on the mission. This is the first time for airforce and army medical officers to participate in the two-week session. The mission is sponsored jointly by the department of interior and the American Medical Association.

## New Teacher Will Do Research

In addition to his teaching duties, Robert C. Newman, '47cng, '49m.eng, newly appointed instructor in petroleum engineering, will do research work.

Newman has had considerable experience in his field. He worked in the research laboratory of Stanolind Oil and Gas Company in Tulsa and was consultant to Thomas S. Newman, geologist and civil engineer, Okmulgee.

He and a fellow-student, Maurice Lewis, '47bs, '49m.eng, were honored at the mid-winter meeting of American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers in San Francisco. Theses of these two men were presented to the delegates by Dr. John Calhoun, director of petroleum engineering at the University.

## It's More Work for Johnson

When D. B. R. Johnson, '18ma, retires September 1 as dean of the University's school of pharmacy it will be to do more work.

His retirement in September will bring to a close 30 years as head of the pharmacy school. He was first named head of the school in 1919 when the school's enrolment was only 10. Today it boasts of an enrolment of over 500 and ranks as the fourth largest in the country.

The venerable, white-haired dean plans to continue teaching a few classes and will devote most of his time to working on his 320-acre farm near Newcastle. He is presently harvesting a 250-acre wheat crop on his farm. He explains, "I don't enjoy farm work, but I do like the appetite it gives me, the three cold showers a day during harvest and the enjoyment of sleep at night."

Johnson, who is being succeeded as Dean by Dr. Ralph W. Clark, professor of pharmacy at the University of Kansas, has been prominent in the pharmacy field for years. He has served as president of the National Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and vice president of the American Pharmaceutical Association. Johnson also helped write the national food and drug act and Oklahoma's prerequisite law for pharmacy. With his usual modesty Dean Johnson dismisses his honors by saying, "My greatest pleasure has been derived from my work with students."