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Oklahomans at home and abroad

Soonerland in Brief

While University students are at home enjoying holiday festivities, many members of the faculty will be attending annual meetings of national societies in the north and east. Political and natural science organizations will meet Christmas week in Chicago and a score or more of faculty members will appear on programs and attend the annual sessions.

The agitation of students to have the board of regents abolish the rule prohibiting "dating" on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights came to a standstill recently when the alumni association executive board refused to be implicated in the movement, holding that the matter was one for the regents to settle. At a student election, students voted overwhelmingly to ask the regents to abandon the rule.

President Bizzell attended the annual meeting of the National Association of University Presidents late in November in Washington, D. C. He is chairman of the national military committee.

Delia Franklin, Norman, and Julius Stroupeck, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, students in the school of painting, were elected to membership in the Oklahoma Art association recently. Eight graduates of the University were also given the distinction. They were: Mrs. Alice Fleming, Norman; Mary Lamb Lewis, Oklahoma City; Monroe Tsa-to-ko, Carnegie; Spencer Asah and James Auchiah, both of Anadarko; Steve Mopope, Fort Cobb; Jack Kakeah, Santa Fe, New Mexico; and Acee Blue Eagle, Wainwright.

Fraternity leaders, still dissatisfied with their revised rush system, are advocating further changes which would require rushes to go through the entire period before pledging. This year, it was optional.

T. M. Beard, director of the University general education service, was chairman of

a nation-wide broadcast in November. National speech leaders engaged in a debate on the subject chosen by high school students this year. The debate in full was published by the University Press.

Margaret Buckley, Tulsa, won a free trip to the Thanksgiving Day football game at Washington, D. C., in a contest sponsored by the *Whirlwind*, humor magazine. Miss Buckley was selected as the most popular student attending the University. The contest was open to both men and women.

The Nautilus, Bartlesville high school paper, was named the most efficient high school publication and was awarded a silver plaque at the annual meeting of the Interscholastic Press association on the campus this fall.

Jimmy Johnson, Tulsa, has been elected president of the Ruf Neks, campus pep club, to succeed George Borelli, Kingfisher.

Five University students and alumni were selected by a committee of faculty members to advance to state competition in the annual Rhodes scholarship eliminations. The five selected were John Alley, '33as, '34M.A., Norman; Willard Thompson, Oklahoma City; John Fishburn, Nor-

man; Hugh Comfort, Norman; and J. Richard Carpenter, Norman.

Paintings of Leonard Good, graduate and University art school faculty member, were exhibited in the Art building gallery early in November. One of the outstanding paintings was a portrait of John Woodworth, '31as, Oklahoma City teacher and playwright.

Dale Clark, Sand Springs, editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*, student newspaper, recently decried political conditions in his column, "One Person's Opinion." He said: "Politics, it seems to me, is just like a carnival. You walk down the mid-way and the barkers on both sides give out practically the same spiel and they've got about the same type of shows inside and none of them are worth the money."

Jean Boyle, Woodward, and Leota Davis, Norman, represented the University women's debate squad in the first forensic meet of the year against the Oklahoma College for Women.

The annual kidnaping of the Homecoming queen brought the usual flurry to the campus early in November. Nadine Hughes, Oklahoma City, the queen, was swiped this year by Lunsford Livingston, Seminole, and three other Jazz Hounds. She was returned before Homecoming day to allow her to officiate in festivities.

Purchase of the Delta Chi fraternity house by the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity chapter was announced recently. The financial strain of the new home was too much for the Delta Chi chapter.

▲ Alumni Advisory Council Named

An alumni advisory council of eight to work with the alumni executive board in the interests of the University was named recently by Lewis Morris, '15as, '15M.A., '17law, president of the Alumni association.

The group includes Bert Meacham, '18

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Here are members of the alumni executive board who attended the semi-annual meeting on the campus during Homecoming. In the back row are President Lewis Morris, Otto 'Dutch' Brewer, Weaver Holland, A. N. 'Jack' Boatman, Gordon Bierer, Charles Memminger and Fritz Aurin. In the front row are Secretary-Treasurer Frank S. Cleckler, John Rogers, Errett R. Newby, T. Jack Foster and Ernie Hill, editor of The Sooner Magazine.

law, Clinton attorney; Hiram Impson, '15 as, postmaster and publisher of the *McAlester Democrat*; Ned Shepler, '18ex, editor of the *Lawton Constitution* and former president of the Oklahoma Press association; Harrington Wimberly, '24as, publisher of the *Aluts Times Democrat*; Merle Woods, '17as, El Reno editor; Earl Sneed, '13as, Tulsa attorney; Frank Buttram, '10as, '12M.A., Oklahoma City oil producer; Fred E. Tarman, editor of the *Norman Transcript*; and Tom Leahy, '22ex, Pawhuska banker.

The advisory council met November 17 on the campus for the first of a series of sessions to plan a program for the advancement of the interests of higher education in general, and of the University in particular.

