

# Oklahomans at home and abroad

**A.** P. MURRAH, '28law, Oklahoma City attorney, climaxed a remarkable success story in February with an appointment to Oklahoma's new federal judge position, a lifetime post that pays \$10,000 a year.

Senate confirmation of the presidential nomination was scheduled in late February.

Only 33 years old now, Mr. Murrah was working his way through the University law school less than ten years ago. Now he has a position which represents the highest ambition of many able attorneys. He was named to serve in the newly created judgeship which provides for service in all three federal court districts of Oklahoma. The new position was added to relieve the heavy burden of work on the three present judges.

Mr. Murrah, who was known all through his school days and also later by the nickname "Fish," has been literally a "self-made" man. He ran away from home when only 12 years old, and has been practically on his own ever since. He worked on a farm near Oklahoma City for a time, and then went to high school at Tuttle. It was there that he received the nickname "Fish," which was a shortened version of "Goldfish," a name given him because of his light yellow hair.

While in the University, he worked as clerk at the Smoker, a Norman cigar and cigaret store. He was active in campus affairs and was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

After graduation he worked for a time in Gomer Smith's law office in Oklahoma City and later formed a partnership at Seminole with Luther Bohanon, '27law. The firm prospered and later moved to Oklahoma City. Leonard Savage, '30law, and J. I. Gibson, '30law, have since been added to the firm.

Mrs. Murrah before their marriage in 1930 was Agnes Milam, '27as.

Mr. Murrah is said to be the youngest federal judge in the United States at the present time. He was the choice of Sen.

Josh Lee, in whose campaign he was an active worker.



## Capacity crowd at luncheon

A group of more than eighty Sooner alumni filled a luncheon room at the Mayo Hotel in Tulsa February 5 during the annual convention of the Oklahoma Education association for a program given under auspices of Tulsa alumni.

Many wanting to attend the luncheon had to be turned away because of insufficient room.

Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University, spoke on the institution's legislative program, and what it means to the state. Musical numbers were presented by the University Women's Quartet directed by Jessie Lone Clarkson.

Mrs. Floy Elliott Cobb, '17as, was the chairman in charge of arrangements for the luncheon and was given credit for the success of the affair.

Those who registered during the O. E. A. convention at the Sooner alumni lounging headquarters at the New Tulsa Hotel are:

E. J. Dugan, Wyandotte; D. D. Kirkland, '33 m. ed, Maud; Charles P. Howell, '20, Ponca City; Max Storey, '33, Blanchard; Jessie F. Bender, '30, Cleveland, Okla.; Ed Kerrigan, Tulsa; John W. Bridges, Pawhuska; J. C. Mayfield, '29, Marietta; James R. Frazier, '24, Wewoka; W. W. Isle, '15, Weatherford; A. A. Cherry, Henryetta; Viola Harriman, Henryetta; Ruby Rogers, Henryetta; Opal Been, Henryetta; Jean Budd, Pryor. Felix Gay, Lenapah; J. M. Hackler, Tahlequah; Lloyd N. Spencer, Enid; J. R. Hughes, '29, Bixby; J. C. Conrad, '20, Crescent; Ida Smith, Rose; Homer S. Reese, '22, Mangum; W. B. Morrison, '25, Durant; S. W. Gregory, '27, Durant; J. Don Garrison, Norman; R. C. Dragoo, '24, Durant; H. F. Creveling, '28, Pauls Valley; Howard Taylor, Chickasha; E. L. Kirkpatrick, Boynton; Christia Allender, '34, Sapulpa.

Mrs. Rex B. Hendrix, Tulsa; Betty Campbell, '35, Sand Springs; N. M. Bradley, '32ma, Ochelata; E. H. Black, '19, Bristow; Dan Baker, '26

ma, Pryor; Herbert H. Scott, '26, Norman; Marjorie Young, '32, Collinsville; T. G. Townsend, '36, Norman; E. O. Shaw, Sapulpa; Rose Witcher, '08, El Reno; Mary McCord, '34, Quinton; E. O. Davis, '21, '29, Oklahoma City; H. G. Creekmore, '27, Hitchcock; J. B. Wiley, '34, Norman; Louis E. Pearson, '34, Heavener; James R. Matby, Bartlesville; B. H. Magill, '33, Chickasha; A. D. Harvey, Oklahoma City; M. C. Collum, '36, Woodville; Wall Abbott, '17, Pryor; Robert A. Beaty, '34, Calera; M. L. Madden, '35, Oklahoma City; Grace Dawson, '30 edmond; Harry Simmons, Wewoka.

