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Oklahomans at home and abroad

Soonerland in Brief

Dale Clark, Sand Springs, has been elected editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*, student newspaper, for next year.

The Sooner track team finished third among twenty-five universities scoring points in the Kansas Relays at Lawrence. Kansas was first with sixteen points, Texas second with fifteen and the Sooners third with eleven. Illinois, Indiana, Kansas State and Texas A. and M. had ten each.

Twenty-six per cent of the men students on the campus listed themselves as Methodists, according to records made at enrolment time. Baptists were second with eighteen per cent.

Eight senior lawyers have been elected to membership in Coif. They are John L. Beachamp, Tulsa; Charles M. Christensen, Lawton; Leslie Hemry and Jack Horner, both of Oklahoma City; Sam Minsky, Sapulpa; and Albert Kulp, Kenneth McAtee, and Kent Phipps, all of Norman.

"The average freshman violin student today knows as much about technique as did the old masters of the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries," Paul S. Carpenter, professor of violin, declared recently in a campus address.

H. H. Herbert, director of the school of journalism, recently was elected vice-president of the Southwestern Journalism conference held at Lubbock, Texas. The annual meeting will be held next year at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the following year at Norman.

A campus "strike" against war was scheduled for April. When the hour of the mass meeting arrived, a sign placed south of the Oklahoma Union announced, "War Strike Called Off by Request of Administration."

CWA workers were sent to Wagoner,

Oklahoma, to make excavations for the anthropology department. Joe Finkelshtein, 33as leader of the expedition, returned to Norman with five boxes of artifacts of the mound builders culture which will be placed on display in the Union.

Students got a break recently when faculty members were requested to dismiss class on the hour and not hold students over-time, thereby making them late for the next hour engagement.

James Hawes, Norman, has been elected editor of the Sooner, yearbook, and Charles Follensbee, of Eufaula, has been chosen business manager. Bill Whiteman, of Oklahoma City, will be business manager of the Whirlwind, humor magazine, next year.

Bob Richardson, of Carnegie, is the new president of Galen, senior leadership society of the pharmacy school.

El Modjii revived its traditional cos-

tume ball this year with a "wifienpoof" motif. The costume ball had not been held for two years.

Hazel Heckman, University of Kansas graduate, Blackwell, won the state original radio drama contest sponsored by Phantom Mask, University society, this year.

A full team of freshmen and non-lettermen Sooner wrestlers recently made a trip to Ames, Iowa, to enter the American Amateur Union tournament. Upon arriving, they discovered their eligibility for next year might be impaired if they competed. They came home without wrestling a match.

Denver Meacham, son of George Meacham, '20 Law, Clinton attorney who is president of the University Dad's association, has been elected president of the Interfraternity council. He is a member of Kappa Sigma.

A heated argument preceded the opening of the *Oklahoma Daily* bridge tournament this year. Part of the contestants wished to play auction and others contract. The latter was selected when a vote was taken.

Winifred Ketchum, Tulsa, has been elected president of W. S. G. A. for next year. Other officers of the women's governing association are Gayle McCorkle, Elk City, vice-president; Betty Hume, Anadarko, secretary; and Louise Hays, Bristow, treasurer.

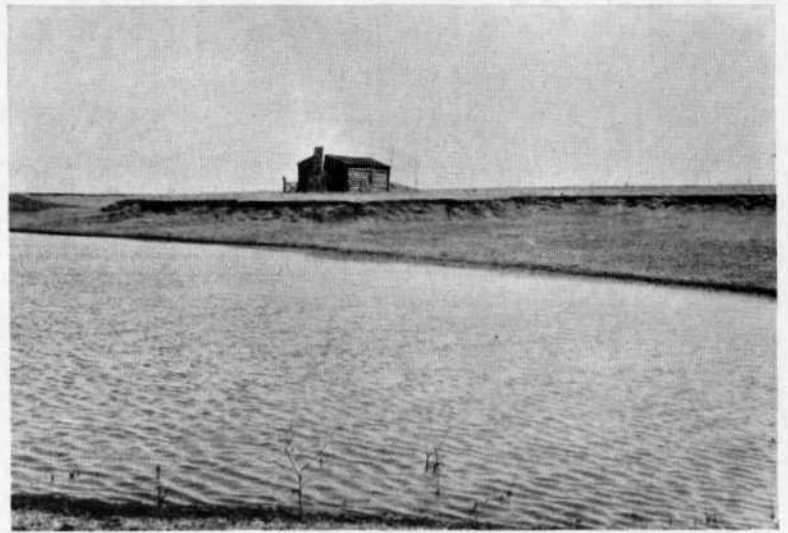
Marion Foreman, Newkirk, national 165-pound wrestling champion, was elected honorary captain of the Sooner team for the past season. Wayne Martin, Tulsa sophomore, was given a gold watch fob by Coach Paul Keen for making the most points during the season.