▲ Mrs. Williams Norman President

The Norman Alumni club has departed from tradition and for the first time has elected a woman president of its organization.

The new president, however, has long been active in alumni work. She is Mrs. Ella Thomas Williams, '06as, wife of Dr. Guy Y. Williams, '06bs, '10M.S., former president of the Oklahoma association and head of the department of chemistry.

Mrs. Williams succeeded Harold Belknap, '25as, as president of the Norman club. Hugh Roberts, '06ex, chairman of Cleveland county commissioners, was elected vice-president to succeed John O. Moseley, '16M.A., professor of Greek at the University.

Frank S. Cleckler, '21as, executive secretary of the Oklahoma association, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Thirty alumni were present at the first meeting this school year. Regular monthly luncheons will be held.

▲ Benton Thrills Opera Lovers

The high praise of Chicago's critical opera critics was won by Joe Benton, '20as, '21voice, when he made his debut in

American opera November 13 at the Chicago Civic Opera house.

To a man, the critics were liberal in their praise for the young Oklahoman who sang the lyric tenor part of Mario Cavaradossi in "Tosca." Maria Jeritza sang the leading part of Floria Tosca.

Benton's handling of the solo parts won the applause of Chicago opera lovers. It was his first appearance in American opera and promised future feature engagements for him in this country.

Following the close of the Chicago opera season, December 22, he will return to his home in Norman and spend the holidays with his parents before returning to Europe where he will continue his operatic work under his name of Giuseppe Bentonelli.

▲ Rinsland Heads State Group

Dr. Henry Rinsland, '20as, '24M.A., is chairman of the state committee appointed to prepare a questionnaire to be given all Oklahoma college students this winter. The plans for testing all state students were made at a meeting of educational experts at the State Capitol November 10.

Dr. Rinsland also heads the University committee giving the examinations on the campus.

The University associate professor of education has just published a Manual of Objective Tests for Elementary and High School Teachers. He also has just published a grading system based on all published research and several studies done at the University.

▲ Two Sooners Working Together

Two Sooners who were graduated in classes a decade apart are working together in social case work at Knoxville, Tennessee.

They are Frank Long, '08as, '09M.A., who was in Brazil for fifteen years, and Georgia Ball, '29as. They are working temporarily in the transient bureau in Knoxville.

Long, who was Y.M.C.A. secretary in Porto Alegre for fifteen years, writes "it seems strange to take lessons from someone who graduated twenty years later, but just that happened when Miss Ball came here to help us reorganize last month." She majored in social service work at the University and is now assistant director of the Tennessee transient bureau.

▲ University Friend Is Dead

S. K. McCall, a close friend of the University for the past third of a century and the father of five University alumni, died November 11 at his home in Norman.

The 68-year-old owner and manager of the McCalls Men store attended the Iowa State-Sooner football game the day before his death and worked that day at his popular downtown store as he has since the beginning of the century.

He was the father of Ann McCall Fitzpatrick, '16as, Austin, Texas; Laura McCall Baker, '19as, Hobart; Sammy McCall Burns, '19ex, Norman; Lewis McCall, '18ex, Norman; and Dorothy P. McCall Cruse, '26as, Norman. He also is survived by his wife.

Many of his liberal acts of kindness to needy University students were unknown until after his death. He was known to have employed scores of students to work in the various clothing stores he has operated in Norman and also he has allowed scores of needy students to live without charge in basement apartments at his home.

Mr. McCall was as close to the University as most of its faculty members and alumni. Last summer, Mr. McCall joined with five alumni and four faculty members in purchasing a 41-acre tract of land east of Norman and holding it without profit until such time as the University will have funds to buy the land. He was a liberal contributor to the Stadium-Union Memorial Fund.

Many other acts of generosity on his part were brought to light after his death.

He loaned money to students when they were in need and often his loans were purely gifts to students who needed funds to continue their attendance at the University.

Burial was made in Norman.



Prize Babies of 1909 to 1914

Prize babies who are awarded winning ribbons at the Oklahoma State Fair usually grow into admirable, intelligent adults interested in higher education and as often as not attend the University of Oklahoma, Martha Jane Dowell, '34as, feature writer for the *Oklahoma City Times*, discovered recently while making a survey of the Oklahoma City winners of fifteen to twenty years ago.

Miss Dowell, looking back into the annals of the State Fair baby contests, found the names of twelve Oklahoma City babies who were given prize winning ribbons during the period from 1909 to 1914.

Of the dozen, four have attended the University, three others are daughters and sons of Sooner alumni while another has married an alumnus, she discovered. Only three have had no connection whatever with the University.

The four who became students are Gloria Truth Adkins, '31ex; Baron Housel, junior, '33as; Patricia Ann Kilpatrick, a junior in the fine arts college; and Raymond Hite, junior, a freshman in the fine arts college.

One of the winners was Martha Lynne Carey, daughter of Tom F. Carey, '08as, and Mrs. Carey. Martha Lynne attended Oklahoma City University.

