

Sooners at Home and Abroad

NAMES of several Sooner alumni were included in the list of appointments given the State Senate by Governor Leon C. Phillips, '16law, just before close of the legislature's session.

W. C. Kite, '16, Oklahoma City, was appointed chairman of the newly created board of regents set up to govern the state teachers colleges and the Colored A. and N. University at Langston. Also appointed on this board are G. S. Sanders, '23ex, Wetumka; Fred Holman, '24, Guthrie; and Mrs. Jewel Robbins, '16, Pauls Valley.

Joe Stamper, '35law, Antlers, Pushmataha county attorney, was appointed member of the State Industrial Commission.

Raymond Brannan, '08ex, Marietta, was named on the Oklahoma Planning and Resources Board, and George Norvell, '29, Seminole, was named on the board of review on unemployment compensation insurance.

Mr. Kite, who heads the important new board of regents for the state teachers colleges, is a geologist at Oklahoma City.

A political writer for the United Press commented that "It is practically unprecedented for an O. U. graduate to head the board governing the state's six teachers colleges."

"They have been dominated for a decade by men with Oklahoma A. and M. leanings," the United Press dispatch stated.

The last legislature changed the names of six teachers colleges. The word "Teachers" was taken out of the titles of five of the colleges. The school at Weathrford was renamed the Southwestern State College of Diversified Occupations.

Mr. Kite, after a meeting of the new board, announced that an effort would be made to correlate academic courses offered during the first two years with work offered at the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma A. and M. College.

"It is our theory," he said, "that the University and A. and M. will continue to offer the scientific and professional degrees. The colleges should be largely confined to offering preparatory work for the first two years. Degrees in teaching will be offered and academic degrees in limited fields."

Quick newspaper deal

Wallace Perry, '07, of El Paso, Texas, formerly editor of the Scripps-Howard *Herald-Post* at El Paso, got back into the newspaper business and out again without publishing an issue of his paper.

On the morning of Sunday, April 30, the Las Cruces New Mexico, *Sun-News* announced that Mr. Perry had bought that publication and would assume con-

trol the following day or May 1. On the following day, the same paper carried the announcement that Mr. Perry had resold to Edwin D. Minter, its former editor.

Morris J. Boretz, publisher of the Spanish language newspaper, *El Continental*, had been principal owner of the *Sun-News*. Mr. Minter had been a minority stockholder. The *Sun-News'* second announcement explained that Mr. Minter had been negotiating for the paper before Mr. Perry bought it but had been unable to reach satisfactory terms with Mr. Boretz.

Both Perry and Minter are former Scripps-Howard editors and both are O. U. alumni.

Official flower proposed

Through the kindness of Errett R. Newby, '07, '08, Oklahoma City, the University has received a splendid collection of dahlia roots which, it is hoped will produce the official Sooner flower. No flower has been selected as the one best representing O. U., but this one is especially suited to the Oklahoma campus because its petals are half red and half white, the exact replica of the Sooner colors.

Mr. Newby spotted the flowers while traveling through Italy last summer and immediately purchased some roots for the University. They arrived some time ago and have been planted in the greenhouse until time to set them out on the campus. Howard Jensen, University landscape gardener is planning to put them out in various beds and although it will be several years before they will multiply in sufficient quantities to make a massed grouping, they should form an adequate display this summer and fall.

Future years will see them in large quantities dotting the beds so that the real red and white colors will add brilliance to the landscaping and Sooners can be proud to see their official flower gracefully displayed to all eyes. It has been agreed to name the plant *Dahlia Soonerensis*, thus perpetuating the Sooner name in horticultural annals, Dr. Milton Hopkins, assistant professor of botany announced.

The scholarly Brixey

When they have a family reunion at the A. M. Brixey home in Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Brixey can take pride in observing four Phi Beta Kappa keys won by their four children.

Dr. John C. Brixey, '25ma, now assistant professor of mathematics in the University, was the first one to win a key. Stephen Brixey, '29ma, now employed by the Aetna Building and Loan Company

of Topeka, Kansas, was next in line. Their sister Frances, '27, '30ma, now a teacher at State College, Florence, Alabama, kept up the tradition by bringing home a key. A. M. Brixey, Jr., the youngest member of the family, had a heavy responsibility but he rose to the occasion and this spring was elected a member of the honorary scholastic society, completing the one hundred per cent record.

Nears half century of teaching

Mrs. Lotta Mosier, '30ed.m, principal of Lee school in Oklahoma City, celebrated this year her forty-sixth anniversary as a school teacher.

Her teaching experience began in 1893, when she was only 16 years old. She had finished high school in Osborn, Kansas, and had received her teaching certificate. Her first school was near Dexter, Kansas.

"We used the project method of teaching then because books were not available," she explains.

She had no difficulty finding a job at a little school near Pawnee when she moved to Oklahoma with her pioneering father and mother. Her salary rose steadily during her stay there.

