

Since leaving the university in 1926, Bob Yoder has had an interesting experience selling bonds for a Chicago company and now he is with the Standard Statistics Co. of New York, as one of their investor's guidance experts

Sooners in the big cities

BY BOB YODER, '26

It is perhaps somewhat odd but wherever one goes he always meets someone from Soonerland. For instance, one June day in 1927 I am walking down the streets of Chicago wondering where is a steady job when I run into Jack Dow, who is muchly chagrined at seeing me especially since I offer to eat dinner at his expense. He works with Halsey, Stuart & Co. which is an investment banking firm dealing in bonds and similar commodities; anyway it seems like an easy business with a lot of sitting down to be done so I join up with another company in the same line.

After it gets around that I am not putting people on the cuff but am drawing down a salary, other Oklahomans in the town come out of their hiding places. First is Carl "Red" Hogan, now a lawyer for the Pure Oil company; then comes more, among whom are John Roemer, Clifford "Doc" Fulton, D. J. Logsdon Walthers, Fred Ward, Ed Grimm, Bob Calvert, '08, Carl Milam, '09, Hugh Edmondson and Raymond "Doc" Davis. "Doc" Davis has an orchestra which plays at the La Salle hotel, one of the leading hostleries; I am in there one night buying a meal for a lady when I see Doc—he remembered me and comes over to the table where he offers to play her favorite tunes which puts me over with the little woman as a Big Ticket in deed.

Three years later I arrive in New York and the story is about the same except that a citizen from Chicago is looked upon as a crude party not to mention other insinuations which do not reflect credit. A number of Sooners are in this town; a visitor can easily find Harry A. Barth at Macy's, probably the largest de-

partment store in this country. Barth will be remembered as Dr H. A. Barth, Ph. D., professor of government. In the same store one will meet Julia Howell also; she is studying music and lives with her brother in Brooklyn. Earl Cheser is now a full-fledged doctor of medicine and can be located at the Psychopathic Institute, while Bob Roberts and Jack Pickard, likewise doctors, are at the Bellevue hospital. Pickard was formerly one of Bill Owen's star pitchers. Lynn Riggs is producing another show *Green Grow the Lilacs*, which has received very favorable comment from the critics. Anyone happening through Greenwich Village may see Puryear Mims who formerly taught English at the university; Mims is now teaching the same subject in a private school in New York City. In the same neighborhood one will find Harry Eckles, recently from Lawton and Oklahoma City who is connected with Standard Statistics Co., L. W. Maxwell, '12 works for the same concern and is the author of several important contributions dealing with economic trends. Martin Heflin is now in Washington preparing for a consular career but has lived in Greenwich Village until last fall. A number of his poems have been published and he is revising a story which will probably be seen in book form soon.

It always occasions much surprise to me when I learn of the different occupations engaged in by the New York Sooners. For instance, there is Helen Rubin, of Oklahoma City, who plays her violin at one of the local Dinner clubs. Incidentally, her "stage" name is Ilyeana Kazanova. Adelaide Carder is with a firm of interior decorators and lived with Natalie Broach until the latter married a



"slick city feller." Natalie Broach is to be addressed as Mrs Perry Davis and can be relied upon for an invitation to dinner if one is not in funds, so to speak. Henry Sureck is engaged during the daylight hours in the insurance business; he is a fairly recent arrival, hailing originally from Oklahoma City. Emanuel S. Schoenwald was occupied in the same business along with Sureck but has returned to Oklahoma City. Over in Brooklyn it is probable that one will run into Hugh Perry—Perry is a practicing physician in that borough and has been in New York for some time.

Upon leaving the native state one is always admonished to look up various and sundry Oklahomans resident in New York. It is embarrassing to carry out the well-meant advices of friends and the people whom one is supposed to meet are likely embarrassed equally as much. Certainly they can not enjoy meeting an individual with whom they have nothing in common but for the fact that we have all attended the same state university. Which goes to explain why I have not met Elgin Groseclose, on the editorial staff of *Fortune*, Ivan Richardson, one of the executives of J. C. Penny and Co. nor Willard Campbell of Boston who is in New York quite frequently, coincident with his duties at the Hahn Department stores.

Incidentally, it might be added that Adelaide Loomis Parker, formerly instructor in English, is living in Bronxville, and sees that her husband, "Deak" Parker, gets to his work with the Scripps-Howard newspapers every day. Also, Chester Reeds, of the Reeds family, well-known in Oklahoma athletic history, is

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Railroading has been the forte of Lloyd James Hibbard, '14 eng., who has held various responsible positions with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., with which company he is now special engineer for the new railway engineering department. Mr Hibbard is co-patentee of several improvements in railroad devices and has written papers for electrical and railway publications

Noted engineers-- Lloyd James Hibbard



Working for twenty cents an hour after finishing your university course.

Then ending up with one of the best jobs in your company.

That sounds like the stories in the *American Magazine*. It could very readily be written for that journal about Lloyd James Hibbard, '14 eng., now special engineer for the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co.

Willingness and stick-to-itiveness are two of the ingredients that went into the making of Mr Hibbard's success. He is completing his seventeenth year with one company. And, though he had a college degree, he was willing to learn something new. Now, his college training and his training in Westinghouse is paying him dividends.

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Mr Hibbard was born December 5, 1892 at Eskridge, Kansas, the son of Charles Landon and Amy Lawler Hibbard. He took his preliminary work at Oklahoma Preparatory school and then was graduated from the university in 1914 with the degree of bachelor of science in electrical engineering.

Immediately on graduating, he went with the Westinghouse organization, taking that firm's apprentice course. After completing that, he began work for the company at twenty cents an hour. Later, he was assigned to work in railway engineering, and he has filled several positions in that department during his connection with Westinghouse.

His experience has given him contacts with many of the great railroad systems throughout the country and he has written a number of papers for electrical and railway publications.

Result of observation is shown in several joint patents Mr Hibbard holds with the late B. G. Lamme. Mr Hibbard is listed in *Who's Who in Railroading* for 1930.

Several engineering departments, divisions and sections engaged in railway work in the Westinghouse organization, were merged into the new railway engineering department February 15, 1931, and Mr Hibbard was made special engineer associated with the new department.

He is married and has three children. He lives in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania.

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one of the curators of the American Museum of Natural History.

But what has probably been the most exciting experience of all occurred this past fall, when I was awakened about 3 a. m. one morning by someone "home-ward wending his weary way" and bawling lustily "Hi-rickety-ooop-te-do." The next day I happened to meet the gentleman in question, and, sure enough, he turned out to be an ex-schoolmate.

Anyway, I'm signing off by saying that I'm still proud to be a Sooner.

FINDER OF HIDDEN WEALTH

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vey. Forty-three other states have similar surveys, and the states that do not are lagging in mineral development. The survey was established by the first legislature of Oklahoma by a bill approved May 29, 1908, and, according to the bill, the survey was located at the University of Oklahoma and the university was authorized to provide rooms, offices, and other facilities.

The survey was originally under the control of a geological survey commission and remained so until 1923, when it was placed under the control of the board of regents of the University of Oklahoma, which in turn placed the survey, by resolution, under the direct control of the president of the university. The director of the survey bears the same relation to the president of the university as the deans of the various schools and colleges.

Three men have served the survey as directors. Mr Gould directed from 1908 to 1911; D. W. Ohern from 1911 to 1914; C. W. Shannon from 1914 to 1923; and Mr Gould from 1924 to the present. In April, 1923, Governor J. C. Walton vetoed the appropriation for the survey, and for a year it was inactive. Dr Charles E. Decker, now professor of geology, acted as custodian.