

In the Mail

To the Alumni Secretary:

I had intended to answer your letter sooner but time seems to have flown by. Pat is very busy helping Mr. Morgenthau run the Treasury Department, and I am getting ready for the fall term at George Washington University, after a warm and gruelling summer time. I have been appointed an associate in the government department and will teach two sections of American government, in addition to carrying on graduate study.

Pat and I met with Paul Walker this past week and you have probably heard from him. We are ready to assist in the alumni work here in any way which will be helpful. We feel sure that an effective alumni unit may be organized here since the list of names you sent includes a number of energetic and able University graduates.

May we congratulate you and Roscoe, and the Association on the *Sooner Magazine*. We look forward to the interesting news it bring each month from dear old Alma Mammy and her children.

Enclosed is a check for \$5.00 to apply on our Life Membership.

Please don't run any more "On to Dallas" football ads as they make our itchy feet crave all the more to return to Oklahoma. This year will be our first to miss the celebrated "trek" to Dallas—and how we'll miss it.

Please give our personal greetings to Catherine and Sally and to the Roscoe Cates—and to other members of the alumni group.

LYNDEN MANNEN, '28, '38ma,
Washington, D. C.

To the Alumni Secretary:

Enjoyed your program very much, which you held here recently, and hope your entire trip was pleasant and successful. Trust that you will "play" a return engagement here soon.

Wish to ask a favor of you—can you send me a list of the Oklahoma Alumni, with their addresses, living in Los Angeles and vicinity? If so I would like to have it.

If I can ever be of service to the University or to you will be only too glad.

WAYNE HECKLER, '35,
Los Angeles, California.

To the Alumni Secretary:

Yesterday I returned to Drumright from the Ada hospital and am really in rare spirits. A few more weeks must still be spent in bed, but I am carrying on a great many duties of my office from my bedside.

Ted, this is the first rest I have had in six years and frankly I am rather enjoying it.

I have found the duties of my office and the private practice of law exceedingly fascinating. I am making a good living and am very happy notwithstanding a compound fracture of the leg.

If I can ever serve you or my University, a hint to that effect will be all that is necessary.

Thanking you for your kind letter, I am

JACK CAMPBELL, '36, '38law,
Drumright.

P. S. I am pointing towards the O. U.-Nebraska game.

To the Editor:

I am always grateful for the opportunity to read the *Sooner Magazine*, and find it to be highly worthy of its objectives. In reading the August issue I find an item on page 28 which refers to an article on the fee system of operating Justice of the Peace courts, of which I am the author. You state in this news item that I said these courts were created by the Legislature.

I wish to refute this assertion, and state that I never made such a statement either in my article referred to or to the press. As a member of the Bar of this State. I am in a position to know that these courts were created by the Constitution, and NOT BY THE LEGISLATURE. However, I do contend that since the Legislature sets the fees to be collected by Justice of the Peace, it, likewise, has the power to change the method of compensation and place these judicial officers on a salary basis, like other judges, and thus eliminate the drive for profits through fee collections.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the article in question, which was published in *The Oklahoma Municipal Review* (April, 1938), *Oklahoma State Bar Journal* (May, 1938), and *The Labor Magazine* (September, 1938). You are welcome to use the same as you may wish, although my purpose in sending you this copy is to substantiate my assertion that you misstated the facts regarding the article.

I should like for you to make this correction in the next issue of the *Sooner Magazine*, and am sure you stand ready to do so.

R. B. MOORE,
Oklahoma City.

The *Sooner Magazine* apologizes to Mr. Moore for its misleading news item—Ed.

To the Editor:

I do not want to fail to commend most highly both the quantity and the quality of work done by yourself and your staff in getting out the splendid issue of August, containing a full directory of all graduates of the School of Law. It is a work of immense value—something that has been badly needed for many years and will be of very great assistance in solving many problems that continually arise in connection with our graduates.

JULIEN C. MONNET,
Dean of the School of Law,
Norman.

To the Editor:

I have just received a copy of the Law Alumni Directory. I want to thank you for sending it, and to tell you that I think it is one of the finest services that the Alumni Association has rendered. I am very glad to have it because it will enable me to make contacts with many of my old fellow students.

WALTER B. EMERY, '34law,
Norman.

To the Editor:

I received the September *Sooner* on Friday. Since I had moved around so much during the past six months, I didn't know whether my address was correct or not. Thank you for your co-operation. You are putting out a grand magazine. I am sure you rate some praise for it! Hope you can continue such good work. I don't want to miss any of the copies!

