

# In the Mail . . . .

To the Alumni Secretary:

Your letter of February 20th was gladly received and it is interesting to know the Alumni Association has not entirely forgotten some of us has-beens. In fact, the alumni magazine is read with interest by both Mrs. Moore (Elaine Buxton, '14ex) and myself.

We have lived for sixteen years in California, almost seem more Californian than Oklahoman, although the old ties are still strong and we are always interested in the University and watch with interest for news of old classmates. Being permanently located out here, we have graduated a daughter, Louise, from Stanford University; have an older son, Manning, Jr., a senior at the University of Oregon, a second son, John, a sophomore at Stanford; a young son, Bobby, age nine.

Many former Oklahomans live either in Long Beach or close by and usually when any of us get together, conversations go back to my day, 1909-12, Dave Morris, Ben Parks, "Red" Whiznant and others of later days. We've thrilled to that great football team you had last Fall; look forward to the day when Oklahoma is scheduled to play in Los Angeles. Yes, you have some good boosters out here.

Being a Beta, I receive some news from back there; practically all we get is from their letters or your magazine. Harry Diamond, Archie Swanson, the Dawsons, Pat Murphy . . . . all the rest.

Should anyone be interested in what I am doing, many years ago I went from a college engineering course to retail women's apparel. This letter is dictated just as I am getting ready to fly to New York . . . . a fast buying trip.

MANNING S. MOORE, '11EX  
Long Beach, California.

To the Alumni Secretary:

It is with considerable hesitancy that I yield to your personal appeal to write you a letter, especially as there is some possibility that all or a part of same may appear in the "In The Mail" section of the magazine. However, having been a resident for some time in the east and being mindful of my duty as a pseudo New Yorker to advertise the attractions of that great city, I must take this opportunity to remind all Sooners everywhere of New York's World Fair in 1939.

So far as I know, there is only one other member of the class of 1912 living hereabouts, namely, Lloyd W. Maxwell, but there are a number of others who are either graduates or were formerly associated with the University living in the east, such as Harold V. Bozell, L. C. Snyder, Lottie Boyle Moyer, Robert P. Calvert, and Dr. Joseph V. DePorte, and no doubt many younger Sooners with whom I have had no contact.

According to the record, I migrated to Oklahoma from Michigan in 1910, spent two and a half years at the University and then trekked to the oil fields south of the Rio Grande. In old Mexico it was my good fortune to rub elbows with E. L. DeGolyer, Ben C. Belt, V. E. Monnett, Robert Goodrich, and Harve Loomis—all of whom were among the first of Oklahoma's sturdy crop of petroleum geologists located in foreign fields.

While in Mexico I was associated with the Compania Mexicana de Petroleo "El Aguila" S. A., and the Mexican Gulf Oil Company. Between those two associations I did a bit of post-graduate work at the University of Chicago and then was connected for a short time with the Roma Oil Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma. In 1922 I was transferred from the Mexican Gulf Oil Company to the New York office of the Gulf Oil Corporation and have continued that association to date. Incidentally, this office has been

identified with the exploration and exploitation activities of the Gulf companies in such foreign fields as Panama, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guatemala, England, Kuwait, and Denmark.

Having lived outside of Oklahoma for so many years since graduation I find I have lost track of many old friends. I regret very much that so few of the old timers come east and that living in the east it is rarely possible for me to join in the activities of my Alma Mater. I had made arrangements to be in Norman for my class's 25th anniversary in 1937 but at the last moment business necessities forced me to cancel those plans; however I keenly enjoyed reading the account of the class reunion as it appeared in *Sooner Magazine*.

In May, 1912, there was organized what I believe to have been the first dramatic organization in the University. It was called the "Kanuntadage Klub," the name having been taken from the Cherokee language. As I recall, besides myself the charter members were Albert Jenkins, Luther Randol, Keith Miller, Dubert Armstrong, Gladys Anderson, May Curtis, Fay Kent, Edna Cashe, and Myrtle Ellenberger. We expected great things of this club but in recent years I have seen no reference whatsoever to the name and assume therefore that Kanuntadage has long since been dead and buried. If you have any information as to the history of this club beyond its initial organization I would be very pleased if you would tell me about it.

CHARLES W. HAMILTON, '12BA,  
Upper Montclair, New Jersey.

