

Sooners at Home and Abroad



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Charles Orr, '14, new secretary of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission

LOUIS A. LEDBETTER, '12 law, Wewoka, last month became adjutant general of the Oklahoma National Guard. Mr. Ledbetter, a colonel in the National Guard organization, was appointed by Governor Leon Phillips, '16 law, to succeed Charles F. Barrett. Mr. Barrett had held the position for the last twenty years.

Mr. Ledbetter is an attorney at Wewoka. As a student in the University, he was a member of Kappa Sigma social fraternity, and Phi Delta Phi law fraternity. His other activities included Ames Club Court; chief justice, '09; secretary-treasurer of law class; treasurer of Legislative committee; member of Panhellenic.

After leaving the University, Mr. Ledbetter became a member of the law firm, Ledbetter and Ross, at Idabel. He served as city attorney there and for a time as United States attorney. He later moved to Oklahoma City and then to Wewoka. Mr. Ledbetter is a brother of Eugene P. Ledbetter, '14law, Oklahoma City attorney, who is president of the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents.

Governor Phillips announced that the appointment of Louis Ledbetter to the National Guard position would preclude the reappointment of Eugene Ledbetter to the Board of Regents when his term expires next spring, because of the governor's policy against two members of the same family holding state office. The governor stated, according to United Press, that he would not ask for Mr. Ledbetter's resignation from the Board of Regents pending expiration of his term.

Meeting at Effingham

Graduates and former students of O. U. now living in central and southern

Illinois held a fish fry Saturday night, August 26, at Effingham.

Arrangements were made by the Mattoon Advisory Council of the University of Oklahoma Association, of which Mrs. Paul A. Duffield is chairman. Other members are Thomas E. Grace, Raymond Sloan, Samuel Coleman and John Fosness, all of Mattoon.

Jap Haskell, assistant Sooner coach, and King G. Price, Norman insurance man who is former assistant athletic director, were special guests and spoke on the football outlook for the new season. Moving pictures of three Sooner games of last year were displayed.

A number of Sooner football players who had been working in the Illinois oil field during the summer were introduced to the crowd.

Carl Albert, '31, Mattoon attorney, presided.

Approximately one hundred persons attended the meeting. Those who registered are:

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Rhynes, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Herrington, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Romine, Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Duffield, Messrs. Thomas E. Grace, John Fosness, Raymond Sloan, Carl Albert, Clark T. Snider, Paul Hull, Christy Russell, Robert A. Hefner, Jr., and Alonzo Church, all of Mattoon, Mr. and Mrs. John McKittrick, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brehm, Miss Glenna McDuffee, Messrs. J. N. Hackman, Earle Wright, Jr., and Clifton Bell of Effingham, Miss Anna Mae Holder, Messrs. Walter D. Hart, Peter Howard and James Sinquefield of Vandalia;

Mr. and Mrs. "Doc" Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hines, Messrs. Emery Swanson, Clark Day, S. A. Sayers, E. E. Bartolino, O. Hutson and C. B. Holder of St. Elmo, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce R. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. C. Jensen, Miss Mary Hoover and John Ed Cooper of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. David Wise and Ray Moore of Mt. Vernon, C. M. Wilbanks of Altamont, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ludwick and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Thralls

of Carmi, Thurman Conrey of Centralia, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Price of Robinson, Milam Walker of Evansville, Indiana, S. Hoover of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keller of St. Louis, Miss Elsie Thornburg of Springfield, Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hines of Big Springs, Texas, Mrs. Lelia McNeily of New Orleans, Louisiana, Mr. and Mrs. "Jap" Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. King Price and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Favor of Norman, Oklahoma.

Huff highest in examination

Richard Maurice Huff, '37, '39law, received the highest grade in the July State Bar examinations, according to announcement of the examining board made in August. Stewart Mark, '37, '39law, Oklahoma City, and Glenn R. Watson, '39 law, Ada, tied for second.

Orr secretary of commission

Charles Orr, '14law, last month was appointed secretary of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission by Governor Leon C. Phillips, '16law.