Six thousand persons attended the engineering open house this year.

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When campus organization members feel the need of a little change of scenery, here is the cabin-by-the-lake to which they retreat for rest and meditation. The cabin and piece of land northeast of Norman have been secured this year for educational and recreational purposes. It is being used by the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. and other groups of the campus.



Johnson Tells of Stadium-Union

Neil Johnson, '15as, '17law, president of the Oklahoma Stadium-Union board of trustees, addressed the Norman Alumni club concerning the financial status of the project at a luncheon late in April.

Johnson retold the history of the events which lead to the construction of the stadium and the Oklahoma Union and expressed the hope that payments on the bonds and interest could be made with less strain during the next few years.

Last year, Johnson said, a one-fourth payment on the bonds was made, the other three-fourths postponed until after the close of the past football season. This year, he said, a half payment on the bonds had been made while the remainder will be paid at the close of the 1934 grid season. Interest payments have been met promptly from the three sources of income: student Stadium-Union fees, football receipts and alumni and faculty pledges.

Miss Glen Gets Scholarship

Dunlop Scott Glen, '33as, professor of journalism at Northwestern State Teachers college, Alva, has been awarded a scholarship to engage in research study at the University of Chicago.

Miss Glen, a former resident of Shawnee, has been in charge of journalism classes and publication work since last September at Northwestern. She will begin her study at Chicago during the summer.

Long to Return from India

Loy L. Long, '25as, formerly of Cordell, who has been active in social work in India, is planning to return to the United States in the spring of 1935 to complete work toward a Ph. D. degree at Columbia University.

Long is located at Sholapur, India, a city of one hundred thirty-five thousand

persons. He has been active as a member of the municipal council there, a conciliator in labor disputes, director of the Neighborhood House, and leader in housing reform and slum clearance in the industrial city.

He holds a degree from the Union Theological Seminary, New York City. His wife, Edna Johnson Long, is a graduate of Emporia college. They have a four-year-old son, Loy, jr.

Virginia Nelson to Toledo

Virginia Nelson, '29as, star feature writer of the *Oklahoma City Times* for the past three years, has taken a position on the *Toledo Bee*, Toledo, Ohio.

Miss Nelson, whose almost daily features made her one of the most popular writers developed recently in Oklahoma City, started her career on the *Oklahoma Daily*, student paper. The year she graduated from the University, she wrote a summary of her college experiences which won a national award and was printed in the *New Republic*.

Greenshields Pictures Traffic

Traffic investigations that record speed, type and frequency of vehicles on public highways have been made recently by Bruce Greenshields, '20bs, '27eng, who is a professor of engineering science at Denison University, Granville, Ohio.

Greenshields was awarded his Ph. D. degree at the University of Michigan early this winter for his experiments in "Photographic Method of Studying Traffic Behavior." He recently contributed an article on the subject to the *New York Times*.

Greenshields has perfected a photographic machine which, running slowly, shows the progress of vehicles every one-half to two minutes. Lines across the projector indicate yards or feet on the highway being studied. The pictures

show the speed of the vehicles and also the distance between cars.

"A traffic survey made by means of pictures would show the type of each car or truck," he has written, "the time of day it passed, its speed, and, if taken from slightly above the roadway, its path of movement of the highway. The spacing and speeds would enable the congestion to be estimated."

