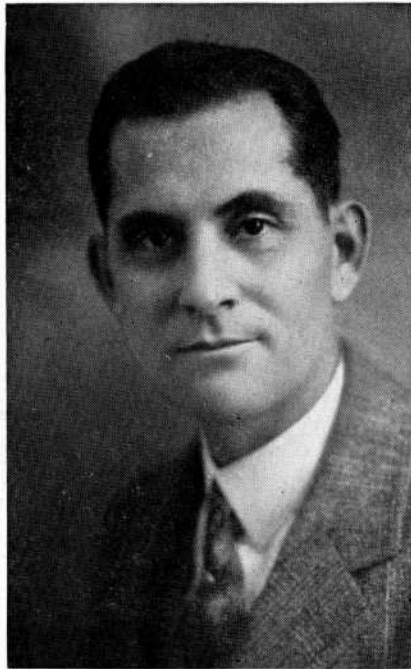


# Sooners at Home and Abroad



Frank Buttram, '10, '12ma, was elected president of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce



Lewis Morris, '17aw, Oklahoma City's "Most Useful Citizen" for the last year

**O**KLAHOMA CITY'S most useful citizen of 1938. That's the distinction that has been awarded to Lewis R. Morris, '15ba, '15ma, '17law, Oklahoma county attorney and former president of the University of Oklahoma Association.

The award committee broke a precedent in selecting Mr. Morris, since in the past, public officials were considered ineligible for the honor. The committee making the award included all former winners of the distinction.

The award was explained as follows in a formal announcement:

In the unanimous selection of Lewis Morris, county attorney, as Oklahoma City's most useful citizen in 1938, the committee realizes that it has broken a precedent.

Heretofore, the award has been bestowed exclusively upon private citizens, on the theory that all public officials are paid to do their full duty.

In our judgment, the work of Mr. Morris as public prosecutor was by far the most important service of any local public officer or private citizen in the year just closed.

His preparation and prosecution of the cases growing out of the school board scandal fulfilled the most exacting definition of a public official executing a public trust with high integrity, skill and perseverance.

In a period when confidence in the servants of the people was at a low ebb, Morris did much to restore faith in democratic principles of government. We believe that the recognition of such leadership will be highly encouraging to honest public officials throughout Oklahoma. Our hope is that the decision may promote a keener interest among citizens in the selection of men for high places who have the ability, training and idealism necessary to carry Oklahoma City forward to greater destiny.

Mr. Morris has been practicing law in Oklahoma City, either privately, or as a public official, since 1917 when he finished his University work and got a job with Moman Pruiett, Oklahoma City attorney.

There was an interlude during the World War when he enlisted with the Thirty-sixth Division, Oklahoma-Texas National Guard, and went to France in July, 1918. He saw active service at the front with Company A, 131st Machine Gun Battalion.

Returning to Oklahoma City in 1919, Mr. Morris practiced law with Mr. Pruiett until 1923 and then formed a partnership with Dave Tant.

He was elected county attorney in 1930 and this year begins his fifth term in the office.

Though known as a hard worker who often stays in his office until late at night, he belongs to many organizations, of varied interests. These include Sigma Nu Alumni Club; Phi Delta Phi, honorary legal fraternity; Men's Dinner Club; American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, and the University of Oklahoma Association, in which he is a Life Member.

## Chamber of Commerce president

Frank Buttram, '10, '12ma, Oklahoma City oil man, was elected president of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce last month. Installation of the new officers of the organization was scheduled to take place at the annual banquet January 19.

The Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce has an annual budget of more than \$150,000 and plays an important part in civic and commercial affairs in the State's capital city.

Mr. Buttram is a former member of the University Board of Regents and was national chairman of the Stadium-Union Fund campaign.

## Appointed by governor

Several Sooner alumni are included in the list of persons selected by Governor Leon C. Phillips, '16law, for important appointive positions in the new State Administration shortly after he took office.

W. M. (Jack) Bell, '23ex, of Shawnee, and Roy W. Cox, '14, '16law, Blackwell, were appointed members of the State Board of Affairs. E. W. Smartt, of Muskogee, who was appointed as the other member of the Board of Affairs, did not attend O. U. but has sent his children to school at Norman.

Mr. Bell operates the Bell Lumber Company at Shawnee and also has a company at Weleetka. He is a member of the Shawnee City Commission, past president of the Retail Merchants Association at Shawnee, and the Kiwanis Club. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce. While attending O. U. Mr. Bell was a roommate of Mike Monroney, '24, now fifth district congressman, at the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house.

Mr. Cox has practiced law at Blackwell since 1916, except for a period of service in the World War. He served twelve consecutive terms as city attorney of Blackwell. He has been active in Republican party affairs, serving as county chairman, campaign manager, secretary of the state central committee, and is now state committeeman from Kay County.

Governor Phillips appointed two Sooners to positions on the State Court of Tax Review. They are Clarence Mills, '23law, district judge at Oklahoma City, and J. I. Goins, '28law, Marietta. The tax review court consists of three district judges who continue their regular duties and receive nothing extra except traveling expenses when they go to Oklahoma City to handle the tax court work.

## Heads geological society

Dan O. Howard, '28, has been elected president of the Oklahoma City Geological Society and will play an important part in making the arrangements for the annual convention of the American Asso-

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ciation of Petroleum Geologists which is to be held in Oklahoma City in March. It will be one of the most important oil meetings ever held in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Howard worked for four years for the old Prairie Oil and Gas Company and then went to work for the State Corporation Commission as deputy conservation officer.

