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## Oklahomans at home and abroad

### The Cover

Athletics Director, Head Football Coach and Army Captain is Lawrence McCeney "Biff" Jones, the Biffer. He wound up his first football season on the Sooner staff Thanksgiving Day. The smile is characteristic, for the Biffer can take victory and defeat that way. His teams have been generally pleasing to Oklahomans during the past season.

### Soonerland in Brief

The fight over which council is really the men's council came to an abrupt close in November when a new constitution for University men was adopted and then announced by the administrative council. The constitution was written by members of Pe-et, honorary men's organization, and places the selection of members to the men's council on a civil service basis. Grades, activities and results of a test will be tallied before appointments to the council are made.

The publications board, which governs the three student publications, was divorced from both the men's and women's governing groups and given a new constitution. Editors and business managers will be selected by a board of three on a merit basis which takes into consideration, training, fitness, grades and other vital features.

The Women's Self-Governing association will not be affected by the recent changes. Both of the men's councils elected at the comic opera election last spring are vacated under the new setup.

One of the most promising looking freshmen on Coach Lawrence "Jap" Haskell's yearling football squad is Vernon "Moon" Mullen, Seminole high school lad who plays basketball and is a trackman as well as a gridiron center.

Stanley High, world famous radio news commentator, was a campus speaker November 19. He appeared before a banquet

of student Christian organizations and spoke on "This Remaking World."

Lawrence Ware, Anadarko, chief of the Indian club, directed one of the most successful Indian club ceremonies in the history of the University at Homecoming time. He was assisted by Edmund McCurtain, Duncan, whose family holds the distinction of having three Choctaw chiefs in the history of its tribe.

Merwin Elwell, formerly of Fairview, has become a part-time instructor in the school of dramatic art. He left New York City to return to the campus to accept the position when John Dunn became state director of a WPA project to give employment to dramatists. Dunn will continue to teach part-time. Elwell was graduated from the school of dramatic art last June.

John Harold Turner, McAlester, editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*, holds the distinction of being the first student daily editor in many years who has attended every Sooner football game in the season.

Austin Bealmer, Blackwell, became the sports correspondent for the *Daily Oklahoman* and *Oklahoma City Times* when

Bob Clark withdrew from the University this fall.

Lawrence Brock, who was in charge of getting together much of the material in the engineering edition of *The Sooner Magazine* last year, is president of the Engineers club this year and is already busy planning a gala weekend next March when the engineers hold their annual openhouse and ceremonies in connection with St. Pat's Day.

Bart Ward, star trackman and artist of talent, is back at the University this year completing work toward a degree in the school of art. He already has completed his term of track eligibility. He is the last of four great artist-trackmen. The other three were Parker Shelby, Doug Barham and Tom Simms.

On the sidelines, calling the plays to the press box during the football season, were three former Sooner students. They were Rex Chaney, Ray Parr and Eugene Dodson. All three have newspaper jobs in Oklahoma City.

### Studying in Scotland

Daniel S. Bomson, '35bs, is studying medicine in Glasgow, Scotland.

A recent letter from him reported that he was studying medicine in the "very shadow of Bobbie Burns' birthplace, his humble cottage at Ayre. I am anxiously awaiting *The Sooner Magazine*, which will seem like a bit of Oklahoma sunshine midst this Glasgow fog."

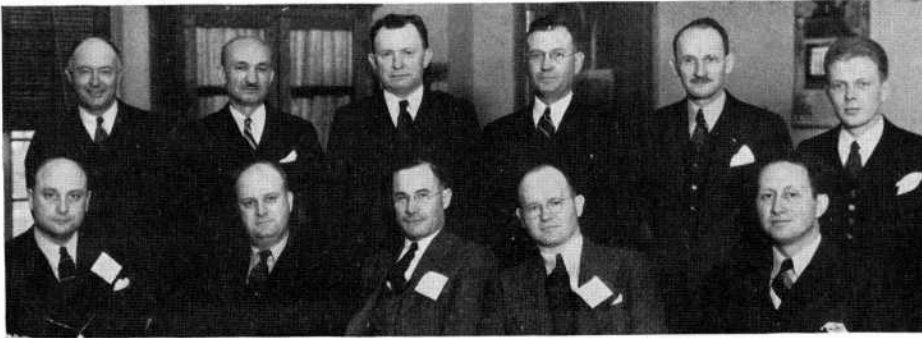
Bomson came to the University from Brooklyn, New York, and completed work toward a B.S. degree.