Mr. Orr, formerly attorney for the commission, was moved up to replace Art Walker who resigned as secretary because of ill health. The governor indicated that he might not name a successor to Mr. Orr, leaving the new secretary to handle the duties of both offices.

Mr. Orr practiced law at Holdenville for many years. He served overseas in the World War and has been active in the American Legion, having served as first post commander at Ada and later as commander in the Holdenville Post. He has also served as vice commander of the state Legion, and as a member of the Soldiers' Relief Commission.

As a student in the University, Mr. Orr was a member of Kappa Sigma and Phi Delta Phi. He was a member of the varsity baseball team for four years

and played class football and basketball. He was also a member of Pe-et, honor society.

The new position as secretary of the Interstate Oil Compact is one of the major appointive positions on the staff of the state administration.

Ray Trosper passes on

Ray Trosper, '19, '24law, attorney at Oklahoma City, died suddenly August 30.

Mr. Trosper, who was 42 years old, remained in his office in the American National Bank Building during the lunch hour because of feeling ill, and members of the office staff found him dead when they returned. Mr. Trosper was born and raised in Oklahoma City. He graduated from Central High School there, and after graduating from the University of Oklahoma, he received a master's degree from Yale University.

He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity and of the American Legion, having served in the Navy in the World War.

He was also a member of the Pilgrim Congregational Church at Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club, and the Masquers Club of Norman.

Survivors include his wife (Lucy Hart, '26), his parents, and a sister, Mrs. E. V. Dennis of Oklahoma City. Mr. and Mrs. Trosper made their home at Noble.

College president

Dr. Harvey A. Andruss, '24, formerly dean of instruction at Bloomburg State Teachers College, Bloomburg, Pennsylvania, has been named acting president of the college and is reportedly slated to become president.

The former president of the college, Dr. Francis B. Hass, was named state superintendent of schools in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Andruss received his master's and doctor's degrees from Northwestern University. He has written seven books on finance and accounting. Before going to Pennsylvania he was school principal at Gotebo, Marimac, Tipton and Ponca City, Oklahoma.

First woman student

The first woman who enrolled in the University when it started taking students in 1892 was a visitor in Norman during the last summer.

She is Mrs. Ollie Hunt Fielding, of Youngstown, Ohio, who visited her sister, Mrs. J. L. Matthews, in Norman.

Mrs. Fielding recalled that she and Jimmy Corn, now deceased, went together to enrol when the new University opened in the old rock building on West Main Street. W. N. Rice, one of the four original members of the faculty, was taking enrolments and he took Jim-



Mrs. Ollie Hunt Fielding, first woman enrolled in the University

my's first, which left her the distinction of being the second student to enrol, but the first girl.

Mrs. Fielding's father came to Norman in the year of the opening, 1889, and opened a meat market. She came to Norman a year later.

That first year the University was more like a country school than an institution of higher learning, she recalls. Most of the students wanted college preparatory work.

She remembers what a great event it was when the University was moved into the first administration building on the site of the present campus.

Jed Johnson honored

Jed Johnson, '15ex, sixth district congressman from Oklahoma, was honored with a birthday luncheon held in the speaker's dining room in the capitol in Washington in August.

Approximately thirty friends of Mr. Johnson gathered for the luncheon. The group included Mike Monroney, '24, fifth district congressman; Wilburn Cartwright, '20law, third district congressman; and Will Rogers, '30ed, congressman-at-large. The guests included several nationally prominent men such as Paul M. McNutt, newly appointed head of the Federal Security Administration, and Sam Rayburn of Texas, majority leader in the House of Representatives.

Alumni distribution surveyed

Approximately 5,000 graduates of the University of Oklahoma are now living outside Oklahoma, according to a survey made by *Sooner Magazine*.

The largest number, 1,512, have migrated to Texas. California ranks next with 425 O. U. graduates living there.

Two nearby states, Kansas and Missouri, rank third and fourth with 314 and 294, respectively.

