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Oklahomans at home and abroad

Soonerland in Brief

Sooner professors have declared that there is a need in the college curriculum for courses in matrimony and the home. Dr. Helen Burton, head of the department of home economics, has said, "If American homes are to produce better families, then the people establishing those homes must have some knowledge of the primary functions of those institutions."

Norman Thomas, socialist candidate for president at the last election, spoke on the subject, "If I Were President," February 23 on the campus.

John B. Ewing, assistant professor of economics, has been appointed as labor compliance officer for the NRA state adjustment board by Frank Buttram, '10as, '12M.A., national recovery council director for Oklahoma.

Roller skating on the campus became so general and noisy during February that University officials had to issue a decree against offenders of the iron rollers. Watchmen with police whistles stopped skaters at the campus entrances and made them travel afoot.

C. C. Bush, '23as, Prague, who is working on his doctor's degree at the University, created a bit of excitement during the annual Oklahoma Educational association convention in Oklahoma City when he said that the history books did not tell the truth in making great heroes of some of the early American generals. He was the target of considerable comment by history teachers who preferred the "romantic" type of history text.

Tom Finney, of Bartlesville, has been appointed editor of the *Whirlwind*, humor magazine, for the second semester following the withdrawal from school of Eldon Frye, of Coffeyville, Kansas. Finney was co-editor during the first semester.

Jean Thomas, well known Kentucky folklorist and president of the National

Folklore society, visited the campus in February and appeared in a public address. She told of the pure stock English and Scotch mountain people of Kentucky.

Lunsford Livingston, Seminole, has been elected president of the Jazz Hounds, pep club, to succeed Baxter Taylor, jr., Oklahoma City.

Six pharmacy seniors passed the state examination for pharmacists recently in Oklahoma City. They were: Edgar Arnett and Gifford Peer, both of Oklahoma City; Doyal Greer, Talihina; Heath Moffatt, Hominy; Levi Bisel, Mutual; and Walton Counce, Rocky.

Dorothy Hume, law freshman, daughter of Ross Hume, '98as., '00M.A., Anadarko, was elected state treasurer of the League of Young Republicans at their annual meeting February 12 at Enid.

Helen Gregory, instructor in physical education for women, presented a dance recital March 1 on the campus. Miss Gregory offered impressionistic interpre-

tations of moods and music. She is an alumna of the University of Wisconsin, having been awarded her M.A. degree in dancing in 1932.

When the Vienna Choir Boys from the Austrian capital presented a recital on the campus, it was women students who gathered at the stage wings to get glimpses of the 12 to 16-year-old lads who were making a tour of the United States. "Stage-door-Johnnies" were conspicuously absent from the wings and in their places were the curious women students.

George Borelli, Kingfisher, has been elected chief nek of the Ruf Neks to replace Harry Kornbaum, Enid.

Seventeen juniors have been selected by a faculty committee and enrolled in President Bizzell's honor class. The group meets weekly with Doctor Bizzell and discusses cultural subjects. Those selected for the class follow: Fred Behringer, Joe Culp, John Fishburn, James Hawes, Jack Kinnebrew, Robert Knight, Richard Roys, and Jackson Sickels, all of Norman; Fred Dunlevy, Maurice Hankinson and Edmund McCurtain, all of Oklahoma City; Marcus Cohn, Tulsa; Mark Cox, Talihina; Don Gill, Okmulgee; James Majors, Cullman, Alabama; Jackson Scovel, Larned, Kansas; and Robert Slover, Prague.

Paul Keen, wrestling coach, has been the saddest man on the campus since the winter semester grade reports were released. He lost Ellis Bashara, of Norman, heavyweight letterman, early in the season on account of scholastic difficulties. The grade reports showed that Billy Carr, of Cushing; Joe Kalpin, of Tulsa, and Vernon Sisney, of Geary, also were lost. These setbacks practically wrecked his 1934 wrestling team.

Wilbur Cross, governor of Connecticut and former dean of the Yale University graduate school, will be a speaker on the campus March 19, President Bizzell has

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announced. Governor Cross will speak at a morning chapel.

The English habit of prefixing vowels with "h's" apparently has spread into France. A French student at Grenoble-Gare recently wrote a letter to Harry Alley, '34as, son of Colonel John Alley, head of the University government department. But in spelling the name he wrote "Harry Halley." The letter was delivered to Harry Halley, '15as, '17law, district judge in Tulsa, before it reached young Harry Alley at the University.

Minnesota State Director

Jessie A. Bloodworth Nye, '20as, has been appointed State Director of Women's Work under the CWA in Minnesota.

