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## Oklahomans at home and abroad

### The Cover

Here are Queen Patience Sewell, sophomore student of Oklahoma City, and Louin Roberts, senior civil engineer, Blair, who is St. Pat. The two preside over engineering festivities during the coming days. Queen Pat is majoring in mathematics at the University.

### Soonerland in Brief

Max Gilstrap, the whistling ranger, is back on the University campus after a year of absence during which he has been lecturing in the north and east. He has been employed at the Yosemite National Park, California. He will spend the spring semester completing work toward a degree.

Frank Lackle, University graduate, plant superintendent for the Interstate Cotton Oil Refining company, was a speaker before the student organization of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers recently on the campus.

Sigma Gamma Epsilon, honorary geological fraternity, recently announced the pledging of nineteen students. Included in the group were Donald Teis, Tucson, Arizona; Tom Campbell, Henryetta; Carl Von Elm, Lowell McGehee, Phil Hurry and Warren Constant, all of Oklahoma City; James Michael, El Reno; Hugh Eley, Elmer; Howard Fielding, Fort Cobb; Henry Kilian, Norman; Charles Hickcox, Watertown, Connecticut; Harry Williams, Britton; Phil Helmig, Roswell, New Mexico; John Speer, Miami; C. C. Cody, Okmulgee; John Fosness, Jackson, Minnesota; Harold Copeland, Arkadelphia, Arkansas; and Clyde Hoagland, Tulsa.

The convention of the western division of Delta Tau Delta, national social fraternity, was held late in February on the campus.

Bob Slover, Prague, graduate student and president of the men's council, re-

cently withdrew from school and resigned his office to become director of a WPA project in Oklahoma City. The project will survey records of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

Cast for the new Playhouse drama, *The Show-off*, which is a substitute for *Waiting for Lefty* and *Till the Day I Die*, has been announced by Director John Dunn. The play will be presented March 16 and 17. The cast includes: Jack Swineford,

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Enid; Helen Barr, Nowata; Janey Lou Johnson, El Reno; Ruth Bishop, Oklahoma City; and W. W. Howe, Norman.

A survey of student likes and dislikes reveals that men students are particularly fond of co-eds who dress in blue. Sky-blue is the most popular shade.

A petition asking for a larger budget for the University department of psychology has been drawn up and presented by psychology students who claim that the present budget is insufficient to further research projects.

Lynn Waldorf, former Aggie football coach, now head coach at Northwestern University, was to be principal speaker at a state Hi-Y meeting late in February on the University campus.

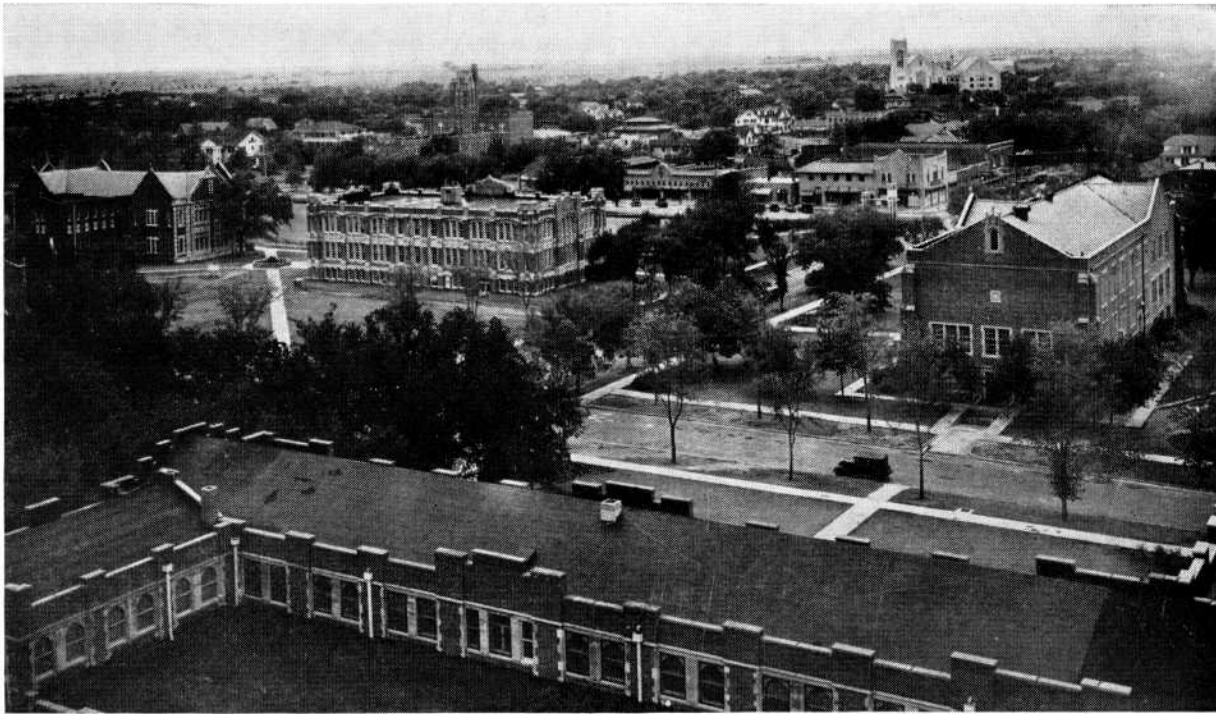
"The churches have precious little to say to the exploited masses of the world today," John Bennett, professor of Christian Theology, Auburn Theological Seminary, Auburn, New York, told University students during a recent visit to the campus. Mr. Bennett told the students that the church of today was being used as an opiate and that men of wealth were using it to ease their consciences and to salve the feelings of the exploited masses.

