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Oklahomans at home and abroad

Soonerland in Brief

Leroy "Rob" Robison, husky Sooner fullback, brought a wife back with him when he returned to school this fall. She is the former Elizabeth Jones, a student at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas. Both formerly lived in Clarksville, Texas. They were married in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, the ceremony being performed by Governor Futtrell of Arkansas. Robison became acquainted with the governor several years ago when the former was a student at Ouachita college, Arkadelphia.

Virginia Shire, member of the University chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, was selected to be queen of a rodeo during the national convention of her sorority this summer at Yellowstone park. Miss Shire, dressed in chaps, sombrero and cowboy togs rode at the head of a parade that opened the rodeo at Livingston, Montana.

Dr. Paul B. Sears, head of the University botany department, was a special faculty member during the past summer at the University of Wyoming botany camp.

A magazine about books was given University students this fall when they enrolled for classes. It was edited by Sula Saltsman, McAlester, student manager of the Book Nook in the Union book exchange. It included articles by faculty members and students. The articles and contributors were "The Text-book is Not Enough," by Joseph A. Brandt, '21as, editor of the University Press; "I Keep Them Around Me," by Bill Stevens, Oklahoma City student; "How to Use a Thesaurus," by Dr. Joseph P. Blickensderfer, of the English department faculty; "Penny-Wise and Book-Foolish," by J. L. Rader, '08, '13 M.A., University librarian; "Around the Campus," by Freda Stolper, Muskogee

student; and "Register Your Library and Win Ten Dollars," by Charles Miles, '22as, manager of the University book exchange.

Dr. Samuel R. Braden, father of Sam Braden, '32as, delivered the baccalaureate sermon at University summer session commencement exercises. Dr. Braden is pastor of the First Presbyterian church at McAlester.

The home economics department is looking for a new practice baby. For the past year Jimmy Abbey, now two years old, has lived at the home economics practice house where students are given practical experience in domestic duties. Young Jimmy, son of Mrs. Naomi Abbey, school teacher, has outgrown the job. The new baby, when it is selected, will be given excellent care since at least a half dozen students are in charge of the house and baby at all times.

Fifty-four students were automatically dropped from the University for the coming fall on account of poor grades during the last semester. All of them were placed on probation at least twice for low grades during previous semesters

and were warned that failing marks in the future would endanger their status.

One thousand eleven students have been aided by the Lew Wentz Student Loan Fund since 1926 when the Ponca City oil man created the fund for needy students. It originally was a fund of \$50,000 but was increased to \$125,000 by other donations from Wentz. During the eight-year period, interest has been approximately thirty thousand dollars, increasing the fund to \$155,000. Only junior and senior students may take advantage of the loans.

Cliff Hines, of the extension division, has been serving as a first lieutenant at the CCC camp at Tecumseh during the summer. He has been in charge of baseball activities during the recreation periods.

Dr. George Lynn Cross, formerly head of the botany department at the University of North Dakota, succeeded Dr. Adriance Foster as assistant professor of botany this fall at the University. Dr. Foster resigned to accept a position at the University of California.

Home economics graduates make good wives—that is—if they select matrimony as a career, according to statistics compiled by that department. Of the 405 graduates since the University department was created in 1919, 60 per cent, or 226, are married. Slightly less than 30 per cent, or 105, are teaching. Of the 226 married students, only two have been divorced.

Dainty Ann Lennington, Munsie, Indiana, and Mary Hatt Hively, Muskogee, University graduates of this year, lost damage suits for \$140,000 against Oklahoma City for injuries sustained in an automobile crash last Homecoming eve. The two were injured and spent two months in a hospital when the car in which they were riding struck the back

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end of a street cleaner's wagon. One hundred eighteen stitches were taken in Miss Hively's head. The court ruled that the city wagon was in the act of performing a necessary governmental function.

Paul Mayer, University student of Pryor, has been awarded a scholarship to study this year at the University of Chicago. He will study law.

The University's thirty-eight campus buildings have been valued conservatively at \$2,517,425, according to the biennial report being compiled for the treasurer's office.

Ewing Sadler, Sulphur, senior and president of Men's council last year, may be one of the youngest members of the state legislature when it adjourns this winter. Sadler was nominated by the Democratic party as candidate for representative from Murray county. He is attending the University during the first semester. Sadler was second on the state ballot in Murray county, running behind John Vaughan, '24as, '27 M.A., state superintendent.

▲ McGaha Oilmen Active

Charles P. McGaha, 18ex, Wichita Falls, president of the North Texas Oil and Gas association, has been one of the most active of Texas oilmen during the recent opening of fields in the central part of the state.

He is vice-president of the Fain-McGaha Oil company which was organized in 1927. Previously, he was field geologist for the Atlantic Oil Producing company and the Owl company.

