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Oklahomans at home and abroad

The Cover

Carrying out the Collegiate Gothic architectural scheme of the University building program, memorial arches financed by graduating classes guard many of the entrances to the campus. For more than a fifth of a century the memorial arch of the Class of 1915 has been on sentinel duty at the left of the north oval.

Soonerland in Brief

This summer's Shakespearean play, *The Merchant of Venice*, has the following cast: Rev. Herbert B. Cockerill as Bassanio, Warren S. Kleinstieber as Shylock, Virginia Chervenka as Portia, in the leading rôles; and also Dud Giezentanner, Beth Castleberry, Alice Allen, Bob Fuller, G. C. Coleman, Charles Viseur, E. E. Bradley, Harrell Boynton, and Clayton Gerken.

Annually, a Shakespearean drama is presented outdoors during the summer term under the direction of John Dunn.

The Thomas Alva Edison Foundation campaign committee at the University and in Norman has been divided into two groups, one for the campus and one for downtown. On the campus committee are F. G. Tappan, Dr. Alma J. Neill, T. M. Beaird, Dr. P. B. Sears, Frank S. Cleckler, Dr. Guy Y. Williams, Dr. J. H. Felgar, and Luman T. Cockerill. On the other group are Fred E. Tarman, J. B. Stout, W. H. Patten, E. B. McCall, Neil Keller, Lewis Chatham, L. W. Atkins, Major P. Kidd, and Tom R. Benedum.

Dr. Leonard Logan, member of the college of business administration faculty on leave of absence, made the dedicatory address in June at the rebuilt Fort Gibson stockade. As a member of the state planning board, he has been conducting surveys throughout the state.

Jack Swineford, University dramatic art student, has been awarded a six weeks' scholarship at the Theodora Irvine School

in New York City. He will study acting. Swineford has played leading parts in a number of campus Playhouse productions. He will be a senior in the fall.

Principal parts in the oratorio, *Stabat Mater*, by Dvorak, presented July 24 on the campus under the direction of R. H. Richards, included Miss Wilda Griffin, Mrs. Bertha Kinzel Cook, J. Forrest West, and Earl A. VirDen.

Applications for National Youth Administration (NYA) positions on the University campus during the coming school year are being accepted at the registry office. Although no official announcement that the NYA will continue during the coming year has been made, it is hoped that the project will not be dropped.

More than one thousand students were aided to some extent by the NYA jobs last year. Many of them were able to continue their studies and graduate in June. The positions are open to men and women between the ages of sixteen and twenty-six. A total of twelve per cent of the University enrolment was included on the NYA project. The average salary for the entire group was close to fifteen dollars per month.

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The work included research, office assistance and labor jobs on the campus. While more than three thousand applications for the jobs were received, the University eliminated many for various reasons including poor grades and lack of cause for needing the work.

Application blanks may be secured from the University registry office. A committee of faculty members will consider applications and interview students to select those most needy and best qualified to continue with work at the University. Certain grade averages and satisfactory work must be maintained by the student job holders.

Upperclassmen who are close to graduation are particularly given attention since the project is designed to help students who lack only a small amount of work to complete studies toward a degree.

Last year, definite word on the project approval did not come until almost September 1. Many students went to work within a week after definite approval was secured. One regulation agreed upon by examining faculty members was that no student financially able to live in a fraternity or sorority house was badly enough in need of work to be given a NYA job.

A scale for living expenses is suggested by the committee to help students plan their budgets and get by with a minimum of overhead.

John Moseley, Smoker

Dr. John O. Moseley, '16 M.A., president of Central State Teachers College, Edmond, who was toastmaster at the twenty-year reunion of the 1916 class during June on the campus, was the subject for a short feature story recently in a Seattle, Washington, paper.

Dr. Moseley, with one of his favorite pipes, was pictured in the paper when he visited Seattle to meet with members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, social fraternity, of

which he has been national president. The story follows:

Dr. John O. Moseley of Edmond, Okla., national president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, is a man of two passions. Passionate is the only word to describe his enjoyment of his pipe, and the only word to describe his reluctance to talk of his experiences as a captain in the World War.

