



Orel Busby, '14law, chosen to give the Commencement Address

Joseph C. Looney, '22law, new president of the Board of Regents

David E. Fields, '25eng, Tulsa. He's vice president of the firm now

Sooners at Home and Abroad

A SOONER graduate, Joe C. Looney, '20, '22law, Wewoka, was elected president of the University Board of Regents last month, succeeding Major Eugene M. Kerr. Eugene P. Ledbetter, '14 law, Oklahoma City, was named vice president and E. R. Kraetli was elected for his twentieth term as secretary of the board.

Mr. Looney has been a member of the Board of Regents continuously since March, 1927. He worked his way through the University, and represented O.U. in debate and oratory. He made Phi Beta Kappa and was a member of Phi Delta Phi, law fraternity, and Delta Sigma Rho, forensic fraternity. For two and a half years he worked as student assistant in the Department of government.

He served one term as state senator from Seminole and Pontotoc Counties in 1922-26. He is a Mason, Odd Fellow, Methodist and member of the American Legion.

With the exception of Judge C. C. Hatchett, of Durant, Mr. Looney is the oldest member in point of service on the Board of Regents.

Five of the seven members of the board as now constituted are graduates or former students of the University. The complete list, with the dates in which terms expire, is as follows:

Eugene M. Kerr, Muskogee, 1939; Eugene P. Ledbetter, '14law, Oklahoma City, 1940; Lloyd Noble, '21ex, Ardmore, 1941;

Joseph C. Looney, '20, '22law, Wewoka, 1942; C. C. Hatchett, Durant, 1943; Joe W. McBride, '28bus, Anadarko, 1944; and Lowrey H. Harrell, '16law, Ada, 1945.



Phi Beta Kappa selections

Four University alumni and one former student were chosen for alumni membership in Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic society, in the annual election of new members. The alumni were chosen on the basis of distinction achieved after leaving the University.

Those elected are: Walter J. Arnote, '28law, McAlester attorney; Dr. Donald Gould, '28geol, assistant professor of geology at Colorado Springs, Colorado; William Carl Ritter, '29eng, associate research engineer with the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, Langley Field, Virginia; Mrs. Mattie Cal Gibson Maxted, '22, instructor in social work at the University; and Lynn Riggs, '23ex, playwright and screen writer, whose home is in Santa Fe, New Mexico.



Promotion for Fields

David E. Fields, '25eng, formerly chief engineer and sales manager for the Tulsa Boiler and Machinery Company, has been promoted to the position of vice president of the company.

Mr. Fields is first vice president of the Natural Gasoline Supply Men's Association, a member of the Engineers Club of Tulsa, and a registered professional en-

gineer. He belongs to the Tulsa Club, Oklahoma Society of Professional Engineers, is a Mason, and a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

He has written a number of articles on gasoline plants for technical magazines.



Commencement speaker

Orel Busby, '14law, Ada attorney who resigned last summer from the State Supreme Court, has been selected to deliver the commencement address to the University's 1938 graduating class.

Commencement exercises will be held the morning of Monday, June 6.

Mr. Busby resigned from the Supreme Court last year to resume his large law practice and to manage his farm properties.

He has had an unusual career in public office, having made six political campaigns with no defeats. He served two terms as county judge, two terms as district judge, and was elected to the Supreme Court in 1932. As a member of the court, he prepared many opinions that attracted attention for their terseness and clarity. He helped organize the League of Young Democrats in Oklahoma in 1912.

Issuing an outspoken statement assailing "big time politics in Oklahoma," Mr. Busby last month eliminated himself as a potential candidate for governor this year.

"Politics has become a big business," he was quoted as saying. "It takes big money. And after you've promised everybody

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A Home Economics Alumnae Association was organized at this luncheon

everything in the book, you've tied yourself up so you don't have an honest and sincere principle left." ▲

Home economics reunion

Sixty-eight alumni of the School of Home Economics met for a reunion luncheon in April and organized a Home Economics Alumni Association. Mrs. Bruce Drake, '30, of Norman, was elected president and Mrs. R. L. Huntington, '18, also of Norman, was elected secretary.

Some of the members of the first class graduated by the School of Home Economics, twenty years ago, were present for the reunion. The program consisted of informal talks on activities of graduates.

A recent survey showed that the 506 graduates of the school are now living in 31 states, two territories and three foreign countries.

Of the total, 295 are homemakers and 125 are teachers. Seventeen of the teachers are on the faculties of colleges or universities. Occupations of others are: dietitians, 19; commercial work, 8; extension, 23; miscellaneous, 45. ▲

Walker presents report

Paul A. Walker, '21law, member of the Federal Communications Commission, was mentioned frequently in newspapers all over the country in April as a result of a preliminary statement he made on results of the commission's investigation of the Bell Telephone Company. He told Congress, according to newspaper reports, that telephone rates could be reduced 25 per cent by eliminating "unnecessarily high costs." Officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company immediately challenged the statement.

Mr. Walker recommended that the Federal Communications Commission be given authority to review, approve or disapprove all Bell system and practices promulgated by the central management group of the A. T. and T. ▲

St. Louis meeting

Robert M. Sayre, '20, was elected president of the Oklahoma Alumni Club of St. Louis, Missouri, at a meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sayre. Other officers elected are Ralph Harder, '25law, first vice president; Mrs. Gaylord Epperon Laudau, '32, second vice president; Mrs. Frederika F. Woltering, '21, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Bessie Weaver Way, '29, assistant secretary and treasurer. Twenty-one persons attended the meeting.

All Sooners moving to St. Louis are invited to send their addresses to Mr. Sayre or Mrs. Woltering. ▲

Article about Lee

Mysterious "Jerome Mason" who writes caustically of Oklahoma politics for the *American Mercury* wrote an article about Senator Josh Lee, '17, for a recent issue of the magazine. The article lampooned the Oklahoma senator's successful campaign for the office but recognized him as a potential candidate for vice president. Oklahoma newspapers have been unable to learn the identity of "Jerome Mason," and conclude that this is a pen name. ▲

Hospital superintendent

Dr. Henry K. Speed, Jr., '31, '33med, is medical superintendent of the new Western Oklahoma Charity hospital, recently established at Clinton.