

Sooner Portraits



JOHN S. VAUGHAN

He's a Practical Dreamer

John Samuel Vaughan, '24ba, '27ma, is one of the most intense, resourceful men you could ever hope to meet.

Vaughan, who has been president of Northeastern Teachers College, Tahlequah, since 1936, is one of those individuals whose versatility has never been squandered on paltry pursuits. Early in life he saw the need for competent men in the Oklahoma educational field and he set to work filling, not one, but several of those posts with a vengeance. When only 22 years old he was appointed city superintendent of schools for Kingston and Wapanucka, Oklahoma.

He served in this capacity for ten years. Then an opportunity presented itself whereby Vaughan could strike some telling blows for his dream of a better state educational system. It was in 1917 that the voters, willing to help this energetic young man, sent him to the Oklahoma State Senate. His record there is a tribute to a man with an ideal. Further evidence of Vaughan's ability to cope with several situations at the same time is the fact that he was dean and registrar of Southeastern State at the same time.

Now let the reader try to decipher this one. From 1923 to 1925 he was reappointed dean and registrar of Southeastern. But during the same time he served as executive secretary of the Oklahoma Educational Survey and by some feat of time utilization managed to get a bachelor's degree from the University in 1924. One would think that at this point he might take time to relax. Instead he took on more positions and responsibilities than he had previously held.

Continuing his education, he received his master's degree from the University in 1927 and in the same year was appointed state superintendent of public instruction. And in 1927 he became a member of the National Education Association. It might be well to remember that during this period of serving as dean, registrar, senator and student, he was also director of the Oklahoma Educational

Association. His capacity for hard work appears limitless.

The following years do not show any slackening of his zest for promoting education. He served as president of the State Board of Education, chairman of the State Library Commission and vice president of the National Education Association. Even the book, *Who's Who in America*, had to limit the listing of his activities. They didn't mention that he had been chairman of the board of regents for Northeastern Junior College, Miami, or chairman of the board of regents for Oklahoma College for Women at Chickasha and Eastern Oklahoma College at Wilburton.

No, even "Who's Who" must have felt that its readers would doubt the veracity of any report that showed any man performing such a variety of tasks. Vaughan even finds time for membership in the Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Masons and vice president of the Muskogee Area Council of the Boy Scouts.



HARRY L. S. HALLEY

Justice Is His Business

He looks like a judge, doesn't he?

Well, he is.

Harry Lee Stuart Halley, '15ba, '17Law, is a justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma.

Besides that, he's one of the busiest men you'll find. While an undergraduate at the University, Halley was a member of Sigma Chi social fraternity, Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity and president of the Student Council. He participated in intramural football, baseball and basketball besides being a member of the student YMCA and the League of Young Democrats. His employment record while a student includes the jobs of law librarian, student janitor and general caretaker.

Justice Halley began his career by engaging in the general practice of law in Tulsa in 1919. He

was in the legal department of the City of Tulsa from 1922 to 1928 and served as district judge from 1931 to 1947.

He also served in both World Wars. During the first conflict, he was a member of the 95th Division and the 61st Pioneer Infantry. He was discharged with the rank of Captain and entered the second war with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry. Fighting with the Fifth Army in North Africa and Italy during 1943-44, Halley finished the war as a full colonel with the French Training section in France.

As a professional man, he is a member of the Hi-Twelve Club and the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to the Tulsa County, the Oklahoma State and the American Bar Associations, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Reserve Officers' Association (past president), the Tulsa Farm Club and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Halley also holds the distinction of being a past post commander of the Carson-Wilson American Legion Post number 1 and the District and Superior Judges' Conference for the State of Oklahoma.

He is a member of the Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa, the Masons and the Knights of Pythias.

Halley is married to the former Fredrica S. Probst, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, and he has one daughter, Matilda Ann, who received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University in 1948.

He's Got a Knack for Words

He turns words into swords and gets the job done.

That short sentence just about characterizes America's number one letter-writer. His name is W. H. Butterfield, '35ma.

Butterfield, who graduated from the University



WILLIAM BUTTERFIELD

of Nebraska before attending O.U., has also done graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University and Harvard University. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Delta Chi.

He's written thirteen books and some eighty magazine articles on business correspondence and public relations by mail too.

His biographical sketch appears in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in Commerce and Industry* and *Who's Who in the Midwest*. He is a past president of the American Business Writing Association and in 1945 was ranked by the Dartnell Better Letter Service, Chicago, as the nation's "No. 1 author" on business letters.

After serving for a number of years as chairman of the department of business communication at the University, Butterfield resigned in 1946 to become educational director of the National Retail Credit Association, St. Louis. At that time he also assumed the editorship of the N.R.C.A. Better Letters Service. At the end of his first six months as editor, he had more than doubled the circulation of this well-known business service. His letters were in use by banks, hotels, dry goods and department stores as part of their customer relations program. His work took him to cities in many sections of the country, where he spoke before business groups on customer relations and sales promotion by mail.

In 1948 Butterfield resigned from his position in St. Louis to become vice-president of DePauw University, in charge of public relations and financial promotion. His fund-promotion work there brought further recognition and led to his appointment by the University of Illinois as manager of its Foundation. One of his first duties at Illinois was to organize a program of annual giving to the University. As executive director of the Fund, he began work on the new program at the opening of 1949. Six months later the University of Illinois had set a new record among the Big Ten universities for the number of contributors to an annual gift fund during its first year.

He is married to the former Virginia Shire, '35 Lib.sci, and, in 1943, served as a member of the University athletic council. He was elected president of the Norman Rotary Club during 1945-46 and also served as assistant dean of admissions and records during that time.

Jackson Killed in Crash

W. Calvin Jackson, '41ed, was killed October 15 in an automobile-train accident near Hutchinson, Kansas. Jackson had been Payne (Kansas) county sanitarian since June.

