

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

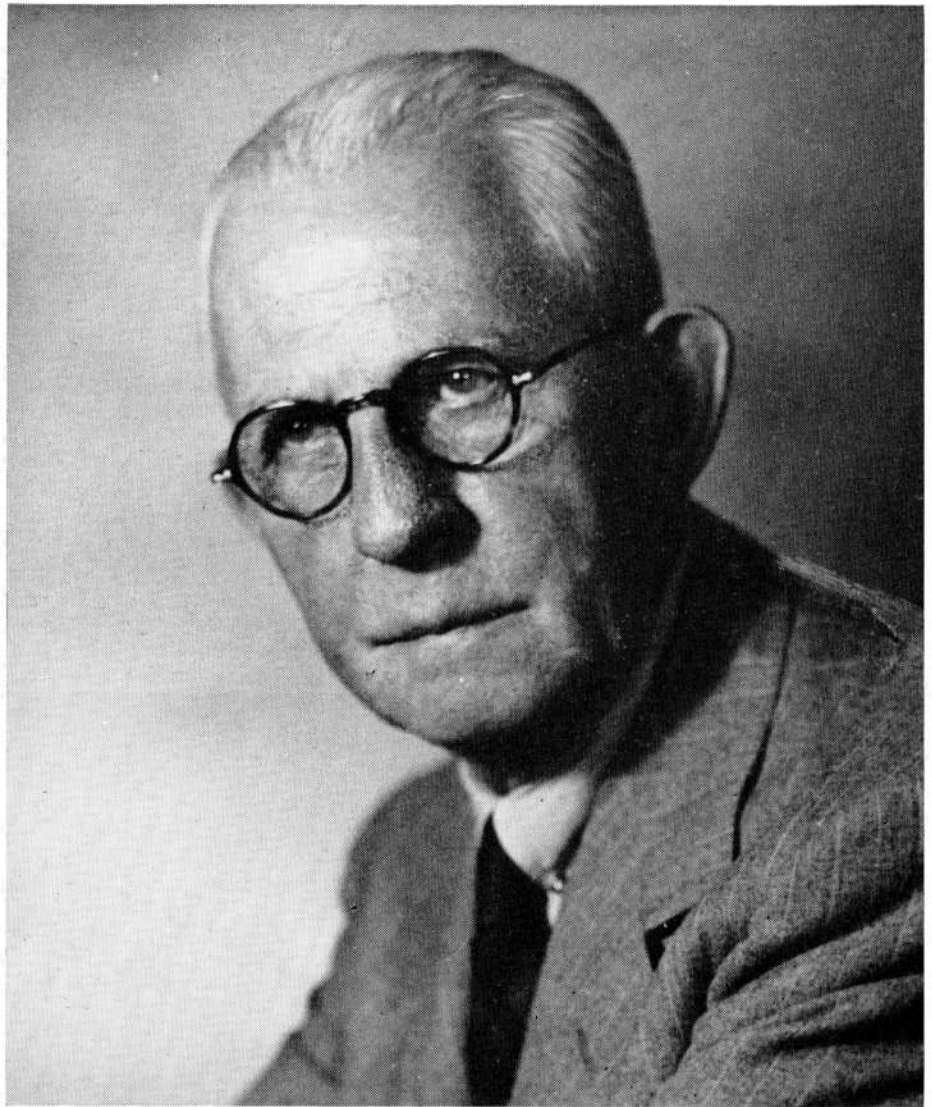
"It will be hard to think of the University of Oklahoma Alumni without DEAC."

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,

as he was affectionately known to his friends, regarded the press as a public trust. . . . His death at sixty-three is a personal misfortune for all who were privileged to know him and a real loss to journalism in general."

Life Magazine joined with hundreds of the nation's publications to add their praise of the reporter who became the great editor.

PARKER, 63, had been editor-in-chief for the chain of 27 newspapers since 1927. He began his newspaper career in this state with the *Oklahoma News*, Oklahoma City.

Famed for his editorials, he won a Pulitzer prize in 1936 for distinguished editorial writing. At one time he wrote an editorial a day and in recent years averaged at least one a week.