McGaha studied geology at the University from 1913 to 1918. His wife is the former Clara Waltrip, '24ex.

▲ Sooner Paints Marland

A life-size portrait of E. W. Marland, Democratic nominee for governor, has been painted by Lorenz Pendleton, '28ex, Oklahoma City, and hung in the Marland headquarters in Oklahoma City.

Pendleton's piece of work, done in pastels, is the first to be painted of Marland since he was nominated. Pendleton previously has done portraits of Robert A. Hefner, junior, '30law, W. B. Pine, Republican nominee for governor and many other Oklahomans.

▲ "Three Fine Sons"

Imagine how T. Jack Foster, '29ex, must have felt this fall when Dr. W. T. Mayfield, '18bs, '20med, came from a quiet room in the American Legion hospital at Norman and announced:

"Jack, you're the proud father of three fine sons."

The affable ex-mayor, member of the alumni association executive board, attorney and owner of the University Cleaners, sat down suddenly.

"Three?" he repeated.



"Don't faint, Jack. I mean you already have two. Just one more makes three."

▲ Douglas to Assist Buttram

H. Dorsey Douglas, junior, '29bus, Oklahoma City, has been named executive assistant to Frank Buttram, '11as, '12M.A., state director of the federal housing administration of Oklahoma.

Their office will be concerned with the federal program for renovation of homes and buildings. New buildings will be erected under the authority of the federal administration during late fall. Douglas was awarded an M. A. degree in business at Harvard after he completed work at the University.

▲ Kornfeld New Oil Editor

Joseph Kornfeld, '30eng, formerly of Tulsa, has become Oil Editor of *The Houston Post*, Houston, Texas.

Kornfeld, who was editor and owner of the Oil Features Syndicate in Tulsa, has been a frequent contributor of articles to *The Sooner Magazine*.

▲ Walker Takes Federal Post

An extremely important position in the new federal communications commission has been given Paul A. Walker, '21law, who resigned his post as chairman of the Oklahoma corporation commission, to take over federal duties in Washington, D. C.

Walker was appointed head of the telephone division and will guide the policy of the new commission along New Deal lines. The division of which he is chairman is, perhaps, the most important of communications departments.

The *Wall Street Journal* said of Walk-

er when his appointment to the commission was announced: "His aggressiveness on the Oklahoma commission establishes his reputation as a commissioner who has consistently championed the public viewpoint often to the detriment of the utilities. Mr. Walker has had more experience with the regulation of railroads, telephones and other utilities from his state service than any other member of the new commission."

▲ Everybody Moves Up

When Mrs. Eva Dungan resigned as professor of piano at the University after twenty years of service, Glee Club Director R. H. Richards didn't realize it meant he was going to have to find a new second tenor to take his son's place on the male quartet.

The chain of promotion that cost Director Richards his second tenor went like this:

Mrs. Dungan resigned. Lyman Stanley, Central State Teachers college faculty member, was appointed to fill her vacancy. J. Forrest West, '33mus, '33 voice, who has been teaching at Anadarko high school, was appointed to take Stanley's place. Young Dick Richards, '34ex, who needs nine hours towards a degree, was appointed to fill West's vacancy at Anadarko.

And now Director Richards needs a second tenor.

▲ Bacon, Wolves and Isabel Campbell

A three-act comedy, "Bacon to the Wolves," by Mrs. Isabel Campbell, '19 ex, Norman, was produced late in the summer by The Koshares, Delight-Makers of New Mexico, on the stage of

the New Mexico Normal University, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

The farce was written last year by Mrs. Campbell and given a trial on the University experimental stage. It was revised, rewritten and given a new title before it was produced by The Koshares. It is to be published this winter.

Mrs. Campbell, wife of Walter S. Campbell, University faculty member and writer, is author of one novel, *Jack Spratt*, which was published several years ago.

Jordan to South Dakota

An appointment as assistant professor of physics has been given Walter H. Jordan, '30bs, '31M.S., on the faculty at the University of South Dakota. Jordan last year was awarded his degree of doctor of philosophy from the California Institute of Technology.

He was a laboratory assistant in physics during his senior year at the University. Recently, he was author of an article, "Some Photoelectric Properties of Mercury Films," in *The Physical Review*. At present, he is preparing for publication a paper on the scattering of hard X-rays.

Leeman Behind the Scenes

The position as program director for the "Hollywood on the Air" program recently has been given to George Leeman, '33ex, former manager of a campus orchestra. Leeman also plays the piano in the orchestra which broadcasts from Hollywood.

Another Sooner associated with that popular radio hour is Aubrey Popeiov, '31voice, who is a soloist and member of the choral ensemble.

Von Tunqeln is Editor

Herbert Von Tunqeln, '34as, has become editor-in-chief of the *Wewoka Times-Democrat*.

He held a position as sports editor and reporter for several months before he was elevated to the position of editor.

