

In the Mail

Letters to the Alumni Secretary and the Editor of the Magazine

Sir:

Enclosed you will find my check for \$3.00 for a year's subscription to *The Sooner Magazine*. The complimentary copy you sent me was grand and it made me realize just how much I have been missing by letting my subscription lapse. I would like for you to start with the August issue.

I'm wondering if you have put out a "Directory Number" lately? The one I have is for July, 1930, and I'm afraid it's a bit out of date. How do I go about getting a new one? Heartiest congratulations on a fine and interesting publication.

NATALIE BROACH DAVIS, '27
Scarsdale, New York.

The Law Alumni Directory published as the August issue of the Magazine is the only Sooner directory published since 1930. The Association cannot undertake publication of a general directory without greater financial support than it now has.

Sir:

As a non-resident of Oklahoma the chief benefit I obtain from my membership is the assistance given in keeping track of the location and achievements of my particular classmates. For that reason I would like to see a complete directory issued every five years with annual supplements giving changes and additions. The directory by professional schools of the University does not seem, to me, to be practical.

JOHN F. WILKINSON, '23
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

The August issue of the magazine shows a lot of detail work in preparing the law school alumni list. I particularly like the idea of listing the graduates by classes and hope that part of the future directories will not be eliminated as indicated in your letter to council members.

C. B. MEMMINGER, '33law.
Atoka, Oklahoma.

Sir:

For the last few weeks I have been moving around so much that I have failed to get the last few copies of *The Sooner Magazine*. The last copy that I received was the May number. If you will send the missing numbers to the above address I will appreciate it very much. Every month I eagerly await the arrival of *The Sooner Magazine* and when it comes I don't get out of my easy chair until I have read it from cover to cover.

At the present time I am making some investigations of floods in Eastern California and Northern Nevada for the army engineers. As I spend most of my time up in the mountains I find it a very enjoyable way to spend the summer months. However, when I come in to Sacramento I get a taste of weather just about the same as that in Oklahoma. After the first of October my address will be Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii.

LIEUT. PERRY B. HACKETT, '34, C. E.
Sacramento, California

Sir:

In a conversation with me the other day, Elmo Scott Watson, one of the Western Newspaper Union editors, said that the O. U. Press is putting out some of the best stuff coming off the presses. Since he writes a syndicated historical feature every week, he has in his office for immediate reference most of the O. U. books dealing with Oklahoma history. I doubt that he has been down there often, if ever, but he

knows more Oklahoma geography and history from reading these books than the average native Sooner.

Mr. Watson said that the administration responsible for the O. U. Press was uniquely farsighted.

Let me congratulate you on the August number of *The Sooner Magazine*. Not a law alumnus myself, I can nevertheless appreciate the merit of such a number.

I think, too, that you deserve a pat on the back for being one of the influential groups which have been getting the O. U. alumni to support the University, for a change. The recent shift in public sentiment certainly does me a lot of good. I just hope it does O. U. some.

ALFRED A. CROWELL, '29, '34ma,
Elgin, Illinois.

Sir:

I read and enjoy *The Sooner Magazine* monthly and want to congratulate all concerned in its publication. It is outstanding in its field.

ROBERT H. WOOD, '11,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Sir:

I don't know whether your office has been advised of my change of address or not. I am now living at 129 North Third, Vandalia, Illinois. Although my stay in Vandalia is decidedly temporary, I shall keep you advised of any change of address, as I certainly do not want to miss any issues of *The Sooner Magazine*.

I meet so many Sooners in my work here that I fail to realize occasionally that I am no longer in Oklahoma. Sam Coleman and Bob Searcy, to mention a few, are working out of our office here. Several of the boys are working on seismograph crews in this region. I met E. J. Merritt in St. Louis last Saturday but I understand he has been up here for a year or two. Tom Ed Grace is working in Vandalia temporarily, but will probably be sent back to Mattoon within a week or so.

HARRY O. LAMBERT, '38law,
Vandalia, Illinois.

Sir:

May I say a few words of appreciation of the service rendered me by your office and by Mrs. Turnbull in the great game of finding a place to teach after one has earned the right to teach. I think the Placement bureau is doing an excellent piece of work and through it several jobs were offered and made available to me.

I will be at Eagle Nest, New Mexico, teaching general science and biology in Morena Valley school. I might also add it's a grand place to fish if you like fishing.

