Sooners at Home



Several University graduates have worked recently at picturesque Shiprock, New Mexico, where there is a Navajo Indian school. The Shiprock itself is shown above.

And Abroad

OR the third consecutive year, the Law Class of 1930 held a reunion luncheon Homecoming Day, and the attendance was the best of any of the three reunions.

Roy Holbird, Enid, county attorney of Garfield County, and Gene Champlin, Enid, made the trip to Norman for the sole purpose of attending the class reunion, as business in Enid required that they return immediately after the luncheon and prevented them from attending the Sooner-Aggie football game.

Class members present for the luncheon were: Fisher Ames, Oklahoma City; S. W. Biggers, Wewoka; Clarence Black, Oklahoma City; Louise Frisbie Black, Oklahoma City; Ralph E. Boggess, Bartlesville; Frederick H. Brigham, Oklahoma City; E. S. Champlin, Enid; Fred Cornels, Sayre; A. David Erdberg, Oklahoma City; George J. Fagin, Oklahoma City; George E. Fisher, Oklahoma City; Ted Fisher, Watonga; J. I. Gibson, Oklahoma City; E. M. Goodson, Oklahoma City; R. A. Hefner, Jr., Oklahoma City; Roy Holbird, Enid; Stephen D. Holloway, Oklahoma City; Albert Kidd, Wewoka; F. C. Love, Jr., Oklahoma City; R. R. McCornack, Arkansas City, Kansas; Farris M. Petree, Oklahoma City; Houston W. Reeves, Oklahoma City; Leonard H. Savage, Oklahoma City; Ralph H. Schaller, Oklahoma City; Leonard Sibel, Oklahoma City; Paul Updegraff, Norman; Lee Vernon, Oklahoma City; and Richard L. Wagner, Oklahoma City.

Texas alumni greet Bizzell

As a school teacher speaking to school teachers, Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University, went back to his old stomping grounds in Texas during the Thanksgiving holidays and spoke before a meeting of the Texas State Teachers Association in Houston.

A breakfast was given Friday morning in the Rice hotel, with more than forty former students of the University present to greet Dr. Bizzell.

Ashley H. Sills, '24, '27ma, Junior High School principal at Stephenville, Texas,

acted as toastmaster at the breakfast. Included among the other alumni present were Dow Hamm, '22, president of the Houston alumni, Donald W. Crosby, '28 ex, Mrs. Donald W. Crosby, '27ex, and Miss Evelyn Lucille Sansing, '37, who is now librarian in Cuero, Texas.

At the conclusion of the breakfast the group sang University songs.

Later in the morning Dr. Bizzell gave the dedicatory address for Houston's new Coliseum. At noon he spoke from the San Jacinto battleground in San Jacinto, Texas, before superintendents of city schools in Texas on "Changing Ideals in Education."

At a general session of the teachers' association in Houston, the University president discussed, "Facing the Realities in Our Education."



Gordon Bierer, Jr., '21, chairman of the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

Sooners are re-elected

At the recent meeting of the Kansas-Oklahoma division of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association at Tulsa, Robert S. Kerr, '16ex, was re-elected president and Clarel B. Mapes, '22eng, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

At Indian school

Three Sooners have been working recently on the staff of the Shiprock Boarding School for Navajo Indians, Shiprock, New Mexico.

George W. Walker, '30, first went to Shiprock as a teacher of the ninth grade, but last September became acting principal of the Shiprock Boarding School and the seven day schools in the area. He was scheduled to become principal of the Chin Lee Boarding School at Chin Lee, Arizona, about the first of December. He was to be succeeded by R. H. McCurtain, '28, formerly at Chin Lee.

Dr. Arnold H. Ungerman, '30, for a short time was associate medical officer of the Northern Navajo Hospital, Shiprock, but more recently has been stationed with the medical department at Fort Wingate, New Mexico. Mrs. Ungerman is the former Bess Zeldich, '34.

Mrs. Vivian Roberts Grazier, '36, has been a teacher in the Shiprock Boarding School since September, 1936.

The Shiprock school is based on a vocational program, around which has been constructed a related academic course of study, all designed especially to meet the needs of the Navajo Indians.

On bar committee

Walter Arnote, '28law, and F. M. Bailey, '31ex, are members of a committee of five state attorneys appointed to condense the Oklahoma statutes and eliminate conflicting laws. The codifiers have for use on this project a \$35,000 appropriation made by the Sixteenth Legislature.

Many Sooners at Seminole

A survey of the faculty in the Seminole city schools shows that the representation from Oklahoma University far exceeds the representation from any other school. Of the eighty-seven teachers in the Seminole School System, thirty-eight have received degrees at the University of Oklahoma.

Approximately forty per cent of these thirty-eight Sooners have both master's degrees and bachelor's degrees. These include: John G. Mitchell, superintendent, John P. Audrain, Margaret Barnes, C. R. Bartlett, J. Louis Boswell, Dorothea Brauer, Myrtle Burnett, Maxine Byron, Elsie G. Coover, Marie Donnell, Ben F. Fugate, Mary Hackett, John S. Shed, Mildred Suffield, and Beryl Ward.

