

# In the Mail . . . .

To the Editor:

When we left Norman last week to come to Vinita where my husband has been employed by Holway and Neuffer, consulting engineering firm, to work on the twenty million dollar Grand River dam project, we were expecting to miss the O. U. campus something terrible. But instead, we landed right in the midst of a flock of O. U. graduates, so we feel right at home. The work on the dam has drawn all kinds of engineers and many of them are from Norman.

At a dance given recently at the Vinita country club for the engineers working on the dam, seven O. U. graduates were present including W. J. Fell, J. James Harrison, Joe Elam, Herman Groseclose, M. G. Fuller, W. W. Moore and Bob Moore.

Vinita also has an excellent A. A. U. W. chapter full of O. U. graduates. Some of them are Mrs. Wilbur Morse, the former Miss Edna Goodner; Miss Betsey Neer; Mrs. Lewis Williams, the former Miss Marjorie Wright; Miss Dellyse Wright; Mrs. Tom Burckhalter, the former Miss Louise Clinkscales; and Mrs. Mary Wheatley.

Before I even had our house arranged, I happened to run into Dave Johnson who did graduate work in journalism at O. U. in 1938; Dave works on the Vinita Daily Journal, and when he said they needed a new society editor, I talked to O. B. Campbell, another O. U. graduate and editor of the paper, and he gave me the job. So far, I have liked the work just fine.

Please send my next copy of the alumni magazine to 449 South Scrapper as I certainly do not want to miss it.

MRS. BETTY JO CHITWOOD MANSUR, '38journ,  
Vinita, Oklahoma

To the Alumni Secretary:

I have received your very humorous "finishing touch" card on getting the alumni to answer you. I must agree with you that I have been very lax in answering the many inquiries received from your office. This will never happen again I assure you.

You can put me down as being one alumnus who is as loyal and true to the ideals of O. U. as anyone. I spent four of the happiest years of my life at O. U. I had to work my way through and I owe John Jacobs a great deal in that respect. I ran on his track team for four years. As a result I am wearing arch supports on my feet to keep them from smoothing out the bottoms of my shoes. My heart misses a beat now and then and reminds me of those long two mile races. I am teaching and coaching track now and am wearing pants with patches on them. I would do the same thing over if I had the chance. I think you can understand about this.

The reason I have not signed up so far, is because as small as my salary is, I give the bank \$25 of it every month to pay for debts incurred last summer for school and living expenses. I also have a wife and baby to support.

If I had a better job making more money I would gladly pay twice the amount for a yearly subscription. I know that some day I will have a life membership.

This letter was intended to be friendly and I hope it is received as such. You will find a check in this month's mail for my subscription. I am sorry it has been this late in arriving.

CLYDE MCGINNIS, '36ed  
Hobart, Oklahoma

To the Alumni Secretary:

I was heartsick to receive the notice of your homecoming activities to be held at Commencement June 4.

I surely would like to be there for the '24 reunion, as I believe it is the first one my class has held. I know it will be a swell party and I hate like the devil to miss out on it.

MIKE MONRONEY, '24  
Washington, D. C.

To the Alumni Secretary:

It is always fun to receive notices of alumni dinners, even though I know I can't come. I was in Oklahoma, however, two weeks ago on my vacation.

Please change my address from 300 Buchanan to 11 Encline Court, Miraloma Park, San Francisco, California. We are buying our home in this new location.

Best wishes to my alma mater.

MRS. JULIAN S. HOLLMAN  
(MARGARET SHAW, '24h.cc)  
San Francisco, California

To the Editor:

My husband and I so thoroughly enjoy every word of our *Sooner Magazine* that we felt we should tell you about it. We hope to become Life Members some time, but until we do you can at least depend on a \$3.00 subscription each year.

My husband, J. L. Farmer, is a Junior Engineer in the Arkansas Division Offices of Oklahoma Gas and Electric, which stations us here in Fort Smith. There are two other E. E. graduates from O. U. in the same office, my husband's boss, Ralph Thornton and Bill Englis, so we feel quite at home.

I have been doing some part time radio drama over the local station, KFPW, which I enjoy very much.

We have been hoping to be with you for the alumni reunion June 5, and maybe we will.

MRS. VIRGINIA STORM FARMER, '36fa  
Fort Smith, Arkansas

To the Alumni Secretary:

The writer has been hoping that he and his family could find the time to be in Norman next month for the 25th Class Reunion. We have a great family and would like to have them meet all our old friends of prep school and college days.

