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Sooners at Home and Abroad

A liberal sprinkling of Sooner alumni and former students appeared in the large field of candidates that filed for the office of fifth district congressman, left vacant by the death of Representative R. P. Hill.

Entrance of Mike Monroney, '24, Oklahoma City merchant and former president of the Alumni Association, into the race was something of a surprise as it was his first bid for public office.

John Brett, '28law, Oklahoma City attorney who was a candidate for the office in the last state election, entered the race for the special election but withdrew when W. C. Lewis, United States district attorney, appointed him assistant district attorney. Mr. Lewis, a former student in the University, entered the special election race.

Other Sooner alumni and former students who were in the race when this magazine went to press included F. B. Swank, '99ex, Norman, former congressman; Murray Gibbons, '15ex, Oklahoma county legislator; C. W. Schwoerke, '31 law, Oklahoma county legislator; and Bert Kemmerer, '25ex, Guthrie newspaperman.

Lewis R. Morris, '15, '17law, Oklahoma county attorney and another former president of the O. U. Alumni Association, considered making the race but announced that because of some important lawsuits and other matters pending in the county attorney's office he felt he should carry

on in that position. Mr. Monroney's entry in the race followed Mr. Morris' withdrawal.

▲ Club president named

Hal Whitten, '25law, is the new president of the Oklahoma City Alumni Club. Other new officers elected at a recent meeting of the club are Dr. Wayman Thompson, '27, '29med, vice-president; Joe Fred Gibson, '36law, second vice-president; and Clarence E. (Ram) Morrison, '25law, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Whitten succeeds Glenn W. Faris who completed his term as president by handling arrangements for the annual pre-Homecoming dinner-dance of the Oklahoma City club November 19.

▲ Clifton becomes dean

L. L. Clifton, '16, this fall became academic dean of Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Alabama. He went to Alabama from Tipton, Oklahoma, where he was superintendent of schools.

Mr. Clifton has a master of arts degree from the University of Chicago and has practically completed work for a Ph. D. degree at Colorado State College, Greeley, Colorado. Mr. Clifton is married and has two children.

▲ Denison promoted

Roger Denison, '21geol, '25ms, formerly regional chief geologist at Fort Worth, Texas, for the Amerada Petroleum Cor-

poration, has been promoted to the position of chief geologist for the company and is now located in Tulsa. His office is in the Petroleum building.

▲ Mrs. Ferguson honored

One of the eighteen Oklahomans selected for induction into Oklahoma's Hall of Fame by the Oklahoma Memorial Association November 16 is Mrs. Walter Ferguson (Lucia Loomis, '07ex), of Tulsa. Mrs. Ferguson is widely known as a newspaper syndicate writer.

▲ Dinner at Seminole

University alumni took a prominent part in the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner for teachers in the Seminole schools in October. George Norvell, '29, was in charge of the program which included Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University as principal speaker. "Boomer Sooner" was sung and an O. U. yell was given by a group of former University students. Dr. Bizzell in his address emphasized that America's public school system is the basis of democracy.

▲ Bar nominations made

Two Sooners won election to the board of governors of the State Bar Association by acclaim when they were the only nominees chosen for their districts. The two are Walter J. Arnote, '28law, McAlester, second district; and G. A. Meacham, '20 law, Clinton, ninth district.



The late Walter C. Erwin, attorney and former president of the Alumni Association.

Other Sooner alumni nominated for governorships are: Tom L. Ruble, '22law, Taloga, fourth district; A. N. Boatman, '14, '16law, Okmulgee, seventh district.

Heads junior bar

James D. Fellers, '36law, Oklahoma City, has been appointed state chairman for Oklahoma of the Junior Bar Conference of the American Bar Association. The Junior Bar Conference is composed of lawyers under 36 years of age and as Mr. Fellers explains, "is the answer to the young lawyer's question of how he can make his voice heard and his ideals realized respecting the great problems confronting the profession, and is equally the response to the rapidly growing urge of the younger element of the bar to make its energy and intelligence effective for the common good and to acquire its proper place in bar association affairs."