Under her supervision nine thousand women were given employment early in the winter. Her office is 237 State Capitol Building, St. Paul.

Mrs. Nye was engaged in social welfare work in New York City previous to gaining the Minnesota appointment. She spent several years in China teaching school after her graduation from the University in 1920.

Mrs. Himes Dies

Mrs. Dora Wignall Himes, '31M.Ed., Norman, died suddenly January 28 in Oklahoma City while she was visiting a daughter.

Mrs. Himes was engaged in graduate study and needed only to write her dissertation to complete work for her doctor's degree. Up until the time of her death, she was engaged in research work in indexing the constitution of the state and its amendments. This project was being directed by the University government department.

Mrs. Himes, whose parents live in Pauls Valley, was for several terms superintendent of education in McClain county. Burial was made in Pauls Valley.

Alumna's Son Takes Ripley Prize

The two-year-old son of a Sooner alumna recently was first place winner in a Ripley "Believe It or Not" contest in Detroit, Michigan.

He is Lloyd DeMause, twenty-eight-months-old son of Martie Korenowski DeMause, '29as, and Leon DeMause, of Detroit.

Young Lloyd, at this early age, is able to read from any book placed before him. Mrs. DeMause began to teach him the alphabet when he was fifteen months old. Each morning, at the hourly ringing of a nearby church bell, Lloyd goes into a huddle with his mother in their "kitchen school."

They have blackboard exercises of new words, and later flash cards of sentences containing the new words.

The Sooner alumna says that, "My aim is to shorten Lloyd's period of schooling one-half, so that he may begin to specialize early."



Mrs. DeMause is a substitute teacher in the Detroit public school system, and her husband is an automobile designer for the Cadillac Motor company.

Reunion in Philadelphia

The casual meeting of a half dozen Sooner alumni at the American Political Science association convention in Philadelphia this winter resulted in an impromptu "Oklahoma reunion and banquet."

The group which was drawn together from all parts of the country included P. L. Gettys, '27M.A., of the Temple Law school faculty at Philadelphia, and his wife, Pauline Gettys, '33as; H. V. Thornton, '29M.A., and Ray Harvey, '30M.A., both of the New York University government faculty; James Garner, '27M.A., a nephew of the vice-president of the United States, now completing his doctorate at the University of Iowa; and Lionel V. Murphy, '29M.A., of the United States Civil Service commission.

Gettys, Thornton and Murphy were formerly of the University government faculty. J. C. Phillips, '29M.A., now of the University of Pennsylvania government staff, was with the group at its meeting but was unable to remain for the dinner.

Five Sooners at Carlsbad

The recent announcement that Don G. McCormick, '33law, had chosen Carlsbad, New Mexico, in which to open law practice gave the University an even fifty per cent of the attorneys in the village of the caverns.

McCormick became affiliated with James W. Stagner, '24ex, at Carlsbad. Other Sooners practicing there are W. B. Robinson, '12ex; Caswell S. Neal, '20law; and Melvin C. Neal, '31law.

State Senator Charles Memminger, '14as, '33law, Atoka, has accepted an appointment as secretary of the Production Credit corporation in Wichita, Kansas. He and Ruth Moore Memminger, '20mus, '26as, have moved to Wichita where he will be affiliated with the branch of the Federal Farm Loan association which will make loans to farmers.

Buster Mills a Good Bet

Colonel Buster Mills who used to "park them" out over the track for the Sooner baseball team in 1929 and 1930 has an excellent chance of staying on the St. Louis Cardinal big league roster this spring.

His chance of making the grade became more than likely when Manager Frankie Frisch, of the Cardinals, selected the roster of thirty-six baseball players who reported early in March at Bradenton, Florida, for practice. Eleven of the thirty-six must be thinned from the squad before the start of the season.

Only six outfielders—including the great "Buster"—were included in the group. Since big league clubs keep five or six outfielders on their roster for the season, Mills was given a better than even chance at staying in the big show. Manager Frisch will do most of his eliminating from a pitching staff of sixteen members and an infield staff of eleven ball grabbers.

Mills was sold to the Cardinals at the close of last season.

Prominent Sooners Married

A wedding of unusual interest late in February was that of Mildred Chase, '34as, Seminole, and Murray Gordon, '33law, formerly of Bartlesville.

The prominent pair of Sooners are making their home in Oklahoma City where Gordon is practicing law. Mrs. Gordon will commute to the University from Oklahoma City for the remainder of the semester in order to continue work toward a degree.

She was one of the *Sooner*, yearbook, beauty queens last year and is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Gordon, who was president of the Phi Gamma Delta chapter last year, was outstanding in campus activities.