An oil leader

Oklahoma, you hear said frequently, is a young man's country. Certainly, the rapid rise to success attained by many Oklahomans not yet at the cross roads of life bear out that statement.

At the top among the younger oil executives of Oklahoma is Joseph Robert McGraw, ex '20, who, at thirty, is a director of one of the state's largest banks and president of the oil company that bears his name.

Joe McGraw belongs to that group of Ponca City Sooners who have added so many fine names to the Sooner alumni list. He is the son of the late J. J. McGraw and Frances Donahue McGraw. He is a native Oklahoman, being born December 6, 1900, at Ponca City.

He received his grade schooling at St. Mary's academy and two years of high school work at St. Mary's college, St. Mary's Kansas, completing his preparatory work at Notre Dame university.

He then entered the University of Oklahoma, where he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. After three years in the university, he left for Georgetown university at Washington, D. C., where he completed his college education, spending two years at the latter institution.

In 1925, he entered the employ of the Marland Oil Co. as a scout, later becoming assistant to the vice president, in charge of the land department. In 1927 Mr. McGraw took over the management of the Oklavania Oil Co., of which his father was president.

The Oklavania company was later reorganized as the McGraw Oil Co., of which Mr. McGraw is the president.

Mr. McGraw was married December 1, 1928, to Mrs. Kathryn Innler McCullough, ex '21. The McGraws have one child, a daughter Frances Elinor.

Mr. McGraw is a leader in civic affairs of Tulsa. He is a director of the Exchange National Bank and Trust Co. of Tulsa, being at the time of his election to that post one of the youngest bank directors in the country. He is also a director of the International Petroleum Exposition and a trustee of Christ King church in Tulsa, and is active in the work of the junior and senior chambers of commerce of Tulsa.

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on farms which did not come. Finally it went into the hands of receivers.

Naturally, it was a blow to Martin, who had worked for 20 years to advance from office boy to the presidency, only to have it swept from under him just as he reached the top. The company was turned to receivers. Martin says with pride that it has paid off all of its debts.

Martin joined his father in devoting his full time to operating the hotel. In 1923 they took over the Bristol, Third street and Broadway, which had been the Threadgill.

Today father and son have adjoining offices in the Kingkade. They have been in business together since that day in April when Martin, 5, alighted with his mother at the little depot, and Martin was put to work helping to keep the place clean.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kingkade and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kingkade live in the hotel.

Both men belong to the chamber of commerce—the father has been a director and Martin's chief interest is on the good roads committee where he constantly works for better highways (it's his main hobby)—and every day both of them go to the Y. M. C. A. to play volleyball. The father loves to fish, the son likes to play golf, but they go on frequent trips together.

Both have been officers of the First Presbyterian church, and in many other activities they have shared both the work and the pleasures. Martin helped organize the Kiwanis club; Andrew Kingkade is a member of the Oklahoma club.

Martin has a daughter, Katherine, 20, who is a junior at Oklahoma City university.

The father and son are not letting their business stand still. Just now they are remodeling the Kingkade Hotel and installing $80,000 worth of new plumbing, baths, ceiling fans and electric fixtures.

"Just doing our share to help keep business going, and to keep our hotel up-to-date," explains Martin.