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Oklahomans at home and abroad

Alumni To Meet At O. E. A. Convention

The annual luncheon for graduates and former students of the University attending the state convention of the Oklahoma Educational Association early in February will be held at noon February 9 in the main dining room in the Biltmore hotel.

President W. B. Bizzell and Dr. Ellsworth Collings, dean of the college of education, will be the principal speakers at the banquet to which all Sooner graduates and former students are cordially invited. Fisher Ames, '30law, president of the Oklahoma City Alumni club, will be chairman.

The Alumni association will maintain headquarters for service to convention visitors in the north lounge room of the Biltmore hotel during the three days of the convention. Frank S. Cleckler, alumni secretary, will be on duty during the entire period and has invited graduates and former students to visit the headquarters.

Reservations for the luncheon will cost seventy-five cents and can be secured through Frank S. Cleckler, Alumni Secretary, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, or during the convention, reservations may be made through the alumni headquarters or by calling Assistant Manager Ed Durkee at the Biltmore hotel.

For those persons, particularly, who missed the Homecoming banquet this fall at the Biltmore, the O. E. A. alumni luncheon will be another big opportunity to renew acquaintance with old friends.

Soonerland in Brief

Grants of \$1,200 and \$1,000 have been made to the history department and to *Books Abroad*, quarterly review of

foreign literature published by the University Press, by the Humanity section of the Rocketteller foundation. The history department will use its gifts to collect southwest historical data, and *Books Abroad* will use its for foreign library subscriptions and office assistance.

T. H. Brewer, head of the English department, at a banquet of Phi Beta Kappa recently, rated Mark Twain as the greatest writer of American fiction.

Sigma Nu won the intramural softball championship early this winter by trimming the Timber Cruisers, 5 to 3, in the title game.

The dramatic daughter of an old actor is Mary Martineau, '36drama, Oklahoma City, who has been one of the popular finds of the Playhouse season this year. Her father, Bill Martineau, publisher of the *Oklahoma City Livestock News*, originally came to Oklahoma with a troop of dramatists.

Lynden Mannen, '27as, instructor in

government, won the faculty tennis championship just before Christmas by defeating G. Milton Dieterich, instructor in ceilo, 6-4, 6-4. Mannen and John Leek, associate professor of government, won the doubles championship, taking the measure of Lewis Salter, '17as, professor of music education, and Paul Carpenter, professor of violin. Strike up the band!

The Norman Alumni association entertained members of the *Daily Oklahoman* all-state high school football team, their coaches and Sooner gridmen at a luncheon in the Oklahoma Union at the close of the football season.

J. J. Hill, '15as, 15M.A., assistant librarian, has warned University students to stop using candy for book marks under the threat of making them "eat it." Love notes, bobby pins, old pencils, combs and dainty feminine handkerchiefs, he says, are not so bad, but candy, never.

Wilmer Ragsdale, senior engineer and radio operator for WNAD, University station, has accepted a position as operator for KCRC, Enid. He was to return for final examinations at the close of the semester. He has completed all other requirements for graduation.

T. Wade Darnall, '35bus, Marlow, has been elected president of the Newman club to succeed Thomas Llewellyn, '35eng, Tulsa.

Kappa Sigma won the intramural touch football championship this fall, the Mean Mauler independents the wrestling trophy and Alpha Sigma Phi the cross-country title.

William Lee, '34drama, Dallas, Texas, Fred Wheeler, '34drama, Oklahoma City, and June Rose Copeland, '37drama, Houston, Texas, checked out of school simultaneously early in January. Miss

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Copeland went to Houston and Lee and Wheeler went to Houston, preparatory to going to Hollywood. Announcement that Miss Copeland had been added to the Hollywood expedition as Lee's wife was received in Norman several days later. They had been married secretly shortly before Christmas.

A ring bearing the insignia of Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity, was presented to Sue Aycock, '35eng, Norman, as the highest ranking junior in the college of engineering. She is enrolled for architectural engineering.

The Vienna Choir Boys, internationally known chorus under the direction of Rudolph Vavpetich, will present a concert February 7 in the University auditorium. Twenty boys comprise the chorus.

Ruf Neks and Jazz Hounds, disbanded late in the football season for giving an objectionable yell, will be allowed to reorganize next fall under faculty supervision, the Board of Regents has ruled.