Dr. Moseley, Rhodes scholar and graduate of Oxford University (where he learned to smoke that pipe), was in Seattle today to meet alumni and active members of Washington Alpha Chapter of S. A. E. at the University of Washington. He is president of the Central State Teachers' College in Oklahoma.

An unusual combination of quiet scholar and aggressive Army officer, Dr. Moseley is a former professor of Greek and Latin at Oklahoma University. During the World War he served with Michigan and Wisconsin troops in the 32nd Division. A participant in various battles—Juvigny, in the Allied offensive of August, 1918; part of the Soissons conflict; Chateau-Thierry and the Meuse-Argonne, Dr. Moseley says: "Let's skip that."

More than one hundred members and alumni of the fraternity will fete Dr. Moseley at 6 o'clock this evening in the College Club, with Attorney Joseph P. Adams, alumni association president, in charge. Dr. Moseley will go to Portland, Ore., tonight.

▲ Hoskins Is Postmaster

Louis H. Hoskins, '15as, citrus fruit grower for the past few years, has been appointed postmaster of Anaheim, California, by President Roosevelt. Senate confirmation was forthcoming before adjournment recently and Mr. Hoskins has taken office.

Anaheim has a new \$72,000 post-office building and is one of the oldest cities in Orange county, dating back to the early Spanish days. Its growth was started in 1857 when a group of German immigrants came to Anaheim from San Francisco.

It had the first irrigation canal in Southern California and was an early center of the wine industry. In the eighties, a root disease destroyed many of the grape vineyards but the discovery that Valencia oranges could be grown there changed the principal industry.

Now, the county is an orange center for the Valencia type that ripens in the summer and is considered a fine juice orange.

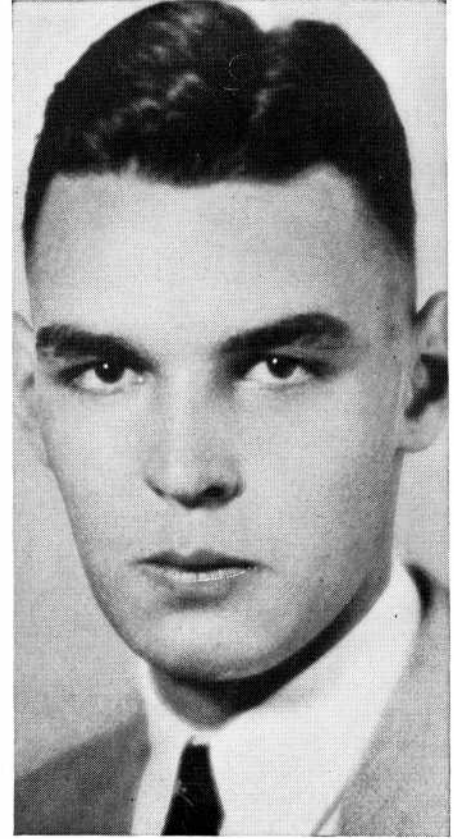
For its size, Orange county is considered one of the richest agricultural sections in the United States.

▲ Clevidence Scores a Homer

John Clevidence, '33as, city editor of the *Seminole Producer*, scored a surprising prediction in his daily column called *From Me to You*.

He made an unusual prediction two days before the first senatorial primary

Jack Fischer, '32as, former editor of "The Oklahoma Daily" and Rhodes scholar, has resigned a position in the publicity department of the Rural Resettlement Administration to accept a place in the Associated Press bureau at Washington, D.C. He was married last winter and forfeited his third year at Oxford University after taking a year's leave of absence.



race which saw the favorite, T. P. Gore, run fourth to Josh Lee, E. W. Marland, and Gomer Smith.

Clevidence's paragraphs follow:

"The three 'best' political 'experts' on Oklahoma newspapers all are writing that Senator T. P. Gore will finish first.