The photographic method has many apparent advantages over the method of counting cars with automatic clocks.

Nemecek Leads for Westfall Award

Vivian Nemecek, big freshman half-back of Wayne, is counting heavily on returning to school next fall sporting the gold wrist watch Chester Wesfall, Ponca City, president of the University Alumni association, has offered to the first year football player making the best scholastic record.

Nemecek won the first leg on the Westfall award by making nine hours of A and seven hours of B during the first semester. Other gridmen who are in the running and have a chance of overtaking Nemecek during the second semester are Lawson Burke, Sand Springs, Mac Boring, Fort Worth, D. B. Pearson, Sayre, and Bob Stephens, Oklahoma City.

Evelyn West Gets Appointment

Evelyn West, '27ex, Oklahoma City, has been appointed assistant to the general consul in the United States treasury department at Washington, D. C.

Miss West, who was graduated from the Columbia University law school, is the daughter of Charles West, the first attorney general of Oklahoma after statehood. She practiced law in New York City until recently when she returned to Oklahoma City for her health. She will be in the office of Herman Oliphant in Washington.

Young Hefner in RFC Office

Recently appointed as an attorney for the Reconstruction Finance corporation in Washington, D. C., is Robert A. Hefner, jr., '30law, Oklahoma City. Hefner is the son of the former supreme court justice.

He was awarded his B. A. degree at Stanford University, California, and finished work toward an LL.B., degree at the University. He is in the office of the corporation's attorney general.

Reunion at Houston

A dance, reunion and general round-up of Sooner alumni will be held May 18 at the Kensington ballroom, Houston, Texas, Harry D. Easton, jr., '33eng, has announced.

An orchestra managed by Curtis Smith, '31as, former manager of the Boomer band on the campus, will play for the dance to which alumni in the vicinity of Houston are invited.

"This is an open invitation to anyone living within 300 miles of Houston to drive over and enjoy an all-Sooner reunion," Easton has announced. A score of Sooners, living in the vicinity, are expected to attend.

Enrolment More Stable

The University enrolment during the past year was more stable than it was during the previous year, a report from the registry office shows.

Although there were six more students in residence last year, more students were able this year to attend both semesters without interruption. The total for this year was 5,731 in comparison with 5,737 last year.

The total for each semester this year was higher than similar periods in 1932-33, showing that there were fewer students staying only half the year. The figures were based on full-time resident students and did not count summer school and correspondence students. These two groups boost the total to 7,250 this year.

Colleges showing enrolment increases this year were arts and sciences, business, fine arts and law.

Bowman Regent President

George L. Bowman, Kingfisher, was reelected president of the University board of regents at the quarterly meeting in March. C. C. Hatchett, Durant, was named vice-president and Emil R. Kraettli, '18ex, secretary.

The budget for the 1934-35 school year was approved as presented by Dr. W. B. Bizzell. It is within the one million dollar appropriation voted by the legislature for the second half of the biennium.

The regents approved a petition of students for the creation of a depository

bank on the campus. It will be organized next fall. A small fee will be charged depositors, and withdrawals must be made in person by the students.

Albert III at Oxford

Carl Albert, '30as, whose Rhodes scholarship to Oxford University does not expire until July, may be forced to return to his home in McAlester without completing his final months of school on account of illness.

He suffered from pneumonia during the late winter and although reported on the road to recovery his physical condition was expressed as weak by C. K. Allen, warden at the Oxford hall in which Albert lives. He already has been awarded a B. A. degree in jurisprudence and was working toward a B.C.L. degree in civil law.

Constitution Recompiled by Parr

The evolution of the constitution of Oklahoma is shown in a revision which includes all the amendments in their chronological order and with index and table of contents appended.

The compilation was finished recently by Raymond Parr, '33as, Norman, a graduate student in government. Original parts of the constitution have been dropped out in past years when amendments were added to change these parts. The compilation made by Parr shows the original constitution with its amendments in the order of their adoption.

Nugent Dies From Wound

Jack Nugent, twenty-eight-year-old alumnus, was mortally wounded late in March from a gun shot thought to have been fired by himself. He was found in his bed in the Chickasha home of his parents.

