

Sooner Portraits

The two men below are leaving the outline of their work sketched clear and smooth on the canvas of the Southwest.



EVERETTE DEGOLYER, '11BA

Successful Is the Word

Successful is a mild word for one 1911 graduate.

Consider a man who owns the nation's top literary weekly, a Phi Beta Kappa, owner of a fabulous library of work on the Southwest, a geologist who has made geophysics pay off in billions, and a multimillionaire before he reached 50 besides work as an author, publisher and editor. There are a few of the achievements of Everette Lee DeGolyer, '11ba, of Dallas.

When oil is spoken of in the Southwest, DeGolyer's name inevitably springs up. Oilmen generally credit him with the introduction of the study of geophysics into this country. And he is credited with many of the improvements in the oil industry that have made it the success it is today. He is internationally prominent as a geologist and producer but many know him for his interest in the arts.

DeGolyer's success was achieved under the most difficult conditions. Born a homesteader's son on the Kansas prairie, he attended one year of high-school and then took two years out to work before entering the University in 1906 to study geology. He paid his way through the University by working during the summers on field crews for the U. S. Geological Survey, first as a camp cook and later as field assistant.

He dropped out of school at the end of his junior year in 1909 and headed for Mexico as junior geologist for the Mexican Eagle. Then in less than a year, as supervising geologist for the drilling of Potrero del Llano No. 4 he brought in a well that has produced more oil than any in the world—130,000,000 barrels.

After this feat, DeGolyer rushed back to the states and married his University sweetheart, Nell Virginia Goodrich, '06bm, '07ba, and finished work for his bachelor of arts in geology. Since his grad-

uation, honors and awards have been coming his way in a steady stream.

Perhaps one of the most important medals in his collection is the John Fritz Medal. He received it in 1942 for his "vision and leadership in developing and applying the art of geophysical exploration to petroleum deposits." Other notables who have received this award include Thomas A. Edison, George Westinghouse, Orville Wright and Guglielmo Marconi.

Over thirty years ago he started a book collection that is now famous over the nation. On his library shelves are hundreds of valuable old first editions and a priceless collection of southwestern materials and books. He has donated many of his books to the University library including a complete first edition set of Shakespeare's works as compiled by Nicholas Rowe in 1809.

During the war DeGolyer served as assistant federal deputy petroleum administrator. Today he is senior partner of DeGolyer and MacNaughton, consulting geologists, consultants for Petroleos Mexicanos, Conselho Nacional Do Petroleo of Brazil, and Naval Petroleum Reserves for the U. S. Navy and others. His offices and one of his homes is located in Dallas.

A Stereotype Broken

Bruce Carter, '32ma, looks like everything the old stereotyped version of a college president should not be.

Carter is a big handed, big framed, 200 pound-plus six-footer, who looks more like an efficient football line coach. And he would have been a fine athlete if he hadn't been too busy working his way through school. His hard work has landed him in the president's chair at Northeastern Oklahoma A.&M. College.

Bruce was born in Elgin, Texas, in 1904. His family moved to Chickasha one year later where he did his seven years of grade school work. Then later on the family shifted to Elgin, Oklahoma. During that time, Bruce became well acquainted with hoes and plows and Oklahoma droughts. In 1917, the Carters harvested 33 bales of cotton from 100 acres and the next year they picked only four bales from 120 acres, so severe was the drought in that part of the state.

The next year the family moved to Bixby and a year later returned to Chickasha where Bruce secured a job in the Rock Island shops. His next job was with a cleaning firm, and here he learned the business that ultimately resulted in his securing a highschool and college education.

He was plugging along in 1923 with nothing more than a grade school education when a Baptist preacher suggested he could go to school and continue to work. That launched Bruce in Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee. There he cornered the pressing business of the students, completed highschool and college courses during the next five years. He was president of his freshman class, president of his senior class, president of the assembly, and head of just about everything else in student activities.

After graduation he spent his first summer in a business school in Shawnee and then in the fall he



BRUCE CARTER, '32MA

went to the highschool at Wewoka as a teacher. During the first four summers, he completed work at the University for a master's degree. He stayed with that fast-moving community and was named postmaster of Wewoka. Then he was named state director of the National Youth Administration in 1939. As head of this organization he was leader of some 23,000 Oklahoma boys and girls in addition to a staff of more than 300 adults who supervised and administered that gigantic youth program.

While in Wewoka, Carter served as president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and was chairman of the Seminole County Red Cross. He also served as president of the Seminole County Chapter of the League of Young Democrats and served for two years as president of the Oklahoma Baptist Training Union.

Carter married his college sweetheart, Mary Nola Funderburk, and they have two children, Robert and Marilyn. Among Bruce's likes you can place work at the head of the list. He loves to swim, play badminton and tennis and admits he can eat like a field hand. And he lists as his principal hobby—working with youth.

► Joseph R. Taylor, professor of art, went to Greensborough, North Carolina, March 1-14 where he received first hand ideas on curricular problems.

► Dr. J. E. Fellows, dean of admissions and registrar, recently returned from Chicago, where he attended the North Central Association annual meeting March 20-26.

► Dr. Gerhard Wiens, associate professor of modern languages, is going to Lexington, Kentucky, to read a paper at the University of Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, May 11-14.

► Dr. H. S. Chance, professor of plant sciences is going to Cold Spring Harbor, New York, to engage in research at the Carnegie Institute Laboratory, June 5-September 1.

► Dr. Elroy L. Rice, '42ms, assistant professor of plant sciences, presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Botany Society of America in New York City.