James M. Culberson_____Record of Education and Experience
Durant, Oklahoma

I. Graduated Durant High School, Durant, Oklahoma--1919--played two years varsity football--captain of the team--played two years varsity basketball--winner of the mile run in Oklahoma Intercollegiate Track Meet 1919.

II. Graduated with B. S. degree 1923, Southwestern College, Memphis, Tennessee. Played four years varsity football--Captain of the team twice-- position--halfback and end--played two years varsity baseball position--first base. President of the Honor Council. President of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and was sent as a delegate to the National Convention at Chicago. Also sent as a delegate to the Y. M. C. A. Convention at Blue Ridge, North Carolina. Given a trip to Stagg Meet in Chicago for being most outstanding athlete.

III. 1923-24 was employed as assistant coach at Southwestern and instructor in Freshman-Sophomore physical education. President Charles E. Diehl, Southwestern, Memphis, Tennessee.

IV. Summer 1924--attended summer school at University of Illinois, taking classes in athletic coaching and physical education. Offered a try-out with Jim Thorpe's football team in Canton, Ohio, but refused because was not interested in professional football.

V. 1924-25--coached all athletics at Mt. Olive, Illinois. Very good football team. Championship basketball team. E. J. Jackson, C/o Board of Education, St. Louis, Missouri.

VI. 1925-30--Director of Athletics at Mattoon, Illinois--football teams were regularly defeated by smaller towns prior to 1925. In two years we were playing and defeating teams of the Big Twelve Conference, such as Douirlle, Danville, Decatur, Peoria and Champaign. Never won the championship, the closest being marred by a 7-6 defeat by Champaign.

Developed there such stars as Horsley, later quarter back at the University of Illinois, also Jim Purvis, later Western Conference halfback at Purdue, who became backfield coach at Purdue, and Duane Purvis, who was all Western Conference halfback and All-American at Purdue. Had only fair success in basketball--won the district track meet four of the five years and lost the fifth by one-half point, scored high in the Illinois State Meet and always scored in the Stagg Meet in Chicago, Superintendent H. B. Black, Matoon, Illinois.

Attended summer school at the University of Illinois in 1929, taking classes in athletic coaching and physical education.

VII. 193-35--Football and track coach at Davis Technical High School, Grand Rapids, Michigan, the newest and smallest school in a city of seven high schools. Davis Tech had had indifferent success in athletics previous to 1930. I never won a city championship but pulled Davis Tech from the bottom to the third place in the City League. The teams were grounded there in fundamentals and were admired for their fight and being hard to beat. Never won city championship but held victories over every team in the city with one exception.

Davis Tech had no track team previous to 1930. In 1935, we held three city records, displacing records of long standing. Relay teams undefeated in 1935, winning the State Championship. Scored higher in State meet than any other city school.

Introduced intra-mural system at Davis Tech--taught boys physical education.

Spring 1935, supervised nine city playgrounds. Summer 1935, was placed in charge of the 23 city playgrounds under the direction of Mr. A. W. Thompson who is now Director of Athletics and Physical Education at West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia. Mr. Leslie A. Butler, Teachers College, Ypisilauti, Michigan, was Superintendent of Schools during my employment there.

VIII. Summers--1931--32--33--34, attended Columbia University, receiving my M. A. degree in Health and Physical Education, December 1934.

IX. 1935-37--Director of Athletics and Head of the Physical Education department, Southeastern Teacher's College, Durant, Oklahoma.

Football teams finished third 1935 again in '36 in Oklahoma Collegiate Conference composed of seven colleges. This is higher than at any previous time. Run mostly from double wing back and single wing. Use short punt some of time, employ to a modified extent the open lateral passing game typical of the Southwest.