Nugent was awarded his B. A. degree from the University in 1931 and his M. A. degree in 1932. He made a study of Utopias for his masters thesis. Young Nugent attended the University during the first semester and completed requirements toward a teacher's certificate.

His parents and friends said he had been discouraged for the past few months since he was unable to find employment. He was a substitute teacher in the Chickasha public school system. He was active in literary work while he attended school and was a contributor to the *Oklahoma Magazine*, literary publication.

Sigmads Celebrate Founding

Celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity, a group of alumni and associate members of the University chapter of Sigma Delta Chi were entertained at a luncheon by Walter M. Harrison, managing editor of the *Oklahoma City Times*, late in April in Oklahoma City.

Harrison, who is an associate member of the University chapter, was host at the meeting which was attended by Bill Martineau, editor of the *Oklahoma Live Stock News*, associate member, and Judge Orel Busby, '14law, a charter member of the University fraternity.

Others present were George Milburn, '30ex, R. V. Jennings, '19as, '26M.A., Merwin Eberle, '24as; Joseph A. Brandt, '21as; Bill Moore, '32as; Savoie Lottinville, '29as; Jack Stone, '31as; John Jameson, '27ex; Frank Ewing, '31as; H. H. Herbert, director of the University school of journalism and sponsor of the active chapter; A. C. Smith, '32M.A.; Ed Mills, '31as; John Fortson, '34as; Ernie Hill, '32as; Ray J. Dyer and Russell Hogin, of the Kansas chapter, also attended.

Bartlesville Alumni Meet

Ninety Sooners attended an alumni banquet held early in April at the Hillcrest Country club in Bartlesville.

Bill Dougherty, '26as, was elected president of the Bartlesville Alumni club following the dinner and Richard K. Harris, '30law, was elected vice-president. Mildred Herd, '26ex, was selected as secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Arthur B. Adams, dean of the University college of business administration, was principal speaker and was introduced by Frank Small, '16as. Ross Taylor, also of the 1916 class, was toastmaster. Miriam Dearth and Mrs. H. W.

Trippet, Sooner alumnae, provided musical entertainment.

Dr. Adams flayed industrial leaders in his address, charging that they have secured "just about what they wanted" in NRA codes.

"In practically every case, the different industries have successfully resisted the efforts of the government to reduce hours of labor and to increase the real wages of the laborers," he told the alumni. Permanent business recovery, he said, can be sustained "only by private industries paying out money to consumers large enough to enable them to buy the goods produced by private industries."

George L. Bowman, Kingfisher, has been re-elected chairman of the University board of regents to serve during the school year of 1934-35.

Teaching in Russia

Alexis Sitkareff, '21as, '22M.A., is teaching at the Pedagogical Institute Syktyvkar, Autonomous Region of Komi in Russia.

A letter recently was received at the office of the Alumni secretary. It said in part: "This is simply to let you know that I am still alive and happy. I am writing in the hope that somebody might be interested to know my whereabouts.

"Last year I taught on the North Caucasus. However, I began teaching in Moscow but that Institute was transferred to the North Caucasus. It was a good experience to be there. Last summer, I left that place and later visited Leningrad and many famous palaces of former dukes and magnates. U.S.S.R. is a great, grand and magnificent country.

"While being in Norman and expressing my intention to go to Russia, some people said that I would not stay here very long. But they were very much mistaken. This is the third year I am here in the U.S.S.R. and am planning to stay longer. "I teach in five institutions—Life is not so comfortable, but people are roughing this roughness—looking forward to the better years to follow."

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Nash Again Heads O.C.W.

M. A. Nash, '19as, '27M.A., has been re-elected president of the Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha, for the coming year.

The O.C.W. board of regents meeting in Oklahoma City also extended the contract of every faculty member for another year, John S. Vaughan, '24as, '27M.A. state superintendent of schools and chairman of the board, announced.