Dr. P. B. Sears, head of the University department of botany, has been appointed research associate on the board for the improvement of science teaching. He will spend the spring semester engaged in research for that organization.

Importation of a "high powered" dance orchestra for the junior-senior prom was halted by officials of the University when it was ruled that such an importation would hike the price of tickets, making it impossible for all to attend.

Dan Washburn, Oklahoma City, is the student president of the recently organized chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

"It is safe to say the vast majority of Americans are convinced that money is



the final arbiter in politics, education, social life and organized religion. This is only another way of stating that the wealthy are the real masters of the country," Reverend E. Nicholas Comfort, director of the Oklahoma School of Religion, recently stated in a weekly article in the *Oklahoma Daily*, student newspaper.

Mary Merten Clark, graduate of the college of fine arts and wife of Dale Clark, editor of the *Oklahoma Daily* last year, recently sang three songs written by G. Milton Dieterich, University faculty member, at a meeting of the American Association of University Women.

Psychological examinations of character and mentality for guidance in the selection of vocations are being given by the University department of psychology under the sponsorship of the Psychology club.

Dr. U. G. Mitchell, head of the department of mathematics, University of Kansas, recently spoke on the campus. His subject was "The History and Meaning of Mathematics."

Harlan G. Mendenhall, Mutual, is the leader of student dry forces. He has attacked all repeal measures proposed in the state and is leading a movement to educate students for prohibition.

Work toward degrees was finished by 113 students at the close of the fall semester in January.

#### ▲ E. E. Brown Named President

Dr. E. E. Brown, '19as, '25M.A., was the third University alumnus to become president of a state teachers college during the present school year. He took over the position at Northwestern State Teachers college, Alva, during February.

President Brown resigned a position at Ferris Institution, Big Rapids, Michigan,

to accept the appointment voted him by the state board of education. He had been at Ferris Institution for four years. C. S. Perciful, acting president, was retained on the Northwestern staff. Before going to Big Rapids, Mr. Brown was president of the Southwestern State Teachers college, Weatherford.

Two other alumni who have accepted the presidency of teachers colleges during the current school year were John O. Moseley, '16M.A., and W. W. Isle, '15as.

#### ▲ Story of Streeter Stuart's Term Paper

A term paper written by a University graduate student during the last summer session was printed in January in *Reperitorio Americano*, a Costa Rican literary weekly.

The paper was written by Streeter Stuart, '32as, in a graduate class studying French and Spanish periodicals under Dr. Roy T. House, head of the department of modern languages and editor of *Books Abroad*. Stuart, an El Reno high school teacher, noticed the uniformity with which the editor, J. Garcia Monje, ran articles on great men of the past in the issues of *Reperitorio Americano*. Stuart made a study of the magazine articles and concluded they were printed, perhaps, on the theory that a study of the strong and good characters of the past is a help in solving the problems of today.

He wrote the term paper on that particular trait of the magazine and the paper proved so interesting that Doctor House sent a copy of it to Editor Monje. The editor, also, was interested in the paper and wrote Doctor House that, although he had persistently featured studies of the world's Titans for years, Stuart was the first person who had ever, to his knowl-

edge, remarked on the policy and studied it.

In the January 9, 1936, issue of the magazine he carried a Spanish translation of Stuart's paper as one of the lead articles.

#### ▲ Dean Gittinger Is Honored

At a simple and quiet but impressive dinner early in February, Dr. Roy Gittinger, '02as, dean of administration at the University, was honored for his thirty-five years of service to the University.

