

instructor and was an assistant football coach under Bennie Owen until 1924. He received his M. A. degree from Harvard in 1917 and returned to Oklahoma University to become an assistant professor in 1919. In 1922 he received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago and returned to the Oklahoma University mathematics faculty as associate professor. Ed became a full professor and was appointed assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 1926.

During the forty-one years Ed Meacham lived in Norman he was continually active in community and university service. He was president of the Alumni Association in 1918-1919, was president of the University Athletic Council for ten years, was a member of the board of directors for the Stadium Committee, was a member of the board of governors of the Oklahoma Memorial Union, was the university's faculty representative to the Big Six conference (now the Big Eight) from 1935 to 1938. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and served for several years as member and chairman of the Bishop's Committee, the governing body while the church was a mission. Ed was a member and served as president of the Norman Lions Club, was a member of the Norman Chamber of Commerce and a member of the board of the Cleveland County Crippled Children's Clinic. In 1940, he was appointed Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, but he continued teaching calculus during his deanship because of his love and enthusiasm for mathematics. Among the honorary and professional societies in which he was associated were Sigma Xi, Pi Mu Epsilon, Phi Eta Sigma, American Mathematics Society and the American Association of Mathematics. He did research in projective differential geometry of surfaces.

There were two children: John Ferrell Meacham, who married Mary Patricia Downing of Norman, graduated from Oklahoma University in 1945, and is presently Director of Aeronautics in Orlando, Florida. They have four sons. Martha Rae Meacham, who married Raymond Richard Lunger of Dunkirk, New York, was a 1949 graduate from Oklahoma University. They have two sons and are currently living in Norman where Colonel Lunger is Professor of Military Science for the Army ROTC at Oklahoma University.

In 1927, Ed and Ray built their home at 712 Lindsey where Ed had ample yard to enjoy his favorite hobby of gardening and landscaping. Each day he arose by 5:30 a.m. and spent a couple of hours working in the yard and garden before going to his office.

Ed Meacham was more than an educator and administrator. He was a gentleman who displayed honesty, humility, courage and loyalty. He possessed dignity with good humor, courtesy and gentleness to all with whom he dealt, and good sportsmanship and judgement in every aspect of life. His love for teaching and his interest in students contributed to his success as a counselor in guiding young people who were searching for a satisfactory professional field.

Edgar D. Meacham died at the University Infirmary on June 28, 1952. His widow, Ray, continued to reside in Norman and is currently living with the Lungers at 1203 Greenbriar Drive.

EDGAR D. MEACHAM

Martha Meacham Lunger (Mrs. R. R.)

Edgar D. Meacham was born in Smithfield, Texas on August 22, 1887, the second son in a family of eight boys and three girls. He attended grade school in Fort Worth before the family moved to a farm near Clinton, Oklahoma.

During his high school years (1907-1910) at Southwestern State Teachers College in Weatherford, Oklahoma, he played football and was a student assistant. It was there that he met Ray Ferrell and they were married on December 10, 1910. After his graduation he taught school and served as superintendent of schools at Lookeba, Oklahoma for one year.

Ed came to Norman and the University of Oklahoma in 1911 to fulfill a science prerequisite so he could go to Iowa State College and study agriculture. He thought he wanted to become a farmer. But the football bug bit him and he stayed three years. They were three busy years during which he played guard on Benjamin G. (Bennie) Owen's football teams, was a member of the track team, was editor of the 1913 Sooner Yearbook, was a member of Kappa Sigma and Pe-et, was president of the Sigma Delta Chi, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, won the Letzeiser medal in 1914 and received his bachelor's degree in the spring of that year.

Upon graduation he became a member of the mathematics faculty as