



C. D. Mahaffie, '05, federal appointee.

SOONERS took bows in both the state and national spotlights during recent weeks.

Added distinction came to Charles D. Mahaffie, '05 (Kingfisher), who was re-appointed for another seven-year term on the Interstate Commerce Commission by President Roosevelt. Originally appointed to the commission by President Hoover in 1930, Mr. Mahaffie has served one full seven-year term and four months of a previous short term.

He has served as solicitor for the Department of the Interior, attorney for the United States railroad administration, and director of finance for the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Mr. Mahaffie was the second Rhodes scholar from Oklahoma. Upon his return from Oxford, he was appointed to the faculty of Princeton University. There he became acquainted with Woodrow Wilson and later this acquaintanceship led to a Washington appointment.

However, his twenty years of service for the government, under changing Republican and Democratic administrations, have marked him as a career man holding his positions because of his ability and merits.

▲ Emery is promoted

Vice-president and general counsel of the Phillips Petroleum Company is the title which Don Emery, '20, '21law, assumed in January. He succeeded Judge John Kane, who is retiring.

For four years after his graduation, Mr. Emery was engaged in general practice of law with the firm of Arnote, McCain & Emery, at McAlester, Oklahoma.

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At Home and Abroad

He entered the employ of the legal department of the Phillips company at Bartlesville in 1925. Little more than a year later he was made attorney in charge of the Texas division of the company's legal department with headquarters in Amarillo, Texas.

January 1, 1937, he was elected vice-president and assistant general counsel for the company and was transferred to headquarters at Bartlesville.

Last month he was promoted again, and now is vice-president and general counsel, director, and member of the executive committee of the company.

Mr. Emery entered an officers' training camp during the World War and after the war remained in the Officers' Reserve Corps. He received a captain's commission in 1925. He is a past commander of the McAlester post of the American Legion.

While in school at Norman he was a member of Delta Tau Delta social fraternity, and Phi Delta Phi and Coif honorary law societies.

▲ Tulsa civic leader

John Rogers, '14law, is the new president of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce.

▲ Bentonelli given legacy

A \$20,000 bequest and a \$100,000 trust fund have rewarded Joseph Bentonelli,



Don Emery, '12law, Phillips executive

'20, '21, for years of privation in which he concentrated on learning sound opera technique instead of commercializing his fine tenor voice.

The bequest and trust fund were included in the will of Miss Kate S. Buckingham, noted Chicago art patron and a distant relative of Mr. Bentonelli.

Miss Buckingham left an estate of \$4,000,000, and her bequests included numerous individuals as well as a \$2,000,000 trust fund for the Chicago Art Institute.

Mr. Bentonelli met her through some first cousins of his father, who was a distant relative. She helped the singer with his training for opera work and was interested in his career.

Miss Buckingham lived long enough to see the young Oklahoma tenor become a popular singer with the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York, the Chicago Civic Opera Company, and on the concert stage and radio. He sang at the White House in January at the President's annual dinner for ambassadors and ministers of other countries.

▲ Collection given as memorial

An extensive collection of material on motion pictures has been donated to the Carnegie Library of Oklahoma City as a memorial to Mrs. Charles E. McPherren (Margaret Johnston McPherren, '32ex).

The collection, said to be the finest in the Southwest devoted entirely to motion pictures, was given to the library by Dr. and Mrs. Charles M. Perry, of Norman. Mrs. McPherren was a sister of Mrs. Perry.

Mrs. McPherren had been an active worker for better motion pictures for many years and at the time of her death in 1936 was chairman of the motion picture committee of the Oklahoma City Parent-Teachers Association. The Margaret Johnston McPherren Collection was established to perpetuate this interest in cultural affairs. It was given to the Carnegie Library as a symbol of the appreciation felt by Mrs. McPherren and her sister for this civic institution.

The collection will cover social and aesthetic aspects of the movies. It will be an accumulative addition, kept up to date year to year by new donations. The gifts will include books, pamphlets, and magazine subscriptions.

▲ Senator Lee draws attention

Colorful oratory, and a vigorous campaign for certain kinds of peace legislation

have brought Senator Josh Lee, '17, considerable newspaper and magazine attention in recent weeks.

Press dispatches from Washington credited Senator Lee with establishing a record for fast talk on the Senate floor. Debating on the farm bill, he talked so fast that official shorthand reporters were almost unable to take down his words. Vice-President Garner was quoted as saying it was the fastest talking he had heard in his thirty-five years in Congress.

Colliers magazine devoted an entire article to the Oklahoma senator, under the title "Vocal Boy Makes Good."

The article sketched Senator Lee's life and gave some details of his election campaign. The article said, in part:

These are nervous times for Carter Glass, Alben Barkley and other senators who learned their oratory at night by the light of pine knots. Where once they simply opened their mouths and let go with everything they had, careless of periods and perorations, more recently they have been observed to sweat, stammer and sometimes bog down entirely, for at their back sat the country's foremost elocutionist in the person of Josh Lee, Oklahoma's latest contribution to the Senate.