More than one hundred fifty former students and colleagues of the veteran white-haired dean attended the banquet at the chamber of commerce headquarters in Oklahoma City.

A bronze bust of Dean Gittinger was presented to President Bizzell and the University by C. C. Roberts, '01as, Oklahoma City, in behalf of the hundreds of loyal friends and admirers of Mr. Gittinger.

Dr. E. E. Dale, '11as, head of the department of history in which Dean Gittinger still teaches a course, was toastmaster. Miss Suzanne Arnote, '36as, editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*, student newspaper, spoke in behalf of the present students of Mr. Gittinger.

President Bizzell paid brilliant tribute to the man who came to the campus at the turn of the century, graduated from the University and took a place on the faculty in the department of history.

The inspirational qualities of Dean Gittinger's teaching, his sturdy loyalty through a third of a century and his friendliness to young students were praised.

"The University has been unusually

fortunate in having Mr. Gittinger as dean of administration," Doctor Bizzell said. "Hundreds of new students, who need a friend and advisor, pass through his office each semester. In him, they find a man who will go out of his way to help them solve their problems.

"Countless stories might be told about the fine work Dean Gittinger has done for the University."

Mrs. Gittinger was presented to the group. Two of their children, Dorothy Gittinger Wardner, '29as, Oklahoma City, and John Gittinger, '39, were present at the dinner. James Price Gittinger, '27as, their other son, was unable to attend since he is in California.



**Cockerill Heads Y.M.C.A.**

Luman T. Cockerill, '32as, has become general secretary of the University Y. M. C. A. to fill the vacancy left by the death of George V. Metzler.

Cockerill resigned from the pastorate of a church in New Albany, Pennsylvania, to accept the position. He is the son of Reverend Herbert Cockerill, Norman pastor. Young Mr. Cockerill took over the office in the Oklahoma Union during February.



**Two Little Social Dramas**

There was more smoke than fire early in February when it was decided that two Playhouse dramas, set for production February 28 and 29, should be cancelled.

The plays were Clifford Odets' *Waiting for Lefty* and *Till the Day I Die*. The casts for both plays had been selected and were engaging in daily practices until the dramas met their doom.

It all started with the rumor that the plays might not be shown because some people believed them to be radical, red, communistic and generally harmful to young minds.

A conference between President Bizzell, Rupel J. Jones, director of the school of dramatic art, and John W. Dunn, who was to direct the two short dramas, brought out the announcement that presentation of the plays had been called off.

Newspapers immediately cried "censorship" and the discussion was on.

President Bizzell announced that the Playhouse was an organization that was in existence to train students to present artistic and dramatic plays. He said that the Playhouse was not an open forum for discussion plays. And there the matter ended with Mr. Dunn scheduling a new drama, *The Show-off*, to be presented March 13 and 14.



**Alumnae Have "Bachelor" Dance**

Eighteen young women of Norman, all of whom have some connection with the University, entertained at a Bachelor Girls Leap Year Dance on February 29. Several hundred persons from various cities in central Oklahoma attended the unique function.



On the opposite page is an aerial scene down across the buildings of the Oklahoma college of engineering. Above, is the electric news sign on top of the Engineering building. It was designed and built by engineering students. Each night, the sign brings the campus news happenings of the day. To the right is Adrian Fuller, Pryor, who early in the year was elected the most outstanding student in the engineering college.

The eighteen hosts were Virginia Umpleby, '32bs; Helen Hutto, '34as; Hazel Fowler, '27as; Evelyn Anderson, '33as; Elizabeth Halbert, '23fa, '27as, '31 lib. sci; Sarabeth Stubbeman, '34as; Rose Richards, '30fa; Opal Freeland, '34fa; Louise Hutto, '35ex; Mildred Todd, '33 bus; Opal McNeese, '30home ec; Kather-

ine Culbert, instructor in physical education for women; Helen Gregory, instructor in physical education for women; Lois Wilson, '35as; Thelma Bradford, '33as; Maurine Bowling, '31bs, instructor in physical education for women; Jane Stanley, '34ed, '35M. in Ed; and Florence Wells.

# An Invitation

I AM glad to join the faculty and students of our College of Engineering in the invitation to former students and graduates to attend the open house on March 13 and 14. This is always an interesting occasion and a good time for you to visit your alma mater again.

Those of us connected with the University are anxious not to lose touch with those of you who have gone out from the institution. It is a pleasure for us to see you on the campus from time to

time. Why not come back for this occasion and meet your old friends and get acquainted with the fine student body that are now carrying on at the University. I realize that most of you are busy men these days, but I believe it would be profitable if you can take a day or two out and join us for these festivities.

Sincerely yours,  
W. B. BIZZELL, President.