

# Scholar, Cedar City Native, Plans Career in Science

Edward Paul Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Palmer of Cedar City, will be initiated into Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity, in ceremonies Feb. 14 at the University of Utah. He was elected to the honor in early January on the basis of his almost straight "A" scholastic record during four years of work at the state university and Branch Agricultural college, and won a similar honor last month in being named a member of Phi Kappa Phi, also a scholastic fraternity.

Majoring in physics, Mr. Palmer earned a 3.95 average with a 4.0 being straight "A." He was a student at BAC in 1946-47 but transferred to the university to complete his degree. His talent in scientific work first gained recognition when he won honorable mention in a national "Search for Science Talent" contest conducted by Westinghouse during his senior year at Cedar high school. The honor came as a result of highly rated scientific essay and achievement in the contest examination.

A veteran of naval service in World War II, he was trained in radar and became an electronics technician's mate. Upon his release from the service in 1946, he filled a mission for the L D S church in the east central states. During his mission he collaborated with another missionary in writing a course of study for missionaries in teaching and conducting meetings that has been adopted as a text in a missionary class at Ricks college, Rexburg, Idaho.

While he was in Kentucky he met June Dillistone, Ashland, Ky., who was working as a missionary. They were married in December, 1949. At the university he has continued his church activity and is supervisor of University stake missionaries.

Music, painting, woodcarving and ship model making occupy a good deal of his spare time, what little of that there may be with teaching in the engineering physics laboratories, studying and caring for a family. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer are the parents of two children.

After graduation this spring Mr. Palmer will begin work on his doctorate in nuclear physics. Later he expects to teach and do research work in his field.