Emily Stephenson State Champ

Emily Stephenson, '34fa, Anadarko, missed by only a few votes being a national finalist in the radio contest to select a leading lady to appear with Dick Powell's orchestra in a series of broadcasts to be known as "Hollywood Hotel."

Miss Stephenson won the state audition competition from more than one hundred persons and represented Oklahoma at district finals in St. Louis. Here she was a finalist with a St. Louis girl and lost the decision by only a few votes. The half dozen district winners will meet in a final round, the winner to be given a contract at \$250 a week for thirteen weeks. The salary will be doubled for the next thirteen weeks if the singer's work proves satisfactory.

Miss Stephenson, who studied under William G. Schmidt, 12fa, at the University, appeared in numerous musical and dramatic productions while on the campus. She sang parts in *Faust*, "Pirates of Penzance" and in several oratorios. She played the leading role in Eugene O'Neill's play, "Marco's Million's" and also a Shakespearean drama in the summer of 1933.

"Skivy" Gets Recognition

Spalding's football guide for 1934 credits Arlo "Skivy" Davis, '22ex, Sooner back who played from 1917 through 1920, with having kicked more extra points by placekicks in one game than any other intercollegiate player in the history of football in America. Davis is now coaching at Frederick.

Davis' record was made September 29, 1917, at old Boyd field, Norman, against Kingfisher college, whom the Sooners defeated 179 to 0, highest score ever amassed by a Sooner team. Coach Bennie Owen's Sooners scored 26 touchdowns and Davis kicked 23 placekicks for extra point out of 26 tries. His feat was pictured last year in Ripley's "Believe It or Not."

Following are the record individual scoring plays of all-time listed with Davis' feat in the guide:

Most points in one season—198 by Jim Thorpe, Carlisle Indians, 1912.

Most field goals one season—13 by Charley Brickley, Harvard, 1913.

Most extra points by placekick one game—23 by Arlo Davis, Oklahoma, 1917.

Most field goals by drop kick in one game—5 by Walter Eckersall, Chicago, 1905; Charles Brickley, Harvard, 1913; B. W. Trafford, Harvard, 1890.

Most field goals by placekick one game—7 by E. C. Robertson, Purdue, 1900.

Most touchdowns one season—26 by James Leach, Virginia Military Institute, 1920.

Flashing the News

A fifty-foot electric sign, larger than the one on the campus, is being constructed on top of the Broadview hotel in Oklahoma City, by seven University alumni who helped build the campus electric sign several years ago.

The seven are C. W. Anthony, '30eng, Norman, Ernest E. Brady, '30eng, Haskell, Doyle Campbell, '31eng, Sentinel, J. Herbert Pernell, '30eng, Blair, William L. Duckner, '30eng, Tecumseh, F. B. Creekmore, '30eng, Tonkawa, and Charles Ittner, '30eng, Oklahoma City.

The sign will flash late news items, advertising material and announcements

"Song-bird of the Kiowas"

Wilda Griffin, '27fa, '33mus, who has been appointed to a position on the University faculty starting this fall, has been called "the song-bird of the Kiowas" by the *Hobart Chief*.

"She received her title of Kiowa song-bird when as a little girl she lived at Carnegie, near the Kiowa reservation," the newspaper recounts. "At the age of ten she sang in Indian costume at school entertainments. Mopope, Tsa-To-Ke, Hokeah and Asah, young Indian artists who studied at the University, are her friends. Asah gave her the name 'Thoegia-hodle,' his family name, in appreciation of her talent and her friendship."

Miss Griffin, after she was awarded her first degree at the University studied voice for three years in Italy.

Sanford O. P. A. Secretary

Vernon Sanford, '32as, has become field secretary of the Oklahoma Press association, succeeding Ray J. Dyer, University of Kansas graduate. Sanford previously held a similar position in Nebraska.

Sanford took over offices in the Biltmore hotel in Oklahoma City when Dyer announced he had bought interest in the *El Reno Tribune*. Sanford was a journalism student at the University and a former resident of Chickasha where he was associated with the *Chickasha Express*.

Among the Royalty

The position of general attorney for the Royal Neighbors of America, fraternal insurance society, was given recently to Lendon A. Knight, '26law, Rock Island, Illinois. He has been on the legal staff of the society for the past six years.

He succeeds Benjamin D. Smith, Mankato, Minnesota, who held the post for thirty-one years. Knight was a member of Delta Tau Delta and Phi Delta Phi at the University.

of interest to the metropolitan district in Oklahoma City. The sign will be larger than the one used at the World's Fair or at Times Square, New York City.

A permit was issued to the seven alumni to allow them to build the sign which will cost ten thousand dollars. The group has been working on plans to build the sign since they completed the one at the University and were graduated. During the past four years they have been saving money to begin work. The permit for construction was taken out in the name of the Sky Line Advertising company.