

The Sooner Concert Band, which will play on a nationally broadcast program April 23

Oklahomans at home and abroad

THE University of Oklahoma has been chosen as one of a group of colleges and universities being honored in a series of weekly radio broadcasts over the National Broadcasting company's network under sponsorship of the makers of Pontiac automobiles.

The Sooner program has been set for 9:30 p. m. (CST) April 23, with John Held, Jr., noted artist, as master of ceremonies. The program will probably be broadcast either from the Fieldhouse or the university auditorium, and will last 30 minutes.

A committee in charge of arrangements is composed of William R. Wehrend, University band director, as chairman; Homer Heck, program director of WNAD, vice-chairman; Lewis S. Salter, acting dean of the College of Fine Arts; Dr. M. L. Wardell, associate professor of history; J. O. Asher, manager of the University band; John Gittinger, band member; Patience Sewell, former Engineers' queen; Howard Wilson, student journalist; and Boyce Timmons, director of the Independent Men's Association.

A program director for NBC will come to Norman to take charge of arrangements for the broadcast, it was announced.

John Held, Jr., popular artist and writer on collegiate topics, will be in Norman to act as master of ceremonies.

The University Concert Band, directed

by Mr. Wehrend, will be one of the main attractions on the program, all of which will consist of student talent.



Reunion program arranged

A three-day program for the 25-year reunion of the Class of 1912 has been tentatively arranged by a Norman committee consisting of Dr. Victor E. Monnett, Mrs. Jerome Dowd, and Lewis S. Salter.

A thick file of correspondence lying on Dr. Monnett's desk in the Geology building indicated in March that the '12 reunion will be one of the most successful ever held.

The program covers three days, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, June 5, 6, and 7, with the last day devoted to the general commencement and alumni events.

Events of the class reunion will begin on Saturday afternoon with a golf tournament on the new University course east of the Stadium. This is a nine-hole course with grass greens, water hazards and plenty of sport for the visiting alumni.

The members of '12 will join Saturday night in the general senior-alumni dance tentatively scheduled for that time in the Union ballroom, and they will have bridge and a "gabfest" in the Rose Room just off the ballroom.

Sunday from 3 to 5 o'clock an informal "get-acquainted" tea will be held, in case

some of the members of the class have forgotten each other, and between 5 and 6:30 o'clock the group will visit points of interest on the campus and over Norman.

The reunion dinner will be held at 6:30 o'clock in the Union, and it will be an "experience meeting" with no set program at all, Dr. Monnett announced.

"Everyone will be on the program," he explained, "in order to swap reminiscences of the days when they were in school.

On Monday, those attending the reunion will be invited to attend the annual Phi Beta Kappa commencement breakfast, the Commencement exercises and the annual senior-alumni luncheon. alumni and Stadium-Union board meetings probably will be held during the morning.

Plans for the 20-year and 30-year reunions are not so far advanced yet, but will follow the same general pattern.

Albert Clinkscales, Oklahoma City, heads the group planning the reunion of the Class of '17, the wartime graduating class.



Sooner flood victims

F. E. VanSlyke, '16, now president of the Southern Auto & Finance Company at Louisville, Ky., received so many messages and anxious inquiries about the safety of himself and his family and about

their experiences in the Ohio River flood that he issued a seven-page mimeographed letter after the worst of the flood disaster was over.

The letter tells in graphic style the suddenness of the flood, which reached parts of Louisville believed far above the danger line; the days of frantic rescue work and relief work; and finally the phase of getting back toward normal after the waters of the Ohio had receded.

"Our office is seven very long blocks south of the river, about a mile, and our home is four and a half miles south of the office, both so high that no one could imagine ever seeing river water near them. And still we got 13 inches of water in the office, and a basement full. At home, boats were rowed up to our front steps, but the house is on a very high terrace and escaped damage."

Mr. VanSlyke tells how public utilities failed, one after another, as the water rose, and how as an adult Boy Scout leader, he was called into the rescue and relief work.

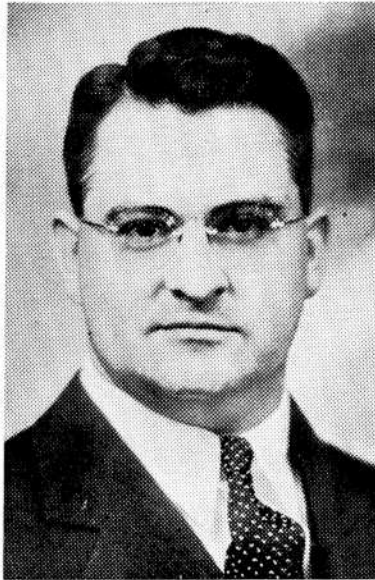
"The next week is still a daze to me. May (Mrs. VanSlyke, the former May Sadler who was in the University one summer in about 1920) joined with the helpers at a school that was receiving people by the hundreds. Jack (their 13-year-old son) worked night and day with his Scout Troop, carrying messages, directing traffic, bringing and fetching. I was in the organization group setting up relief stations in all churches and school houses of our area and scrambling for food, bedding, medicine, serum, doctors, disinfectant, drinking water, utensils, kerosene-burning stoves for cooking and boiling of drinking water, lamps, candles, flashlights, gas and batteries for relief cars and trucks, batteries for a radio set at each station—and what have you.