John G. Mitchell, Seminole; J. M. Maddox, Olustee; C. C. Beaird, Heavener; Mrs. B. M. Risinger, '23, Sand Springs; B. M. Risinger, '23, Sand Springs; H. N. Scott, '27, Miami; D. E. Blodgett, Seminole; Ralph E. Staffelbach, '25, Nowata; Tom Hames, '27, Ponca City; T. G. Napier, '19, Collinsville; F. E. McReynolds, '08, '29, Norman; M. V. Van Meter, Jr., '28, Oklahoma City.

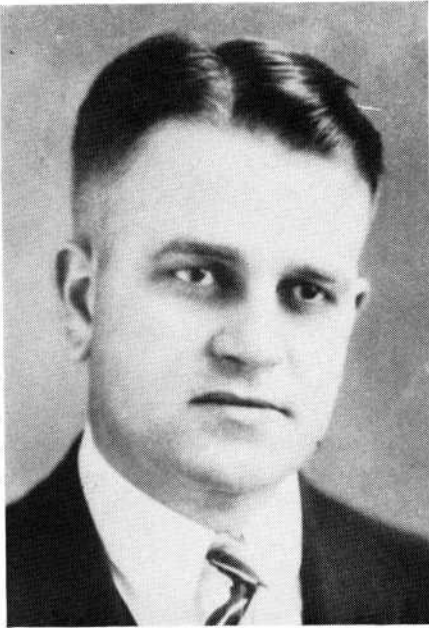
Ima James, Norman; Jim Robertson, '32, Bristow; George McDowell, '31, Oklahoma City; P. Ray Scruggs, Pawhuska; H. L. Schall, Ponca City; R. H. Richards, Norman; J. Ernest Cameron, Norman; Woodson Tyree, Ponca City; W. A. Franklin, Ponca City; Mrs. Woodson Tyree, Ponca City; Daniel W. Emerson, '32, Tahlequah; J. T. Murphy, Sapulpa; A. G. Boyles, '16, Tulsa.

M. Magee, '23, Tulsa; Marcella Middleton, '36, Collinsville; Kathleen Page, '36, Tulsa; Veta Dowell, '30, Ponca City; Rose Richards, '30, Norman; Dick Richards, '34, Sand Springs; John Richards, '30, Wewoka; Esther Kennedy, '36, Guymon; W. H. Curry, '29, Lexington; J. C. M. Krutnum, '09, '23, '36, Weatherford; Ross G. Hume, '31, Oklahoma City; F. M. Walks, '10, Tulsa; H. M. Armstrong, Norman; E. L. Kirkpatrick, '29, Boynton; William A. Morgan, Ardmore; Floyd B. Rutherford, '26, Muskogee; Hal Wickham, '31, Okmulgee; Margaret Davis, '27, Okmulgee; M. M. Baker, '30, Oklahoma City; Helen Kubic, '36, Bixby; Kathryn Short Cherry, '34, Oklahoma City; Mildred Futoransky, '35, Oklahoma City; Viola Young, '36, Oklahoma City; Mary McMuir Jones, '28, Oklahoma City.

Audis E. Neumeyer, '32, Morris; Ouida Foster, Norman; Mrs. Ruth Clark, '36, Norman; Amelia Rolle, '35, Poteau; Louis Lefko, Tulsa; Mabel Marshall, '28, Oklahoma City; Allie S. Moore, Pawhuska; Ruth Bishop, '36, Oklahoma City; Marjory Brown, '32, Skiatook; C. Guy Brown, '23, Roy E. Grantham, '34, Ponca City; Ralph



When the heaviest snow in several years struck the campus, the University's smallest pupils had a grand time. Johnnie Van Lear, Gene Genter and Mary Dixon of the Nursery School, which is operated by the School of Home Economics, are shown enjoying an outing with a sled.