VIVIAN LORITA SMITH, '35,
Beebe, Arkansas.

To the Alumni Secretary:

I've been getting quite a bit of kick out of reading about many of my old friends in the *Sooner Magazine*—especially your page, *Riding the Sooner Range*.

I see Subert is on the Advisory Council for the Canal Zone. He told us of seeing you this summer. I hope, if I can arrange it, to be able to spend a few days in Norman next summer.

But aren't there any *Sooner* alumni in Washington? Or in Oregon? I don't find any listed. It would be nice to run a column in the magazine so that alumni away from home could

know where others are living in their section, or even in their state. How about such a column, or page?

I'm back again at the same school for the second year and enjoying it more than last year, if possible. And things are looking up for me in the music line. We have 130 pupils this year as compared to 110 last year.

There are 40 in the band, and it is growing. And their quality is much improved too. The girls glee club has about 30 members, and we are preparing for a big year.

Next month we get to play for the governor. So are we working? And soon we have our fall concert to present.

Perhaps you would like to mention where I am located in the *Sooner Magazine*. I am really more than pleased with my work here, but I'd like lots of times to be back in Oklahoma.

I was in Washington State College this summer. A wonderful experience. Teachers were Peter Dykema and James Mursell from Columbia College, New York City; Adam Lesinsky, chairman of National Orchestral Association, Whiting, Indiana; Earle Blakeslee, Hollywood; Vladamir Bakilnikoff, Hollywood; and several other important visitors. I managed straight A in everything. But I did that in Oregon U. also. So you see, I have changed considerably since I was in Oklahoma U.!

TOM B. TURBYFILL, '27
Naselle, Washington.

To the Alumni Secretary:

Your letter arrived too late for me to get the desired information in before the deadline. There were at least two reasons: First, no *Sooner* should live so far afield as Elizabeth and I do; and second, I was giving an intensive reading course in Japanese this summer which kept our students in class four hours a day with six hours a day preparation outside. My Japanese colleague and I were worn down even more than our students, I'm afraid. My Japanese colleague went on a vacation August 6 at the end of the course and had a nervous breakdown; as Acting Director of the Oriental Institute I could not take a vacation because of the administrative work involved. In consequence I have had no time for a leisurely nervous breakdown.

People think we don't work in the tropics, but my experience has been that there are so many people who refuse to work that those who are willing must do double their share. I have never worked so hard as I did last year and I don't see any prospects of a let-up this year.

I think that you really have all the information about us that you can use except perhaps the very latest changes in our work.

Last year Elizabeth (Elizabeth Ball, '24) was in charge of Speech Correction in the public schools of the Territory. In passing, I should say that we do not have a city school system. There is a territory-wide system and teachers may be switched about from one island to another, which sometimes makes it hard on the newly-married. In harmony with the trend of the times many a good husband has given up his job and lived with his wife on another island . . . in order to help reduce unemployment among those who have families to support. This is masculine generosity of the very highest sort as most of you in Oklahoma will realize!

This year the speech correction work has had to be dropped (or perhaps suspended) because of the budgetary situation. Elizabeth is now teaching in Roosevelt High School and acting as advisor to the staff that puts out the annual. During the summer she was in charge of a special project under Federal auspices. Children with cleft palates were given operations and then she had charge of post-operational speech correction.

This coming school year (beginning next week) Denzel is to teach Russian, two courses in Japanese, and one in linguistics. Two of the courses are new, so this may be the last word

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you will hear for a year except that as the year in the New England shrines of learning is soon to be paid in full, we hope to send in a check and let a little money talk for a change. This should come around February 1.

A Sooner who is always late,

DENZEL CARR, '22cx,
Honolulu, Hawaii.

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To the Alumni Secretary:

Your Ponca City Alumni are indeed grateful to the athletic management at O. U. and radio station WKY for the thoroughly enjoyable broadcasts of the Rice and Texas football games. Although many of us will attend practically all of the home games, yet the working hours of a large number of our alumni, especially those with the Continental Oil Company, are such as make it impossible for them to attend many of the games and the broadcast is their only possible opportunity to enjoy the game. These broadcasts keep alive their interest in our University and we urge that these broadcasts be continued.

Needless to say, we are thrilled over winning these two important games and more power to old Tom Stidham, who hails from our home town of Checotah.

CHARLES B. DUFFY, '22law,
Ponca City.

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To the Alumni Secretary:

Your last letter received. I shall now attempt in this letter to give you a little information of former students of the University of Oklahoma, in Arizona.

