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Oklahomans at home and abroad

Soonerland in Brief

Leisure-time classes, held on the campus primarily for persons not regularly enrolled in the University, were attended by 4,412 persons during the past semester. Courses in English, creative writing, science, national traits and music appreciation were offered.

Kappa Kappa Gamma won the women's intramural sports championship this spring. A trophy was presented at the Women's Athletic association banquet.

Fred Dunlevy, Oklahoma City, will serve as senior advisor to Phi Eta Sigma, freshman scholastic fraternity, next year.

Nine students were awarded Buffalo Masks for taking part in at least five Playhouse dramas during the past year. They were Josephine Landsittel, Wichita, Kansas; Julius Einhorn, Tulsa; Merwin Elwell, Fairview; Alex Victor, Fort Worth, Texas; Margery Clevenger, Hobbs, New Mexico; Helen Hawk and Georgia Ledbetter, both of Norman; June Marie Williams, Oklahoma City; and Joe Callaway, Ardmore.

Students interested in short-wave radio broadcasting are building a station this summer. It will be ready for operation by fall.

A photograph made by Dr. Allen M. Ruggles, education professor, won first prize in the O. U. Camera club contest this year. A contest and exhibition will be held annually.

The University R. O. T. C. unit was called "one of best in country" by Major L. E. Hathaway, Fort Sam Houston, at the spring inspection. He said that the review was "the finest exhibition of R. O. T. C. efficiency I have ever seen in my life."

Letzeiser medals for all-around excell-

ency were won this year by Joe Fred Gibson, Wellston, Albert Kulp, Norman, and Bill Powers, Checotah.

A plan of presenting three one-act plays one night each week proved successful this year. Admission was free and acting and directing was done by dramatic art students.

The O. U. glee club won first place in the annual southwestern music convention this year at Fort Worth. Twenty-five glee clubs competed against R. H. Richards' Sooners.

Opera scenes being painted are from "Carmen" by Richie Hooper, Norman; "Valkyrie" by Louise Hicks, Norman; "Faust" by George Whitehurst, Carnegie; and "The Flying Dutchman" by Sue Cunningham, Austin, Texas.

Famous operas and plays are shown in eight murals being painted for the University auditorium. Scenes from plays being painted are Eugene O'Neill's

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"Strange Interlude" by Harriet Shellen-gerger, Hutchinson, Kansas; "Hamlet" by Margaret Jean Weldon, Enid; a Harlequin play by Billy McNeil, Norman; "Oedipus Rex" by Mamie Lou Litton, Freedom.

Every one of the nine hundred diplomas conferred at commencement time had to be signed by President W. B. Bizzell, George L. Bowman, Kingfisher, president of the board of regents, and Emil R. Kraettli, secretary of the board.

One hundred and thirty advanced R. O. T. C. students are attending a six-weeks camp at Fort Sill.

Captain Jerome J. Waters, polo coach, is the only R. O. T. C. instructor who will be transferred to another post at the close of this summer. He has served a year longer than the regular period at the University.

Mitchell Enlarges College

John G. Mitchell, '19M.A., superintendent of Seminole schools, has announced that the Seminole junior college will have an expanded curriculum next year.

Music and stenographic courses will be added in the expansion program. C. B. Maclin, formerly of the Central State Teachers faculty and former music critic of the *Daily Oklahoman*, will have charge of the music department, Mitchell announced.

Rigsby Gets Appointment

A. W. Rigsby, '29as, '29law, has been appointed trades practice compliance officer of the state NRA setup. His appointment was made by Frank Buttram, '10as, '12M.A., director.

Rigsby will see that code authorities over the state are active in seeking compliance with code regulations. He will

continue to handle the legal work of the NRA office as he has during the past few months.

▲ Mrs. Bruner Finishes Murals

A mural painting which has created considerable interest and brought praise to its designer is one completed recently by Mrs. Lucile Spire Bruner, '31art, Oklahoma City. It was made as a government project and has been placed in the Muskogee Central high school.

Five panels of the mural represent the steps of a child's mental growth from kindergarten age through high school. Two of the panels are devoted to the arts, a third to a home-making scene and two others to mechanics.

▲ Kennedy Play Produced

An original three-act drama by Paul Kennedy, '30as, reporter for the *Daily Oklahoman*, was produced by the Community Players of Oklahoma City recently. It was presented in the studio theater of the Players and then given a showing at the Oklahoma City University auditorium.

Reviews of "Give Us This Day" were enthusiastic concerning the dramatic qualities of the play. Although it was Kennedy's first stage play, he has had experience in writing radio dramas for WKY, Oklahoma City. Kennedy was editor of the *Oklahoma Daily* while he was in school.