The pink of courtesy, no derisive smile was seen to curl the Lee lips, and yet Carter and Alben, as they emitted their rough-and-ready speeches, unadorned by chaste metaphor or classical allusion, and graced by no single rhythmic gesture, acted as though they were in momentary fear of correction. No question about their being fussed. And well they might be, for Josh Lee is the closest approach to Delsarte that this country has ever produced. Watching him speak is a postgraduate course in synchronization, for not only are his voice and hands symphonic, but even his ears and toes contribute to swelling harmonies.

Poetry oozes from every pore, and his flowers of speech make the floral effusions of Henry Ashurst or Ham Lewis look like a bunch of wilted dog fennel.

After discussing phases of Senator Lee's career familiar to Oklahomans, the author of the article, George Creel, proceeds to give the following summary of the impression the junior senator from Oklahoma has made in Washington:

Josh hates war, and wants America to go the limit in the maintenance of neutrality, but his pacifism has in it no touch of nonresistance. He believes in a sane, adequate program of national defense, and stands ready, as before, to take arms in defense of his country and its free institutions. What he does insist upon, however, is that in event of war, money and materials shall be conscripted as well as men, and that tax laws be enacted that will recover for the government 100 percent of all war profits.

It is true, to be sure, that Josh's war cry, "A Farm for Every Farmer and a Home for Every Family" would seem to be by Frazier out of Lemke, but while admitting that he may be wrong as to some of his details, he stands like iron on the principle. There was no mistaking the man's passionate sincerity as he said, leaning across the broad desk in his office, "You cannot build a successful program of social security without basing it on home ownership. You cannot establish a successful farm-relief program on farms operated by tenants. Farm and home ownership fit into the whole program of social security and farm relief like the last block in a jig-saw puzzle."

It looks as if he had too much integrity to be a Huey Long, and too much common sense to be a Rush Holt. Unlike the young West Virginian, by way of illustration, the Oklahoman has not been in a hurry to make an ass of himself. After taking office on last January 3rd (1937), he spoke



W. W. Heffner, '33bus, goes to Chickasha.

seldom, and then concisely and intelligently. On one occasion he supported the Nye neutrality measure, his keynote being "Don't put property in the scale with blood." On another occasion he advocated the repeal of the so-called "Red Rider," an amendment to an appropriation bill that forced teachers in the District of Columbia to take monthly oaths that they did not teach or advocate Communism.

The Senate itself, despite its prejudice against "boy orators," is coming to have a very good opinion of Josh. Perhaps, however, this is due to the fact that he sits and listens eagerly to every speech.

An amendment to the farm bill in the Senate, offered by Senator Lee, drew favorable comment from the *Christian Science Monitor*, a nationally distributed newspaper published in Boston. The amendment, designed to keep farm regulation on a voluntary basis but limiting government crop benefits to domestic allotments, was viewed editorially by the *Monitor* as a possibility for reasonable compromise between the conflicting interests of the farmers on the one hand and consumer-taxpayers on the other hand.

Sooner heads hospital

Dr. W. C. Tisdal, '29, '31, '33med, of Elk City, became superintendent of the Western Oklahoma Tubercular Sanitarium at Clinton in January, succeeding Dr. J. A. Land, of Hobart.

Dr. Tisdal, 31 years old, has been associated with his brother, Dr. V. C. Tisdal, in the practice of medicine at Elk City.

Heffner in new post

W. W. Heffner, '33bus, formerly manager of the Harmon County Chamber of Commerce, on February 1 became manager of the Chickasha Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Heffner came to Hollis a year ago to take the Harmon County position. He

formerly was at Childress, Texas, where he was head of the commercial department of the high school for four years and also served two years as secretary of the Childress Junior Chamber of Commerce.

At Hollis Mr. Heffner was chairman of the County Advisory Council of the Alumni Association and a member of the Rotary club. He also is a director of the Oklahoma Association of Commercial Organization Secretaries.

At Northeastern

Twenty-two of the fifty-three faculty members at Northeastern State Teachers College, Tahlequah, are either graduates or former students of the University of Oklahoma. Nineteen of this group of Sooners have received degrees from the University.

Two faculty members have received doctor's degrees. They are D. W. Emerson, '32ph.d, and R. K. McIntosh, '37med.

Those who have received master's degrees are: Ray H. Ballard, '32ed; Wilhelmina Barton, '32; A. B. Briggs, '24, Eula E. Fullerton, '32; Lois Gillis Hall, '21; Henri Minsky, '37fa; George Harry Peeler, '34ed; Vaud A. Travis, '26; John Vaughan, '27; Tully F. Watson, '30.

Six Sooners who have received bachelor's degrees at the University are: Jim Robinson, '32law; Ruth Allison, '23fa; Felicia M. Paden, '21; Sue B. Thornton, '20, '21fa; Mildred Watts, '23; Tessie Rudell, '25fa; Noble Bryan, '18.

Former students include T. L. Ballenger, E. J. Green, and T. M. Pearson.

Kiowa county

Forty University of Oklahoma alumni are employed in Kiowa county schools.