K. Berry Peterson of Tucson, Arizona, is a former student of the University, having attended Law School for two and a half years, the last year being 1916. I notice that his name is not included in the last Alumni Law Directory which you sent me. Mr. Peterson has had a very successful political career since coming to Arizona, having served one term as county attorney of Pima County; two terms as attorney general of the State of Arizona, and being now assistant United States district attorney; his address is, Federal Building, Tucson, Arizona.

I notice in the Alumni Law Directory that E. W. McFarland is listed as of Phoenix, Arizona. His correct address is Florence, Arizona, where he is now superior judge of Pinal County.

Another Oklahoma University Law School Alumnus holding a judicial position is H. C. Speakman, who is judge of the Superior Court of Maricopa County.

A. O. JOHNSON, '34law,
Tucson, Arizona.

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To the Alumni Secretary:

I want to express my highest compliments to you in your splendid work at O. U. We are just as strong for O. U. as one could well be and want to make it better at all times. I think the nearer it fits the needs of the prospective students of the State the better it is. In fact I hope for the time when prospective Ph. D.'s do not have to write a dissertation, but take that much more class work. Possibly I am wrong about that, as that is only my wild opinion. If I finish my Ph. D., however, I hope to teach in college, and I want to know just as much about history and economics as possible. I am willing to take the whole ninety-six or more hours in those subjects, and think I could learn much more about what someone, really a scholar, has worked out like Beard or Brested, than I can in my elementary way doing research. However, that is only my wild idea. Please pay no attention to it.

I highly appreciate your work in getting the Ph. D. allowed for summer work. I was not in position to take work this past summer but probably will be next summer. I think you had a splendid summer school. Three of my teach-

ers worked on the M. A. there this past summer and several are taking extension work at Ardmore now.

We are high on Dr. Bizzell and do not want him replaced. However, if the incoming administration and others do replace him, we favor an out-of-state man, as intra-state men already have their cliques formed and it seems would be psychologically loyal to those before the "Old Grads." However, that might be my own idea also, but I have heard other alumni talk it. We are tremendously loyal to those before the University here, and want it to prosper. We want it to get appropriations, second to none in the state, and we want its men to get the positions of influence in the teaching profession in the state.

Another thing, I highly appreciate the directory of the Law Alumni. Can't you please give the same for all the other colleges of the University, and give them by towns? I think it is excellent. We shall want to keep those alumni magazines for years.

LOYAL SOONER.

The writer of the above letter asked that his name not be used, for obvious reasons.—Ed.

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To the Alumni Secretary:

There is a special place on my desk for communications that by their nature do not require immediate attention but which deserve a more careful perusal and more leisurely consideration. In this pile I find your letter of August 4 together with Association bulletins of April 6 and August 5. Thank you for your kind letter, and may I say that I read the bulletins with great interest. Do you know, I think it would be a good plan to send these bulletins occasionally, not only to council members, but to all members of the Association.

I was especially pleased to read about the great work that is being done to make the Student Union Building a place where valuable contributions are being made to student life on the campus instead of its being a rather convenient passageway for one to get from one part of the campus to another. Miss Gessner and her assistants must be doing a mighty fine piece of work.

I think it is wonderful that our *Sooner Magazine* placed so high at the contests at Columbus, Ohio. After reading my copies, I take pleasure in placing them on the shelves of our library where they are available for reading by our high school students.

Sometimes, when we can have a personal get-together, I have an idea or two that I'd like to discuss with you. In the meantime, feel free to call upon me at any time that I can assist you in furthering the interests of the University.

TARLTON B. TOWNSEND, '35ma.
Boise City.

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To the Alumni Secretary:

Having assumed new duties as head of the department of history and government in the Cameron State Agricultural College at Lawton, it will be impossible for me to be in Adair County very much this year, and consequently I feel compelled, in the interest of the "greater University of Oklahoma" movement, to submit my resignation as chairman of the Adair County Advisory Council.

It was a deeply cherished privilege to be closely associated with our efforts to make a bigger and better University, and you may rest assured that I shall continue my humble efforts in the ranks. But it seems to me that the function of the County Advisory Council is such as to require a chairman so situated that he obtains personal attention to the problems which arise. Then only, as I see it, can the Council be of maximum value. Thus, to enable Adair County's Council to serve our common cause as efficiently and satisfactorily as possible, my resignation was submitted.

If I may be of any assistance in any other capacity, please do not fail to call upon me.

PRESTON WOODRUFF, '36law,
Lawton.

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