Most students of the campus knew Charles Elkins Rogers '14 when he attended the university. He was "Chuck" then. Now journalists all over the nation are coming to know him through his work as head of the department of industrial journalism at Kansas State Agricultural college and through his books, the most recent one being *Journalistic Vocations.* He has worked at nearly all jobs open to a versatile journalist.

A journalism teacher-author

To recount the successes of Charles Elkins Rogers now is only one way of indicating the firm foundation on which the university's school of journalism was built. Mr. Rogers was a graduate of the class of 1914—back in the days when the school of journalism was running on facilities far short of what it has now. When he went to school the instructors were few and the range of instruction was limited but his success as an author and as a teacher of journalism goes far to prove that for a long time the University of Oklahoma has been offering equipment essential to good journalists. The school's accomplishments are told in the achievements of its graduates.

Last year Mr. Rogers' book, *Journalistic Vocations,* was published and critics hailed it as a very significant and worthwhile work on a subject somewhat elusive. In the book he discusses all phases of journalistic endeavor. (You will find a review of it in *The Sooner Magazine* for June, 1931). He is now head of the department of industrial journalism at Kansas State Agricultural college.

While he was a student in the University of Oklahoma he spent most of his time in journalistic work but he found time to make varsity letters in football in '11, '12 and '13. He was a charter member of Sigma Delta Chi. He was editor of the undergraduate magazine, for which he secured the work of Jack McClure, who was also a student in the university at that time. His writing for the magazine was very early in a career that has made Mr. McClure one of the university's most distinguished graduates in the field of literature. He is now literary editor of the *New Orleans Times-Picayune,* on which he conducts a Sunday page, "Literature and Less."

In the university he had been correspondent for *The Oklahoma News.* After commencement he went to Oklahoma City and asked George B. "Deak" Parker, then editor of *The News,* for a job. Mr. Parker, who is now editor-in-chief of Scripps-Howard newspapers, wanted his services and offered him $5 a week with a promise of $10 when times got better. But the *Tulsa World* was ready to pay $10 without waiting for better times. Mr. Rogers went to work for the *World,* where he stayed a year. During that time he was sports editor, all-round reporter, including police; he wrote Sunday features, he wrote publicity for Harry Kendall college, now Tulsa university; he was official scorer for the Western Association baseball league, and correspondent for a whole string of papers.

The larger field was calling him. He left Tulsa and went to work for the *Kansas City Star,* where he was copyreader and feature writer until 1917, when the United States entered the world war. In the army he rose to the rank of first lieutenant. In 1919 he accepted a position as professor of Journalism at Kansas Agricultural college, becoming head of the department in 1926. In the meantime he did graduate work and received his master's degree from the Kansas school in 1926. Since that time he has been contributing to a number of well-known books on journalism.

He has written two bulletins, *Stories Farm Paper Editors Want and How to Gather and Write Farm News.* With Nelson Antrim Crawford he was co-author of *Agricultural Journalism,* and his most recent publication is *Journalistic Vocations.*

Last year he was elected to honorary membership by the University of Oklahoma chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, and at the initiation he gave the alumni toast. (Printed in June, 1931 issue of *The Sooner Magazine* under the heading "As we remember").

In 1926 he was president of the American Association of Agricultural College Editors and in 1929 secretary-treasurer of the American Association of Schools and Departments of Journalism. He is a member of the American Association of College News Bureaus, the American Association of Teachers of Journalism, the American Association of University Professors, Kappa Alpha social fraternity, and the Kansas Authors club.

He is married and has one son, William Cecil, who is now eleven years old.