Although PARKER was not born in Oklahoma and spent little of the last 25 years here, he is looked upon as a Sooner newspaper product. PARKER, himself, was always proud to accept the honor, since it was as editor of the now suspended *Oklahoma News* that he carved the rungs in the ladder which he ascended to national fame.

PARKER, according to oldtime friends, won the nickname of "DEACON" or "DEAC" in his boyhood days. It resulted from the fact his father was deacon of the First Baptist Church of Ithaca, Michigan. PARKER was born on a farm near Ithaca in 1886.

The summer after his graduation from high school, he informed his family he wanted to see a little bit of the "outside world." He went to visit his sister, the wife of the head of the Latin department of the University of Oklahoma.

The young fellow from Michigan was so impressed with Oklahoma, which then was still a territory, that he decided to stay and look things over. That looking-over-process lengthened into a 20-year period and even then his departure, he often confessed, was with the greatest reluctance and regret, despite the fact it meant an important place in the national newspaper picture.

For a time after his 1908 graduation, he wasn't sure what he wanted to do as his life work. He was employed for a short time by a tax ferret firm, but it didn't take him long to decide that was not his forte.

Then he took a job as reporter for the *Oklahoma News*, newly founded by the Scripps-McRae chain, in 1908. With the exception of eight months as assistant city editor of the *Daily Oklahoman* in 1919-20, he remained with the *News* for the next 12 years. In February, 1914, he became editor of the *News*.

PARKER married ADELAIDE LOOMIS, an instructor in English at the University, in 1912. MRS. PARKER died last June.

During his later years as editor of the *News*, his personal column, "The Referee," attracted wide attention.

The late WALTER FERGUSON, '04-'06, once said:

"It (Parker's column) did not attract much attention at first, but quietly and unostentatiously it found itself gaining the interest and admiration of Oklahoma City."

PARKER remained in Oklahoma until 1920 when he became editor of the Cleveland, Ohio, Press. In 1922 he was promoted to editor-in-chief of the southwestern group of the Scripps-Howard papers with headquarters in Houston, Texas. To some extent this change again brought him in touch with Oklahoma City since the *News* was a member of that chain.

Added fame wasn't long in coming to the Oklahoma-trained PARKER. Two years later he was named general editorial executive of the entire Scripps-Howard chain with offices in Cleveland. In 1927 he was moved to New York as editor-in-chief.

He continued to write his forceful editorials and in 1936 received the Pulitzer prize for distinguished editorial writing.

PARKER was a member of Kappa Alpha (Southern) social fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Delta Chi, Lotos, Dutch Treat (New York), National Press Club of Washington, D. C. and Mid-Day (Cleveland). In 1919 he served the University as a member of the executive board of the Alumni Association.

In 1944, at memorial services for COLUMNIST RAYMOND CLAPPER, PARKER read one of his favorite passages in literature, the account in *Pilgrim's Progress* of the death of Mr. Valiant-for-Truth:

"When the day that he must go hence had come, many accompanied him to the river side, into which as he went he said, 'Death, where is thy sting?' And as he went down deeper he said, 'Grave, where is thy victory?' So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side."

To quote TED EVANS' *Washington News* editorial: "Those trumpets, we think, must be sounding today for another valiant fighter in the cause of truth."

Woods Held Reunion

When the Wood family holds a family reunion they have a little trouble deciding whether it is a family or alumni gathering.

The confusion arises because since the first Wood entered the University in 1892, the family has had 21 degrees conferred on its members. And that's not all. The Wood family is still represented at the University. A record? The Woods feel confident that it is.

On October 4 this University-minded clan gathered at the Baptist assembly grounds at Davis for

their annual get together. Responsible for the affair were nine brothers and sisters who are the children of two pioneer Oklahomans, Dr. and Mrs. Virgil A. Wood. Virgil Wood participated in the original opening of Oklahoma to settlers in 1899.

Twenty-seven answered present for roll call at Davis. This number included the nine brothers and sisters, some of their children, their wives or husbands and the children of this generation. Those present were:

Mr. C. N. Harr and Mrs. Harr, the former Beulah Wood, '92, Harlingen, Texas; Dr. Harold Wood, '28ba, '30med, Houston, Texas; Mrs. Barney Smith, the former Wanda Wood, '24-'27, Houston; Mrs. D. A. Rose, the former Minnie O. Wood, '99 pharm, and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. Paul Kolm and Mrs. Kolm, the former Lodema Rose, '30ba, Midland, Texas; Mrs. Edna E. Smith, Norman, and daughter, Katherine Smith Gilles, '36-'37, Dallas.