BESS L. THURINGER, '36,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Sir:

I am a Sooner alumna and in view of that fact thought perhaps you would like to hear from an old student occasionally. Aside from the information which will explain some of my own experiences in life since leaving the University, I bring glad tidings of another Sooner, Arthur Axelson, of Seabright, New Jersey, who has collected considerable esteem and fortune in the real estate business and politics as well. He will be remembered by his brilliant performance as the "Apache dancer" for Stunt Nite and Soonerland Follies for the school years '24 and '25. In visiting with him I was surprised to learn how many loyal Sooners had

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visited him on the Eastern coast. These included Sam Payne, a Kappa Sig named Parmis, and a host of others whose names I have either failed to remember or that I personally didn't know.

I believe my career, since leaving my last term at O. U. (summer of 1934) has taken a political turn or angle. From summer school of '34 I entered the Federal Employment Service but found time to attend one summer session at George Washington University by working a night shift in my position. To me, this university does not compare with our own University of Oklahoma and the small colleges of Oklahoma and as to buildings equipment, and facilities, I would rank it much below. However, it is an old institution with an exceptional standard and goes far on its reputation.

May I add also, that I do not regret the five years and four summers I spent obtaining a liberal education nor the time, effort and money necessary for having obtained my two and almost three degrees, but too much stress can not be attached to the importance of taking a business training along with these cultural subjects. This I neglected for myself and later had to master it on my own if I was to be assured of a job during this depression. For the sake of a business career I have been declining offers of foreign teaching appointments. Business salaries, especially in government service, carry a much higher salary even for the average individual. Therefore, but for the sake of education for education's sake, I stress a business education.

In the small snapshot I enclose you will see me with Senator Reynolds, of North Carolina (the eligible for entertaining all Hollywood stars who come to DC, including the late Jean Harlow) and Senator Chavez, with his wife and friend. This snap was taken by a photographer for a New York City newspaper. Directly after the picture was made I had the honor of meeting Vice-President Garner and about thirty other senators. In our farewell party at the Shoreham Terrace Garden, I had the pleasure of meeting Senator McAdoo and his wife. With us also was the U. S. attorney general. I am thrilled to say that Senator Reynolds had for me a special dedication of *Boomer Sooner* from the floor show.

I am at this time changing positions, leaving the bureau where I have been since coming to Washington to work in the Munitions Building, which will carry more intellectual ability.

THELMA M. BILLS, '26, '27ed,
Washington, D. C.

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SIR:

I received your letter inferring that I had been named a member of the Kingfisher County Advisory Council. I wish to report that I am ready at all times to help in any way with the work of the Association. I feel this community will respond enthusiastically to an O.U. Alumni Club.

Thanks in advance for any assistance that you may give us.

LIDA BARR, '35MA
Kingfisher, Oklahoma

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SIR:

I received your good announcement that you are publishing a law Alumni Directory, and of course, I need the Alumni Magazine and am enclosing check in the sum of \$3.00 for my subscription. With all good wishes for the continued success of the Alumni Association, I am

COLWELL C. CHASTAIN, '24LAW
Chickasha, Oklahoma

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SIR:

You probably thought—if ever my name had occurred to you—that I had gone out of existence. Well, I practically have, as far as Oklahoma is concerned. I moved to Kansas City about six months ago with the United Press, and have

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been there since. For the past two weeks I've been down in Sulphur visiting the folks, and at present I'm getting ready to catch a train back to Missouri.

I suppose that by now you must have become an economic royalist, with nothing to do but jostle important personages, complain about appropriations granted the University, point with pride to its accomplishments and let the world in on the secret of what a fine school it actually is.

Seriously, though, I'd like to hear from you when you have time, even if that isn't before fall when the hot weather has passed and people have begun to get their feet on the ground again. I work a graveyard shift in Kansas City—midnight to 8 a.m.—and sometimes I need inspiration to forget that I might retire to Sulphur, run a grocery store and no doubt live a much happier life.

REX CHANEY, '35
Kansas City, Missouri

SIR:

If I remember correctly, I owe you another \$5.00 on my Life Membership. Enclosed please find check for that amount.

Will you please notice that I have returned to my work in Venezuela and change the mailing address accordingly.

