Chem Grads Who Succeeded

Of the numerous graduates who have chosen varied and interesting vocations, the chemistry department has a full share. A great many of these alumni have achieved prominence in the fields of work which they occupy, and it is interesting to note what they are accomplishing.

Particular interest is vested in Ralph S. Sherwin, who was the first major in chemistry and the first graduate of that department. Mr. Sherwin received his B.S. in '03 and is now chief chemist for the Aluminum Ore Co. in St. Louis.

One of the earliest graduates of the school has been one of the most loyal workers in the University of Oklahoma association. He is Dr. Guy Y. Williams, who received his B.A. degree in 1906. He is now professor of chemistry and is director of the school of chemical engineering.

Another early graduate is Dr. Robert P. Calvert, B.A. '09, M.A. '10. During the war Doctor Calvert was active as a research director of the DuPont Co. Later he received a Ph.D. at Columbia where he is now an associate professor in chemistry.

Others who have become teachers include Dr. Oscar E. Harder, B.A. '10, M.A. '11, and Dr. A. M. Williams, B.S. '18, M.S. '19. Doctor Harder received his Ph.D. from Illinois university, and was for three years state chemist of Kansas. Later he was connected with the American Portland Cement Co. for a few years. Doctor Harder was given a fellowship in the Mellon Institute, and is now professor of metallography at the University of Minnesota. Doctor Williams obtained a Ph.D. at the University of California, and is now teaching chemistry in the junior college at Fullerton, California.

Dr. Terence O. Westhafer, B.A. '14, also received a Ph.D. at Illinois university. For a number of years he was research chemist for the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co. at Pueblo. At present he is in the carbon development department of the Western Electric Co. in Chicago.

Several of the graduates are now connected with the faculty of the University of Oklahoma. Among these is Prof. Lloyd E. Swearingen, B.S. '20, M.S. '21. He has completed work on a Ph. D. at the University of Minnesota, and is now professor of chemistry.

Another is Prof. A. C. Shead, B.S. '19, M.S. '23, who is now an assistant professor. Professor Shead was for about five years connected with the geological survey. He has almost completed work on a Ph.D. at Illinois university.

Prof. J. A. Belcher, who is an assistant professor in the department received his B.A. in '22, and M.A. in '24.

Two women who have unusual achievements to their credit are Dr. Olive M. Searle, B.A. '18, M.S. '20, and Dr. Lucille Johnson, B.A. '16, M. A. '17. Doctor Searle received her Ph. D. at the University of Michigan and was an instructor here for a few years. At present she is biochemist at the state psychopathic hospital connected with the University of Michigan. Doctor Johnson received the Ph. D. at Columbia and is now assistant professor of nutrition at the University of California.

Paul D. Barton, B.S. '19, received an M.S. at the California Institute of Technology and has since been on the reserve staff of the General Pe-
Several graduates are now connected with the Marland Refining Co. Among these is Dr. Cecil T. Langford, B.S. '16, M.S. '20, who was for a time associate professor here. After obtaining a Ph.D. at California university he became research chemist for the Marland company.

The head chemist in the refinery department of the company is Alfred Henriksen, B.S. '20, Lovel B. Chaney, B.S. '24, M.S. '26, is also with that organization.

Oscar B. Mahaffie, B.S. '21, M.S. '22, who was formerly a professor in chemistry at the state school of mines at Wilburton, now is a government chemist in prohibition enforcement work in Minnesota.

Charles Forrest, who received an M.S. at the end of the last summer session, also is connected with prohibition work in Milwaukee.

Loy G. Horn received a B.S. in chemical engineering in 1925 and is now with the General Petroleum Corp. in Los Angeles.

Dr. Dempsey B. Morrison, B.S. '21, M.S. '23, completed work on his Ph.D. at the University of Iowa this year and is now professor of bio-chemistry at the University of Tennessee Medical school.

Kenneth E. Crook, B.S. '25, M.S. '26, is an instructor here, but at the present time he is on leave of absence and is doing Ph.D. work at Wisconsin where he has a fellowship.

Cliff R. Otto, B.A. '19, M.S. '23, is head of the chemistry department at Central State Teachers college at Edmond.

Earle S. Porter, B.A. '11, M.A. '12, who was an assistant professor here for some time, is now an official in the Amerada Petroleum Corp.

Dr. Ray M. Balyeat, B.A. '12, B.S. '16, M.A. '16, M.D. '18, has achieved unusual prominence in the medical world and is considered one of the three best authorities on asthma in the United States. He, at present, practices in Oklahoma City.

Drama Tournament

The first drama tournament of Oklahoma will be sponsored by the University of Oklahoma Playhouse, of which Prof. Ray E. Holcombe is director, November 22, 23 and 24, at Norman. Four little theater groups of the state had already entered the competition as this edition of The Sooner Magazine went to press, and seven high schools had announced they would compete.

Among the speakers announced are Richard Dickinson, director of the Tulsa Little Theater, Miss Isabel Roman of Tulsa high school, and Mrs. Josephine Layman Storey, director of the children's theater of the University of Tulsa. High schools entered are Ponca City, Ada, Tuttle, Pauls Valley, Grandfield, Lindsay and Hail eyville.

No Cancellation

Back in Oklahoma City from a tenth crossing of the Atlantic, Frank Buttram, '10 arts-sc. (M.A. '12), president of the board of regents and Oklahoma City oil man, told reporters that in his opinion it would be most unwise to cancel Europe's war debt to the United States. American tourists and American business are doing more than their share towards rehabilitating Europe. Mr. Buttram intends to rejoin Mrs. Buttram and their children in Switzerland at Christmas.

An exhibition of primitive African art was held at the college of fine arts early in October. The collection was secured by a Belgian in Congo and is one of the finest in existence, including the famous Bushong wood sculpture, native cloth, pottery, etc.