

Washington Shopper

For a lad who was born in Indian Territory, Jess Larson, '33, has gone a long way. He's sold war left-overs and co-ordinated government purchasing. Now he's going to be one of the nation's biggest spenders—buying raw materials for the country's war industries.

Jess Larson, '33, was selected by President Truman last month to head the new Defense Materials Procurement Agency, which means he will be entrusted with Uncle Sam's pocket book to do his shopping in the world and domestic markets for raw materials to feed our war industries.

Larson, born 47 years ago in Indian Territory, is busy preparing himself for his newest role. He has just finished serving successively as the government's chief dealer in second hand goods and Uncle Sam's "housekeeper."

Heading the War Assets Administration in 1947-49, Larson sold \$5 billions of the government's hardest-to-get-rid-of war left-overs, varying from secluded lighthouses to gigantic distillery and ordnance plants. On the creation of the General Services Administration in 1949, which was a recommendation of the Hoover Commission, Larson headed the job of co-ordinating the purchasing of some \$300 millions worth of annual supply purchasing. The buying had been done previously by the various agencies independently, and often in competition with each other.

Larson was a field officer in the last war, until he was wounded leading his 160th field artillery battalion across the Volturno River in Italy. Later as a colonel he served in the Chief of Staff's office in Washington.

Other Job Shifts

To New Delhi. Everett F. Drumright, '29bus, was recently transferred from Seoul to New Delhi, where he took over the post of Political Counselor of Embassy.

When the war broke out in June, 1950, he was stationed in Seoul serving as Deputy Chief of Mission and Counselor of Embassy.

Born in Drumright September 15, 1906, he was reared and educated in the state studying both at Oklahoma A.&M. and the University.

Beginning his career with the Foreign Service in 1930 he was appointed Vice Consul at Ciudad de Juarez. The next year he attended the Foreign Service School in Washington from where he was assigned to Hankow, China. Later he served as Lan-

guage Officer at Peiping. From 1934 through 1945 he served in several Chinese cities including Shanghai, Swatow, Hankow, Nanking, Chungking, and Kunming. Drumright then returned to the States and took over the position of Assistant Chief of the Division of Chinese Affairs with the Department of State. In October of 1945 he was made Chief of the Division.



Martha Ann Lauderdale, '51ba, has been appointed an American Airlines stewardess. She recently completed the airlines' training program and will be based in Dallas, Texas. Prior to joining American Airlines, she worked as a college fashion counselor for a department store.

He was transferred to London in 1947 and a year later to Tokyo where he served as First Secretary and Consul. Drumright was transferred to Seoul in 1948.

To Tulsa. Howard S. Cowan, '31-'32, editor of the *McAlester News-Capital* the past two years, resigned in September to join the *Tulsa World*.

Headquartering in Oklahoma City, he will take over the position of state capital correspondent for the *World*.

Cowan's newspaper experience began on the *Shawnee News-Star*. He joined the Associated Press in 1940 and was assigned

to the European theater as a war correspondent during World War II.

Death Comes to Two

Newspaperman Dies. Edward A. Evans, '12, a member of the general editorial board of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers died in Washington July 26 of a heart seizure.

Well known in the capital for his editorials on national domestic issues, Evans was equally at home in other branches of his profession. He distinguished himself by reporting the notorious Ludlow massacre in the Colorado mine strike of 1913-1914 when 25 persons died after the militia had set fire to the miners' tent colony.

He started his newspaper career in 1911 as a reporter for the *Oklahoma City News*. He returned to the *News* in 1923 taking over the editorship and served in that capacity until 1927 when he was appointed associate editor of the *San Francisco News*.

He had been with Scripps-Howard newspapers for forty years. While working for the chain, he occupied positions of reporter, city editor, night editor, news service editor, managing editor, editorial writer, associate editor and editor.

Evans was a student of government finances, taxation and inflation. In Washington, he concentrated his editorial efforts in the field of economic affairs.

The *Washington Daily News*, in an editorial on Evans' death said:

"He was a scholarly journalist, and a considerate and penetrating thinker. . . He believed, with all the earnestness at his command, in every phrase he ever wrote. . . The Scripps-Howard Newspapers and the newspaper world at large lost one of its wisest counselors and one of its finest gentlemen."

Rentfrow Is Dead. Frank M. Rentfrow, '21geol, will-known Houston real estate man, died September 9 in Houston Memorial hospital. He had lived in Houston 27 years.

Rentfrow's mother, Mrs. Andrew Jackson Rentfrow who died at the age of 97 last year, was named Oklahoma's "Pioneer Woman." The Rentfrow family came to Oklahoma in 1906 looking for land to homestead in the Indian Territory.

Rentfrow was an early airplane pilot, having piloted a pursuit plane for the Army in World War I in France and Germany. While in France he attended the University of Nancy and later became officer in charge of athletic instruction for the troops in Europe.