

Walter Varnum, Jr., was in Lawrence the latter part of April and the first part of May for a vacation from his work as engineer in charge of broadcasts picked up out of the studio for station WLS in Chicago. Walt has a fine job and enjoys many interesting experiences.

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Gordon Melgren teaches in the junior-senior high at Atchison. His address, 315 N. 2 St.

Married, Robert Jack Breidenthal, fs, to Jean Wyatt, fs'40, March 16. After a wedding trip to New York, Canada, and Bermuda, the couple returned to Burlington, Iowa, where Jack is employed with the American Walnut Co.

Jobs For Mid-Semester Graduates

Graduates who have secured jobs since completing work in February include: Jack Allen, b, Continental Oil Co., St. Louis; Bruce Carlson, b, State house, Topeka; Norman E. Fisher, b, Kansas Electric Power Co., Lawrence; Charles O. Herold, b, 4th Nat'l. Bank, Wichita; Carl Johnson, b, Sheffield Steel Co., Kansas City; Jacob Riess, b, American Butter Co., Lawrence; Thomas Seyb, b, Collingwood Grain Co., Hutchison; Alfred Smith, b, instructor in accounting, Wichita U.; Geo. D. Ville, b, Retail Credit Co., Kansas City; Leonard M. Wolfe, b, Standard Oil Co., of Indiana, Kansas City; John F. Headrick, e, Phillips Petroleum Co., Bartlesville, Okla.; Robert Wallace, e, Phillips Petroleum Co., Kansas City; Everett R. Watson, e, United States

Geological Survey at Austin, Tex.; and Donald Metzler, e, and W. E. Padden, e, with the Kansas State Geological Survey, in Southwestern Kansas.

FACULTY

Jan Chiapusso, professor of piano, has been asked by Dr. James Francis Cooke, president of the Presser Foundation and Editor of *The Etude*, to contribute a "master lesson" to that publication. Professor Chiapusso will submit a "master lesson" on Heller's arrangement of "The Trout" by Schubert.

Dr. Ralph I. Canuteson, director of the K. U. student health service, attended meetings of the American Student Health Association in N. Y. C. in December. As chairman of the committee on health services he presided at several meetings and presented a paper on, "A Standard Health Examination Record."

Ralph Conger, freshman football coach, will go to Wentworth Military Academy at Lexington, Mo., next fall as football coach.

Prof. Earl D. Hay, of the mechanical engineering department, has been appointed a member of the Kansas State Engineer Registration Board. There are five members on the board who examine and issue licenses to engineers wishing to practice in Kansas.

Dr. F. C. Nelson of the biochemistry department spoke on "The Properties and Actions of Vitamins" at the second annual convention of the Kansas State Dietetic Association, March 24, in Kansas City, Kan.

Prof. W. C. Stevens retired two years ago; but that doesn't mean he stopped working. On the contrary, he plunged into one of the big-

gest jobs he's ever undertaken, the preparation of a book which will contain photographs and descriptive matter on every one of the five hundred important wildflowers of Kansas. Dr. Stevens was 72 when he began this work in 1933, 76 when he was finally free to devote all his time to it. He believes that with two more years of good health he can complete his project—which requires good health, for it means long trips over the state, and tramps through the fields and woods. Mrs. Stevens always accompanies him on his expeditions, and the two of them, in their eleven-year-old car have made thousands of friends over the state as well as meeting many a former student of Dr. Stevens. They are looking forward to their next trip, for June is one of the best months for "botanizing" in Kansas.

Dr. Stevens has a refreshing definition of wild flowers. "Wild flowers are what, if we don't like them, we call weeds and, if we do like them, we call flowers." He points out the fact that the early settlers in Kansas enjoyed and frequently commented on the abundance of wild flowers. But the modern farmers, he finds, have little time to enjoy the wild life about them.

If Professor and Mrs. Stevens, with their energy and enthusiasm are a fair indication, then the real fountain of youth must consist of an old car, a camera, and a never-ending interest in and love for the wild flowers that bloom with each returning spring.

The above information and quotations were taken from the fine feature article by Ted O'Leary, '32, which appeared recently in the *Kansas City Star*.

Dr. Beryl E. Warden, formerly of the K.U. faculty, is the new dean of men at Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pa.

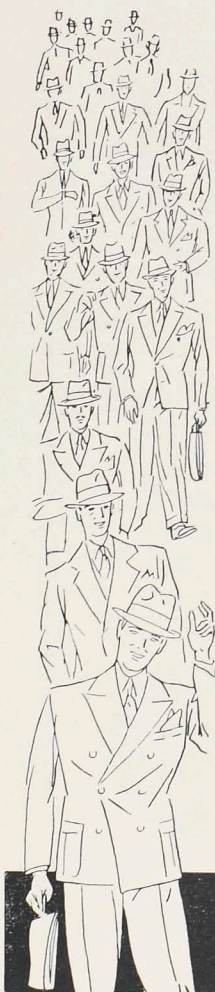
Grace Wiley, formerly a collector for the University Museum of Natural History, has developed a hobby of collecting reptiles, and now maintains some 75 specimens in an upstairs room of her home at 609 W. 1 St., Long Beach, Calif. Among the "pets" are Slinky, a six foot lizard, an eighteen foot python named Romeo, the king cobra who played in the movie "Trade Winds," a priceless Siamese twin turtle, and dozens of different snakes. All of the poisonous reptiles are still venomous, but Miss Wiley takes the precaution of leaving them in their cages when children or crowds are about. She insists, however, that they are really not dangerous when intelligently treated, and that reptiles make affectionate and interesting pets.

Dr. W. E. Sandelius has been granted a year's leave of absence from the University political science department, and plans to go abroad with his family for the summer and most of next winter. He will study trends of international politics in the Baltic area. Should the international situation become serious Professor Sandelius will spend the winter on writing and research in Washington, D.C. and at Columbia University.

Engaged, Dr. James Naismith to Mrs. Florence Kincaid, house mother of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at K.U. They will be married just before the end of school and will spend the summer in the West and Canada.

Born, to Prof. Karl O. and Martha Lee Boone Kuersteiner, fs'37, a son, Richard Lee, April 6.

Died, Francis William Bushing, a member of the chemistry faculty of the University from 1905 to 1912, Jan. 10 in Port Arthur, Texas. He came to the University as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 1910. He resigned to take a job in the chemical department of an oil company, retiring from active duty last year.



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