### Football display

Sooner football fans at Ardmore enjoyed a football display in the window of the Gravitt Drug Store so much they had a picture made and sent it to Coach Tom Stidham with their autographs. The display, including pictures of Sooner stars, was prepared by Everett Hanley, manager of the store.

Those signing the picture included Joe Thompson, Dr. J. Hoyle Carlock, Joe Somerville, Harold H. Dyerly, Harold Mullen, Sylvester Mullen, Jr., B. R. Thompson, Wilson Wallace, Ben Curtis, Everett Krueger, W. L. Muller, Walter Lacy, Louie Basten, Phillip Spears, M. Yaeger, B. D. Wood, E. V. Watkins, Roy Wade, L. T. Love, Leon Foster, Thomas J. Jones.

### Police commissioner

Floyd L. Rheam, '29law, has been appointed fire and police commissioner at Tulsa.

He succeeds Eddie J. Shields, who was removed by ouster proceedings following a grand jury indictment for alleged embezzlement of public funds.

### Free trip to Orange Bowl

Skill as a letter writer won a free trip to the Orange Bowl football game for John B. Turner, '33ed.m, WPA official at Oklahoma City. Mr. Turner won a letter writing contest conducted by the Oklahoma News and was awarded a free trip to Miami, Florida, accompanied by his daughter Mary Elizabeth, a junior at the University. Railroad fare, hotel accommodations and game tickets for Mr. Turner and his daughter were paid for by the News.

Mr. Turner is assistant director of the women's and professional project division of the Oklahoma WPA. He has been with the WPA three and one-half years. Before that he taught for eleven years in Oklahoma City schools and two years at Northwestern State Teachers College, Alva.

### Successful coaches

Several Sooner alumni in the football coaching field had outstanding records during the last year.

Dale Arbuckle, '27law, '36ed, coached the Central Cardinals of Oklahoma City

The Sooners Have

Two More

# Home Games



## February 11

Sooners vs. Missouri

## February 18

Sooners vs. Iowa State

The Big Six basketball race will be in the home stretch this month. Join the crowd in the Fieldhouse for two good conference games February 11 and February 18. See Coach Bruce Drake's Sooner Boy Scats battle for revenge against Missouri for that extra-period defeat at Columbia last month. Today's basketball is as fast and furious as any sport you can find! Come and get a thrill!

General Admission

## 55c

Reserved Seats 80c — Boxes \$1.00

### Schedule

February 11 Missouri at Norman.  
February 16—Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater.  
February 18 Iowa State at Norman.  
February 25 Kansas at Lawrence.  
March 4 Nebraska at Lincoln.  
March 6 Kansas State at Manhattan.

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that won the Mid-State Conference championship.

Chalky Stogner, '33, in his first year as coach of the Norman High School Tigers, produced a team that was unbeaten in the Mid-State Conference except by Central and then only by a two-point margin.

Over in the east central part of the State, Frank Crider, '30, in his first year as coach at Wewoka High School, won Wewoka's first football championship in fifteen years. Wewoka is in the Sooner Star Conference.

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#### Football broadcast party

One of the largest alumni parties held to listen to the nation-wide broadcast of the Sooner-Tennessee game in the Orange Bowl at Miami, Florida, was one given by Roy St. Lewis, '13, attorney in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Lewis arranged seven radios in different rooms of his apartment in order to accommodate comfortably the approximately fifty guests he invited to listen to the broadcast together.

All of the guests were Oklahomans, although some are not alumni of O. U. The guest list included: Mike Monroney, congressman, Oklahoma City; H. C. Jones, collector of internal revenue at Oklahoma City; Charles E. Dierker, United States district attorney at Oklahoma City; Former Senator Thomas Gore; Paul A. Walker, Federal Communications Commissioner; Wesley E. Disney, congressman, Tulsa; Jack Nichols, congressman, Eufaula; Wilburn Cartwright, congressman, McAlester; Lyle H. Boren, congressman, Seminole; Sam C. Massingale, Cordell; Phil Ferguson, congressman, Woodward; Houston Overby, president of the Oklahoma State Society; Howard Payne, secretary to Congressman Will Rogers; Loyd Benefield, secretary to Senator Josh Lee; Bates Booth, attorney general's office; Ted Evans, Scripps-Howard Newspapers; Walker Stone, Scripps-Howard newspapers; George B. Parker, editor-in-chief, Scripps-Howard Newspapers; Bennett H. Griffin, aviator; Dr. Elgin Groseclose, economist, Bureau of Internal Revenue; Robert R. Hendon, Jr., Interstate Commerce Commission; Martin Heflin, Oklahoma City; Clark Nichols, Eufaula; Clark Nichols, Jr., Eufaula; Lynden Mammen, George Washington University; W. A. Crozier, Pawhuska; Paul Hamerka, Department of Agriculture; Sam Clammer, Tulsa; Donald Leecraft, Durant.

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#### National fraternity award

The University chapter of Delta Chi was notified this month that its grade average topped that of any other chapter in the United States, and it was awarded the national Delta Chi scholarship trophy for 1937-1938. The Interfraternity conference rated the chapter 33 per cent above the all-men average of the University. It was also first in scholarship among all other campus fraternities.