



Celebrating their twenty-fifth commencement anniversary, fifteen members of the 1909 class and their class parents attended the reunion banquet in the Oklahoma Union. Shown at the top of the page, left to right, are J. F. Paxton, Mrs. James Felgar, Mrs. Truman Horner, Truman Horner, Mrs. Elva McFerron Gittinger, Clem Gittinger, Owen Acton, Mrs. Neil Robinson Milam, Earle W. Radcliffe, Mrs. Pearl Goodrich Porter, Earl Porter, Dean James Felgar, Mrs. J. F. Paxton, Mrs. W. J. Cross, W. J. Cross.

In the other group of 1914 class members are, front row, left to right, Claude Reeds, jr., Claude Reeds, J. Dawson Houk, Eugene Ledbetter, Hubert Ambrister, John Rogers, Charles Steele, Luther White, George Bond, Everett Parker, S. W. Reaves, Terrence Westhafer, Ed Meacham; second row, Leonard Logan, Carl Steen, W. J. Armstrong, W. J. Armstrong, jr., Joseph Foth, W. L. Eagleton, Charles Memminger, Richard H. Cloyd, A. N. "Jack" Boatman, Roscoe Cox; back row, Mrs. Leonard Logan, Mrs. Jessie Duke Richardson, Mrs. Claude Reeds, Mrs. Carl Steen, Mrs. W. J. Armstrong, Mrs. Helen Holtzschue Vardaman, Mrs. Edith Wilson Foth, Dr. W. A. Fowler, Mrs. Jen Tolbert Fowler, Mrs. Olive Eagleton Hunt, Mrs. Stratton D. Brooks, Stratton D. Brooks, Mrs. Florence VanBuskirk Graham, Mrs. Ruth Moore Memminger, Mrs. Bess Merkle O'Halloran, Mrs. Agnes Chase Cloyd, Mrs. Marian Brooks Cralle, Mrs. Avis Barbour Cox, Mrs. Addie Maloy Westhafer, Mrs. S. W. Reaves, Mrs. Grace Stiles Halliwing, Dr. A. C. Hirschfield and Mrs. Lola North Newby.

# They Came Back

**R**EUNION banquets of the classes of 1909 and 1914 and the alumni luncheon following commencement were high spots in the forty-second commencement-homecoming celebration on the campus.

George "Deak" Parker, editor-in-chief of Scripps-Howard newspapers, "returned the compliment" and presided at the luncheon following George C. Smith's commencement address. Last year, it was the other way around when Smith, who is assistant to the president of Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad company, presided at the rally after Parker's commencement address. Both of the alumni are members of the 1908 class.

The classes of '09 and '14, however, held the spotlight during the three-day rally and went back, at their banquets, to the days when Norman streets were wider and campus buildings less numerous. The class of '14, boasting the most life-time members of the alumni association, the most representatives on the alumni council and the most children, scored another "most" when sixty members of the twenty-year class turned out for the banquet. It was the largest reunion ever held.

Sixteen were present at the reunion of the smaller twenty-five year class, and it was a question which of the two groups told the better stories and made the more noise. The banquets, starting at 6:30 o'clock, lasted four hours and were brought back from reminiscences into bye-gone-days by the shrill blast of the University powerhouse whistle.

Mrs. Florence VanBuskirk Graham, traveling all the way from Montebello, California, to attend the 1914 reunion took the long distance prize. A number of easterners, however, were not far behind.

John Rogers, Tulsa, presided at the '14 banquet and every class member gave a report of his activities during the past twenty years. Dr. Leonard Logan was elected president of the class to serve during the next five years and take charge of the reunion in 1939 when his class will be the twenty-five reunioners. Stratton D. Brooks, former president of the University, attended the '14 banquet. He was president when the class was graduated.

A large majority of the two classes remained at the University for commencement the following day and attended the luncheon.

Joseph Benton, visiting his parents in Norman after a dozen years of opera work in Italy, sang a selection on the

commencement program. Doctor W. B. Bizzell introduced George Smith, the principal speaker.

Immediately following the program, two hundred and fifty alumni and faculty members attended the luncheon in the Union ballroom. "Deak" Parker presided and called on a number of prominent persons for short talks, including Chester Westfall, retiring president of the alumni executive board, George Bowman, president of the board of regents, and Doctor Bizzell. Benton sang another selection during the program.

The President outlined the future policy of the University regarding intercollegiate sports competition and expressed the hope that a campus expansion program might be carried on successfully by the University during the next few years.

