

# Sooners at Home and Abroad

ONE of the three alumni representatives on the University Athletic Council was reappointed this fall, and two new members were selected. Neil R. Johnson, '15, '17law, of Norman, was reappointed. The new members are T. H. McCasland, '16, an oil investment broker at Duncan, and Paul Reed, '16ex, owner and manager of Paul Reed Motor Company in Sulphur.

Mr. Johnson, a Norman business man, has been closely associated with University sports. During his years in school he was a member of the varsity football squad in 1912, '13, '14, and '15. He was captain the last year.

While Mr. McCasland has not previously served as an alumni member of the Athletic Council, he was one of the student members in 1915-16, during which time he served as secretary for the council. He played football two years and basketball three years, being chosen captain of the varsity basketball team in 1916.

A member of Kappa Alpha fraternity, Mr. McCasland was elected to Pe-et, senior honorary fraternity; served on the Student Council, and was a member of Alpha Kappa Psi and Senate.

After graduation he spent a number of years in Tonkawa as athletic director of the University Preparatory School there, before going into the oil business. He is a Mason and Shriner.

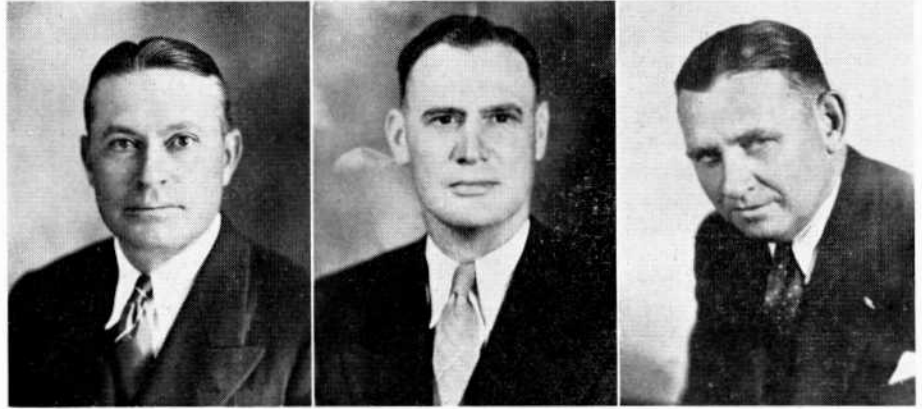
Mr. Reed, the other new member of the council, began his University athletic activities with freshman football. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, and sang in the Glee Club and the O.U. Quartet.

With the coming of the World War, Mr. Reed enlisted in the Navy and played football on a Navy team. He was soon detailed to Northwestern University at Evanston for special naval study. After the Armistice he attended both the University of Oklahoma and the University of Michigan.

Mr. Reed went into the hardware business in Stillwater and took such interest in civic affairs that he was elected president of the Stillwater Chamber of Commerce at the age of 21—the youngest chamber of commerce president in the state.

Fourteen years ago Mr. Reed moved to Sulphur and acquired an interest in the Ford agency that he now owns and manages.

Three alumni members of the University Athletic Council are appointed each year by President W. B. Bizzell from a list of nominations made by the Executive Council of the University of Oklahoma Association. These alumni members work with seven faculty and two student members of the council in directing University athletics.



*These three men are alumni representatives on the University Athletic Council this year. On the left is Neil Johnson, Norman, who was reappointed. T. H. McCasland, of Duncan (center) and Paul Reed of Sulphur (right) are new appointees*

## Dallas breakfast

More than a hundred persons were served at the alumni association's first breakfast-luncheon at Dallas on the morning of the Sooner-Texas game, October 14. The excellent turn-out for the first affair of this kind made it likely that it will become an annual affair.

By a happy coincidence, October 14 was also the birthday of Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University. Orel Busby, '14law, Ada attorney and former State Supreme Court justice, paid tribute to Dr. Bizzell's outstanding achievements in one of the main talks on the informal program.

Hicks Epton, '22law, Wewoka attorney and president of the University of Oklahoma Association, spoke briefly about the association's activities and declared that the alumni of the University will make every effort to keep politics out of the administration of the institution's affairs.