These two Sooner graduates received appointments to prominent positions in Oklahoma in the last month. John L. Coffey, '12as, on the left, was named member of the State Highway Board, and A. P. Murrah, '28law, shown on the right, was made federal judge for the three Oklahoma districts.

V. Miller, '24, Enid; Georgia Ledbetter, '34, Alva; H. L. Allen, '17, Okemah; Elaine Tucker, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Zuma Sanders, '24, Wetumka; Mary F. Lawson, '25, '27, Oklahoma City; J. S. Cralle, '30, Chickasha; R. H. Burton, Idabel; C. E. Crooks, Medford; and H. W. Cooley, '22, Oklahoma City.

#### Douglass appointed judge

Governor E. W. Marland in January announced selection of Frank P. Douglass, 16law, to fill the position of District Judge at Oklahoma City which was vacated by the election of R. P. Hill as Fifth District Congressman.

Mr. Douglass, an Oklahoma City attorney, was one of the governor's chief campaign aids in the race for governor two years ago and for senator in 1936. He recently has been serving as member of the federal Labor Mediation Board.

#### Perry club organizes

Al Singletary, '30ex, was elected president of the new Noble County O. U. Club at Perry when permanent officers were selected at a January meeting. Other officers are Jean McCluskey, summer student, vice-president; Julia Ann Rutledge, '35as, secretary, and Kenneth P. Reed, '32law, treasurer.

Thirty-six persons attended the meeting, which was held in the library of Perry High School and was preceded by a dinner.

R. W. Hutto, '10as, Norman banker and member of the alumni executive board, spoke on the University budget request for the next biennium as submitted to the State Legislature.

It was suggested at the meeting that a committee be appointed to inform the State Representative and State Senator of the district about the group's desires concerning the budget of the University. On

this committee were appointed Mrs. Paul Ford, Mrs. B. J. Woodruff, Julia Ann Rutledge and Sam Schweiger.

Jack Horner, president of the club in its initial stage of organization, presided at the meeting. Entertainment during the dinner program included a group of Spanish songs sung by Otila Salazar, accompanied by Mrs. Max Gilstrap, and two readings by Donald Douglas, '24ex.

A proposed constitution presented by a committee was adopted.

The Perry club has about forty members, including many of Perry's business and professional men, school teachers, and young engineers with oil firms.

#### Yes, we have no communists

Rumors of a "Red scare" on the University campus were ridiculed in an editorial published in the *El Reno American*, edited by H. M. Woods, '17as.

Reports that the state university is a hotbed of communism are "laughable," the editorial stated.

"Extremely regrettable is the fact that a number of uninformed (voluntarily and otherwise) have accepted the reports as true.

"Communism is taught in the University along with all other forms of political science, but no one has ever proved that it has ever been recommended for any other country than Russia. President Roosevelt and all other leaders of our nation have studied communism, as is absolutely necessary if they are to be qualified to deal with Russia, to understand her methods and to be able to cope with attempts of the communists to gain a foothold in this country.

"Considerable capital was made by one of our state papers because a poll among students at the University revealed a few

votes for the Communist candidate. The entire poll was taken as a matter of fun and its results were exactly the same as would have happened from any other group in the state when taken in such an atmosphere of ridicule.

"Before becoming alarmed over the foolish claim of uninformed that the University is harboring a vicious band of Reds, one should make a canvass of the students who have attended the institution. Of the approximately 50,000 graduates and former students who reside in the state, it would hardly be possible to point out a single instance of one of them being an advocate of communism."

#### Sooner named on highway board

John L. Coffey, '21as, was appointed a member of the State Highway Commission in February just a few weeks after he had been named president of the State Board of Agriculture.

He was appointed to head the agricultural board to fill a vacancy left by the death of Harry B. Cordell. When L. B. Selman, member of the State Highway Commission, died suddenly a short time later, Mr. Coffey was the choice of Governor E. W. Marland and leaders in the Legislature to fill this important post.

He has an outstanding record as an educator in the state and was superintendent of schools at Sallisaw when he received the call to the State Capitol. He had previously served as superintendent at Jenks, Stroud and Hobart, and as president of the Cameron State Agricultural College at Lawton.