"The sportsmanship and fair play which has always characterized University teams will be carried out by the new directors, I am certain," he said. "Sports, we have always felt, should be secondary to the main purposes of the University, and the directors, I am sure, realize that an over-emphasis of athletics defeats the larger purposes of the school. If we can carry on with the same spirit that Ben Owen has built at the University, everything will be all right."

He also said that the University may attempt to expand the boundaries westward across Jenkins avenue within the next few years and eventually place buildings west of the present campus.

The alumni executive board met following the luncheon to close the forty-second commencement celebration.

The class of '14 adopted the following resolution during its banquet:

#### RESOLUTION

The Class of 1914 of the University of Oklahoma at its twentieth reunion is impressed with the vast changes and improvements that have taken place here on the campus since the days we were given our diplomas under a brush arbor, the high standards of scholarship that are being maintained, the many achievements by the faculty and students in furthering the cause of learning, and the excellent way the President of the University and the Board of Regents have guided our Alma Mater through these trying times.

We hereby go on record in expressing our sentiments and by unanimous vote order the president and secretary of our class to convey to President W. B. Bizzell our pledge of loyalty, collectively and in-

dividually, and our willingness to serve every interest and welfare of the University and to assist in maintaining the standards it has already set and to assist the President of the University to achieve the goal he is endeavoring to reach in the future. We offer ourselves for service in any capacity for which we may be called.

Following are the alumni who registered during the period:

1898

C. Ross Hume, Anadarko.

1902

Florena W. Hadsell, Norman; Roy Gittinger, Norman.

1904

S. R. Hadsell, Norman.

1906

Ella T. Williams, Norman.

1908

Clement O. Gittinger, Tulsa; H. N. Horner, Davis; Errett R. Newby, Oklahoma City; Owen E. Acton, Guthrie; George B. Parker, New York City; J. C. Port, Edmond; Tom F. Carey, Oklahoma City.

1909

Pearl Goodrich Porter, Tulsa; E. W. Radcliffe, Oklahoma City; John T. Horner, Detroit, Michigan; Nell Robinson Milam, Evanston, Illinois; Bill Cross, Norman; Elva McFerron Gittinger, Tulsa.

1910

Fred Tarman, Norman; J. F. Owens, Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Hutto, Norman; Mrs. A. C. Shead, Norman.

1911

Earl S. Porter, Tulsa; E. E. Dale, Norman; M. T. Meyers, Oklahoma City.

1912

Lewis S. Salter, Norman; Earl Foster, Oklahoma City; Paul Walker, Oklahoma City.

1913

Ray Ferrell Meacham, Norman; Nina K. Black, Norman.

1914

T. E. Bartlett, Eureka, Utah; Marian Brooks Cralle, Springfield, Missouri; Mrs. W. J. Armstrong, Oklahoma City; A. N. "Jack" Boatman, Okmulgee; Eugene Ledbetter, Oklahoma City; Lola Newby, Oklahoma City; Dr. A. C. Hirschfield, Oklahoma City; E. D. Meacham, Norman; Leonard Logan, Norman; J. Dawson Houk, Oklahoma City; Everett C. Parker, Ponca City; Helen Holtzschue Vardaman, Norman; Hubert Ambrister, Oklahoma City; C. B. Memminger, Wichita, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lowry, Oklahoma City; Bess Merkle O'Halloran, Cordell; Grace Stiles Haltiwinger, Wichita, Kansas; George Bond, Oklahoma City; Claude Reeds, Edmond; Luella Bretch Reeds, Edmond; Virginia Tolbert Fowler and W. A. Fowler, of Fayetteville, Arkansas; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Henry Foth, Rochester, New York; Florence Van Buskirk Graham, Montebello, California; Avis Barbour Cox and Roscoe Cox, of Chandler; John

Rogers, Tulsa; Olive Eagleton Hunt, Tulsa; William L. Eagleton, jr., Tulsa; Luther White, Tulsa.

1915

Grace Williams, Chicago, Illinois; J. J. Hill, Norman.

1916

Chester H. Westfall, Ponca City; Ethel M. Lowry, Oklahoma City; Katherine B. Hill, Norman.

1917

Mrs. E. E. Dale, Norman.

1918

Angie Debo, Canyon, Texas; Mrs. C. T. Langford, Norman; Margaret Archdeacon Darrrough, Oklahoma City; Gladys Drennan Thompson, Los Angeles, California; C. T. Langford, Norman; Hedwig Schaefer, Norman; D. B. R. Johnson, Norman.

1919

M. L. Wardell, Norman; Ruth Thompson Hughes, Oklahoma City.

1920

Ruth Moore Memminger, Wichita, Kansas; Reaves A. Salter, Norman; J. P. Gibbs, Chicago, Illinois; Gertrude Sidener Phillips, Shawnee; Hugh V. McDermott, Norman; Agatha Roush Thornton, New York City.