President Bizzell told about recent progress made by the University and described some of the current problems faced. Carl D. McWade, '34eng, chairman of the Dallas Advisory Council, welcomed the guests at the breakfast in behalf of Dallas alumni, and Ted Beaird, '21, executive secretary of the association, also spoke briefly.

Highlights of the program came when the red-coated O. U. band and pep leaders stormed the breakfast room to play football tunes and lead the group in singing "Happy Birthday to You" in tribute to President Bizzell.

## Dinner at Tyler

The East Texas O. U. Club held a dinner at the Blackstone Hotel at Tyler, Texas, the evening of October 12. The group of twenty-five members in attend-

ance voted unanimously in favor of O. U. joining the Southwest Conference if and when invited.

Edward L. Howard, '31, was elected president for the next year; Dr. Herman C. Sehested, '31, vice president; Mrs. Mildred McCutchin Dukes, '26ex, secretary and treasurer.

The group made tentative plans for a mid-year meeting, at which a member of the O. U. coaching staff will be asked to speak.

## Killed in an accident

Mrs. Rilla Winn Scarritt, '24, was killed in an automobile-bus collision south of Wichita, Kansas, in September. She was 35 years old.

She was the wife of Nathan Scarritt, Jr., '23law, and her home was in Enid. The accident occurred while she was enroute with her infant son, Richard, and her mother to Wichita. The child was uninjured, but Mrs. H. H. Winn, Mrs. Scarritt's mother, lost her life.

Mrs. Scarritt's last year on the campus was 1922-23. At that time she was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, Philologist Literary Society and Blue Bonnet. She completed the requirements for her bachelor of arts degree by correspondence the following year.

## Finds Russia threadbare

Back to his home in Oklahoma City after a North Cape cruise, Merwin Eberle, '24, commented that while Russia puts on a big show, its people are threadbare and in desperate need. For that reason, he concluded that Russia could be of little value to Germany as an ally.

Mr. Eberle, a magazine writer whose penname is Roger Furlong, cut short his trip 18 days because of a hunch he would be caught in hostilities if he followed his

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original plan of traveling across Europe through Germany, Danzig and England. Undoubtedly the members of his party who stayed on became stranded, Mr. Eberle said.

An ardent camera fan, Mr. Eberle made it a point while in Russia to take pictures of any subject forbidden to photographers. By carrying with him a dummy roll of films and concealing the exposed rolls in his mother's clothing, he was able to return to America with excellent shots of such Russian scenes as the Kremlin, Red Square and Lenin's tomb.

The order, cleanliness and prosperity of Sweden, another of the eight countries his tour included, impressed Mr. Eberle.

"The problems that we are struggling with, old age pensions, unemployment insurance, proper housing, socialized medicine, all these have been solved by Sweden and the other Scandinavian countries," he told a *Daily Oklahoman* reporter.

### Baldrige holds high office

Since 1925 when he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University, A. Holmes Baldrige has been on a steady upgrade. Today he is a special attorney to the attorney general, chief of the trial section of the antitrust division.

With his diploma tucked under his arm, he began a climb that has landed him among the top-notchers in the government's Department of Justice. Because he had been an orator during his undergraduate days, and also a student of Josh Lee, then head of the public speaking department, he landed a job in 1927 as professor of public speaking at the University of Oregon. For two years he coached the debate team and taught university students how to make speeches.

In 1929 he resigned to enter the University of Nebraska law school. Two years later he came out with an LL. B. degree and entered the field of law. Practically all of his legal work has been a matter of public service.

He was general counsel of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission for four years, 1932 to 1936. Then he moved to Washington to become affiliated with the Federal Communications Commission as counsel in charge of telephone investigation. While he held that job, he worked with another University alumnus, Paul Walker, '12, one of the members of the commission.

His present job, which he has held since 1938, is one of great importance in the operation of the government's enforcement of the anti-trust laws. As chief of the trial section, working under Thurman Arnold, he makes all plans for the government—attorneys, briefs, everything

necessary to insure smooth functioning in presenting the government's case.

Baldrige is a member of the Oklahoma and Nebraska bar, of the federal bar of Oklahoma and Nebraska and of the United States Supreme Court bar. He's a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Order of Coif, Delta Sigma Rho and Delta Kappa Psi.