As president of Cameron college from 1928 to 1932, he made an outstanding record for assistance to young people needing work to pay their way through school. It is said that he found full or part-time work for more than 500 boys who otherwise would have been unable to go to school.

In addition to his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University, Mr. Coffey has a Master of Science degree from Oklahoma A. and M. college which he received in 1925. He served as professor of history at A. and M. college before going to Cameron in 1928, and has done graduate work at Panhandle A. and M. college, Goodwell.



### Bar committee heads named

Several Sooners have been appointed chairmen of standing committees of the State Bar association.

A. G. C. Bierer, Jr., '21law, Guthrie, is chairman of the State Bar Examiners, and J. C. Monnet, Jr., '20law, is chairman of co-ordination of district and superior judges conferences with the state bar. B. B. Blakeney, Jr., '29law, Oklahoma City, is chairman of the newly-created legal aid committee.

Chairman of administrative committees include: John F. Pendleton, '14law, Nowata, Washington and Nowata counties; C. A. Ambrister, '10ex, Muskogee, Cherokee, Wagoner, Adair, Sequoyah, and Muskogee counties; A. B. Carpenter, '27law, Shawnee, Lincoln and Pottawatomie counties; Person E. Woodall, '27law, Norman, Cleveland, Garvin, and McClain counties; and Clayton Carder, '23law, Hobart, Harmon, Greer, Kiowa, Jackson, and Tillman counties.

### Four at Snyder

Four Sooner graduates are teaching in the Snyder City School system this year. They are Jessie Knowlton, '26as; Ruth Crosier, 21ex; Geneva Shelton, '34as, and Lillian Jasper, '30he.

### Rockwood leads in law test

Joe S. Rockwood, '32as, '37law, Sapulpa, received the highest grade among 50 applicants who took the mid-year bar examination. Others who passed include Leonard Dale Brown, Coalgate, now a student in the University; James P. Crow, '29ex, Hominy; E. D. Gibson, '33ex, Ardmore; J. Hilliary Hutchinson, '26ex, Oklahoma City; Lester D. Hoyt, '32ex, Avery; Arthur William Jenkins, '34ex, Oklahoma City; Howard M. Redwine, '32ex, Spiro; Clarence H. Sweeney, '30ex; Thomas; Carlross Wadlington, '37law, Ada; Philip R. Wimbish, '37law, Ada; Ralph K. Bogart, Jr., '36law, Chickasha; Woodrow Grim, '32ex, Norman, and Curtis L. Williams, '36law, Stillwater.

### Young republican leaders

John William Mee, '33ex, Oklahoma City attorney, was elected president of the Young Republicans of Oklahoma at a recent convention at Tulsa. Other Sooners elected officers of the organization are Julia Hildt, '31ex, Tulsa, first vice-president; Cleo Wilson, '36law, Tulsa, parliamentarian; and Alice Freedle, '31as, Oklahoma City, national committeewoman.

### Invents science instrument

Ray Porter, '30ms, El Reno biology teacher, is the inventor of a new micro-projector which has been put on the market as a device for facilitating use of illustrations in teaching of biology.

Mr. Porter began working on the de-



Generous portions of food are dished out by Mrs. Bonnie Battle for the 55 students who are getting their meals at an average of 14 cents each through a co-operative project operated in the Stadium. Student leaders organized the plan, with the chief aim of helping needy students.

vice six years ago when he was an instructor at McMurray college at Abilene, Texas.

Microscopic slides of the organism to be studied are placed on a holder and strong light directed through a series of lens projects their image on a plate below. The image is large enough to be studied by a group of students at one time, and by use of a mirror the image can be thrown on a wall screen in a dark room.

Cheaper than a microscope, the instrument found a ready demand when commercialized recently, and more than a hundred were sold in a short time.

## CAMPUS REVIEW

### Budget's fate uncertain

With the State Legislature wrestling over the problem of heavy revenue needs for pensions and common schools, the fate of the University budget request was uncertain in mid-February.

Many legislative leaders apparently considered the University's request reasonable, but the burden put upon the state by the new old-age pension system and by the increase in state participation in financing common schools constituted a serious threat to the budget requests of state departments and institutions.