### Wichita Alumni Meet

Thirty O. U. alumni at Wichita, Kansas, turned out October 25 for an Oklahoma dinner when four University and alumni association officials visited there enroute to the Oklahoma-Nebraska football game. Ed Dawson, '26geol, president of the

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Wichita Alumni club, presided at the meeting. The guests from Oklahoma were R. W. Hutto, '10as, Norman, Lewis Morris, '15as, '15M.A., '17law, Oklahoma City, and Frank S. Cleckler, '21as, Norman, all members of the alumni association executive board, and W. W. Kraft, superintendent of University utilities.

The next meeting of the Wichita club is set for December 6.

Among the former students present at the October meeting were Mrs. Lee West Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. George Putnam, E. C. Moncrief, John Paynter, Arthur Meyer, Mrs. Fern Houston Meyer, Miss June Harrison, Jack Curran, Leland "Si" Findley, Mrs. Jane Piper Findley, Richard Taft, Ernest Snell, Ralph Gilchrist, Charles Fawks, Miss Maibelle Williams, Mrs. Grace Stiles Haltiwanger, Mrs. Ruth Ann Parks Hathaway, Miss Eva Lynn Carter, Mrs. Ruth Moore Memminger and Charles B. Memminger, member of the alumni association executive board.

#### ▲ Scarritt Offers Law Prize

An annual prize of a gold medal and one hundred dollars has been offered by Nathan Scarritt, '23law, Enid attorney, to the senior law student each year who has the highest grade average as he comes up for graduation.

The announcement of Scarritt's annual prize competition was made recently by Dean Julien C. Monnet.

The only condition in the contest is that the student must have taken the course in constitutional law and must have taken a full three-year course in the University law school.

Scarritt, a prominent Enid attorney, was a member of Phi Delta Theta, Phi Beta Kappa, Checkmate, Clip and Athenaeon while he was an undergraduate.

#### ▲ Turbyfill's Theatre Recognized

A wonderful piece of work in building a Little Theatre at the Balboa high school, Balboa Heights, Panama Canal Zone, is being done by Subert Turbyfill, '26as, '32M.A.

Recently the Panama high school celebrated admission of its Little Theatre to membership in the National Theatre Conference. It is the only dramatic organization outside the United States that has been admitted to the Conference.

A Jubilee program was held by Turbyfill to celebrate the Little Theatre's recognition by the United States theatre organization. A play, *To Be Or Almost Be*, by Dorothy Judd, one of his students, was directed and presented by the author.

Turbyfill directed a play taken from one of Robert Louis Stevenson's stories during the program. The men teachers at Balboa high school were to present an Armistice program in November. *Journey's End*, Broadway hit of several seasons ago, was the play on the program.

The National Theatre Conference was organized in 1930 by the late George Pierce Baker whose Yale dramatic art department was considered the best in the United States. The purpose of the Conference is to coordinate theatre work in the various parts of the United States.

Turbyfill went to the Panama Canal Zone several years ago and has done much to build interest in dramatic accomplishment since he has been there. His wife is Mary Blodwen Richards, '31mus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Richards. Her father is director of the University men's and women's glee clubs at the University.

#### ▲ McCullough Describes South America

Harrell McCullough, '35bus, formerly of Ardmore, wrote a series of articles for the *Daily Ardmoreite* during the summer while he was traveling through South America.