One of her first pupils was Jed Johnson, who now serves Oklahoma as congressman.

In 1906 she moved with her husband, Bill Mosier, and three children, to Oklahoma City where she was assigned a position at Washington school. Later she taught at Franklin and Lowell before she became principal of Lee school in 1921.

Mrs. Mosier believes that the greatest advance in education during the last half-century is the breaking down of the barrier between teacher and pupil.

Her daughter, Mrs. Bernice Caldwell, teaches at Lee school under her mother's supervision. Both her sons are well known in Oklahoma City business circles.

Oil suit specialist

B. H. Carey, '29law, Oklahoma City attorney, never had any intention of specializing in suits against oil companies. But in November, 1936, he accepted such a case for Mrs. Mary E. Glenn, promising to do all he could for her.

Hearing of his promise, Mrs. Glenn's neighbors began bringing their suits to him, and instead of one suit, he filed seven against the oil companies. In 1937 they were settled for nearly \$12,000, and Mr. Carey decided to confine his practice to oil suits.

Since then, he has filed 150 suits, and has settled 75 of them for a total of \$100,000 damages. He has nearly half a million dollars in suits now pending. Al-



On the left is Vic Holt, '28bus, ex-basketball star now a super-salesman for a rubber company. The picture on the right shows Norris Goff, '24 ex (right), popular radio comedian. The man with him is Chester Lauck, his partner in the "Lum and Abner" program



though Mr. Carey admits that settlements are no longer easy, he isn't worried, for he hasn't lost a suit yet.

He is 34 years old and has been practicing in Oklahoma City since his graduation from the University in 1929.

Sales manager

Victor Holt, Jr., '28bus, known to thousands of Sooner sport fans as one of the outstanding O. U. basketball stars of all time, has progressed steadily in sales work for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and is now at Akron, Ohio, as manager of the Life Guard sales division of the company.

Mr. Holt joined the Goodyear company in November, 1929, on a special staff training assignment.

Transferred to Kansas City the following April on inside sales work, he was returned to Akron in December, 1930, to serve as correspondence man in the service department. In March, 1931, he was sent to Oklahoma City as adjuster, and later in the same year was promoted to general line sales work. In 1933 he was assigned as special truck and bus tire representative in the same district.

Continuing on this work until January, 1935, Mr. Holt was transferred to Akron in charge of tire sales promotion for Goodyear retail stores. In June, 1936, he was sent to Miami as manager of the Goodyear store there. He was recalled to Akron in September, 1937, as manager of the newly-established sales promotion division.

The Miami store under Mr. Holt's management sold more Life Guards than any other store or dealer organization in the country.

Holt was probably the greatest basketball center ever developed at the University of Oklahoma. Six feet six inches tall and weighing 200 pounds, he jumped cen-

ter on Hugh McDermott's all-victorious 1928 aggregation that won Oklahoma's first Missouri Valley championship of all time with 18 wins and no defeats.

That season, Holt led the Valley in scoring. He also made every all-Valley team selected and was a popular favorite in every town he played in.

After the Sooner season was over, he went to Kansas City to play with the Cook Painters in the National A. A. U. tournament, which McDermott also coached, and not only carried the Cooks to the national championship, but was selected as the all-American center and was high point scorer of the meet.

Radio performer

A former University student, Morris (Abner) Goff, is now heard three times a week over the Columbia Network as a member of the Lum and Abner radio team.

Mr. Goff attended the University during the 1923-24 school year, and according to the publicity offices of the Columbia Broadcasting System, left school rather than join the R. O. T. C. Goff was enrolled for a straight B. A. course in the University but admits that he "majored in sororities."

He went out for wrestling but was ineligible to compete because he had played professional baseball during the summer months.

He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity, and some of his classmates included Jimmy Porter, Prentiss Mooney and Bill Talbot.

Lum and Abner, who give a rustic comedy program, were heard over C. B. S. from 7:15 to 7:30 p. m. eastern standard time, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during the winter radio season.

They started their radio career as a result of an invitation to take part in an amateur performance over KTHS at Hot Springs, Arkansas. An important radio official happened to be listening in, and within ten days the boys had been signed

to a network contract. They have now been in radio work for eight years.

Executive in farm unit

Mrs. Emma L. Bond, '35ms, is now regional home management advisor for the Farm Security Administration with headquarters at Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Bond in her new position has supervision over home plans for 14,447 F. S. A. families in Oklahoma and 31,742 in Texas.

As home management director for Oklahoma since 1935, Mrs. Bond made a speciality of guiding farm women in a greater use of farm products in their homes. She has devoted special attention to preparation of food from grain sorghum meal and flour. The F. S. A. has encouraged farmers to buy small hand mills for grinding these cereals, which contain desirable amounts of vitamins and minerals and are easy to produce even in bad crop years.