Among the legal papers he has written and the addresses he has given are the following:

"The Effect Upon State Powers of Expanded Federal Control in Public Utility Field," published in the *Missouri Law Review*, June, 1936.

"The Johnson Act," an address delivered at the 1934 convention of the National Association of Railroad and Public Utility Commissions in Washington.

"The New Deal and Public Utility Law from the Viewpoint of the States," an address before the 1936 convention of the Association of American Law Schools in New Orleans.

### Named principal

William Fair, '38ed, a teacher in the Oklahoma State School for the Deaf at Sulphur for the last ten years, has been appointed principal of the Kansas School for the Deaf at Olathe.

Mr. Fair received a master of arts degree from Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C., last spring. He had attended the school on a scholarship, only six of which are awarded in the entire United States each year. Gallaudet is said to be the only college for the deaf in the world.

Appointed a supervisor for the Oklahoma School for the Deaf twelve years ago, Mr. Fair was appointed to the schools teaching staff two years ago. He is the son of C. E. Fair and Mrs. Fair. The elder Mr. Fair is former superintendent of schools at Sulphur, and later postmaster.

### State bar boards

Nearly a dozen O.U. alumni and former students are included in the memberships of the new executive council and the new board of examiners of the State Bar appointed last month by the State Supreme Court. The court has authority to promulgate rules for governing of the state bar under terms of an act passed by the last State Legislature.

Personnel of the new council is as follows: E. J. Meacham, '18law, Clinton; R. L. Wheatley, '22law, Vinita; J. F. Hatcher, '13, Chickasha; R. L. Minton, '24ex; and Tom Finney, Hugo (not the Tom Finney of Tulsa who is a graduate of the O.U. Law School); Elmer J. Lundy, Tulsa; Euel Moore, Coalgate; Hilton L. Douglass, Oklahoma City, and William L. Seawell, Okemah.

On the new examining board are: Hicks Epton, '32law, Wewoka, president

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of the University of Oklahoma Association; Charles E. Earnhart, '28law, Oklahoma City; Joe W. Curtis, '22law, Pauls Valley; Mathew J. Kane, '32law, Pawhuska; M. A. Cox, '13law, Chandler; Finley McLaury, '16law, Snyder; A. H. Ferguson, Durant; E. S. Collier, Taloga; and Keith Smith, Jay.

The board of examiners includes one member from each judicial district. This board is empowered to make rules governing admission to the bar, subject to approval of the State Supreme Court.

#### ▲ New federal attorney

Tom Hieronymus, '34law, of Buffalo, was appointed last month to the position of assistant United States district attorney for the western district of Oklahoma, with headquarters in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Hieronymus has been in private practice of law at Buffalo. He was chairman of the Harper County Advisory Council of the University of Oklahoma Association.

He filled a vacancy on the district attorney's staff caused by the resignation of Wade Loffbourrow. Two University alumni advanced in rank as a result of the staff changes. George H. McElroy, '34law, has been made first assistant to the district attorney. The office of second assistant is now occupied by John Brett, '28law.

#### ▲ Promotions for three alumni

Two University graduates and a former student have received promotions in the Brown-Dunkin Dry Goods Company at Tulsa. Wilford Morse, '24, was made merchandising manager. Eugene Buchanan, '29, was advanced to buyer for the small wares department, and John Allen, was made assistant buyer in that department.

After starting out with Brown-Dunkin pushing trucks and marking merchandise in 1925, Mr. Morse was promoted to small wares buyer in three years. He was continually given new duties and new responsibilities until this latest advancement placed him in one of the most important positions in the firm.

Member of Sigma Nu fraternity, Mr. Morse was a member of both the track and basketball teams while he was on the campus. He belonged to Mystic Keys, Checkmate, and Ruf Neks.

Mr. Buchanan was placed in the position left vacant by the promotion of Mr. Morse. He also began at the bottom when he joined the firm in 1929.

While at the University Mr. Buchanan was active in athletics, managing the track team in 1928 and '29. He was president of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Mr. Allen was first employed by Brown-Dunkin four years ago. He is now assistant buyer in the department handling such goods as toiletries, hose, gloves, and neckwear. Mr. Allen was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, and belonged to the Ruf Neks.

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