ARTHUR ALBERT WEDEL
(1898-1941)

Arthur Albert Wedel was apparently recovering from a very serious operation in the Good Samaritan Hospital, Los Angeles, California, when he was taken by death on May 7, 1941. He had enjoyed robust health until a short time before his untimely death.

Arthur Wedel was born at Moundridge, Kansas, February 16, 1898, the son of John H. Wedel and Veronika Zerger Wedel. He attended Moundridge grade and high schools, and studied for a time at Bethel College in nearby Newton. After attending Oberlin College and De Pauw University, he did graduate work at Cornell University where he earned the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in geology. At various times his studies were interrupted by periods of teaching. One year, he taught in a country district school near Moundridge. Later, he taught in the Hill City, Kansas, High School for one year followed by two years in the Hardtner, Kansas, High School and three years in the Leoti, Kansas, High School.

After his graduation from Cornell in June, 1930, Wedel joined the geologic staff of the Pure Oil Company, and he was associated with the company at the time of his sudden death. Being very versatile, he showed great skill not