Fifth place is taken by Illinois, which has attracted many Sooner geologists and oil men and attorneys in the last few years because of the oil boom in southern and central parts of the state. The survey showed 280 University alumni living in Illinois.

The survey listed alumni living in more than a score of places outside the United States, including 16 in the Philippine Islands, 15 in Venezuela, and 13 each in Hawaii and Mexico. The complete list is as follows:

Alabama	26	Nevada	6
Arizona	74	New Hampshire	4
Arkansas	148	New Jersey	31
California	425	New Mexico	113
Colorado	129	New York	200
Connecticut	18	North Carolina	19
Delaware	5	North Dakota	5
Florida	34	Ohio	78
Georgia	18	Oregon	22
Idaho	6	Pennsylvania	82
Illinois	280	Rhode Island	3
Indiana	43	South Carolina	15
Iowa	44	South Dakota	16
Kansas	314	Tennessee	75
Kentucky	49	Texas	1,512
Louisiana	131	Utah	9
Maine	1	Vermont	2
Maryland	33	Virginia	22
Massachusetts	48	Washington, D. C.	133
Michigan	66	West Virginia	10
Minnesota	43	Wisconsin	43
Mississippi	25	Wyoming	21
Missouri	294		
Montana	15	Total	4,766
Nebraska	41		
Africa	3	Mexico	13
Alaska	8	Persian Gulf	4
Canada	8	Philippine Islands	16
Canal Zone	6	Puerto Rico	7
China	4	Argentina	4
Cuba	2	Brazil	2
England	1	Columbia	4
France	2	Peru	6
Germany	1	Scotland	2
Hawaii	13	Venezuela	15
India	3		
Japan	5	Total	127
			4,766
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			4,893
Grand Total			

Special edition praised

The Norman Transcript, of which Fred E. Tarman, '10, is editor and publisher, and Harold Belknap, '25, is business manager, has been widely praised for a 128-page anniversary edition published August 27.

The special edition commemorated the 50th anniversary of statehood and the half-century anniversary of the founding of the *Transcript*. The edition contained numerous articles and pictures dealing with history of the University as well as the city of Norman. Letters of congratulation from President Roosevelt and Governor Phillips appeared in the edition which had an elaborate cover in colors printed on book paper.

The *Transcript* won second place in (PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 30)

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the National Editorial Association's newspaper production contest in 1939 and also won second place in the general excellence contest for dailies of less than 3,500 circulation. In the last nine years, the *Transcript* has won one first place, nine second places, and three third places in N. E. A. contests. It also has placed repeatedly in state newspaper contests.

A large proportion of the special editorial material for the anniversary edition was prepared by Howard Van Dyke, '33, city editor of the *Transcript*.



Lee to be keynoter?

The syndicated newspaper column, *Washington Merry-Go-Round*, by Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen, stated recently that President Roosevelt already has picked Senator Josh Lee, '17, of Oklahoma, as the man he wants to deliver the keynote speech at the Democratic National Convention next year.

Senator Lee was one of the first to announce definitely his support of President Roosevelt for a third term.



Fraker goes to Mangum

Elmer Fraker, '20, '38ma, has left his position as principal of Chickasha High School in order to become superintendent of schools at Mangum.

Mr. Fraker is a member-at-large of the Executive Board of the University of Oklahoma Association, has served as chairman of the Alumni Advisory Council for Grady County, and is a Life Member of the Association.

He is former department commander of the American Legion, president of the Chickasha Rotary Club and twice president of the Mid-State High School Conference.



Chosen for expedition

Arnold Court, '34, now on the staff of the United States Weather Bureau at Albuquerque, New Mexico, has been selected as one of two meteorologists to accompany the Byrd expedition to the Antarctic this Autumn.

He worked on newspapers in Decatur, Indiana, and at Duncan and Oklahoma City, before going to the University of Washington where he studied meteorology in the Graduate School. He completed this work last year and joined the Albuquerque weather bureau staff last December.

The expedition is to start from Boston in October. It will be under auspices of the United States government and the intention is to lay claim to land in the Antarctic that might be used by foreign powers as military bases.

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