Other O.U. men who are also here at this time are Howard J. Fielden and Harry Plummer. So far as I know they are the only ones, although Clifford Peery is now in Eastern Venezuela, receiving his mail through the Venezuela Gulf Oil Company at Caripito, I believe. Plummer works at Maracaibo for the Mene Grande Oil Company while Howard and I both work for the Sago Petroleum Corporation at Maracaibo.

GAISER D. MADDOX, '33ENG
Maracaibo, Venezuela

SIR:

Crossing the streets in Washington you really have to look both ways, listen and then leap for it.

The office I work in is really nice—and since looking the situation over—as far as I can see, this is by far the best job I had offered. Perhaps I should have waited another year! I am in the Appointment Division of the Interior. Our office is in the next wing from the Secretary. However, I haven't seen him yet.

This weekend I have been sight-seeing. Yesterday I took the boat trip to Mt. Vernon. Today we had breakfast at Rock Creek Park, and this afternoon we went through the Capitol and then up in the Washington monument. We walked down the monument—just 50 flights of stairs.

As yet I haven't decided whether I should stay here or not.

MILDRED COSTON, '34BUS
Washington, D.C.

SIR:

You are very noble to immediately have the list of former O.U. students made and sent to me. I appreciate it no end. As we use the list we will correct the addresses and add married names, etc., and forward them to you.

If not before that time, we shall certainly see you when Oklahoma treks to Texas for the game. In the meantime, if ever I can do an errand or a mission for you and the Association just count me in and send me word.

ELIZABETH ANN ELLEGOOD, '35
Dallas, Texas

SIR:

I'm really most apologetic concerning my negligence! Enclosed is money order for my long past dues.

The reason for such neglect is we have built a house in California.

Ask anyone who has done a like trick—we moved in our new house on March 24 and what with teaching my regular work and some extras, I've hardly been my usual self. We are just now beginning to feel somewhat settled.

Our lawn is a month old and has been mowed twice—that's one of the many virtues of this State.

Please note ours (Willa B's and mine) new address—3619 Lotus Drive. Then for the next Mag-

azine you might like this item. I have been on the San Diego State College Faculty for two sessions now. Last summer I taught in their second term, English 145, Contemporary Drama, and also taught this same course all last winter, both semesters, in their Extension Division. I was invited to teach again this summer in their first term session which began June 20, teaching Recent American Fiction. It's rather pleasant to have these invitations since I made no effort to receive them.

JEWELDEAN BRODIE, '27MA
San Diego, California

SIR:

I have received several letters enclosing your issue of July 1, 1938, carrying the heading: "Where Are These 'Lost' Lawyers?", and under it giving a list of the lost ones. My name seems to head the list. But I probably am a lost lawyer, for I felt the "call of the wild" and deserted the legal ranks a few years after leaving school. Putting it in another way I shifted my occupation from lawyer to oil. I have been living in San Antonio, Texas for a number of years. My residence address is 374 Terrell Road.

Always with best wishes, I remain,

WILLIAM H. WINN, '10LAW
San Antonio, Texas

WNAD on the air again

The University broadcasting station, WNAD, was scheduled to go on the air for the new school year October 4.

Homer Heck, '35ex, assistant manager of the Union who has been connected with WNAD for many years in various capacities, was advanced from program director to director of the station effective July 1. In becoming director he succeeds T. M. Beaird, Union manager and Alumni Association secretary. H. H. Leake continues as full time director of production.

As a result of conferences held by WNAD officials with teachers attending the Summer Session of the University, the station this year will have the active co-operation of 180 teachers who will listen to educational broadcasts, report the reactions of their students, and make suggestions for improvement of the radio educational program.

Another new feature of the WNAD organization this year is the establishment of the University Radio Workshop which was designed to coordinate the research men, writers, actors, and musicians, both faculty and students, who aid in broadcasting programs.

Jack Wilson, Winifred Stabler and Phyllis Markley, three of the most popular staff members of the station last year, are back again. Mildred Andrews, new instructor in organ, will give regular organ broadcasts. The faculty round table, School of Music broadcasts, comments on world politics, and other popular programs of last year will be continued, in addition to the more formal educational broadcasts that are put on the air during daytime school hours.

The regular schedule of broadcasting is from 10:30 to 11:30 a. m., and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with the exception that the night program on Wednesday does not begin until 8 p. m.