Mr. Robert H. Wood, '11ba, and Mrs. Wood, Tulsa; Mrs. Okla Wood Hawm, '15ma, Long Beach, California; Mr. Homa Wood, '15ma, '15Law, and Mrs. Wood, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Mr. Virgil O. Wood, '16ba, and Mrs. Wood, Tulsa; Mr. Vernon L. Foster, Jr., and Mrs. Foster, the former Mary Wood, '43ba, and two daughters, Susan and Lorna Ann, Oklahoma City.

Mr. R. D. Ortenburger, '47bs, and Mrs. Ortenburger, the former Betty Wood, '47bs, Tulsa; Mr. Garrett L. Bolyard and Mrs. Bolyard, the former Verda Wood, '17ba, Oklahoma City, and their son Steve, now a junior at the University; and Mr. Dudley A. Wood, '18-'22, Tulsa.

This family's history has been closely allied with that of Oklahoma. The father of the nine brothers and sisters, after taking part in the opening settlement of the state, opened an office for the practice of medicine in Oklahoma City. In the summer of 1890 he brought Mrs. Wood and their six children to Oklahoma City. But before the end of



Here are the nine sons and daughters of the Oklahoma pioneers, Dr. and Mrs. Virgil A. Wood. From left to right they are Mrs. C. N. Harr, the former Beulah Wood, '92, Mrs. D. A. Rose, the former Minnie O. Wood, '99pharm, Mrs. Edna Smith, Robert H. Wood, '11ba, Mrs. L. R. Hawm, the former Okla Wood, '15ma, Homa Wood, '15ma, Virgil O. Wood, '16ba, Mrs. G. L. Bolyard, the former Verda Wood, '17ba, and Dudley A. Wood, '18-'22.

Third in a Radio Series

The Class of 1914

BY ROY GITTINGER

that year the family moved to Norman where Mr. Wood opened another doctor's office and also operated a drug store. Three children were born to the Wood family after moving to Oklahoma.

This reunion was in observance of their 75th wedding anniversary. This milestone is as important to the state as it is to the Wood family, because the Wood clan have left their indelible mark on Oklahoma before and after it became a state. They have been represented on the campus of the University during the greater portion of the institution's life. Their family has watched both the state and University grow to its present size and importance. Beulah Wood, '92, now Mrs. C. N. Harr, was the first woman student to matriculate in the University at the time of its inception in 1892.

Attending the family reunion as official representative of the Alumni Association was George Cummings, '49bus.

Mobley Begins Training

Robert L. Mobley, '48bs, of Ardmore, has begun a three month period of full time employment at Allied Purchasing Corporation, one of New York City's department stores, as part of his training at the New York University school of retailing.

Under the store-service plan of the school of retailing, graduate students are able to combine classroom training with practical on the job experience. While they are employed in the stores the students are paid the standard rates of pay thereby making it possible for them to be partly self supporting while attending school.

Grad to Head Department

Alfred A. Crowell, '29ba, '34ma, associate professor of journalism at Kent State University, Ohio, will become head of the department of journalism and public relations at the University of Maryland, January 1.

Crowell is the author of "Law of Press Photography," published recently. He is also a former newspaperman, having been managing editor of two papers, the Columbus, Ohio, *Enquirer* and the Middletown, Ohio, *Journal*.

Asfahl Named Council Member

Milton Asfahl, '29ba, '30ma, has been elected a member of the National Advisory Council of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa. He is Oklahoma general agent for the company in Oklahoma City.

In September Mr. Asfahl received his C.L.U. degree from the American College of Life Underwriters in Cincinnati, Ohio.

New Professor Added

Wei-Ta Huang has joined the University staff as assistant professor of geology.

A graduate of the National Sun Yat-Sen University of China, he received his master's degree from the University of California and his doctor's degree from Syracuse University.

Niedermaier Assigned to Far East

Edward Niedermaier, Jr., '47-'48, has been assigned to the Far East Air Forces Headquarters as a radio operator.

Pfc. Niedermaier entered military service August 18, 1948, at Oklahoma City after attending the University business school.

