

Otis King
(1914-1959)

Otis Morrison King, Associate Professor of Biology, Southwestern State College, died suddenly on the afternoon of July 31, 1959, of a heart attack. He was born February 18, 1914, at Denton, Texas. Surviving him is his widow, Margaret. There were no children.

He was graduated from Denton High School, Denton, Texas, in 1932. From 1942-44 he was in the U. S. Navy. He attended the University of Texas, Austin, Texas, and North Texas State College, where he received the B. S. Degree in 1948. Following this he attended the University of Kansas where he received his M. A. Degree in 1950. In September 1950 he began his college teaching at Southwestern State College as Assistant Professor of Biology. In 1958 he was promoted to Associate Professor of Biology. During the summer of 1953 and the Academic Year 1953-54 he was on sabbatical leave to do work toward his Ph. D. Degree at the University of Oklahoma. He attended summer sessions at the Biological Station at Lake Texoma where he completed the course work for the degree. At the time of his death he was in the process of finishing his doctoral dissertation.

He was a member of the American Society of Mammalogists; The American Wild Life Society; Phi Sigma Biological Society; American Association for the Advancement of Science; American Chemical Society; Tri Beta Biological Sciences Fraternity; and Sigma Xi. He was also active in local affairs. He gave active assistance to the Boy Scouts; was a member of the Weatherford Rotary Club; and an active member in the Methodist Church.

He was a man of infinite kindness and gentleness. He was held in high esteem by students and faculty alike, and gave freely of his knowledge, spirit and effort in their behalf. His many friends will long remember him for his kindness and consideration for others and the many services he rendered to the community in which he lived.

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