President W. B. Bizzell presented the budget request to the House Appropriation Committee and made an urgent plea for restoration of faculty salary cuts made during the depression. He told the committee that some of the faculty members had to borrow money for living expenses because of the drastic salary reductions, and said that about 20 per cent are now unable to carry life insurance which is about their only means of saving.

"Thirty-three out of every 110 have borrowed on the insurance in the last two years," he said. "A number have moved from their own homes to apartments, or from a good house to a cheaper one."

Referring to newspaper talk of "padded budget requests" from some institu-

tions, Dr. Bizzell said: "I want to look you right in the eye and tell you this budget is not padded at all; it will take every penny of this to do the job at the University that needs to be done."

University graduates and former students who are members of the State Senate and the House of Representatives were guests of the alumni association at two dinners held at Biltmore hotel in January. About sixty persons attended the dinner for alumni in the House and about fifty a dinner the following night for alumni in the Senate. President Bizzell spoke at both dinners, outlining the University's budget requests and explaining the institution's serious needs.

Ten members of the legislature and R. R. Owens, state budget officer, were guests of the University at a luncheon during a tour of state institutions by a committee from the legislature. Dr. Bizzell also spoke at this meeting, telling briefly the University's principal needs. The visiting legislators were taken on a tour of the campus.

Alumni leaders and leaders in the University Dads Association worked diligently in January and February in many parts of the state in order to make known to legislators the statewide interest in the welfare of the University.

### Flunk fee is burning issue

Student opinion, always volatile, apparently has a sort of rhythm which develops an emotional outburst about once a month. One time it might be the football coaching situation that causes a furor, and another time it might be the no-date rule.

Last month, it was the new so-called "flunk fee" which was the chief topic of student conversation for a time. The new rule, prescribed by the Board of Regents, requires that a student who continues in school after flunking a course must pay a special fee of \$3 per credit hour for all work in which failure was recorded. This was considered reasonable in view of the fact that so many credit hours are flunked that the University, in effect, must hire 15 full-time instructors to repeat courses that were flunked.

The *Oklahoma Daily*, following its usual custom, took a poll of student opinion. No one was especially surprised when the poll showed a considerable ma-

jority of students against the rule, but Student J. T. Timmons circulated a petition and demanded abolition of the fee. (The Men's Council and W. S. G. A. declined to enter the fight.)

When the petition failed to over-awe the Board of Regents, Timmons announced he would appeal to the State Legislature, and a bill prohibiting such fees was introduced by Edgar McVicker, Roger Mills county representative.

Timmons' charged that the fee is "a discrimination against the working student," but Major Eugene M. Kerr, vice-president of the Board of Regents, expressed confidence that the working students are the ones who appreciate their education and see to it that they pass their courses.

"It seems some students don't go to school for an education. We're charging these students extra," Major Kerr was quoted as saying.

University officials pointed out that the state incurs considerable extra expense in repeating a course or substituting another one after a student flunks, and they believe that the failing student should bear part of the extra expense in view of the fact that the University charges no tuition fee and charges a very small enrolment fee compared to most state universities.

#### Thesis is broadcast

For the first time in history of the University, a student is now doing graduate radio work for academic credit.

Through co-operation of the College of Fine Arts and officials of WNAD, Sooner broadcasting station, Harold Henderson Leake is conducting a music appreciation series on the air and is to receive credit for a thesis.

Mr. Leake, assistant in piano, and who completed work for a bachelor's degree at the end of the first semester, broadcasts an informal program from 3 to 3:30 p. m. each Monday and Wednesday.

#### Opera scheduled April 6, 7

"Lakme," a three-act opera by Leo Delibes, will be presented by the University Operatic Association of the College of Fine Arts on April 6 and 7 as the University's annual opera production.

As far as is known, this famous work has never before been performed in Oklahoma. A new English text has been prepared by Spencer Norton, '28as, assistant professor of piano and director of the opera, and Mrs. Helene Carpenter, Norman.

The important role of Lakme has been assigned to Annette Burford, student from Oklahoma City, and the other two leading roles will be sung by Barre Hill, professor of voice, and David Gish, student from Frederick.