Niedermaier's present assignment will be up in July, 1951, when he hopes to be reassigned at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

Dean Gittinger's remarks concerning the class of 1914 was a portion of the radio series the Dean presented over radio station WNAD. All of the classes the series cover were reunion classes which met last June—D. B.

In June and August, 1914, 166 candidates received degrees from the University. Five years before 35 had been graduated. Ten years before the number had been 14. During the year 1913-14 the number enrolled was 1,008 with 420 in attendance during the summer. Five years before the total number of students had been 646 and ten years before 467. Accordingly the University was just beginning a period of development and expansion. This new era was largely due to the vision and dynamic personality of the third president, Stratton Deluth Brooks.

It will be remembered that the second president was dismissed in the spring of 1911. The new Board of Regents, known officially as the State Board of Education, seemed to think that the dropping of President Evans and of two or three members of the faculty who came in with him would serve as an atonement for the dismissal of President Boyd and half of his faculty three years before. While two minuses are supposed always to make a plus, it is seldom that two wrongs make anything right. It certainly did not in this case. The two reorganizations in the short space of three years gave the University and the state a reputation for mixing politics and education that forty years have hardly erased. The board selected Dean Julien C. Monnet of the School of Law to serve as acting president for a year while search was made for a permanent president. Dean Monnet successfully guided the University during the school year 1911-12. In May, 1912, President Brooks began his work, and in the eleven years and two months of his administration the University began a period of growth to continue to the present—interrupted only for brief intervals of war time. During 1911-12 the board had sought the country over for the man ablest and best fitted for the presidency and Stratton D. Brooks fortunately was selected and induced to accept. This meant in his case the decision to leave a successful career as city school superintendent, first in Cleveland then in Boston to try his hand in University administration. President Brooks, a Harvard alumnus it should be noted, in one of his early talks to the faculty said that Oklahoma was like Yale—chiefly famous because its name so often coupled with Harvard's. Only when men said Harvard and Yale they meant to link together two of the greatest universities, but when they said Harvard and Oklahoma they meant to go from one end of the gamut to the other and to link the name of the best conducted university with that of the worst. He went on to say with the support of the state and the regents and the help of the faculty and the student body it would be his earnest desire to change Oklahoma's reputation.

On May 1, 1912, President Brooks found at the University a 60-acre campus on which were four buildings of fair size, University Hall, Carnegie Library, the Engineering Building (now known as the Administration Building, the Education Building, and the Engineering Laboratory, respectively), and Science Hall. Besides these were the gymna-



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sium and a number of small, temporary wooden structures and lastly a heating and lighting plant. The new law building, Monnet Hall, was completed during the year 1912-13 and was occupied in September, 1913. This gave needed space for offices and classrooms. The annual income of the University at the time was approximately \$175,000. The library, including departmental collections and government publications, numbered approximately 20,000 volumes. At Norman there were (including the deans), 39 professors and associate professors, five assistant professors, and 13 instructors. In the School of Medicine at Oklahoma City there were 10 professors, 21 lecturers, and six instructors. There were in addition six other members of the staff in Norman. Sixteen laboratories were in operation ranging from anatomy to zoology.

The leading members of the faculty in addition to Dean Monnet, included three of those mentioned in the first broadcast series, Edwin DeBarr, chemistry and vice president of the University; James S. Buchanan, history and dean of the college of arts and sciences; and A. H. Van Vliet, biology and dean of the graduate school. Among others were J. F. Paxton, Greek; J. W. Sturgis, Latin; Jerome Dowd, economics and sociology; H. H. Lane, zoology; S. W. Reaves, mathematics; J. H. Felgar, dean of the college of engineering; Fredrick Holmberg, dean of the school of fine arts; T. H. Brewer and Roy Hadsell, both English; Roy T. House, German; Guy Y. Williams, chemistry; John B. Cheadle and Victor H. Kulp, both law; J. L. Rader, librarian; and Ben Owen, athletics. With President Brooks came among others, Charles F. Giard and Lewis S. Salter, music, and L. N. Morgan, English. A little later came Gayfree Ellison, bacteriology; Arthur B. Adams, economics; H. H. Herbert, journalism; and E. E. Dale, history. During the year 1913-14