"It is hard to imagine the confusion and lost motion in our hastily set up relief projects. People were sick, babies were being born, frightful rumors were going around (such as that the Ohio River was on fire from oil and gas on its surface, and that food riots were taking place), relief car drivers and trucksters contending for the little gasoline we could get, conflicting orders for stores to be padlocked for emergency relief needs and for them to remain open to the public, conflicting duties and authority everywhere. All authority was of course self-assumed, by people with the best intentions, eagerly trying to fill the breach."

When the river finally went down, and Mr. VanSlyke got back into his office, he spent the first week digging out, drying records, and trying to open his bottom desk drawers and files.

"Just what has happened to me it is too early to know. During the flood, I had the dumb, dead feeling that it was all over—everything gone and a job to find. But that feeling has left me, and

New Mexico Solon



Don L. Dickason, '29

Don L. Dickason, '29law, who went to Albuquerque six years ago for his health, has been making a name for himself as an attorney in recent years, and is now a leading member of the New Mexico State Senate, according to word received from other Sooners in Albuquerque.

Mr. Dickason "chased the cure" for a year, and then entered the law firm of Pearce Rodey, one of the oldest and largest law firms in New Mexico. The firm, which was founded by Pearce Rodey's father more than fifty years ago, is now Rodey and Dickason.

During his campaign for the State Senate, Mr. Dickason received considerable publicity because of an incident that occurred on a trip to make a political speech. His car became stuck in the mud, and when he got out to push it, he lost a shoe in the sticky ground. The district from which he was elected is called the "shoe string" district of New Mexico.

Some of the bills which Mr. Dickason has introduced in the present session of the New Mexico Legislature are a direct primary bill and a group of four bills designed to give cities of 8,000 population or more a right to acquire land outside of corporate limits for airports. The latter proposals would remove certain legal obstacles to obtaining a WPA project in Albuquerque for construction of a municipal airfield.

He was joint author of a measure to authorize regents of the University of New Mexico to take steps for construction of dormitories and an auditorium.

it has left everyone else that I know. As we have regained consciousness, the spirit of resistance and fight has prevailed, and you have never seen such a working, fighting, cheerful aggregation of people in your life, unless you were alive back in Noah's time.

"Unquestionably, my 'assets, over liabilities' are wiped out. The best I can hope for is to get the craziest kind of bank credit that was ever heard of and begin all over again. I have some plans by which I hope to get it for, fortunately, I have never yet disappointed a banker.

"Regarding this strange, unconquerable spirit that pervades these early re-

habilitation days, a number of phrases are going the rounds that interest me. They run like this: 'The Red Cross is helping, the Government is helping, but don't look for any Santa Claus to drive up your street and unload; you've got to pull out yourself.' 'It is just like war, only in war they hate and kill each other, and now we love and help each other.'

"The common greeting when friend meets friend for the first time since B. F. (before the flood) is 'Why, hello, Noah, how are you?' And again they say, 'Seen anything of that flood they've been rumoring around?'"

Kansas City openhouse

An informal "openhouse" for Sooner grads was held February 28 at the Muehlebach Hotel in Kansas City when Alumni Secretary Ted Beaird stopped there a short time en route to St. Louis to meet another group there.

Dozens of Kansas City Sooners dropped in to say hello and swap yarns about "way back when."

"The Kansas City alumni seem to be an unusually happy group and are enjoying work in the fields of law, business, engineering, insurance and others," Secretary Beaird reported. "But they all agreed that Oklahoma is still the finest place on the globe."

Among those who attended the openhouse was Otha A. Gasaway, '20as, who is now assistant manager of the Kansas City branch of the Prudential Insurance Company. Mr. Gasaway formerly was principal of the high school at Altus and later at El Reno. Kingfisher, Okla., is his home town.

Myths are exploded

Many of the popular beliefs about famous Americans such as Abraham Lincoln and George Washington are based on fabrications, Dr. Ralph H. Records, '22as, '23ma, declared in a University Public Lecture in March.

"Leading writers and public men strove to give dignity and respect to everything, to make no damaging admissions," he explained. "So they described a revolution that never happened and could never happen. They have endeavored to show that all virtue and grand ideas were on one side, that all vice and wickedness was on the other."

The heroism that is attached to Washington's name is due chiefly to the writings of Rev. Mason L. Weems and Jared Sparks, he said.

"Weems was a myth-maker of the highest rank and skill and the greatest practical success. He created a Washington that all the study and research of the scholars has been unable to erase."

In regard to Lincoln, he said, "In the years after the assassination, the folk-mind was enraptured with the success stories of how Lincoln had suffered,

prayed, dreamed and loved mankind and conquered his enemies. How he had doubted, despised, cunningly schemed and contrived to effect his ends, no one wanted to hear. His kindly face and sad smile were infinitely more appealing than the cold, slow brain that thwarted the enemies of the union and brought order out of chaos!"

