

## IN MEMORIAM

### Clinton McCarty Allen (1878-1957)

Clinton McCarty Allen, Dean Emeritus of Oklahoma City University, was born at Hartford, Kansas, November 10, 1878 and came to Oklahoma in "the run" on horseback at the age of fourteen. He died in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Tuesday, November 12, 1957 after an operation from which he failed to recover.

Dr. Allen returned to his old home in Kansas for his secondary education, but came back to Oklahoma for his college work. He received his B. A. degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1912, after having attended Central State Teachers College at Edmond before enrolling at O. U. He received his M. A. and Ph. D. degrees from Columbia University in 1917 and 1929. In the meantime, he had attended seminar sessions at the University of Chicago in 1924 and the University of Iowa in 1926.

Practically all of Dr. Allen's professional life was spent in the service of Oklahoma Education. After an apprenticeship in the rural schools, he served as superintendent of schools at Edmond, (1907-1911) and superintendent of the Consolidated School at Marshall (1913-16). In World War I, he was a Y. M. C. A. secretary in France. After the war he continued on as Y secretary for Oklahoma City during 1919-21.

In 1921, Dr. Allen was elected Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Oklahoma City University and began a long career (thirty-two years) of selfless service to the University. Shortly after coming to the campus he organized and became the director of the summer school. He held the position of Dean of Men from 1923 to 1927, at which time he became Director of the Department of Education and also Dean of the Evening School, which he organized. In 1939, he became Dean of the College while continuing his duties as teacher, department head, dean of the summer school, and dean of the evening school.

During World War II, he helped organize the Tactical School, operated by the university for the government, and became its director. He continued all of these duties until 1946 when he became Dean Emeritus of the university. However, he kept active by remaining as Professor and Head of Education and Psychology. In 1949, he was recalled to serve as acting Dean for one year. In 1950, when Psychology was separated from Education, he became Professor and Head of the Psychology Department. In 1953, he retired from active service.

Dr. Allen was a Fellow in the Oklahoma Academy of Science, a member of the Oklahoma State Psychological Association (president one year), the American Psychological Association, the National Education Association, Oklahoma Education Association, Phi Delta Kappa National Honorary and Professional Fraternity, and the Methodist Church. He was the author of, "The Effect Produced on an Individual by Knowledge of His

Intellectual Level." He has been listed in Leaders in American Education, American Men of Science, and Who's Who in America.

Dr. C. Q. Smith, former president of Oklahoma City University, under whom Dr. Allen served for many years, said of him, "Dean Allen was the most unselfish man I ever knew. He was always working for the advantage of his staff and his students. He was unimpeachable in character, intellectually honest, and keenly sensitive to every educational opportunity. No man is entitled to more credit for the progress of Oklahoma City University than Dean Allen."

Austin C. Cleveland