The list at Hobart includes Bennie A. McElyea, superintendent; J. R. Naylor, Eugene Gibson, Mabel Huff, Charles Stogner, Thomas Barker, R. N. Cooke, Louise Lloyd, Marietta Johnson, Clyde McGinnis, Dorothy Sheldon, and Sue Donna Graham.

E. L. Curnutt and Ruby Shaw are teaching at Mountain View. The school staff at Snyder includes Jessie Knowlton, Lillye Grozier and Mrs. Lillian Whitlow. And Sooners at Lone Wolf include R. R. Myers, Claude C. Evans, Morris Tucker, Kathryn Baird and Grace Dawson.

Teachers in Tulsa

Teaching staff of the Tulsa Public Schools includes sixty-eight women and eleven men who received all or more than half of their higher education at the University of Oklahoma, according to a survey by Frank Pauly, '17, director of research for the Tulsa schools.

Many more than this number have completed work at O.U., but more than half of their work was in other schools.

Of the men, seven are principals, one is director of research, one teaches in senior high and two in junior high school. Forty-



Dr. Ben Cooley, '21med, Norman physician, served real bear meat at an informal dinner he gave for graduating members of the Sooner football squad.

two of the women teach in the elementary schools, fifteen in junior high and twelve in senior high.

Three of the men have doctorate degrees (one from the University of Oklahoma and two from Columbia University), four hold master's degrees and four hold bachelor's degrees. Twenty-one of the women hold master's degrees and forty-seven hold bachelor's degrees.

At the beginning of the present school year, the men averaged 22.2 years of total teaching, 20.5 years in Oklahoma and 10.1 years in Tulsa. The women average 15.3 years total teaching, 15.0 years in Oklahoma and 9.5 years in Tulsa.

Bartlesville

There are thirty-eight teachers in the Bartlesville schools who have been students at the University of Oklahoma, fourteen having received master's degrees, six bachelor's degrees, and eighteen having had work in the University.

Merle W. Glasgow, principal of Junior High School, has the doctor's degree.

Those having master's degrees are: H. E. Wrinkle, superintendent; R. L. Albers, Garfield principal; E. W. Claiborne, McKinley principal; and the following high school teachers: Lucille Fortenberry, Martha Liddell, Mary Paxton, Annie Laurie von Tungeln, Ethel Moseley, Elizabeth

Parks, Lois Traylor, Marjorie Vann, Caroline Davis, and Gail Finch.

Those with bachelor's degrees are: Verla Vera Clark, Ora Lee Cupp, Pearl Sampson, Myra Nair (Scriven), Marjorie Young, and Joe Shields, librarian.

Former O.U. students in the Bartlesville system are Mary Ware, Bess Hedge, Georgia Sellars, Paul Wheeler, Carrie Jacobs, Ora Smith, Elaine Byrd, Fannie Jeanne Cantrell, Mattie Cheek, Gladys Cornue, Dayle Glover, Helen Jones, Evelyn Kree Kimkall, Ruth Moss, Sadie Ross, Oliver Summer, Edith Surrent, Emma Ziegler.



Ponca City

A complete list of O.U. graduates in the Ponca City school system has been compiled by Superintendent Charles P. Howell, '20, '29ms, as follows:

Homer S. Anderson, '28ms; Charles Cunning, '26; Elva Curtis, '26; Georgia Farley, '28; Roy Grantham, '34law; Mrs. James Plummer, '32ma; M. L. Powers, '30; Woodson Tyree, '26; Dorothy Burge, '34, '36 lib.sci; Daisy Frick, '34; Dorine Guthrie, '22, '22ma; Kittie M. Hammons, '18; Florence Mitschrich, '25fa; Ann Paynter, '29; Ethel Utterback, '22, '36ma; Maude Blue, '34; Ruth Brookhart, '31; Merle Brown, '35; Veta Dowell, '30fa.

And Gladys Erickson, '17, '18fa; Harriet Fordyce, '30; Ethel Grimma, '36; T. F. Hames, '27; Neva Belle Harrod, '28; Virginia Livesay, '31; Gayle McCorkle, '35fa; Irene Maine, '32; Dortha Nicholas, '36; Mary Bess Smith, '37; Bathena Spears, '36ma; Thelma Stewart, '31; Mary Belle Sullivan, '30; Ruth Tyree, '26; Frances S. Catron, '26; W. A. Franklin, '34ph.d; and Lenna Mead, '31.



Leaders in new club

At an organization meeting of the Cosmopolitan Club held recently in Oklahoma City, William O. Coe, '28law, was elected temporary president and other officers chosen included Stewart Meyers, '28, vice-president, and James D. Fellers, '36law, secretary-treasurer.



Explorations made

Charles Wagley, '34ex, has returned from an expedition into the interior of Guatemala where he found a village of Mayan Indians who never had heard of the United States. The expedition was made for the department of anthropology of Columbia University, where Mr. Wagley studied after leaving Oklahoma.

He spent five months among Indians in a village more than 8,000 feet above sea level in the Cuchumatanes mountains of Guatemala, and studied the natives' customs. He found the Indians' religious rites a strange combination of Roman Catholicism introduced by early Spanish explorers, and primitive Mayan forms of worship.