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Oklahomans at home and abroad

Soonerland in Brief

The Sooner pistol team won the national collegiate championship this year annexing a second leg on the national trophy which has been won twice by Oklahoma, once by the University of Missouri and once by Princeton University.

The Sooner team is comprised of Mark S. Cox, Talihina; Homer C. Blake, Eufaula; and M. Clifton Whitehead, Phil J. Newkumet and Elmer Bray, all of Norman.

The University R.O.T.C. unit was given a rating of "excellent—superior" at inspection this year. It is the highest rating ever given a unit in the United States. For the past eleven years, the Sooner army students have been given a rating of "excellent" but never before approached the "superior" rank. No unit has ever been declared "superior."

Fred Carder, Cordell, junior University student, has accepted a position for the summer with the University of Chicago anthropological expedition working in southern Illinois. Carder is the son of Alta Loomis Carder, '06as, Cordell, and the nephew of George "Deak" Parker, '08as, New York City.

Dr. E. E. Oberholster, Houston, Texas, president of the National Educational association, was a speaker on the campus this summer. He was formerly superintendent of schools at Tulsa.

Enrolment for the summer session was more than one hundred greater than in 1933. The total this year is 1,675. Both graduate and undergraduate colleges have slight increases.

Casey Cason, tackle on the football team last year, was the first player definitely lost to the 1934 squad. Spring semester grade reports showed him several hours short of being eligible.

Walter Emery, '33law, University debate

coach, is attending the University of Chicago this summer. Emery, who has been a member of the public relations division staff for the past six years, has been getting much of the fan mail sent to the other Walter Emery, national intercollegiate golf champion. Both are from Shawnee and spell their names identically. In fact, many of Walter (debate coach) Emery's best friends sent him congratulations when Walter (golfer) Emery won the national title. The former was once national intercollegiate oratorical champion, himself.

Seventy-five per cent of the sophomore class finishing its second year of compulsory R.O.T.C. training has made application to continue working in advanced non-compulsory classes next year, according to Major Harry J. Malony, commandant. Only five per cent of the three hundred and sixteen sophomores said they disapproved of R.O.T.C. work. Twenty per cent were too busy with school work

and other jobs to continue training, they said.

Vancil Greer, seventeen-year-old University freshman, died while in swimming at a pool north of Norman June 14. He was graduated in June from Kingfisher high school and entered summer school as a pre-law student. His father is the law partner of George L. Bowman, University regent president. The youth's sister, Janet Greer, will be a senior this fall at the University.

One hundred persons attended a conference on homemaking at the University early in June. Home economics experts from the middle-west led discussion groups during the two-day session. Mrs. Maude Reichman Calvert, '20M.S., Oklahoma City, director of the Oklahoma Bureau of Child Development and Parent Education, was one of the principal speakers.

Houston Sooners Active

Alva Lee Kerbow, '26as, has been elected president of the University of Oklahoma Association of Houston and luncheons are being held at 1 o'clock the last Saturday of each month at the Texas State Hotel in Houston.

Two dances and a picnic have been held recently and a round of social events and meetings will be carried on by the more than two hundred ex-Sooners living in and near Houston.

The initial meeting was held April 21, on Texas Day. A permanent club was organized May 26 at a luncheon at the Texas State hotel, after a dance had been held May 19 at the San Jacinto hotel. Curtis Smith, '29ex, and his orchestra furnished music for the dance. Sixty-five couples attended.

A second dance was held June 16 at the San Jacinto hotel where B. F. Orr, another Sooner, is manager. A picnic was

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attended by a large group June 30 at Sylvan Beach, Houston's "Coney Island" on the gulf.

Officers of the Sooner alumni club are Kerbow, professor of education at the University of Houston, president; Ben Bolt, '10as, president of the Gulf Production company, vice-president; Hazel Herd-Crosby, secretary-treasurer; and Clarence Orman, '25ed, principal of the John J. Pershing junior high school, Harry D. Easton, '33eng, of the Humble Oil company, and Mrs. Sadie Long Cocke, '29bus, members of the executive committee.

Two Alumni Killed in Blast

Loyd Flood, '31eng, and Vernon "Pete" Weddel, '32law, were among seven men killed early in June when two hundred pounds of dynamite exploded and killed every member except one of a seismograph party working five miles south of Norman.

The eighth member of the party, Welton Crawford, a student, escaped death when the steel walls of an observation truck protected him from the blast that broke windows in a house two hundred yards away.

The group was making seismography tests under the supervision of the O. S. Petty company for the Sinclair-Prairie company. Flood was a resident of Norman and Weddel lived in Chandler.

Haskell Walker in Gotham

Haskell Walker, '31bus, has been appointed division superintendent in Bloomingdale's stores in New York City.

Walker attended the New York City University during the past year on a scholarship and received an M.A. degree in retail merchandising. He was the first University student ever to win a scholarship to New York University.