Lt. Perkins Studies Engineering

1st Lt. Frank H. Perkins, '43, Oklahoma City, is studying engineering science at the Airforce Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson airforce base, Dayton, Ohio.

Holder of the Air Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, he served during World War II as a copilot with the Ninth Airforce in Europe.

Miss Ruth Arnold, director of admissions, will be in Columbia, Missouri, December 2-3 to attend a regional conference on evaluation of foreign credentials sponsored by the national association of collegiate registrars and admission officers.

Deac Parker Dies

By PAUL ANDRES

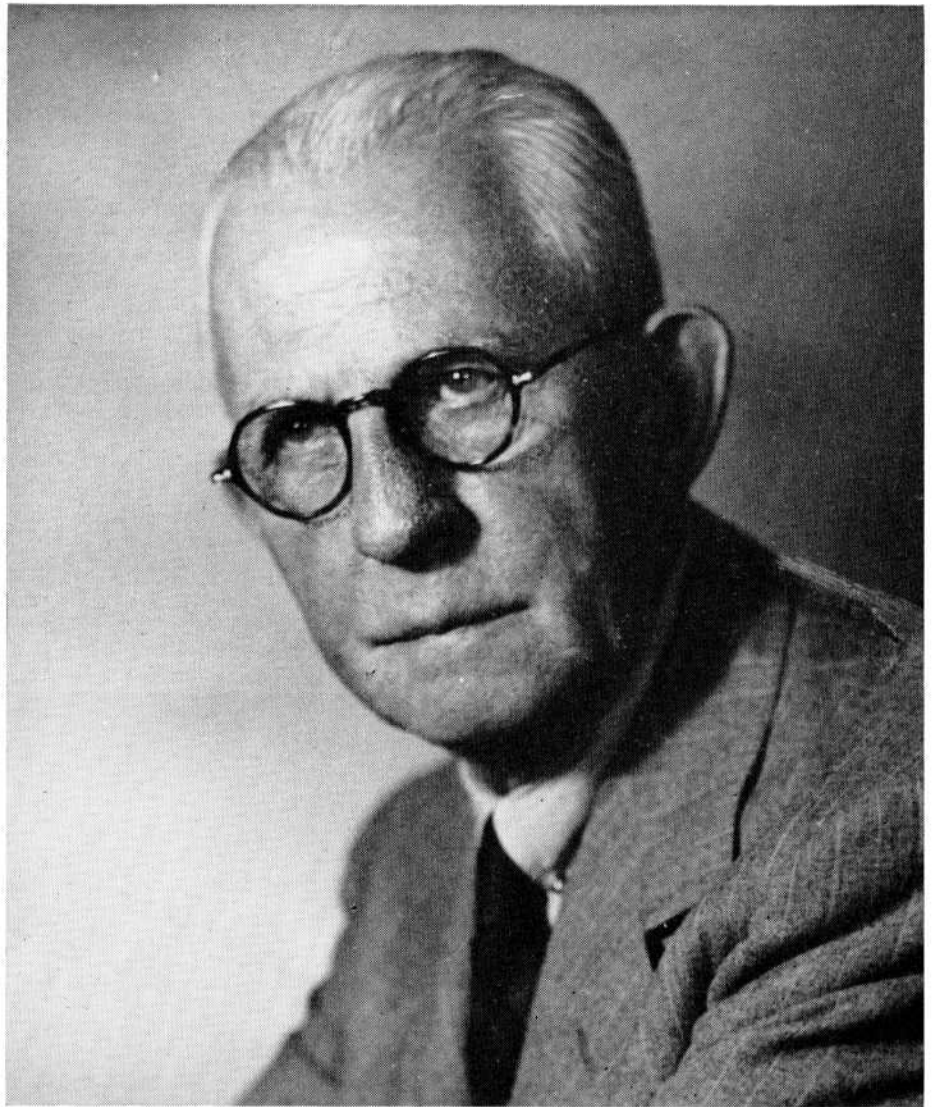
"It will be hard to think of the University of Oklahoma Alumni without DEAC."

The above are the words PAUL A. WALKER, '12Law, used in a letter dated October 11, 1949, and addressed to TED EVANS, '12, of the *Washington Daily News* editorial staff. Walker continued:

"I wonder, after all, though, if he is really gone.

The Washington Daily News devoted page one to an outstanding eulogy to their "friend and counsellor and guide for many years."

Editorially EVANS wrote in the *News* "We never knew a man in whose integrity, personal and professional, we had more unflinching confidence. His own opinions were strong, but he had genuine respect for the views of others. When "DEAC" PARKER helped us think through a problem his advice was always on the side of tolerance and truth.



GEORGE B. PARKER, 1886-1949

He was too great and too fine a character to fade out with the years. I think we and our children and our children's children are likely to continue to tell stories of DEAC and his doings at the University of Oklahoma, and I know that his fine character and his noble manhood will shine through the years wherever newspaper editors are known and talked about."

GEORGE B. "DEAC" PARKER, '08ba, was the Editor-in-Chief of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers. He died Monday, October 10, 1949, of an internal hemorrhage.

Editors everywhere paused for a moment of silence and then let their typewriters attempt to put the words of their hearts on paper.

"He believed that a newspaper should serve one interest, and one only—the best interest of its readers. He never chose to follow any course because it seemed expedient. What he always wanted to make sure of was that the course was honest, and right and for the greatest good of the greatest number.

"He had faith in the kind of democracy that is spelled with a small 'd'."

The (Washington, D. C.) *Evening Star* found the right words when they stated that "American journalism is the better for having felt the influence of GEORGE B. PARKER. As reporter, editorial writer and, finally, editor in chief of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers, "DEAC" PARKER,