

# In the Mail . . .

**G**LENN CLARK, '13, sends word that Ponca City alumni were pleased with the arrangements for broadcasting all Sooner football games this season, and expressed belief that it would increase interest in O. U. games.

A group of football fans with the Continental Oil Company signed a petition expressing appreciation for the service.



## Sooners numerous in Mexico

Mystery Novelist Todd Downing, '24, '28ma, now living at Atoka, tells interestingly of a trip to Mexico City during the summer.

"Mexico City, I discovered, is a better place to renew old acquaintances than O. U. at Homecoming," he writes. "I ran onto more friends there than I ever meet in Oklahoma. Ernie and Christine Hill were there from Norman, of course, with Homer and Mildred Heck. Also Benton and Maxine Ferguson, and John McClain of Fort Worth. Edna Bessent was taking in all the sights and I saw Betty Kirk several times. Betty is having remarkable success and seems to be settled permanently in Mexico. She has had two articles in the *New York Times Magazine Section*, on Diego Rivera and Chapultepec Castle, and has just sold an article on Roberto Soto, the actor, to *Harper's Bazaar*. She's working with Jack Starr-Hunt, the N. Y. *Herald-Tribune* Mexican correspondent. From the professorial ranks, Maurice Halperin, Waterfield of the English department, and Dr. and Mrs. Al Thomas were present.

"So altogether I found it a bit difficult to break away from sessions of reminiscences about Oklahoma and to do some exploring on my own account."



## What's wrong at Dallas?

Carl D. McWade, '34eng, wonders why Sooners at Dallas aren't organized.

"Since I have been in Dallas, which is only a few months, I have noticed a preponderance of alumni associations and, frankly, I am hurt because I have been unable to discover any Oklahoma club," he writes.

"With the Oklahoma-Texas game scheduled for next Saturday a week, I am alarmed lest there will be no Texas-Oklahomans to welcome the bunch from home.

"I would like for you to let me know if there is any such club in Dallas that I can contact and feel perfectly at home when I cheer for dear old Alma Mater."

Alumni Secretary Ted Beard has replied to Sooner McWade that several efforts have been made to get Dallas alumni

organized in the last year, but so far the efforts have not been successful. Many Sooners are holding positions of considerable importance in business circles of Dallas—in fact most of them are extremely busy with their own affairs. However, there are many loyal Sooners in the Texas metropolis and efforts to organize will be continued. Alumni President Lowrey Harrell scheduled a special trip to Dallas to try to get something started.



## Lawyers scarce in Panama

Subert Turbyfill, '25, '35ma, who is chairman of the New Sooner advisory committee for the Panama Canal Zone, takes a crack at the preponderance of attorneys among the officials of the Alumni Association.

"With one-third of the officers, one-half of the executive board, and three-fourths of the advisory council, named on the letterhead, all going under the title of 'attorney,' it is possible that few Sooners will believe that the Advisory Council for the Panama Canal Zone is really legal and official," Mr. Turbyfill complains.

"There are no Sooner attorneys (graduates in law, to me) working for the U. S. government here, in any branch, that I can find. And the Advisory Council came near to having only one person of each occupation."

Mr. Turbyfill, who is director of the government theater at Balboa and coach of speech and forensic work in Balboa High School, describes his diversified council as follows:

Capt. A. A. Albright is in the medical corps of the U. S. army, and is stationed at the Colon Hospital, Colon, C. Z. Mrs. Eunice Holland Albright, also a Sooner, advises the Captain, and is a willing worker on the Advisory Council.

Mrs. Gladys Kimbro Knox, '24ma, of Cristobal, is an active worker in the Canal Zone Woman's League, the Cristobal Civic Council, several women's clubs, and other organizations in the Canal Zone. Her husband is with the Receiving and Forwarding Agency of the Panama Railroad and Steamship Line.

Dr. Forest Reed Brown is a staff physician at the great Gorgas Hospital (largest tropical hospital in the world).

The fifth member of the Advisory Council for the Canal Zone, and the only bachelor on the council, is Lewis W. McBride, a field engineer with the Office of Department Engineers, U. S. army. He probably knows more about the Republic of Panama than any of the Sooners here, because he is the only one whose work takes him outside of the Zone. He often has groups of men out "in the bush" of the jungle.

Mr. Turbyfill adds that any Sooner visiting the Panama Canal, disembarking at either end, is invited to call members of the Advisory Council.

"We have planned an 'O. U. Dinner' at any time that some prominent Sooner visits here," he announces.

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