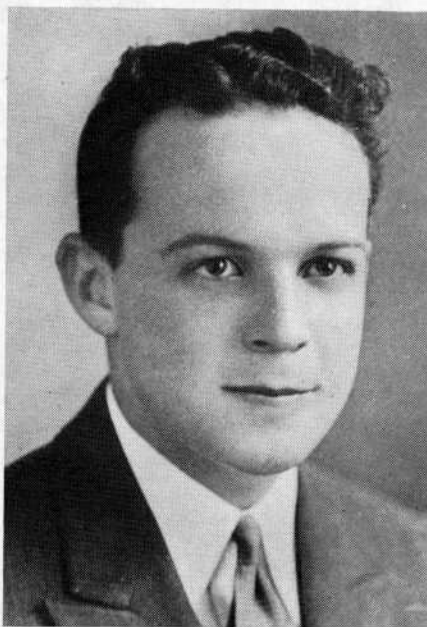
Twenty engineering students travelled 1,700 miles by bus during January on a field trip that took them through St. Louis, Bagnell Dam, Kansas City, Gary, Indiana, and Chicago. C. R. Sandifer, professor of civil engineering, accompanied the students.

Joseph Thuringer, jr., thirteen years old, died suddenly early in January after taking part in a game of basketball in the Fieldhouse. He suffered a heart attack while he was playing with a group of boys and died at the University infirmary. He was the son of Dr. Joseph Thuringer, professor of histology in the medical school, and Mrs. Bess Thuringer, who is engaged in graduate study at the University.

Loris Moody, crack junior half-miler, suffered a broken leg during the Christmas holidays and will not be able to compete in indoor track meets this winter. The winner of the Big Six half-mile title was injured when he was pinned beneath a horse he was riding while spending the holidays at his home in Tulsa.

Talkies can now be shown in the Engineering auditorium. Sound equipment was installed during January to facilitate the showing of educational pictures where sound accompaniment is important.

Robert C. Hilterbrand, nineteen-year-old engineering freshman who attempted suicide January 3 after receiving a letter from Camille Savonne, seventeen-year-old Dallas, Texas, girl, was taken to his home in Dallas to convalesce after spending several weeks in the University infirmary. His condition improved rapidly after two critical days. He plans to return to the University and continue his studies when he is in good health.



A rug has been laid and pictures hung in the classroom of E. N. Comfort in the Oklahoma School of Religion to produce a "club-like" atmosphere. Chairs have been arranged in groups instead of in rows to do away with the school-room effect.

▲ Gets Washington Appointment

Matty A. Wilson Williams, '25ed, city editor of the *Altus Times-Democrat*, has accepted a temporary appointment as private secretary and research worker for Congressman Jim McClintock at Washington, D. C.

As well as doing secretarial work, Mrs. Williams will send back special stories from Washington for use in papers of the Oklahoma Pulliam chain. She has been given a leave of absence from her duties on the *Times-Democrat* but will return to Altus early in the spring.

▲ Culwell Is Editor

A couple of former *Oklahoma Daily* sports editors have new jobs on state newspapers. Frank Culwell, '33as, has become editor of the *Capitol Hill Beacon*, weekly, in Oklahoma City.

John Clevidence, '33as, who was editor of the *Beacon*, has taken a position on the editorial staff of the *Guthrie Daily Leader*.

▲ "Glass Eye! Glass Eye!"

Almer S. (Gridiron) "Mike" Monroney, '24as, recently was elected president of the Oklahoma City Retailers association.

The ex-newspaperman manager and owner of the Doc and Bill Furniture

George C. McGehee, '32geol, was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University in district eliminations in January at New Orleans. McGehee, who lives in Dallas, Texas, will increase the number of Rhodes scholars from Oklahoma at Oxford to five. Harry Boorstin, Harvard University senior, Tulsa, also was given a scholarship at the district trials.

company is the youngest president ever to head the association. He is 31 years old. Monroney was co-author of "Three Little Digs," annual gridiron show presented January 19 at the winter meeting of the Oklahoma Press association in Oklahoma City.

In the field of acting Monroney has immortalized that melodramatic soliloquy "Glass Eye."

▲ "Oui Daughter to Lewises"

From their home in Montgomery, Alabama, where Dr. H. Michael "Sinky" Lewis is a faculty member at the Alabama State Women's college, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have announced the arrival of an addition to their family.

The *Daily Ardmore* reported: "Recently a baby daughter arrived in the Lewis home. Dr. and Mrs. Lewis intend, they say, to teach the baby no language but French, and at least one French class at Alabama Women's college is eagerly awaiting the day when she speaks her first word."

Dr. and Mrs. Lewis studied at the Universities of Poitiers and Toulouse following graduation from the University.

▲ Grady Takes Coaching Job

Charlie Grady, '32bus, all-Big Six guard on the Sooner basketball team in 1932, became cage coach at Britton high school at the opening of the current season.