Other members of the cast are Charles White, Norman; Ruth Davis, Guthrie; Elizabeth Morris, Norman; Kathryn Ford,



Joseph Bentonelli

Joseph Bentonelli, '20as, '21fa, Sooner opera star now living in New York, will give six concerts in Oklahoma in April, according to announcement in January.

The concerts, which are to be given in Woodward, Edmond, Ada, Wewoka, Enid and Okmulgee, will be presented during a concert tour of 24 engagements from Canada to the Gulf.

Singing this winter at the Metropolitan Opera House, Bentonelli has had roles recently in "Manon," "Faust," "Lakme" and other operas.

Shawnee; Nelmarie Anderson, Sand Springs; and Don Johnson, Oklahoma City.

Technical staff for the opera is composed of Paul S. Carpenter, conductor; Jessie Lone Clarkson, chorus master; Ida Z. Kirk, dramatic director; Helen Gregory, dance director; Merwin Elwell, settings; Edith Mahier, costumes; Joseph Taylor, sculpture; Lewis S. Salter, business manager; Gloria Peters, ticket sales; and Mr. Norton, general director.

#### "Parnell" is presented

Reviewers were enthusiastic over Phyllis Jean Blanchard, Oklahoma City, after her performance in "Parnell," January production of the University Playhouse. Others given special mention were Jack Swineford, as Gladstone, and Annie Youngblood, Claude Traverse and Jack Wilson.

#### Regent law change asked

Removal of the legislative restriction against any Cleveland county resident serving on the University Board of Regents was sought by Ben Huey, '31law, Cleveland county representative in the Legislature, but the measure was defeated. Such discrimination is "unfair and unjust discrimination against Cleveland county," Mr. Huey said. He added that the in-

troduction of the measure was not intended to cause any change in the present personnel of the board, but was designed to permit the possible appointment of Cleveland county residents in the future.

#### Distinguished visitor

The campus had a visitor from Austria in January. Baron Dietrich von Lentz, of Allenstein, Austria, came to Norman with his cousin, Arthur H. Geissler, of Oklahoma City, and inspected the campus as a guest of President W. B. Bizzell. Impressed by the University, particularly the School of Geology and the School of Petroleum Engineering, he said he was seriously considering the idea of sending his three sons to school in America.

#### Security is forum topic

Speakers for a Norman Forum symposium on social security were C. W. Schwoerke, 31law, Oklahoma county representative in the State Legislature; Harve L. Melton, chairman of the Oklahoma Welfare Commission, and J. E. Wrenn, Kansas City, representative of the Federal Social Security board.

#### Student conference scheduled

The first meeting of the Oklahoma Student Christian Conference, a unique setup sponsored by representatives of 44 colleges in Oklahoma and leaders in churches of many denominations has been scheduled at the University March 12, 13, and 14.

So far as is known in Norman, this is the first statewide intercollegiate interdenominational conference for young people ever held in the United States, and it is attracting national attention.

Mary Elizabeth Lockett, University student who is representative of the national Y. W. C. A. on the Intercollegiate Christian Council, has been made chairman of general plans. Speakers of national importance are being booked for the programs.

#### Swimming added to meet

Regular swimming and diving competition will be added to the State Interscholastic Meet this year as a result of completion of the new \$30,000 swimming pool for University men.

Three rapid sand filters, a chlorinator and heating system were installed for conditioning the water. Every available modern means of keeping the pool clean and sanitary is being provided.

It is the irony of fate that Jack Davis, Soonerland's greatest swimmer in history, won't get to use the new pool. Davis, who has won a flock of places for Oklahoma in Big Six swimming meets, graduated from the College of Business Administration February 1 and went to Hutchinson, Kans., where he will be in the lumber business. The pool was ex-



pected to be ready for use within two or three weeks after his departure.

The new pool will permit men's swimming classes to be offered for the first time in history of the University. Bruce Drake will teach them.



#### Shorter mention

A movie has been made on the Sooner campus, but it's not for public showing. Claude Traverse and Winston Howe, students, filmed "Parnell," Playhouse production, but announced that it would be shown only to students of dramatic art.