To the Alumni Secretary:

It is a lot of fun to read what other Sooners are doing in different parts of the country and to pick out items about one's friends. Mrs. Allen and I have been following your activities as closely as possible and have received a great deal of pleasure and information out of *Sooner Magazine*. It provides an excellent, though indirect contact with both the school and the Alumni Association.

I have seen a few of my school friends out here, but I wish more would wander in this direction. It is a swell place to live, with the ocean on one side and snow-covered mountains on the other.

At present I am employed by Solar Aircraft Company as what might be called a combination of an industrial engineer and cost accountant. I have been assisting in the installation and development of a new machine system of cost and production control. We are using the Powers tabulating (card punch) equipment to establish job costs and a comparison between estimated and actual time applied on each productive order. We try to provide the production department with complete and accurate information regarding the status of each job in process with a lag of no more than five working hours behind actual production.

The aircraft industry has been a little erratic lately, but it looks like a few of the bumps are going to be smoothed off soon. The widespread unease over world conditions has resulted in a rather widely fluctuating market for airplanes and parts.

Our plant is located directly across the bay from the Naval Air Base and next to Lindbergh Field. Between the Navy on one side and the Army Reserve on the other, I am afraid my efficiency is somewhat lowered. I have never outgrown a desire to look up when an airplane practically flies through the office. The new Boeing Clipper that is to initiate the transatlantic service of Pan American Airways was in the harbor today. It is a beautiful ship and looks like a flying ocean liner.

LEONARD B. ALLEN, '37ENG,  
San Diego, California.

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To the Editor:

On the 14th of February I learned that there were in Muskogee about two thousand football fans who are interested in Oklahoma University and its football team. You know we planned on having the football picture shown at the O. G. & E. hall because we thought that there would not be more than two or three hundred people wanting to see the pictures. We wanted somewhat to restrict the crowd to O. U. graduates, students and their friends, and in an effort to do that we provided that the pictures could not be seen or admission had without a ticket. We printed five hundred free tickets and they were gone within forty-eight hours. We then printed five hundred more and they were gone within the next three days. We then decided to move the show from the O. G. & E. hall to the City Hall. Even though we ran out of tickets about two hundred fifty people came who did not have tickets and were admitted.

The attendance at the show was between 1,250 and 1,500 persons and each one an ardent, faithful and interested football fan. Everyone enjoyed the pictures and had a fine time. Everyone enjoyed the talks of the men from the O. U. Athletic Department.

If we had not restricted the crowd we would probably have had 3,000 people there and, of course, only about one-half of them could see the picture.

This was the best publicity stunt we have had here in a long time, and it certainly did make a hit with the people. If we can continue to have something of this nature about twice a year, we can be sure of getting all of the Muskogee boys to the University and prevent them from going to some other state school.

Malcolm E. Rosser is responsible for the show, together with Bill Durnil. These two boys did most of the work. Malcolm had all of the visitors from Norman and several local boys out to his house for dinner, about twenty-five in all, before the show and entertained everyone royally.

All in all it was a grand success, and the people want some more of it real soon.

A. CAMP BONDS, '29LAW,  
Muskogee.

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To the Alumni Secretary:

Did you ever hear of "keeping up with the Joneses"? Well, will you please change my address on the alumni records and also my *Sooner Magazine* from my former address in Mattoon, Illinois, to 1206 Bartlett, Apt. 12, Houston, Texas.

BETTY LOVE JONES, '38.  
Houston, Texas.

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To the Editor:

Will you kindly change my address in your files from Madang, New Guinea, to 316 Sunset Drive, Longmont, Colorado.

Am on my way home now and hope to see some of you in Oklahoma City, March 20-22.

HARVE LOOMIS, '16.

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To the Editor:

Enclosed find check for \$5.00 as another payment on Life Membership pledge. I'm afraid these payments don't come in very regular as I just send them when I think it's about time.

You've probably already seen notices, but just as a reminder, I was married to another O. U. graduate in Panama Canal Zone, December 7. She was formerly Miss Katherine Wey, '34, of Norman. Her name should be carried on the roll of Life Members.

Three cheers for a great football season! Sorry about the Orange Bowl game but felt sure if some of our best players hadn't been unable to play, the game would have been considerably different. Heard most of it over the radio.

GAISER D. MADDOX, '33ENG.  
Maracaibo, Venezuela.

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