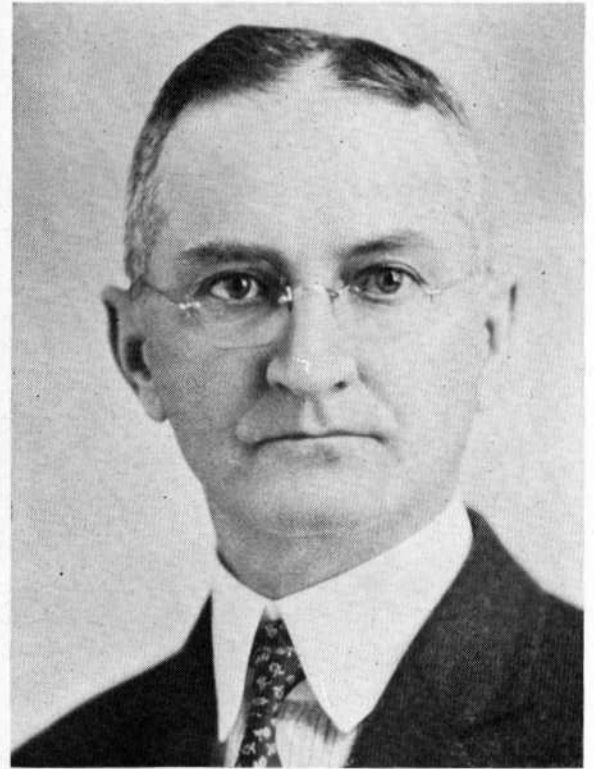
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Mrs. McDermott Rules the Phi Deltas

Emma Jean Provost McDermott, '26fa, '29as, proved to be such a good "rusher" and charming hostess at the Phi Delta Theta house during rush week that she has been persuaded to act as hostess all year at the fraternity house.

Her husband, Hugh McDermott, '20as, Sooner basketball coach, is a member of Phi Delta Theta.

Mrs. McDermott acted as temporary hostess during the fall rush period when the Phi Delta Theta house mother did not return. Mrs. McDermott, a member of Delta Gamma, has been a chapter advisor of her sorority for many years and has been interested in campus activities.



1924 Memorial Being Built

A memorial to the Sooner class of 1924 is being erected at the north end of the football field.

When it is completed it will be a stone tower, twenty feet wide and thirty feet high. In it will be placed an electric time clock to be used during football games.

Members of the 1934 graduating class are designing a bronze plaque, twenty feet long, and will ask permission of the 1924 class to place it on the stone tower. The plaque will be decorated with a Sooner wagon.

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Manur Makes "Esquire"

A two thousand word sketch by Lon Manur, '33as, McAlester, was purchased recently by *Esquire*, monthly magazine for men which was established within the past year.

Manur's article is expected to appear in an issue early this spring. He is a graduate of the University journalism school.

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Mexico Tours Continued

Recent interest in Old Mexico has prompted G. Todd Downing, '24as, '28 M.A., University faculty member, to continue his summer tours to Mexico City and Taxco.

Downing took students to Mexico during four summers until last year when the tours were discontinued. One party will leave in the early part of the summer and another in mid-summer. Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bizzell accompanied the young Spanish instructor and writer on Mexican subjects on his tour two years ago.

Full Summer Work Offered

A full schedule of courses will be offered this summer at the University with an enrollment increase anticipated as a result of the return to normal requirements in many of the state's school districts.

Requirements that teachers continue work toward advanced degrees were abandoned two years ago when salaries were reduced. The return of better times has influenced many boards to consider pay increases and also to require summer study. The Oklahoma City board, for instance, recently voted to return to old standards.

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Woodworth Offers "Hay Fever"

John Woodworth, '32as, Shawnee Little Theatre director, presented Noel Coward's *Hay Fever* in Shawnee early in April.

The hilarious comedy of the noted English playwright was hailed as one of the most popular dramas produced recently in Shawnee. Woodworth is a member of the Shawnee high school faculty and is in charge of high school dramatic activities as well as the Little Theatre repertoire.

Woodworth in 1931 wrote the three-act play *A Certain Young Widow* which won the state original drama contest sponsored by the Playhouse and was presented on the campus starring Muriel Monsell, Don Murray, Louise Milburn Simpson, Bill Miley and Bill Fleetwood. The play was published by the University Press.