Five law students finished work for LL. B. degrees at the end of the first semester. They are Fred M. Black and William E. Harrison, both of Oklahoma City; Joe Shaw Rockwood, Sapulpa; Philip R. Wimbish, Ada; and George E. Sinning, Sheridan, Wyo.

Faculty of the Oklahoma School of Religion has been enlarged by addition of John Odgen Fisher, pastor of the Unitarian church in Oklahoma City, and Sterling Brown, director of student work for the First Christian church of Norman. Dean E. N. Comfort also announced Joseph Blatt, Oklahoma City rabbi, would resume teaching after a two-semester leave of absence.

Sigma Nu won the first annual interfraternity radio sing, with a representative group of 25 men directed by Jud Allison. Sigma Alpha Epsilon placed second, Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Delta Theta tied for third, and Delta Upsilon placed fifth.

Old fashioned ear-muffs appeared on the campus when severe winter weather struck in January. Some students combined old styles with new by wearing the ear-muffs but no hats, in driving sleet and snow.

When the Union started free checking service for students in January, those in charge waited patiently for two days without a single customer. But students soon found out about it and within a week it was serving about a hundred students daily. Commuting students, particularly, find the service valuable.

Leslie Thomason, Norman student and candidate of the "Administration" political party succeeded Jimmie Hawes as student dance manager in January as a result of a political coup. Hawes was ousted after breaking with leaders in the Administration party which controls the men's council and student representatives on the trust fund committee. The ouster was "politics pure and simple," said the *Oklahoma Daily*.

"Beyond Tomorrow," a tragedy of the western frontier, was presented in late February by the University Playhouse. Amzie Strickland and Mildred Stearley, both of Oklahoma City, and Jack Swineford, Enid, headed the cast. The play was written by John W. Dunn, who directed the presentation.

## "My Oklahoma Best"

### A SOONER SENATOR FINDS PLENTY OF PROBLEMS TO KEEP HIM BUSY DURING HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON

**I**N answer to an invitation from *The Sooner Magazine* to outline his general plans in starting his career as United States Senator, Josh Lee, '17as, replied that "I intend to do my Oklahoma best."

Admitting that this statement required a little elucidation, he went on to say that he considered the selection of capable men and women for important government posts to be a serious responsibility for a Senator, and he also emphasized several economic problems which he will devote much time to in his new position.

"A position of this kind often affords the opportunity of recommending the appointment of men and women to important posts, as well as the responsibility of helping to enact legislation," Senator Lee wrote. "Therefore, I plan to give careful attention to all appointments in which I have a part, since the best laws in the world are no good unless capable men are in office to administer them.

"That part of the duties of the United States Senator which I believe I shall enjoy most are the legislative duties. I shall, of course, push the program to prevent

war as far as it is humanly possible to do so.

"Then I shall devote a great deal of time in working on a program to rehabilitate people who have lost their homes; to solve the farm-tenant problem, and equalize the national income in order that the buyer might always have something with which to buy. Then the seller will always be able to sell, and there will always be a demand for the producer's commodity."

More than four hundred Oklahomans with a generous sprinkling of nationally known personages gathered in Washington January 18 to give Senator Lee a brilliant sendoff on his term as Oklahoma's junior senator.

The banquet, held in the Italian Gardens hall of the Mayflower hotel, was one of the gala functions of inaugural week in the national capital. The event was sponsored by the Oklahoma Young Democrats of Washington, and William R. Kavanagh, president of the organization, presided at the banquet program.

Senator Lee gave the principal address and was cheered enthusiastically. Other speakers included James Roosevelt, eldest son of President Roosevelt; Scott Ferris, national committeeman from Oklahoma; Mrs. John G. Catlett, Tulsa, national committeewoman; Sam Battles, state chairman, and Mrs. Ed Falkenberg, state vice-chairman.

Already widely known as a popular orator as a result of his term in Washington as Fifth District Congressman from Oklahoma, Senator Lee is constantly in demand for addresses at national meetings of various kinds. Prevention of war is one of his most popular themes.



Senator Josh Lee, '17as, who tells in this article some of his objectives in his term as United States Senator which started in January.