▲ Loofbourrow Appointed

Wade Loofbourrow, '19law, formerly of Buffalo, has been appointed assistant United States attorney by W. C. Lewis, acting U. S. attorney.

Loofbourrow will be in charge of civil cases. Other assistants will be selected by Lewis to fill vacancies left through resignations. D. E. "Bill" Hodges, '25as, '27law, is among those resigning.

▲ Press Book Quoted

Albert Edward Wiggam who writes a daily syndicated feature called "Let's Explore Your Mind" recently answered one of his controversial questions with a quotation from the book, "Our Economic Revolution," by Dr. A. B. Adams, dean of the University college of business administration. The volume was published by the University Press.

The question Wiggam raised was "Do you believe prosperity will be induced more by efforts to manipulate the price level than by permanent government control of production and consumption?"

Explaining that Doctor Adams' answer has been most satisfactory to him he quotes from the Press book: "Without adequate consumers' money income business can not be kept operating continuously by mere manipulation of the price level. Only through industrial control



Joseph Benton, '20as, '21mus, is back in the United States after a dozen years abroad. Appearing in many of the great opera houses of Italy and France, Benton has become one of Europe's four leading operatic tenors.

will the government be able to keep a balance between production and consumption. It is hoped it will not be necessary for the nation to suffer bitter experiences . . . before accepting the inevitable policy of continuous government of industry."

"Seems to me we must make a choice between this and Fascism or Communism," adds Wiggam.

▲ A Dozen Years in Italy

Twelve years of Italian opera have given graceful maturity and an inspiring forcefulness of personality to Joseph Benton, '20as, '21mus.

He returned to the campus on a "sentimental journey" in May and sang a concert at the University before going to Chicago to appear with Lawrence Tibbett, Cyrena Van Gordon and the Chicago symphony orchestra in the World's Fair inaugural ceremonies.

Benton, who is considered one of the four ranking tenors of European opera, came home between seasons to see his parents, his University classmates and the state he terms "good old Oklahoma."

A dozen years, spent mostly in Rome, Nice and Milan, have brought Benton, or Giuseppe Bentonelli as he is called in Italy, fame, moderate fortune and the happiness that accompanies a profession that is one's life.

Back in Oklahoma for the first time in five years, Benton enjoys the change and the new perspective his years abroad have afforded him. A little heavier, just a little, and a white hair or two at the temples, have given him handsome maturity. His voice, which had lyric

qualities a dozen years ago, also has matured.

Perhaps, the two persons who have enjoyed his homecoming most completely are William G. Schmidt, his voice teacher, and Patricio Gimeno, his Italian and Spanish teacher. Spencer Norton, Oklahoma City pianist and classmate of Benton's, accompanied him at the piano during the campus concert.

Benton will remain in Oklahoma, making several operatic appearances, until late in the summer when he will join his company either in Italy or South America.

▲ Cleckler on National Board

Frank S. Cleckler, '21, secretary of the Sooner Alumni association, was elected to membership on the board of directors of the American Alumni Council recently.

The election was held during the national convention of alumni officials at Skytop, Pennsylvania. It is the first time a Sooner alumni official has held a membership on the board.

▲ Riley Sees Court Reform

Fletcher S. Riley, '17as, chief justice of the state supreme court, recently revealed that reforms of trial courts will be made soon to expedite justice and clear congested appeal dockets.

Under the plan suggested by the judicial council of the bar association, one hundred and fifty state lawyers would be employed to aid in the disposal of the cases. Under the plan, the trial judge would be more of an umpire or moder-

ator and would be allowed to consider controlling issues in the cases in an effort to make justice less costly and confusing and more speedy and certain.

Thornthwaite and Foster Leave

Dr. C. W. Thornthwaite, assistant professor of geography, has been granted a leave of absence from the University to assist in research next year at Washington, D. C. He will work with the science advisory board to President Roosevelt and will study the question of redistributing isolated and stranded communities in the United States. Approximately a billion dollars has been appropriated by Congress to move families from unproductive parts of the country to other parts that offer greater opportunities.

Dr. Adriance Foster, of the botany department, has resigned from the faculty to accept a position at the University of California, Berkeley. He will be in charge of plant anatomy work there.

Battles Succeeds Shaw

One alumnus resigned recently as superintendent of Henryetta public schools and another was appointed to fill his position.

E. O. Shaw, '28M.S., was succeeded by E. E. Battles, '26as, the change to be effective July 1. Battles has been principal of the junior and senior high schools in Henryetta.