McCullough, who is now affiliated with the Oklahoma Livestock association in Oklahoma City, described Buenos Aires and other principal cities of South America in the letters to his paper.

While he was in Buenos Aires, he wrote an article about the Lake Murray project for the *Buenos Aires Herald*.

#### ▲ George V. Metzel

"It can be said of him that thousands mourned his death."

The untimely death of George V. Metzel, general secretary of the University Y.M.C.A., early during the fall term was a shock to the University campus and to thousands of students who had found in him a friend in time of need and a congenial person in time of joy.

He came to the University campus in 1930 as Y.M.C.A. secretary and managed

Members of the alumni association executive board met at Homecoming time on the campus. In the back row are Fritz L. Aurin, Ponca City; Errett R. Newby, Oklahoma City; President Earl Foster, Oklahoma City; R. W. Hutto, Norman; Vice-President Lowry H. Harrell, Ada; and Ernie Hill, editor of "The Sooner Magazine." In the front row are Secretary-Treasurer Frank S. Cleckler; Lewis R. Morris, Oklahoma City; Charles B. Memminger, Atoka; Buffington "Buff" Burtis, Clinton; and John Joseph Mathews, of Pawhuska.

the men's employment bureau. All of the students in need of jobs, of money and even of food came to him with their troubles. Never was there a student who did not find Mr. Metzel eager to share his problems and offer assistance.

His work was of the kind that left no monument of success except that which is shown in the character of the students who worked with him. And those who were influenced by him were thousands.

His death came only several months after his son, George, junior, accepted a teaching position at Hollis high school. His son had just completed work toward an M.A. degree and was started up the road of life. That must have been some consolation to Mr. Metzel during the few seconds he lived after the fatal automobile accident in south Oklahoma City.

Mr. Metzel was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and attended Baltimore City college. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Dickinson college, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He attended Drew Theological Seminary, now Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, and received a B.D. degree. He was director of student activities at the Wesley Foundation, Urbana, on the University of Illinois campus.

From 1927 to 1929, he was director of student activities at Wesley Foundation on the University of Wisconsin campus, Madison. He came to the University of Oklahoma the following year.

#### ▲ Haskins, Ballard Pick 'Em

The class of 1929 mopped up in the football score guessing contest sponsored by the *Daily Oklahoman* for the Saturday of November 9.

A. Lynwood "Bus" Haskins, '29as, former Sooner quarterback, proved that he could still call his shots when he picked the Northwestern win over Notre Dame that week. Haskins and Joe Porter Ballard, '29as, '33law, a Phi Beta Kappa who is now Norman's city judge, tied for first place and were awarded twenty dollars each for picking the winners of that weekend. Haskins is district superintendent for the Eason Oil company in Oklahoma City.

#### ▲ Pep Clubs Promise To Behave

University pep clubs—the Ruf Necks and Jazz Hounds—were back in the news fol-

lowing the annual Migration Day football jaunt to Dallas. The clubs were charged with breaking most of the promises they had made at the time of their reinstatement two years ago.

After presidents of the two groups conferred with University officials, they promised to make a concerted effort to abide by the regulations set down when they were reinstated after two years of inactivity.

Among other things, the club members were charged with leading and inciting the trainload of students to destructive violence during the ride to Dallas. Most of the windows were broken in one of the cars. Damages of \$150 were asked by the Santa Fe.

#### ▲ Whitehand's Play To Be Produced

An original three-act play by Robert Whitehand, '33as, graduate student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, will be produced by the University Playhouse on the campus early in the spring, Rupel J. Jones, director, has announced.

Whitehand wrote the drama last year while he was on a fellowship at the University of Iowa. The play concerns Oklahoma oil fields and farmers. Whitehand's scholarship has been renewed this year at Iowa and he is editing a literary magazine known as *American Prefaces*.

#### ▲ Letter from Bob Dunlap

For those persons who have an idea that professional football is a rowdy sport similar to professional wrestling and boxing, a letter from Bob Dunlap, '34as, second-string quarterback on the Chicago Bear professional team, to the alumni office is reprinted.