However, it now appears that this pleasure will not be realized this year.

Anyway, we wish to report that a "Rump" reunion of the 1914 Class of electrical engineers was held in Forest Hills, Pennsylvania, during this past February, at the home of Dave Renshaw. (Tell Memminger that the 1914 Class should receive credit for this meeting.) The 1914 Class of Electrical Engineers consisted of C. E. (Charlie) Carey, R. D. (Bob) Evans, D. E. (Dave) Renshaw, and the writer.

Charles Carey at the time of our reunion was the principal construction engineer of the Bonneville Dam Project, but he was promoted to assistant dam administrator a short time after our get-together.

We understand now that he has been appointed dam administrator but have been unable to verify positively to date.

Charlie is an excellent engineer of whom O. U. may well be proud, and he is doing things and going places. We can assure you that the 1914 electrical engineering class are proud of him.

Dave Renshaw is one of the leading authorities in this country in connection with the application of electrical equipment to mines and mining problems. He has been, and is an invaluable asset to the Westinghouse Company with whom he has been associated since he left Norman in 1914.

Bob Evans, also connected with W. E. & M. Co. for the past 25 years, is an international authority on transmission system, distributing systems and their associated problems. In addition, Bob is a noted author and writer.

The writer is willing to match the above three engineers against the field.

There is no school that could produce better electrical engineers than these three men.

The writer has one son, Jim, who is a sophomore at Penn State, and a second son, Don, whom we expect to be a freshman at the same school next fall. Both boys expect to graduate in electrical engineering under Dean Kinsloe at Penn State.

Son Jim is a life member in Sigma Chi, and if

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Jim and his mother and I have not lost our art, son Don will be wearing a white cross next fall. In case you haven't heard it, I married the Sweetheart of Sigma Chi 32 years ago. We had the pleasure of visiting with Glenn and Vera Clark some time ago while they were in Pittsburgh attending a Convention. We are hoping that they can come back to Pittsburgh soon for some other convention and visit with us. The writer has known Vera since she wore pigtailed, and, Boy, were they long pigtailed! We liked to pull them. Vera is more beautiful than ever, and Glenn still looks like a youngster.

Give our best wishes to all my old friends and tell them to look us up if they ever get to Pittsburgh.

L. J. HIBBARD, '14  
Wilksburg, Pennsylvania

To the Alumni Secretary:

Sorry not to have written you sooner, but I have had bad luck finding a job until lately. So most of my writing was application letters. In the meantime I have enjoyed reading *Sooner Magazine*.

Recently I joined the staff of the credit department of the Jenkins Music Company here in Tulsa. I found my training in Professor Butterfield's classes extremely helpful. I wish I had all my letters at times for reference.

Several of the Class of '38 are located in Tulsa now. Elizabeth Pennington is in a credit office and several of the boys are working in oil companies or auditing firms. Pauline Gillis is teaching school at Bixby, near Tulsa.

WILBERT MURATET, '38bus  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

### Veteran superintendent dies

E. L. Rodman, '28ma, superintendent of schools at Antlers for the last twenty-six years, died suddenly May 17 in his hotel room at Antlers.

Mr. Rodman, a bachelor, was 55 years old. He served as member of the State Board of Education in the Holloway and Marland administrations, and was a member of the State Textbook Commission for a time.

From 1914 to 1924, Mr. Rodman taught in the summer sessions of the Southeastern State Teachers College at Durant, and became widely acquainted with teachers over the state. He had served as member of the board of directors of the Oklahoma Education Association.

### O. U. Press loses artist

P. J. Conkwright, '38ma, art editor of the University of Oklahoma Press, has resigned to accept a similar position at the Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey.

It is O. U.'s second loss to Princeton, as Joseph A. Brandt, '21, left the University of Oklahoma Press to become director of the Princeton book publishing organization in 1938.

Because of the University's economy program for the new biennium, Mr. Conkwright's position will not be filled, it was announced.

### Governor's secretary

Bert Larason, '30, wheat farmer and rancher at Fargo, has been appointed secretary to Governor Leon C. Phillips. He succeeds Walter Johnson, of Pawhuska, who was appointed director of public safety.

Mr. Larason served as representative from Ellis County in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth legislatures, and took special interest in soil conservation legislation.

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