



Max Gilstrap, '37, photographed during his service as ranger at Grand Canyon

Sooners at Home and Abroad

MAX K. GILSTRAP, '37journ., answers the question, "What Are National Parks and Monuments For," in his lectures given in the fall and winter throughout the United States and Canada. His lectures are approved by the National Park Service, a bureau in the Department of Interior.

Gilstrap is the author of the Scout Jamboree Book, and his picture appeared in the *London Daily Mail* as that of the typical American Scout among 1,300 attending the World Scout Jamboree in England in 1929.

He has served four summers as a ranger in Yosemite National Park, and one summer as a ranger-naturalist in Grand Canyon. He was president of the 1936 Yosemite School of Field Natural History, the National Park Service School in which special emphasis is given to work in geology, botany, forestry, nature guiding and related fields.

He interprets the beauty and splendor of the national parks to promote interest in them. He describes the picturesque

scenery and his whistling imitations of bird calls are realistic enough to fool the audience—and the birds. He plans to return to Grand Canyon next summer as a ranger-naturalist.

Gilstrap has lectured through independent bureaus, including those of the University of Oklahoma, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Minnesota, the University of Kansas, Brown Bureau of St. Louis, and the School Assembly Service of Chicago and Rochester, New York.

Press comments from these bureaus include such statements as:

"Gilstrap is the equal of any educational lecturer in the country."

"Max Gilstrap is a wonder. He made a marvelous lecture for us."

"Superlative comments were received on Gilstrap."

"Oklahoma's own Max Gilstrap was in great demand when he lectured here."

"Gilstrap's appearance and personality alone are reasons enough for presenting him to student audiences everywhere as an

example of American young manhood."
 "Gilstrap's reports were as fine as any program we have booked in our 32 years of service."



Lee bill before Congress

Senator Josh Lee, '17, who for many years has advocated the conscription of wealth as well as men in time of war, was carrying on an active fight for a bill of this kind in Congress during March.

The bill, introduced by Senator Lee and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, is officially titled "A Bill to promote peace and the national defense through a more equal distribution of the burdens of war by drafting the use of money according to ability to lend to the Government."

Unfavorable reports by the Treasury, War and Navy Departments were answered by Senator Lee before a Senate Military Affairs Sub-Committee with a strong statement in which he charged it is unjust to draft men and not draft the wealth needed to conduct a war.

"The War Department says it is op-

posed to the bill because war to be successful must have the support of the people, and if we have the support, there will be no difficulty in raising the money," Senator Lee said. "Why isn't that same argument just as good against the conscription of men? War to be successful must have the support of the people and if it has the support of the people there will be no difficulty in raising an Army by the hit-and-miss method of the voluntary system.

"The World War taught us that the only democratic, fair and just method of raising an Army of men was by the selective draft, and by the same token, the only fair and equitable manner of financing war is by a similar selective draft of dollars."

Senator Lee's bill provides for drafting a portion of the credit, or lending ability of each individual, on a graduated scale so that the largest loans would be made by persons with the largest amounts of capital.

Sooners in politics

As interest grows in the political campaigns to be decided at the polls in the primary election in July, the names of many Sooner alumni and former students are being mentioned in the newspapers. Many have already begun active campaigns.

Only Sooner alumnus definitely in the race for Democratic nomination for governor as this was written was Leon C. Phillips, '16law, former Sooner football player and former speaker of the House. However, Orel Busby, '14law, of Ada, former justice of the State Supreme Court, was reported considering entry into the governor's race.

Three Sooner members of the State Supreme Court are seeking re-election. They are Justice Monroe Osborn, '04ex, Pauls Valley; Justice Denver Davidson, '15law, Ada, and Justice Earl Welch, '11ex, Antlers.

W. G. Stigler, '16ex, has announced for lieutenant governor, and Mac Q. Williamson, '10ex, is a candidate for re-election to the position of state attorney general.

Two Sooner graduates, E. H. Black, '19, Bristow, and Leslie A. Chambers, '28, '29 ma, are being mentioned as possible opponents of A. L. Crable, '27ma, the incumbent, in the race for state superintendent of public instruction.

Joe C. Looney, '20, '22law, Wewoka attorney and member of the University Board of Regents, has been mentioned in newspaper stories as a possible candidate for Fourth District congressman. H. C. Ivester, '27law, Sayre, is a candidate for congressman in the Seventh District.

Sooner alumni said to be definitely in the various races for the State Senate include: Fred Cornells, '30law, Sayre; John Steele Batson, '21ex, Love County; Boyd Cowden, '28ex, Chandler; Charles Duffy, '22law, Ponca City, James A. Rinehart,



George Freeman, '25ex, former musician, now insurance executive.

'23law, El Reno; and Robert B. Harbison, '30law, Altus.

Sooners who have announced for House positions, or are considered certain to run, include Streeter Speakman, '21law, Creek County; Owen Townsend, '37, Love County; Louis Gossett, '23law, Pushmataha County; Dale Brown, '36, Coal County; George Miskovsky, '36law, Oklahoma County; and J. Kenneth Hogue, '35law, Caddo County.

Some of the early announcements for county positions over the state include: Bill Steger, '36law, Durant, for county attorney; Lem Tittle, '15law, Mangum, for county judge; Walter Scott, '31law, Idabel, for county judge; E. Mac Townsend, '32law, Frederick, for county judge, and Jim Warren, '37ed.m, Oklahoma City, for county superintendent.



Dr. Wallace B. Hamby, '28med, and his young daughter.

Heads retailers

Mike Monroney, '24, head of the Doc and Bill Furniture Company of Oklahoma City, has been elected president of the Oklahoma City Retailers Association.

On exposition committee

Dr. V. E. Monnett, director of the school of geology, has been appointed a member of the exploration committee of the Petroleum Exposition to be held in Tulsa in May. About twenty-five chief geologists of the major oil companies of the United States and Canada will serve on the committee.

Freeman insurance executive

George Freeman, '25ex, who as a student in the University was a member of the Oklahoma Collegians and toured America and England with that orchestra, is now manager of the brokerage department of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, Los Angeles, California.

He previously has been a life underwriter, and was connected with orchestras in Hollywood motion picture studios. Mr. Freeman is a member of Pi Kappa Psi fraternity and has a war record that includes a citation during action in France.

On social science program

Dr. J. J. Rhyne, director of the School of Social Work, and Dr. Cortez A. M. Ewing, director of the School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, attended the fourth annual meeting of the Southern Social Sciences Research conference in New Orleans in March. Ewing was chairman of the group which discussed the influences of population changes on government, and Rhyne presented a paper on *Population Changes and Social Science*.

Hamby's work recognized

A successful career as a neuro-surgeon is being built by Dr. Wallace B. Hamby, '24, '28med, who is practicing at Buffalo, New York.

He is a member of the American College of Surgeons, the American Medical Association, and last year was elected to the University chapter of Phi Sigma because of his contributions of scientific value. Leading medical journals have carried reports on his research work in brain and spinal tumors.

Dr. Hamby, while in the medical school, organized a local medical fraternity that became a chapter of the national fraternity Phi Chi. He contributed many articles and cartoons to the *Phi Chi Quarterly* and in 1924 he was elected junior national secretary.

When he was graduated from the medical school in 1928, he received the George Crile fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio. Two years later he worked for six months at the University of Chicago with Dr. Charles Gardiner, eminent neuro-surgeon.