Bob, after making all-Big Six for two years, helped with the freshman squad last spring and completed work toward his degree. He joined the Bears this fall.

The letter in part follows:

"I am associated with the grandest group of fellows under the greatest coach I have

ever known. Tonight, for instance, one of my room-mates, 'Red' Pollock, took me out for a nice birthday dinner and what have you.

"He is also a new man and a great half-back if I ever saw one. He came from Pennsylvania Military college. Philadelphia is his home. My other room-mate is Ted Rosquist, All-American tackle from Ohio State, also a great guy.

"You remember Swede Ellstrom of the Sooner team. I played against him at Pittsburgh. We won 23 to 7. Recently, on an eastern trip, we had our share of ball. On a Sunday, we beat Philadelphia, 39 to 0. Then, on Monday night in Orange, New Jersey, we won an exhibition game, 20 to 0. Then, another exhibition in Baltimore on Tuesday night. We beat a Washington team, 52 to 14. In this game, Fred Crawford, All-American tackle from Duke, fell just 5 feet short of completing the world's longest forward pass—only 82 yards. He plays end for us.

"I love pro ball. I divide quarterback duties with Bernie Masterson. You see I played against Bernie for four years while he was at Nebraska, so now it's a pleasure to play with him.

"I assure you I have no easy job. With 200 plays and 50 passes, it's quite difficult always to select the right play, but with the kindness of Manders, Feathers, Nagurski and other All-Americans, the job is much easier.

"Pro ball here is very popular. Last Sunday we lost a heart-breaker to Green Bay Packers, 17 to 14. But 30,000 were at the game at Wrigley field, the home of the Chicago Cubs.

"This week we leave to play the New York Giants. Then, the following Sunday to Boston. A two-weeks trip is always nice.

"Plans are now being made for trips to Europe, Honolulu and Japan at the end of the season. It depends on how we wind-up the season.

"Perhaps, when the season is over, I shall return to the University of Oklahoma to work on an M.A., providing another job doesn't pop up.

"I was dreadfully sorry to learn of Mr. Metzger's death. He was a very lovable person. I always enjoyed being in his presence."

#### ▲ Al Muldrow Heads Norman Alumni

Alvan Muldrow, '33law, attorney, is the new president of the Norman Alumni club.

He was elected to succeed Mrs. Ella Thomas Williams, '06as, shortly before Homecoming. Miss Anna Mae Dearden, '24as, assistant University registrar, was elected vice-president, and Frank S. Cleckler, '21as, was reelected secretary-treasurer.

The Norman club was host at a general alumni reception in the Union ballroom immediately following the football game. Mrs. Ruth Williams Huntington, '18as, was in charge of the reception.

Lloyd E. Swearingen, '20bs, '21M.S., was in charge of registration at Homecoming, and Henry Brazil, '27ex, made arrangements for the alumni float in the parade.

#### ▲ Six Sooners at Harvard

Six Sooner graduates are enrolled for courses in the graduate school of business at Harvard University this semester.

The six are B. W. Carden, W. E. Goe, W. C. Lewis, R. R. Lockwood, F. E. Brown and E. V. Williams. The Harvard business school has announced the opening of an extra school session from January 27 to August 12, 1936.



The title of this picture should be "You Can't Keep a Good Hume Down." Ever since there was a University graduating class back in 1898, the Anadarko Humes have been outstanding in University affairs and in the creation of University history. Here are four Humes at the Dads' Day program this year. C. Ross Hume, one of the two first graduates of the University, was elected to one of the vice-presidencies of the Dads' organization. Mrs. Hume has for many years been active in the Mothers' club. Betty Hume, senior student, was awarded the Dads' Day cup for being the outstanding woman student in the University. Mr. Hume's father, for years an Anadarko physician, won the award for being the oldest dad in attendance at the program.