Mr. Fellers attended the annual convention of the association in Kansas City recently and received his appointment after that time. His plans call for holding occasional forums with distinguished attorneys as guest speakers, and at which the young lawyers may freely discuss the problems of the profession.

The State Bar of Oklahoma meets in Tulsa December 28-29 and a luncheon meeting of the Junior Bar Conference will be held at the Mayo Hotel on the 28th.

Bartlesville alumni meet

A reception for Dr. W. B. Bizzell was given by Bartlesville alumni preceding a lecture Dr. Bizzell made recently to the Sunday Evening Church Federation of Bartlesville. Arrangements for the event were in charge of Richard K. Harris, '30law, now county attorney at Bartlesville.

Former alumni chief dies

Walter C. Erwin, '06, Chandler attorney, former University faculty member, and former president of the University Alumni Association died in late October in an Oklahoma City hospital after a month's illness. Death was attributed to pneumonia which developed after an operation for a kidney ailment.

Mr. Erwin came to Oklahoma with his parents soon after the opening and attended Central State Teachers College at Edmond. He received a teacher's degree in 1900 and for two years served as superintendent of schools at Wellston. He then entered the University and after receiving a degree in 1906 was appointed a member of the faculty. He served as director of the School of Education until he resigned in 1912.

He received a master's degree from the University of Chicago in 1910 and a law degree from Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, in 1913.

After beginning the practice of law at Wellston with his brother, P. D. Erwin, he moved to Chandler and opened an office for the firm there. He became active in civic affairs and took part in many community projects. He served several years as president of the Cimarron Valley Council of the Boy Scout organization and was given the Silver Beaver award for outstanding work as an adult Scout leader. He was also active in the work of the Baptist church. Mr. Erwin served as president of the O. U. Alumni Association in 1911-12.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Marie Fite Erwin; three brothers, P. D. Erwin, '11, '12law, of Wellston; Dr. Para Erwin, '07, '08ms, of Wellston, and Dr. Frantz B. Erwin, Oklahoma City; one sister, Mrs. George Kuhr, '18, Wellston; and two



James D. Fellers, '36law, state head of the Junior Bar Conference.

daughters, Mrs. Paul Rogers, Borger, Texas, and Mrs. Edwin Constant, Oklahoma City.

Law class plans reunion

Oklahoma City members of the law class of '29 who last year held a private reunion of their own on the Friday before Homecoming planned to do the same thing again this year.

Twenty-two members of the class now live in Oklahoma City, and they have been meeting informally about once a month. A loose form of organization has been maintained so that anyone ill gets remembered, and news of good or bad fortune of any of the group is quickly passed around.

Frank W. Jones has been using his office as a clearing house for the class activities. Plans were made in early November to invite all members of the class to visit temporary headquarters at an Oklahoma City hotel the day before Homecoming.

A four-page mimeographed news sheet, *The Twenty-Niner*, is issued occasionally to members of the class.

E. G. DeParade is ex-officio head of the class's activities.

Prisoners given instruction

Several University graduates are employed in the new state program for giving educational work to inmates of penal institutions under the general direction of the University and Oklahoma A. and M. College.

Leo J. Zeff, '37ma, is director of education at the Oklahoma State Reformatory at Granite. Mrs. Zeff, formerly Ella B. Zak of Lawton, received a bachelor's degree from the University last spring.

E. S. Nunn, '29ms, formerly superintendent of schools at Eufaula, is educational director of the Pauls Valley Training School for Boys and Mrs. Nunn is teaching English there.

Thurman White, who has a bachelor's degree from Phillips University but is working toward a master's degree from the University of Oklahoma, is assistant director of education at the State Penitentiary at McAlester.

Dr. Leonard Logan, '14, director of short courses for the Extension Division, represents the University in this new educational program.

Heads recreation center

A novel recreation project has been opened in St. Louis, Missouri, with Mary White, '30phys.ed, as director.

It is a recreation center for young people in a district where opportunities for normal social life have been almost nonexistent because of low income. The work is sponsored by the St. Louis Young Women's Christian Association, with the co-operation of the Young Men's Christian Association.