Captain Waters Ends Stay

The Sooner polo team was runnerup in the state tournament played June 10 to 16 at Fort Sill. A squad, including several alumni, represented Norman in the meet and defeated Captain Jerome J. Waters' Sooners, nine to seven, in the championship round.

Charles Stanley, '30ex, and Brack McKinley, '33bus, led the Norman team to the title. The squad was directed by Jim Minnick, Norman, who is a distant relative of Will Rogers, Claremore humorist.

The Sooner team that eliminated the two tournament favorites before losing to Norman was comprised of Bill King, Tom Walsh, Mack Humphrey and Kay Garnett. The state tournament closed the five-year coaching record of Captain Waters at the University. He will be transferred from the R.O.T.C. unit in the fall.

Captain Waters, while he was on detail at the University, brought the Sooner polo team into the nation's limelight. For three years, his teams beat everything in the

middle west. Two years ago, he won the state tournament and took his lads to the national intercollegiate meet. It was the first time a team west of the Mississippi was ever invited to play in the national meet.

Home Economics Graduates Placed

Four alumnae of the 1934 class who majored in home economics recently have accepted positions.

Mary Melba Lucas will teach home economics in the high school at Pawnee. Marguerite Duckwall has accepted a position as interne dietician at the University hospital in Oklahoma City. Lille Hudson will teach at Tecumseh and Mildred Hamilton has accepted a position to teach home economics at Beaver.

Turbyfill Plans Theatre

Subert Turbyfill, '25fa, '26as, '32M.A., who is director of dramatics in Balboa, Panama, schools, has been invited to draw plans for a Little Theatre which will be constructed to expand dramatic work under his supervision.

He is employed by the United States government and his work has been so successful during the past year that officials have agreed to furnish him the new theatre for his dramas. Mrs. Mary Blodwen Turbyfill, '31mus, also has found Panama an interesting country. They have been there a year.

"Too Long and Hot," Says Walt

Walt Mills, the grand old versifier of Oklahoma newspaperdom, recently made a plea for shorter commencement exercises, especially, in reference to those held at the University.

In his daily *Don't Worry* column in the *Oklahoma City Times*, Mills, who by the way is the father of a pair of alumni, declared:

"We received our invitation to attend the commencement festivities at O.U., and thank Dr. W. B. Bizzell, or whoever was responsible for the cordial gesture, but the odds are we won't be among those present. Commencement programs are no treat to us, and several of the lads who have garnered degrees on such occasions share this iconoclastic sentiment.

"By the time a youth has struggled through adequate hours to win a place among those present, he doesn't care much about steaming around in a cap and gown while a visiting celebrity points with pride, as he hints that the upperclassmen are the hope of humanity. Most of those who are going away from there want jobs, and the orator of the occasion usually holds no solution for the problem. Moreover, after two of one's youngsters strut their stuff at high school and University commencements, and one has rallied to see a few friends handed honorary degrees, he is likely to shun commencements and pick a good talkie for diversion. It is rather for

the youngsters than for us that we plead for shorter programs."

Huey Long Filibusters

Filibustering for the passage of the relief bill for insolvent farmers as Congress was attempting to adjourn, Huey P. Long, '12ex, Kingfish senator from Louisiana, panicked the galleries when he accused the floor leader of "mislaying" his pet bill.

"Trying to find Dillinger is one problem and trying to find this document is another," the one time Sooner student declared. "If I were going to put Dillinger where he couldn't be found, I'd bring him right up here and put him beside this conference report."

Two Alumni on Faculty

Two alumni have been added to the University college of fine arts faculty and will open their studios in the Fine Arts building on the campus in the fall.

They are Spencer Norton, '28as, Oklahoma City pianist, who was accompanist this spring in many of the concerts sung by Joseph Benton, '20as, '21mus, and the other is Wilda Griffin, '27fa, '33mus, who returned a year ago after two years in Italy.

"Deak" Parker Quoted

George B. "Deak" Parker, '08as, of New York City, editor-in-chief of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers, is quoted by *The Literary Digest* July 7, on the trend of that magazine's poll on the New Deal, as follows:

"An analysis of the gain-and-loss figures in *The Literary Digest* Poll indicates a significant grouping of essentially agricultural States—Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia—those twenty States show a loss for Roosevelt since 1932. On the other hand, the list which shows gains—a list which, by the way, is in the majority—includes practically all of the leading industrial States.

"Statistics show that, whereas agricultural income has increased, the prices of what the farmer buys have also increased in a degree which perpetuates their feeling of complaint, and, perhaps, accounts for their being on the loss-list. Farm States, therefore, are not likely to appear in the gain column until a net improvement is visible to the naked eye.

"I would not want this comment to be interpreted, however, as meaning an opinion on my part that the AAA has failed."

Sooner Is Golf Runnerup

Harry Gandy, Sooner golfer, was runnerup in the Oklahoma amateur tournament at Muskogee, losing the championship on the thirty-seventh hole to Charles Reazor, jr., seventeen-year-old Duncan sensation.