"They've toured the state and I haven't been out of the county during the closing days of the campaign, but write me down as a lad who believes he'll finish fourth."

Which proved to be exactly right.

▲ University Student Killed

Charles B. Janeway, '37bus, Eufaula, was killed in an automobile accident in Connecticut during July after attending the national convention of Phi Kappa Psi.

Charles Follansbee, '36bus, another Phi Kappa Psi of Eufaula, was with him and was critically injured. The two University men were touring northern states after attending the convention when the accident occurred.

▲ Dangerfield Heads Forum

Dr. Royden J. Dangerfield, associate professor of government at the University, has been granted a leave of absence for the first semester of the coming school year to direct an adult public forum at Wichita, Kansas.

He will deliver five addresses weekly on current questions. A staff of research assistants will help him collect material for the almost daily public lectures.

Dr. Dangerfield is author of the book *In Defense of the Senate* published three years ago and numerous magazine articles dealing with international and national political subjects.

▲ Mrs. Fankhauser Resigns

Mrs. Ray Fankhauser, director of the women's residential halls at the University, has resigned her position after ten years of service.

She will conclude her service at Hester and Robertson halls September 1. Mrs. Fankhauser came to the halls as director when they were opened in 1926 after the Dads' association had worked for their construction.

Mrs. Fankhauser, before she became director of the halls, was hostess at the Alpha Xi Delta sorority house. She has not announced future plans but believes she has earned a rest after directing the living quarters of some three hundred women students a year for the past decade.

▲ Erik Rhodes Stars

Erik Rhodes, RKO comedian, who is Ernest Sharpe, '27as, as a Sooner, was elevated to stardom recently when RKO-Radio cast him in the top rôle of *Second Wife*, forthcoming comedy.

The Oklahoma star, who made such a sensational smash hit in *One Rainy Afternoon* for Pickford-Lasky Productions, will be co-starred with Gertrude Michael and Walter Abel in the new comedy.

Rhodes, whose rise in motion pictures has been meteoric since his first success in *The Gay Divorcee* for RKO, gets one of his lifelong wishes in *Second Wife*.

Possessed of an outstanding baritone voice, Rhodes pleaded in vain for a singing rôle on the screen until he was signed for the Kraft program over the National Broadcasting Corporation system as soloist. The result was his immediate elevation to a starring rôle with a singing part scheduled in his next picture.

Following *Second Wife*, Rhodes will fulfil another lifelong ambition.

He will be featured in an Alexander Korda picture to be made in London. The star of this production will be Ignatz Paderewski, the famous pianist and composer.

While a high school student in Oklahoma City, Rhodes ushered at the opera house where Paderewski was playing in concert.

During the afternoon preceding the concert Rhodes was idling at one of the stage grand pianos. Paderewski heard him and introduced himself. During the two days of the pianist's visit in Oklahoma City they became acquainted.

The British picture is the result of Rhodes' schoolboy ambition to play alongside the famous pianist.

▲ Back in U. S. A.

William A. Watkins, '22as, '23M.A., who has been in Argentina with the Standard Oil Company, has been transferred back to the United States and now is in Seminole.

He is superintendent of the central division of the Carter Oil Company with headquarters in Seminole. Back in the States after a long term in South America, Watkins says he is looking forward to seeing some Sooner football games in the fall.

▲ Burtis Has New Staff Member

Buff B. Burtis, '25as, and Mrs. Reba Crowe Burtis, '26as, recently announced in unique style the birth of a son, Buffington B. Burtis, Jr. Mr. Burtis, a member of the alumni association executive board, is publisher of the *Clinton Daily News*.

In news style, the headline on the announcement read: "New Editor on the Job; It's B. B. B. Jr."

The story said:

"The *Clinton Daily News* has a new member of its editorial staff today.

"He is a husky nine-pound chap with a lusty voice and promising speed on the typewriter. He was interviewed at 9:30 this morning at the West Oklahoma Baptist hospital and was immediately signed up for a regular job on the *Daily News* staff.