Those who received master's degrees from Oklahoma University and bachelor's degrees elsewhere are: O. D. Johns, principal, Glenn E. Alair, W. S. Guthrie, Elsie D. Hole, Edith M. Knosp, R. W. Mayall, Mildred Moseley, A. R. Orr, Frances Ranson, and Louise Welsh.

Three members received bachelor's degrees from the University and master's degrees elsewhere. They are: Dorothy Boatright, Doris Christian, and John W. Morris.

Faculty members who have not obtained master's degrees but who have received bachelor's degrees at Oklahoma University include: Frances Adams, Pryor Carson, Bernice Cone, Lou Dawson, Orville Dee, E. R. Fentem, Wayne Maloy, Catherine Pool, Roberta Roads, and Mrs. Joe Wells.

Girl engineer in California

Bessie Kniseley, '36, one of the University's few women graduates in architectural engineering, is having an interesting experience as graduate student at the University of California, Berkeley.

She is living in the International House, where 51 of the 450 residents are students from foreign countries.

"These students of various creeds and races learn to know and appreciate the characteristics and cultures of their fellows, thus furthering the development of international good will," Miss Kniseley writes.

"International House is equipped with clubrooms for language clubs, etc., cafeteria, dining room, recreation rooms, and an auditorium where concerts and ballroom and folk dancing are enjoyed often.

room and folk dancing are enjoyed often. "The University of California is a big, beautiful garden, built in a natural setting of redwood and eucalyptus trees in the edge of the Berkeley foothills, with paths winding through forests of flowering shrubbery, up and down flocks of steps. The long avenues of palm trees, and the little creek which winds its way through the campus, are no less picturesque than the golden sunsets over the bay, accompanied by the Campanile chiming Cal's songs.

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"In this land of sunshine and flowers, recreation plays an important part, as one would judge by the university's six swimming pools, all out-of-doors, which are used all the year (three are made of Italian marble), and the excellent tennis facilities.

"I am certainly enjoying my graduate work in this the second largest university in the world, which has a very high ranking school of architecture. The thing that has impressed me most is the excellent view, from my window, of the Golden Gate and bay bridges, with San Francisco's skyline in the background."

Prepares study course

Jack E. Boyd, '24, who has been in the department of social studies in the Denver Public Schools for the last four years is chairman of a committee which this year is preparing a new course of study for the social studies for the high schools of Colorado.

In 1934 Mr. Boyd assisted in writing the unemployment compensation insurance law which was adopted, with modifications, by the legislature in 1937. During the political campaign of 1936, he was a member of a farmer-labor-education group that secured an amendment to the state constitution permitting the passage of an income tax law by the 1937 legislature.

Crawford is honored

An appreciation dinner and dance in honor of Vol Crawford, '19, state commander of the American Legion, was given November 30 by the Ada post of the Legion. The affair, to which prominent Legionnaires all over the state were invited, was held in the Aldridge Hotel at Ada.



Malvina Stephenson, '36ma, who blazes a trail as feminine political writer.

Girl reporter writes politics

Malvina Stephenson, '36ma, has rapidly established a name for herself as a newspaper feature writer on the Tulsa World.

Pioneering in a field that has had little attention from women reporters, she frequently writes articles on politics from the woman's standpoint. Her master's thesis was devoted to some phases of this field.

At large political meetings, she often writes a feature story devoted to women's activities. She covered Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt's ten-day tour of Oklahoma, and in fact, was the only reporter to go all the way from Altus to Durant. Last spring she attended the Southwest Democratic Women's conference in Dallas, Postmaster Farley's visit to Oklahoma City, and the rally of the League of Young Democrats at Medicine Park this fall.

She is also making a specialty of historical features, particularly on Oklahoma.

The best part about it is that she thoroughly enjoys this kind of work. Incidentally, she comments that she is glad she took time to complete work for an advanced degree from the School of Journalism because she now finds her background work invaluable.

Miss Stephenson has won the praise of fellow workers for her speed in turning out good copy. During the last Christmas season she was assigned to do a full newspaper page of running description of a tour through a department store. She turned out more than 5,000 words of copy in three hours and it was such good reading that the Metro Advertising Company selected it for nation-wide distribution as an example of how this particular assignment should be done.

Bierer has important post

A nationally important position in the legal profession is held this year by A. G. C. Bierer, Jr., '21, Guthrie attorney. He is chairman of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, an organization that was established in 1930 through the Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association.

The purpose of the conference is "to increase the efficiency of state boards of law examiners and character committees in admitting to the bar only those candidates who are adequately equipped, from a standpoint of knowledge, ability and character, to serve as lawyers, and also to study and co-operate with other branches of the profession in dealing with problems of legal education and admission to the bar."

The conference was originally financed by a five-year grant from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, but is now largely self-support-

It is generally conceded that the work of the conference, along with co-operating groups, has resulted in a much better general understanding among examining authorities of the proper objectives of the bar examination, as well as a marked improvement in the methods and technique.

