Sooner Portraits

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

EVERETTE DEGOYLER, '11BA

Successful Is the Word

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Success 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 Everett Lee DeGolyer, '11ba, of Dallas. When oil is spoken of in the Southwest, DeGolyer's name inevitably springs up. Oklahoma 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 school. His hard work has landed him with hoes and plows and Oklahoma droughts. In addition, 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 35 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.

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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.

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