1921

Joseph Benton, Rome, Italy; A. G. C. Bierer, jr., Guthrie; T. M. Beaird, Norman; Carolyn Seitz, Oklahoma City; Frank S. Cleckler, Norman; Dixie Young, Norman; L. A. Barr, Norman; Eva Maloy Hornung, Pueblo, Colorado; Harold Gimeno, Norman.

1922

Ralph H. Record, Norman; Charles Miles, Norman; Alice Herron Gable, Norman; Bruce J. Myers, Chickasha; T. E. Weirich, Nashville, Tennessee; Loyd E. Harris, Norman; M. Floyd Haynes, Ada.

1923

H. V. Thornton, New York City; Kitty Shanklin Rountree, Oklahoma City; Mrs. J. E. Belcher, Norman.

1924

Mrs. G. W. Sprager, Ardmore; Annie Laurie von Tungeln, Norman; Lillian Swearingen, Norman; Helen Hays Haynes, Ada.

1925

Harold Belknap.

1926

Henrietta Von Tungeln, Norman; Herbert H. Scott, Norman; Richard T. Pendleton, Norman.

1927

J. Price Gittinger, Davis, California; Harry E. Smith, Norman.

1928

J. T. Hoover, Norman; T. Jack Foster, Norman; Emma Jean Provost McDermott, Norman.

1929

Frances Atwater Lindloff, Norman; Mrs. Bertha Downing, Norman; W. H. Woods, New York City; Mary Virginia Maloy Williams, Oklahoma City; F. G. Tappan,

Norman; E. G. Ferguson, Oklahoma City.

1930

Pauline Gray Robison, Lawton; Edith L. Flood, Weatherford; Brunette Shanklin, Norman; Alta Sawyer Foster, Oklahoma City.

1931

Mildred Turner Gossett, Norman; J. O. Hassler, honorary, Norman; Victor Harlow, Oklahoma City; Ben Huey, Norman; Mary Hackett, Norman.

1932

Arta Maginnis, Norman; Carl Albert Ransbarger, Sapulpa; Ernie Hill, Norman.

1933

G. H. Ludeman, Anthony, Kansas. Others who signed the register during the period were Alice Penn Steele, Okmul-

gee; Ruth Ann Parks Hathaway, Wichita, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Paxton, Norman; E. P. R. Duvall, Norman; J. W. Scroggs, Norman; Mrs. Harold Belknap, Norman; Mrs. M. L. Wardell, Norman; Evalyn Lowry, Oklahoma City; Dewey Barnes, Norman; Arlena Trylor, Norman; Mrs. A. B. Adams, Norman; Fred Hargrove, Norman; Mr. and Mrs. John Casey, Norman; C. M. Keiger, Norman; Mrs. V. E. Harlow, Oklahoma City; John H. Harlow, Oklahoma City; Dorothea Harlow, Oklahoma City; Bryce Harlow, Oklahoma City; Audrey Elliott, Oklahoma City; Jewell Wurtzbaugh, Norman; Frances E. Pendleton, Norman; Belle Vickery Matthews, Tulsa; Eva Ellsworth Dungan, Norman; Marius J. Lindloff, Norman.

## New Alumni Executive Board

Lewis Morris, '15as, '15M.A., '17law, Oklahoma county attorney, was elected president of the University of Oklahoma association at its annual commencement-homecoming meeting on the campus. He succeeds Chester Westfall, '16as, Ponca City.

A. Gordon C. Bierer, '21as, Guthrie attorney, was chosen first vice-president and Earl Foster, '12as, '13law, Oklahoma City attorney, was named second vice-president.

Weaver Holland, '13bs, vice-president of the Dallas Light and Power company, was reelected Texas vice-president, and Frank S. Cleckler, '21as, was renamed secretary-treasurer of the alumni association.



EARL FOSTER

Morris, who has made an unusually outstanding record as county attorney in Oklahoma City, was first vice-president last year and has been active in alumni work since his graduation.

Mrs. Kitty Shanklin Rountree, '23as, Oklahoma City, homemaker; John Joseph Mathews, '20as, Pawhuska, author; T. Jack Foster, '29ex, Norman, attorney; Dr. Mell A. Nash, '19as, '27M.A., Chickasha, president of the Oklahoma College for Women; and Bierer were accepted as new members at the meeting.

The new executive board will carry on the drive for the creation of a committee to be appointed by the next legislature to study the state's educational problems, it decided. The executives will meet again during homecoming in the fall.



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