Emery in National Open

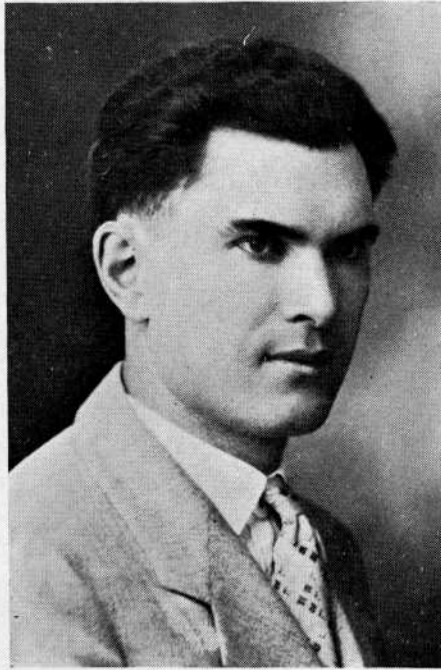
Walter Emery, junior University student, was one of four Oklahomans to qualify for the national open golf tournament early in June at Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

Two professionals, Jack and Raymond Grout, and a second amateur, Zell Eaton, were the other qualifiers. Three other Sooner students competed in the district eliminations. Harry Gandy finished fifth, Maurice Hankinson twelfth and Ray Warlick twenty-second.

Sooner Magazine Wins Award

The *Sooner Magazine* took a third place in the 1934 national magazine contest sponsored by the American Alumni council. The award was made in the contest for stories concerning commencement or homecoming reunions. More than seventy alumni magazines entered the competition.

An excerpt from the report of the 1934 magazine committee follows: "Third place in this classification goes to the *Sooner Magazine* of the University of Oklahoma for the cleverly titled piece, 'The Return of the Natives.' This story could be read with interest by members of all classes because of frequent references in the context to well known campus people and places. It was well



Dr. C. W. Thornthwaite, assistant professor of geography, has been added to President Roosevelt's brain-trust. He was given a year's leave of absence from the faculty to go to Washington, D.C.

written and gives an interesting picture of the events covered."

The story was written by Miss Sula Saltsman, '35as, McAlester, who is now manager of the book-nook in the Union on the campus.

Five New Board Members

An author, a college president, a homemaker, an attorney and the president of the state cleaners' association have been elected to membership on the University of Oklahoma association executive board to serve for the next three years.

The new members are John Joseph Mathews, '20as, Pawhuska; Dr. Mell A. Nash, '19as, '27M.A., Chickasha; Mrs. Kitty Shanklin Rountree, '23as, Oklahoma City; A. G. C. "Gordon" Bierer, jr., Guthrie; and T. Jack Foster, '29ex, Norman.

These five replaced Luther H. White, '14as, Tulsa geologist; John Rogers, '14as, Tulsa; Earl Foster, '12as, '13law, Oklahoma City attorney; Neil R. Johnson, '15as, '17law, Norman rancher-stockman; and Lewis R. Morris, '15as, '17law, Oklahoma City attorney.

The election of Mrs. Rountree to the board from at large gave Mrs. Walter S. Ferguson, '07ex, Tulsa columnist, a woman companion on the board. Mrs. Rountree's primary interest has been in socialized medical work since her graduation. For a time, she was director of the Medical Social Service department of the University hospital and Crippled Children's hospital. Her title was associate professor of social service.

Bierer, also elected at large, is one of the state's outstanding young attorneys.

He is a member of the executive committee of the National Conference of Bar Examiners and has been active as a past president of the State League of Young Democrats.

Foster, the new representative from district five, recently was elected president of the Oklahoma Association of Cleaners and Dyers. He is operator of the University (600) Cleaners in Norman and, as a lawyer, handles an occasional case. Foster was publicized nationally when he was elected mayor of Norman while attending the University.

Mathews, from district one, is an author. His first book a little more than a year ago was selected by the Book-of-the-Month club for circulation. Sales ran in the neighborhood of forty thousand copies. Since then he has turned out a second book dealing with the Osages of Oklahoma, the tribe of which Mathews is a member.

Dr. Nash, president of the Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha, represents district six. He has been head of the state institution since 1927 and recently was elected to serve during the next school year. He is a former state superintendent of public instruction.

Alumnus Forensic Champion

Jim Robinson, '33law, forensic coach at Sulphur high school, recently won a national oratorical contest open to debate and drama coaches.

His address was given at Wichita, Kansas, during the national high school debate tournament which was won by Central high school of Oklahoma City. Robinson was on debate teams while he attended the University.