Another was Margaret LaRoy Needham, daughter of Dr. Clarence F. Needham, '22bs, '24M.D., and Mrs. Needham who are now residents of Ada, where Margaret LaRoy is a high school student.

Another was Dick Lowry, junior, son of Dr. Dick Lowry, '14bs, '16M.D., and Mrs. Lowry. Young Dick is attending Classen high school.

Jewel Turner, a winner in 1914, recently married Fisher Ames, '30law, retiring president of the Oklahoma City Alumni club. Jewel attended Miss Madeira's school and Vassar.



Four in New Harvard School

Four graduates of the University are attending the new school in public administration this year at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The four are W. H. Cies, '33, L. B. Aughtry, '32, F. E. Brown, junior, '34, and E. V. Williams, '34.

Harvard University is opening the program for the training of men and women interested in public administration as one of the features of its business college. A complete curriculum has been outlined and is being offered this year.



Dr. Rose Back From Europe

Dr. Cassie B. Rose, '11bs, who is in charge of the X-ray departments at the

Presbyterian hospital and Rush Medical college, Chicago, read a paper on radiology at the Fourth International Congress of Radiology late in the summer at Zurich and St. Moritz, Switzerland.

The paper was to be published in the November issue of *Radiology*.

Before attending the international meeting, Dr. Rose, who was graduated from Rush college in 1914 after doing preparatory work at the University, traveled extensively through Jugo-Slavia, down the Adriatic to Athens, to Istanbul and through Bulgaria to Hamburg.

One of her two companions on the trip was Nannie Lee Miller, '09mus, '12as, '27 M.A., Tulsa.

Dr. Rose has specialized in radiology since 1917 and holds the position of associate clinical professor of surgery (radiology) in the Rush Medical college of the University of Chicago.



1934 Home Ec Grads at Work

Twelve 1934 graduates of the University school of home economics are now teaching or holding other responsible positions. Nine of the 12 who are teaching are Evelyn Avery, Holdenville; Sarah Banks, Oklahoma City; Ruth McKinney, Henryetta; Mary Malbe Lucas, Norman; Harriet Huffhines, Oklahoma City; Margaret Reeves, Greenville, Texas; Mildred Williams, Norman; Lillie Hudson, Tecumseh; and Mrs. Nan S. McClure, Paoli.

Marguerite Duckwall, Oklahoma City, is employed at the University hospital as dietician. Maxine Turner and Julia Taylor are now home demonstrators in Duncan and Enid, respectively.



Truman Another Crosby

When Maurice Cotton, '32ex, quit singing at the campus Varsity Shoppe for his

meals and went west to make a hit as bell-tone baritone, Truman Tomlin, popular orchestra leader, was given his job.

He entertained noon and dinner luncheon guests in the shop for a period of two years while he was attending the law school and then last May he felt the "west coast urge."

The *Los Angeles Examiner* last month acclaimed Tomlin the greatest crooner in the business since Bing Crosby became a national hit. "The Object of My Affections," a song written by Tomlin when he was on the campus, also is making a hit. It has been sung recently during a number of popular radio hours and is gaining popularity rapidly.

The *Los Angeles Examiner* said of the former Durant boy who was a member of Delta Tau Delta at the University:

"Not since the advent of Harry Lillis Crosby, Spokane's most prominent citizen, has Los Angeles seen or heard a young fellow crash so loudly and surely into prominence as has the Oklahoma cow milker, "Pinky" Tomlin.

"When one hobnobs with dance orchestra listeners today one invariably hears mention of Tomlin, who wrote and popularized "The Object of My Affections," radio's newest song craze.

"There seems to be little doubt that this modest, pink-cheeked, bespectacled farmer boy will advance to a prominent rank in the broadcasting regiment. Tomlin sings in Jimmy Grier's orchestra, and the fact is mentioned just in case you haven't heard him.

"The flash from the suburbs of Oklahoma's leading city spent his boyhood learning to extract lac from the udder of a bovine. Today he proudly recounts his experiences behind the plow, his chores on the farm. He admits he is strictly a farm boy and always will be."

Frank Dudley Steps Up

THE appointment of Frank Dudley, '16law, as assistant United States district attorney, made all three of the assistants in the district attorney's office graduates of the University of Oklahoma.

The other two are Wade Loeffbourrow, '19law, formerly of Buffalo, and George Massey, '33law, Oklahoma City.

Dudley, who for five years has been assistant attorney general under J. Berry King, has made a fine record as a prosecutor. He held the county attorneyship in Carter county for two terms previous to accepting the position under King.

He served overseas for sixteen months during the World war and was a second

lieutenant. Coming back from the war, he moved his law office from Coalgate to Ardmore and was elected county attorney.

In the attorney general's office, he won fame for himself in the prosecution and conviction of Earl Quinn. He was appointed as special prosecutor in the recent sensational Neal Myers case.

W. C. Lewis, United States district attorney, has announced that Dudley will handle criminal cases for his office during the next few months. "I consider Dudley to be without an equal in criminal cases and also know that he is a profound civil lawyer," Lewis commented when Dudley's appointment was announced.