The work has also had a tendency to make the practices of the different states

more uniform.

This is the first time that the conferrence has elected a chairman from this part of the country, and the second time that a chairman has represented a state comparatively small in the number of its annual bar admissions.

Past chairmen have uniformly been men of considerable distinction in the bar and in the field of legal examination. They are Philip J. Wickser of New York, James C. Collins of Rhode Island, Charles P. Megan of Chicago, and John H. Riordan of San Francisco.

Reunion in '40 planned

Few classmates in the University have kept up with each other as well as a group of ten business administration students majoring in accounting who studied together for three years and graduated in 1930.

Just before they graduated and separated to take jobs in various parts of the country, they agreed that shortly after graduation one member of the group would write a letter to a second member of the group. He in turn would write to a third member of the group, and enclose the letter he had received from No. 1.

This plan was carried out through the entire group, on a "round-robin" plan, and about every six or eight months the package of ten letters makes the rounds

of the group.

The ten alumni are now widely scattered, but the letters have made the rounds regularly for seven years. The members of the group have enjoyed keeping in touch with each other so much that they are now talking of having a reunion in 1940, ten years after their graduation.

The reunion probably would be held at the University, or some other convenient

place.

Members of the group and their present locations are:

Odies L. Primrose, Norman funeral home director.

Al Rosecrans, Continental Oil Company, Ponca City, Okla.

Arch Giezentanner, Continental Oil Company, Ponca City, Okla.

James Clinton Gay, Luper Transportation Company, Shawnee, Okla.

Bert Thurber, Federal Land Bank, Houston, Texas.

Joe Moody, 802 Schmidt Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Beunos Sikes, Alleene, Ark.

C. H. Manney, Pawhuska, Okla.

Elizabeth Cate, now Mrs. C. H. Butt, Apartment 3-E, 5838 Stony Island, Chicago.

Carl Craig, 414 N. Vista Avenue, Hollywood, Calif.

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Friendships of University days have been maintained by a group of Oklahoma City alumni shown above. Organized as an informal club, they meet regularly. Seated in the front row in the picture are, left to right:Mrs. Lee Thompson (Elaine Bizzell, '27ex); Mrs. John Butler (Catherine McKinney, '30); Mrs. Coleman Hayes (Patty Love Smith, '26ex); Mrs. Claude Monnet (Jeannette Barnes, '23); Mrs. Paul Lindsey (Ella Brazil, '37). Standing, in back, are Mrs. C. O. Burnside (Dorothy Prouty, '21); Mrs. Leroy Long (Mary Louise Clymer, '26); Mrs. Chester Stippick, who is not a Sooner alumna, and Mrs. B. S. Graham, a guest. Alumni members of the group who are not in the picture are Mrs. Fred Hood (Virginia Ford, '24); Mrs. Bon Tolbert (Mary Noble, '28); and Mrs. Dave McKown (Florence Monnet, '22).

Twenty-four years of education

Members of the Hume family at Anadarko have done 24 years of work in the University, according to C. Ross Hume, '98, '00ma. Mr. Hume and his brother R. R. Hume, '01, completed eleven years of work between 1894 and 1901. Mr. Hume's three children, Dorothy, '34, Betty, '36, and Ross G., '29, '31law, completed a total of twelve years work

New law firm established

Three Sooner graduates have established a new law firm in Oklahoma City. Rex H. Holden, '29law, and William O. Coe, '28law, formerly practicing under the firm name of Holden & Coe, have joined with R. B. Holtzendorff, '31, formerly associated with Snyder & Lybrand, to form the new firm. Known as Holden, Coe & Holtzendorff, the firm has established offices for the general practice of law at Suite 810 Braniff Building.

Doctors speak at convention

New developments in medical practice were presented to the recent New Orleans meeting of the Southern Medical Association by Dr. Earl D. McBride, '12, Oklahoma City, and Dr. Johnny A. Blue, '34med, of Guymon, director of the health district including the Panhandle counties.

Dr. McBride reported that the use of airplane metal screws to hold a broken

bone in place until it knits has been found a distinct advantage in surgery because the metal is absorbed and this eliminates the necessity of a second operation to remove the screws.

Dr. Blue reported that "dust pneumonia" had been found to be a myth, but that a number of cases "suggestive of bordering on silicosis" had been found among long time residents of the Dust Bowl area.

Monroney third in race

Jumping suddenly into politics with only about two weeks in which to build up an organization, Mike Monroney, '24, Oklahoma City merchant and former president of the Alumni Association, placed third in the race for Democratic nominee for fifth district congressman. The special election was made necessary by the death of Representative R. P. Hill.

The Democratic nomination was won by Gomer Smith, Oklahoma City attorney and veteran politician, Homer Paul, state senator from Pauls valley and also a veteran politician, placed second. Most observers credited Mr. Monroney with showing surprising strength in view of the short time he had in which to make a campaign outside of Oklahoma City.

F. B. Swank, '99ex, Norman, former fifth district congressman, was fourth in the primary race.