

WICKIZER FAMILY

By Wilma Wickizer Rodgers (Mrs. Joseph Lee)

David A. Wickizer was born in 1861 in LaSalle County, Illinois. He received an A. B. and a V. D. from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, in 1889. Alice Morgan was born in Keokuk County, Iowa, in 1866, and was graduated from Drake in June, 1890. D. A. and Alice were married that same week and their first pastorate was the Christian Church in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Here their first child was born and buried. Here D. A. supervised the construction of the first of many church buildings. Pastorates followed at East Side, Des Moines, Iowa; Beatrice, Nebraska; Bloomfield, Iowa; Kirksville, Missouri; Tulsa, Norman, and Vinita, Oklahoma; and Ravenswood Christian, Chicago, Illinois. There was never a year that he did not hold one or more "Evangelistic Meetings" in churches other than where he was pastor. Alice, who was also an ordained minister, usually filled the pulpit when he was away. Both were considered fine sermonizers.

D. A. Wickizer was pastor of the First Christian Church of Norman from September, 1913, to February, 1920. He assisted the congregation in turning the Arline Hotel into a church building. It was located on the northwest corner of Main and Webster where the McCall Super Food Market is today. The first service in the new building was held May 10, 1914, and the congregation met there until 1930. Mr. and Mrs. Wickizer were especially influential with high school and college young people.

Alice Wickizer died at University Hospital, Oklahoma City, June, 1917, and the body was placed in the R. C. Berry vault in the cemetery at Norman for several months but later transferred to Oskaloosa, Iowa. In October, 1920, D. A. married Emma J. Maris, a close family friend from Oskaloosa days. She was killed in an auto accident near Chicago, November, 1928. In 1929 he retired and lived with a sister and niece in Springfield, Missouri until his death in November, 1943, at age 82. He and Alice and Emma J. are all buried in Oskaloosa.

Wilma and Willard were born in Des Moines and Lucille in Beatrice. All three are graduates of Norman High School. Wilma and Willard were graduated from Oklahoma University in June, 1920. Willard later received a masters degree from Boston University and an honorary doctorate from Drake. He was an executive secretary of the United Christian Missionary Society of Christian Churches, with headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana, from 1937 until his retirement in 1966. He married Frances Miller, B. M. from Oklahoma University, 1920, in Norman, August 4, 1920. Since retirement they have continued to live in their home in Indianapolis. They have three children--Willard, Jr., is with the Board of Church Extension of Christian Churches, located in Indianapolis; Charles is pastor of the Christian Church in Flora, Indiana; and Alice is librarian at the University of Indiana, in Bloomington; and four grandchildren.

Lucille was graduated from Chicago University in June, 1921. In September, 1922, she married Ray M. Bowles, of Mounds, Oklahoma, who was graduated from Rush Medical College (now a part of the University of Chicago). He was the first resident urologist in Nassau County, Long

Island, New York. Since retirement they have made their home in Sarasota, Florida, and Palm Springs, California. The Bowles have four children-- Dr. Richard, Shelby, North Carolina; Robert, Garden City, Long Island, New York; Dr. L. Thompson, Washington, D. C.; Nancy, New York, New York; and thirteen grandchildren.

Wilma and Joseph Lee Rodgers from Hugo, Oklahoma, A. B. from Oklahoma University, 1920, were married in Chicago, July, 1922. They have lived in several states but came to Norman in June, 1963, following fifteen years in Washington, D. C. They have three sons. Lee, Jr., B. S. and M. A. from Oklahoma University, is chairman and professor in Department of Regional and City Planning and Director of Oklahoma Center of Urban and Regional Studies at Oklahoma University. He married Mary Joyce Norwood (A. B. from Oklahoma University, 1945) in 1948. They have four children -- Joe Lee, III, Mary Ellen, Robert, Larry.

David A. Rodgers (B. S. from Oklahoma University, 1948, Ph.D. from University of Chicago, 1953) is Head of Medical Psychology, Department of Psychiatry, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio and this year is president of the Ohio Psychological Association. (1972-1973). He married Norma Eaton (A. B. from Hiram College, Ohio, M. A. from University of Chicago) who came to Oklahoma University during 1947-1948 on a Danforth Fellowship in religious work. They live in Shaker Heights, Ohio, and have two daughters.

William Paul (B. S. from Oklahoma University, 1950) is a Safety Engineer and pastor of a church in Cypress, California, with three hundred members. It developed from volunteer work with teenagers and now includes many parents and other adults. He married Iva Lewallen of Tuttle while they were still students at Oklahoma University. They have three sons and a daughter and a son-in-law.

Willard and Frances had their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1970. J. Lee and Wilma and Ray and Lucille celebrated theirs this year - 1972. Norman is a great town to grow up in and to be educated in and to live in.

WILLIAM ELMER (BILLY) WILLIAMSON AND FAMILY

Eula Williamson Kelly

William Elmer Williamson, who was known by all as Billy Williamson, was born December 12, 1864, in Madison County, Ohio. His Mother, Lide Gill, died when he was three years old. Later Joseph Williamson, his father, moved to Nebraska with Billy and his brother, Theodore Edward. There he attended school and grew to young manhood. The family then moved to Maryville, Missouri and was living there and working on the David Rankin Ranch when they learned the unassigned lands were to be opened to home-