Hats Off To

Fleta Campbell Springer, university preparatory student in 1900-01, (right), because she is one of the most distinguished Sooner women, she being one of America's best known short-story writers, and because she possesses one of the most charming personalities among American authors, being described by her friends as the perfect guest, always in demand. It was because of her popularity with her New York friends that she sought seclusion in Washington this winter to write a book, the nature of which she refuses to divulge. Her introduction to Oklahoma was particularly vivid, when she was three years old. Awakening after a night on a Pullman, she pulled aside the curtains at El Reno to see a man who had been the principal figure in a lynching the night before, hanging from a scaffold. Her father resided at Watonga, and was a member of early Oklahoma legislatures. After attending the University of Oklahoma, she went to California to become a newspaperwoman. Success with short stories led her to go to New York ten years ago. Since that time, she has published sixty short stories in Harper's and other magazines, has had a play produced, and has written a novel, "Gregg." Mrs. Springer has a beautiful country home at Falls Village, Connecticut, but spends a great deal of her time in New York. She is a cousin of Prof. W. S. Campbell.

Charles D. Mahaffie, '05 arts (Kingfisher college), because he has attained a national reputation as a lawyer, because he has had a long and honorable career in responsible government positions, and because he is the director of finance of the interstate commerce commission. He was born December 3, 1884, at Olathe, Kansas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Mahaffie, now of Hobart, Oklahoma. He attended school at Kingfisher and was graduated from Kingfisher college in 1905. That year, he was elected a Rhodes scholar from Oklahoma and was in residence at St. John's college, Oxford, from 1905 to 1908. In 1907, he received the bachelor of civil laws degree from Oxford. From 1908 to 1909, he was instructor in jurisprudence at Princeton university. The following year he practiced law at Chickasha and then removed to Portland, Oregon. In 1916, he was named solicitor for the department of the interior. From 1921 to 1922, he served as attorney for the United States railroad administration, and in the latter year, he was made director of finance of the interstate commerce commission. His bureau has charge of such work as the construction or abandonment of railroad lines arising under the 1920 transportation act. Mahaffie's home address is 2032 Belmont road, N.W., Washington.

Fletcher Riley, '17 arts-sc. (right), because he is one of the most successful university graduates in Oklahoma politics, and because he is a justice of the Oklahoma supreme court, the youngest man ever to be elected in this state to that court. Justice Riley entered the university in 1912. In 1915, he withdrew from the university to teach school at Lawton. He was nominated on the Democratic ticket to the state legislature from Comanche and Cotton counties in 1916 and was elected in the fall. That same fall he re-entered the university, and received his B.A. degree in 1917. While in the university he was editor of the Sooner and was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. He served in the A.E.F. as a lieutenant in the 10th field artillery. In 1919, he was discharged as a first lieutenant. He married Miss Carolyn Duffy of Norman in that year also. In 1920 he was elected county attorney of Comanche county and re-elected in 1922. He was elected a member of the supreme court in 1924, the youngest man ever elevated to Oklahoma's supreme bench. Justice Riley resides in Oklahoma City.