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Hunt given appointment

Cecil L. Hunt, '26law, formerly attorney for the Phillips Petroleum Company in St. Louis, has been made a vice-president of the Phillips Pipe Line Company, according to announcement by A. W. Hubbell, president of the Phillips Pipe Line Company.

Mr. Hunt has been given executive management of all operations of the Phillips Pipe Line Company in St. Louis, including the terminal in East St. Louis, Ill.

He has been in the legal department of the Phillips Petroleum Company for eight years and has lived in St. Louis since March, 1931, when he was placed in charge of the legal department of the company in St. Louis. In his new position he will remain in charge of all legal matters for the Phillips Petroleum Company and the Phillips Pipe Line Company in the St. Louis area.

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Lawyers at Tulsa meet

Members of the 1936 law class who are in Tulsa got together for a group luncheon at Bishop's in late February, and had a very interesting time discussing their individual experiences.

Those attending enjoyed the get-together so well that it was decided to make it a regular bi-weekly affair, and the members of the '36 class in Tulsa desire to keep up contacts with other members of the class.

Lawyers of '36 who are in Tulsa are: Ralph Erwin and Mark Dunlop, who are with Shell Petroleum Corporation; Robert Wolfe, with Carter Oil Company; Wood Hankinson, with General Motors Insurance Corporation; Tom Finney, with the law firm of Ramsey, Martin and Logan; and Howard Brockman, Pierce E. Cantrell and Cleo Wilson, engaged in private practice.

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Cram is toastmaster

W. B. "Bill" Cram, '30, former chief announcer and station manager for WNAD, who is now practicing law in St. Louis, Mo., was toastmaster at the 70th annual Founders Day banquet of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity March 1 at St. Louis.

More than half of the eighty chapters of the fraternity were represented at the banquet. Sooner Alumni Secretary Ted Beard gave the main address of the evening.

From working student to regent

BY STEWART HARRAL, '36

WITH \$1.15 in the pockets of trousers which did not match his coat, several pair of extra socks, a banjo and a cornet slung over his shoulder and possessed with plenty of pluck a tall young fellow came to the campus of the University in the fall of 1923.

Late in March of this year, that same young man, Joe W. McBride, 28bus, now editor and publisher of the *Walters Herald*, was added to the Board of Regents when the State Senate confirmed Gov. E. W. Marland's nomination to fill a vacancy left by the expiration of the term of George L. Bowman, Kingfisher.

When he came to Soonerland as a gangling youth, Mr. McBride obtained a job as a part-time salesman in a shoe store at \$10 a week and was getting his room and board by washing dishes in a boarding house. The world looked rosy enough until a few weeks later when the shoe store went out of business and the landlady discharged him for eating two desserts at every meal.

Making his own opportunities, he got a job delivering newspapers on a bicycle, collected for a cleaning establishment, owned and operated an electric slide machine for advertisers near the old Y. M. C. A. hut just off the campus and once sold roller skates when the skating craze struck the school.

He became interested in advertising and later was named advertising and business manager of the *Oklahoma Daily*, circulation manager of the *Whirlwind* and advertising manager of the *Sooner*.

Although busy with his many jobs, Mr. McBride found time to serve as president of Alpha Tau Omega, president of Alpha Delta Sigma, advertising fraternity, and was a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, business fraternity.

He also found time to woo and win Miss Clella LeMarr, Chi Omega, whom he married during his last year in school. They have two sons, Joe White, Jr., 7, and David LeMarr, 5.

Born in Center Point, Ark., January 4, 1904, Mr. McBride is one of the youngest men ever named as a regent. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. T. McBride, now of Walters, and lived in many towns and cities as a boy—just as the child of every Methodist minister has done. He was graduated from high school in Frederick, attended Hendrix college, Conway, Ark., for a year, and worked one summer in a hay field near Stratford.



Joe W. McBride

One year he taught school (daily attendance averaged from 2 to 17 pupils, from primary through the 8th grade) at Seven Shooter school, located between Stratford and Pauls Valley. One Friday morning he reached the school house and found one of his pupils riding a horse in the building. Mr. McBride chased them out, and when he returned to the spot Monday morning, he found the building in ashes!

After leaving the University, Mr. McBride was connected with newspapers in Oklahoma City, Clinton, Hobart and Elk City before going to Walters, where he publishes the *Herald*, which is owned by McBride and James C. Nance, Purcell publisher and administration leader in the State Legislature.

Mr. McBride is first vice-president of the Walters Rotary club, a director of the Chamber of Commerce, director of the Community Sales Association and a member of the board of stewards of the First Methodist church. Active in the program of the Oklahoma Press Association, he was recently named chairman of the Selected Weeklies, an organization of weekly newspaper publishers.

Five of the seven members of the board are now alumni or former students of the University. The five are Joseph C. Looney, '20as, '21law, Wewoka; Malcolm E. Rosser, Jr., '21ex, Muskogee; Eugene P. Ledbetter, '14, Oklahoma City; Lloyd Noble, '21ex, Ardmore, and McBride.

The other two members of the board are Eugene M. Kerr, Muskogee, who is now president of the group, and C. C. Hatchett, Durant.