

Sooner Portraits

A book on Twain and an appointment to a federal judgeship are the latest accomplishments of this month's Portrait subjects.



AUTHOR GLADYS BELLAMY

It Wasn't Her Idea

Studying Mark Twain wasn't an original idea for Dr. Gladys Bellamy, '32ba, '38ma, '46ph.d. She wanted to do research in poetry when she began working toward a master's degree in English. But T. H. Brewer, then head of the English department, was an admirer of Mark Twain's works, and he soon passed his enthusiasm along to his pupil.

The interest she developed in Twain was no passing fancy. After completing her master's thesis, *Mark Twain and Slavery*, she returned to the University to write her doctor's thesis, *Mark Twain as a Literary Artist*. Savoie Lottinville, '29ba, director of the University Press, became interested in her work and encouraged her to expand it into a book-length volume.

In July *Mark Twain as a Literary Artist*, the results of Dr. Bellamy's long study of Twain, was released by the Press.

Appropriately the dedication reads:

"To the memory of Theodore Hampton Brewer who first awakened my interest in Mark Twain and then made it possible for me to follow that interest."

Most literary critics have believed that Twain was an "unconscious artist," working by impulse. This is not so, says Dr. Bellamy, after examination and analysis of his published works, letters and expressed views on literature. In her 400-page book she undertakes to show that he was much more the conscious craftsman than is generally believed.

The student who set this literary task for herself is an Oklahoma product. She received her bachelor's, master's and PhD degrees from the University. In 1948 she received two honors while she was a special instructor in English at O.U.: election to membership in the Oklahoma chapter of

Phi Beta Kappa and a Rockefeller Fellowship for the purpose of completing her book-length work on Twain.

She has coupled her knowledge of literary facts with figures to serve as budget officer of her native Rogers Mills county where she worked every summer from 1933 to 1948. And before coming to the University she was known as the youngest county treasurer in Oklahoma.

Elected secretary of the American Literature division of the South Central Modern Language Association in 1948, Dr. Bellamy backs up her knowledge of American and English literature with an enthusiastic interest in French letters.

In 1949 she left the University to accept the position of head of the English department at Southwestern Institute of Technology, Weatherford, where she now teaches.

He Made the Dean Proud

Federal courtroom in Oklahoma City was crowded by more than 400 spectators, including Oklahoma's two senators and most of the state and federal judiciary. They had gathered Saturday morning, July 1, for the inauguration of a new federal judge, William R. Wallace, '10.

First student to enter the University law school after it was established in 1909, Judge Wallace was commissioned roving federal district judge serving all three Oklahoma districts. He replaces the late Judge B. Broaddus who died early this year.

The new judge was presented to the court of four Oklahoma federal jurists by his friend, former Gov. William J. Holloway. The former governor commended Judge Wallace for passing "the acid test of investigation and recommendation" to attain the high position.

Born in Texas in 1886, Wallace moved with his family to Wynnewood, Oklahoma. From there the family moved to Pauls Valley in 1905, and Wallace resided there, with time out for schooling, until 1925.

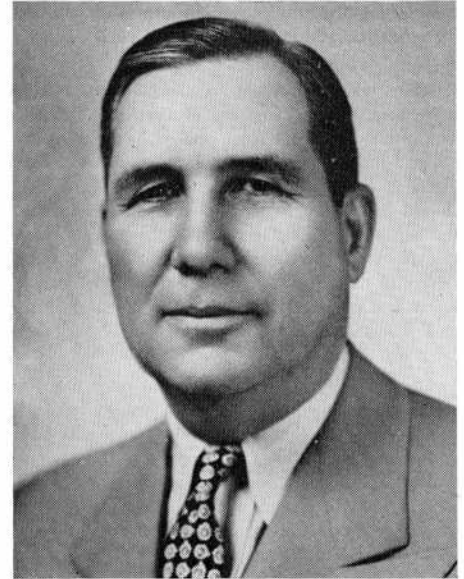
Still a youngster and not yet possessing membership in the state bar, he was elected to the legislature in 1908, serving as the youngest member of the house of representatives in the second assembly in 1909.

The same year he enrolled in the University law school, the first student to enter the then new division of the institution. He was forced to halt his education at the end of one year in law school, but passed his bar entrance examinations in 1910.

Previously he attended Indiana College in Wynnewood. That school later became Henry Kendall College at Tulsa, now Tulsa University.

While in Pauls Valley he served as city attorney, two terms as Garvin county judge and wound up his public office career with two terms in the state senate in the sessions of 1919 and 1921, representing Garvin, McClain and Cleveland counties.

In 1925 he moved to Oklahoma City and be-



JUDGE WILLIAM WALLACE

came associated with the Magnolia Petroleum Company as legal counsel. Later, he served as chairman of the Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission under Governor Phillips. Appointed to the Board of Regents by Governor Kerr in 1943, he was elected president of the board in 1946.

When he took his seat on the bench July 1, the new judge recognized the presence of Dean Julien C. Monnet, first dean and dean emeritus of the University law school. Wallace told that he was a member of the legislature in 1909 which established the law school that brought Monnet to Oklahoma as its dean.

In an aside to a state jurist, the elderly Monnet quipped, "We'll keep on till we have all these benches filled by our students."

The dean was obviously quite proud of the success of his first student.

Japanese Professor Visits O.U.

Dr. Paul Uwatoko of the University of Tokyo faculty came to Norman early in June to observe methods and practices used in the College of Engineering.

Visiting American schools on a tour sponsored by the national resources section of the Allied Military government, he is conducting his study as part of a program to modernize the Japanese educational system in technical fields.

Texoma Classes Underway

Classes on the banks of Lake Texoma began July 1 when 50 persons enrolled for the summer course at the University's biological station.

The 8-week course at Texoma will cover entomology, introduction to parasitology, bird studies, fishing, biology, identification of Oklahoma fish, and flowering plants.