"His name is Buff B. Burtis, Jr., and he will make his home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buff B. Burtis, 319 South Tenth Street.

"His mother protested the idea of hav-

ing two newspapermen in the same family but the boy insists that nothing less than a newspaper job will do.

"His father said that he arrived just in

Leslie Salter, '21as, '22law, brother of Lewis Salter, '21music, '17as, acting dean of the University college of fine arts, has resigned his position as special assistant to the attorney general of the United States to open a private law practice in Chicago.

A New Role for Salter

LESLIE E. SALTER, '21as, '22law, formerly special assistant to the attorney general of the United States and assistant state's attorney of Cook County, Illinois, has ended his long career as a prosecutor to enter private practice of law in Chicago.

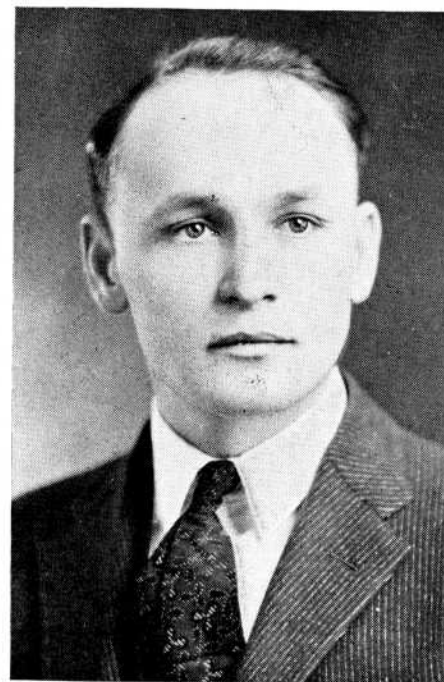
Salter has announced the opening of law offices at 134 South LaSalle Street in association with Arthur L. Schwartz, formerly of the firm of Glenn, Schwartz, Real & Browning.

Mr. Salter began his career as assistant United States attorney at Oklahoma City in 1925. Prior to that time he served two terms in the State Legislature of Oklahoma and as Republican floor leader and member of the House board of managers. He gained nationwide fame in the successful prosecution of the impeachment trial of Jack Walton, governor of Oklahoma.

In 1928, Mr. Salter's success as a prosecutor gained the attention of the United States attorney general and won him a promotion as special assistant. From 1928 until January, 1935, when he resigned to enter the staff of State's Attorney Courtney, Mr. Salter was assigned by the attorney general to try important criminal cases in all parts of the country involving violation of federal banking, mail fraud, and income tax laws. He was specially assigned to conduct the grand jury investigation and to draft the first indictment under the federal "Lindbergh" kidnapping law

time to help out during the summer season.

"BBB Jr. has two small sisters, Betty Lou, age five, and Martha Jane, age four."



against "Machine Gun" Kelley and Harvey Bates for the kidnapping of the millionaire Oklahoma oil man, Charles F. Urschel.

Mr. Salter's nationwide service as a prosecutor won him recognition in *Who's Who in America* for 1936.

In Chicago, he conducted the grand jury investigations in many important income tax cases resulting in the indictment of Moe Rosenberg, William H. Malone, Murray Humphries, Hymie Levin, and Thomas Maloy.

His ability as a trial lawyer, especially in complicated cases involving a large mass of documentary evidence, was demonstrated in the trial of the Samuel Insull mail fraud case in the federal court and the Robert Sweitzer, county clerk, defalcation case in the state court in Chicago.

Mr. Salter is forty-one years of age and lives with his wife and two children at Flossmoor, Illinois.

Mr. Schwartz has been practicing in Chicago for the past twenty-nine years, having been associated with Levinson, Becker, Glenn & Schwartz and Glenn, Schwartz, Real & Browning during that period. He is fifty-two years of age, married, and has one daughter attending Northwestern University. He has been a resident of Chicago during his entire lifetime. Educated at Lewis Institute and Chicago Kent College of Law, he is a member of Chicago Bar, Illinois State Bar, American Bar, and Chicago Law Institute.