Grady, who teamed with Andy Beck and Elvin Anderson, both '33bus, two years ago to give the Sooners a tie for second place in the conference, has been teaching school in Oklahoma City since his graduation. Grady gained fame in

the Big Six by holding Missouri's Johnny Cooper and Iowa State's Jack Roadcap with a minimum of scores in Sooner games in 1932.

Ruby Kolodny Married

Ruby Kolodny, '30law, an outstanding law school graduate and candidate for mayor of Wetumka in 1931, has married Eli Freed, of San Francisco, California, and moved to the west coast.

Miss Kolodny had built up a splendid law practice in Wetumka and was one of the outstanding women lawyers of the state. She was married to Freed in Reno, Nevada. They are making their home at 2845 Pierce Street, San Francisco.

Cornelison Is Candidate

An early candidate in the democratic primary next summer is J. Raymond Cornelison, '28law, who has announced his candidacy for county judge of Beckham county.

Cornelison attended Southwestern and Central State Teachers colleges before he entered the University law school. He is now practicing law in Erick.

Robertson Added to Faculty

William J. Robertson, '29eng, Blackwell, has been added to the University engineering faculty as an assistant to take charge of classes taught by N. E. Wolfard, associate professor of civil engineering, who is directing CWA work for the Coast and Geodetic survey.

Robertson has been a civil engineer for the Harris and Haun company in Blackwell since his graduation from the University.

Rogers to West Indies

Robert E. Rogers, jr., formerly of Oklahoma City, has taken a position with the Standard Oil company as a technician in the Dutch West Indies. He will be located on the island of Aruba.

Rogers, who has been employed in New York City, visited Oklahoma during the Christmas holidays previous to leaving for the West Indies.

Andy Beck Still Hits Them

Andy Beck, '33as, a forward on the second All-American basketball team selected last year by *College Humor*, is still ringing up baskets, but this season his points are counting for the Harvard university graduate school team instead of Coach Hugh McDermott's Sooners.

Beck, who was captain of the 1933 Oklahoma five, enrolled in the Harvard university graduate school this fall. His band of basketball players from the graduate school twice defeated the Harvard varsity team in pre-season practice games, Beck being one of the principal reasons for his team's triumph.

Fletcher Wycliffe Davis Dies

Fletcher Wycliffe Davis, '08as, died December 2 at his home in Texarkana, Arkansas, following a brief illness.

Davis, after working as a freelance photographer during the World war, became secretary of the Central State Teachers college alumni association at Edmond. He later held positions in Altus and Sarasota, Florida, before he became connected with the Henry L. Doherty company at Shreveport, Louisiana, and Texarkana.

He was a student at Harvard and Columbia universities, engaging in graduate study, after he completed his undergraduate work at the University.

Fraternity Presidents Elected

Ten fraternities and sororities have elected new presidents to carry them through the spring semester and rush next fall.

The new chapter heads follow: Katherine Spradling, Oklahoma City, Delta Delta Delta; Lina Jane Walker, Tulsa, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Elizabeth Malone, Heavener, Chi Omega; Joe Warren Cline, Newkirk, Phi Kappa Psi; Maurice Tripplehorn, Fort Worth, Texas, Alpha Tau Omega; Woodson Dawson, Wirt, Alpha Sigma Phi; Bresslem Holtzschue, Oklahoma City, Pi Kappa Alpha; J. C. Hampton, Ponca City, Phi Kappa Sigma; Jack High, Oklahoma City, Sigma Chi; and Ed Crawford, Tulia, Texas, Lambda Chi Alpha.

St. Pat's Day Plans Made

Alumni of the engineering college will be extended special invitations to attend the annual St. Pat's Day Celebration March 15 and 16 on the campus.

Lawrence Elderkin, '34eng, Springfield, New York, president of the Engineers' club, already is formulating plans for the annual selection of a St. Pat, coronation of a queen, a big open-house and a dinner-dance. Queen candidates will be nominated February 13, presented at a luncheon February 15, voted on March 1 and officially coronated March 16 preceding the opening of the show in the Engineering building.

Of special interest to the state's biologists was the visit of Dr. Alfred M. Bailey, director of the Chicago Academy of Science, to the University in January. Bailey, second from the left, is shown here with the University persons who were responsible for the visit of the noted bird authority. Left to right, they are Dr. A. I. Ortenburger, president of Sigma Xi, honorary scientific fraternity; Bailey; Dr. Homer L. Dodge, dean of the graduate school, and a personal friend of Bailey's; and Billie Longmire, Sapulpa, president of Phi Sigma, undergraduate biological fraternity.