Mrs. Bond and her associates teach farmers to make such things as baby beds made from old barrels for a cost of only fifty cents, and efficient washing machines fashioned from oil barrels.

Mrs. Bond has served as home demonstrator in Atoka County, Greer County, Oklahoma County, and as canning teacher in Love and McCurtain Counties.

State Senate indorses Lee

One of the final acts of the State Senate before adjournment of the legislature was unanimous adoption of a resolution recommending United States Senator Josh Lee, '17, for the Democratic nomination for vice president in the 1940 campaign.

The increasing attention given Mr. Lee by the White House was commented on recently by Paul Mallon, writer of a nationally syndicated column on Washington political news. Mr. Mallon wrote:

"Josh Lee, 47-year-old junior senator from Oklahoma, is a new fair-haired boy at the White House. Lee, who served in the house and beat Senator Gore for the

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senate in 1936, is a frequent visitor to the executive mansion. Mr. Roosevelt likes him; likes to talk to him.

"Lee is a spender, a thorough new dealer and is eager to be in favor. His many visits recently have caused some of the older senators to raise eyebrows in private."

Senator Lee's bill to draft money as well as men in the event of war was approved last month by the Senate Military Affairs Committee. The measure would authorize the government to require citizens to purchase special 50-year bonds on a percentage-of-wealth basis scaled somewhat like the income tax. Senator Lee emphasized that it would be a forced loan plan, and not involve confiscation of property.

▲ University problems discussed

Three Sooners took part in a recent program broadcast over radio station KVOO at Tulsa, in which the University's problems were discussed. The discussion was presented as a feature of the People's Forum, a regular Sunday afternoon program of KVOO.

C. C. Ingle, '24, president of the Tulsa Alumni Club, and Earl Sneed, Jr., '37law, Tulsa attorney, participated in the discussion, Marcus Cohn, '34ex, directed the program.

▲ Ferguson promoted

Benton Ferguson, '31, has been advanced to the position of vice president in the Texas State Network, Inc., which has headquarters at Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. Ferguson was formerly promotion manager for the company.

Since leaving the University he has worked on the advertising staffs of the *Birmingham (Alabama) Post* and the *Fort Worth (Texas) Press*. He was advertising promotion manager on the *Press* when he resigned last October to take a position with the Texas Network.

▲ New county attorney

George English, '38law, has been appointed county attorney of Okmulgee county to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Ralph Kenyon, '37, '38law. Mr. Kenyon will enter private business as an officer of the Kenyon Auto Supply Company, which operates a chain of stores.

▲ Citizenship speakers

Speakers for a recent series of citizenship discussions broadcast over WKY in Oklahoma City included four former law students of the University.

Addresses were given by Byrne A. Bowman, '24ex, Oklahoma chairman of the

American Bar Association's citizenship committee; Hal Whitten, '25law, who spoke on "The Duty of Citizens to Serve on Juries"; Frank Chilson, '29law; and William H. Miley, '37law.

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Health program wins praise

Dr. Robert H. Riley, '09, '13med, director of the Maryland State Department of Health, is attracting wide attention in his progressive program of health work, according to an article in a recent issue of *The Delta*, the publication of Sigma Nu fraternity.

Dr. Riley was one of the members of the Sigma Nu petitioning group from the University of Oklahoma along with Errett R. Newby, '07, '08, now Regent of the fraternity, who in 1908 attended the Fourteenth Grand Chapter in Chicago, to present its petition for a chapter

While a student at Oklahoma he was employed by the State Health Department. He was secretary of the Oklahoma Tuberculosis Association, and started the bacteriological laboratory which is now part of the state department of health.

In 1914 he studied at Johns Hopkins University and during this time did his first work with the Maryland State Department of Health. Continuing with the State Department in Baltimore, he later resumed his studies at Johns Hopkins and was eventually awarded the Doctor of Public Health degree. In 1928 he was appointed director of the State Department of Health in Maryland and continues in this capacity.

He has been instrumental in getting full time county health units working in each county of the state, making Maryland the first state to accomplish this. He has established a division of oral hygiene in the health department, developed nursing service far beyond what it was when he became director and built up a strong division of communicable diseases.

Dr. Riley has been a leader in local and national medical associations, heading such sections as that of Health Officers of the American Public Health Association, the Section on Preventive and Industrial Medicine of the American Medical Association, and chairman of the Committee on Venereal Disease Control, Surgeon General's Conference.

In 1937 he was elected president of the Conference of State and Provincial Health Authorities of North America. He has represented the conference at the Royal Sanitary Institutes at Glasgow, Scotland, and Birmingham, England. In addition to holding membership in numerous medical associations, he is the author of various publications and articles.

With his family he makes his home at Cantonville, Maryland. Dr. Riley is a member of Phi Beta Pi, Delta Omega, and an active Rotarian, Mason and Presbyterian.

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