Elmer Lawrence Lucas

1898-1966

Elmer Lawrence Lucas was born 22 March 1898, at Owensville, Indiana. He died 9 November 1966, at Norman, Oklahoma.

The University of Indiana conferred the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1922 and the Master of Arts degree in 1924. He received the Ph.D. in geology at the University of Oklahoma in 1934.

He taught in high school in Indiana during the period of 1922-23. Following the completion of the Master's degree he accepted a position at Phillips University where he remained until 1941. In that year he accepted a position on the faculty of the Department of Geology of the University of Oklahoma where he served until his retirement. During the period between 1942 and 1949 he served as the Director of the School of Geological Engineering.

At one time Dr. Lucas served as a consultant to Kerr-McGee Oil Industries. He participated in various geological mapping studies for Phillips Petroleum Company. In addition he contributed numerous papers, covering his research, to various professional journals.

Dr. Lucas was a member of various fraternities and professional societies, including: Sigma Xi, Sigma Gamma Epsilon, Sigma Delta Psi, Lambda Chi Alpha, American Association of Petroleum Geologista, Geological Society of America, Society of Economic Paleontology and Minerology, Mineralogical Society of America, and the Oklahoma Academy of Science, of which he was a past president.

Dr. Lucas is survived by his wife, Tommie, three daughters and two sisters. —C. A. Levengood.