

Sooners at Home and Abroad

MORE than a score of Sooners gathered in Fort Worth, Texas, the evening of December 27 for what was believed to be—so far as anyone present could recall—the first O.U. alumni dinner ever held in Fort Worth.

Fritz L. Aurin, '14,'15ma, president of the Southland Royalty Company and recently appointed chairman of the O. U. Alumni Advisory Council at Fort Worth, handled arrangements for the dinner and presided for the program. The event took place at the Texas Hotel.

A colored moving picture showing recent events at the University and campus scenes was shown under direction of T. M. Beard, alumni executive secretary. Roscoe Cate, editor of alumni publications, also was present for the meeting.

Much of the evening, before and after the dinner, was devoted to informal visiting and reminiscing.

Those present were: F. L. Aurin, '14,'15ma, president Southland Royalty Company; Walter R. Berger, '20, consulting geologist; Mrs. Walter Berger, and Walter R. Berger, Jr., student; Lem Billingsley, '15ex, lawyer; G. Richard Carter, '35geol, geologist, Gulf Oil Corporation; Edwin A. Deupree, '28ex, oil business; Mrs. Edwin A. Deupree, '26ex, housewife; H. B. Fuqua, '19, chief geologist for the Gulf Oil Corporation at the Fort Worth headquarters; Murray Gillespie, student; C. R. Hickman, '17, battery and radio distributor; Mrs. Hickman (Eurith Holt, '19), housewife; W. J. Hilsweck, '38, geologist; Charles J. Hoffman, '19ex, oil business; Dr. Willard D. Holt, '28ex, physician; Frances Maschal, '37, department store; John A. Scott, '34, attorney; Marjorie G. Scott, '37phys.ed, teaching; J. E. West, '27ex, life insurance; Dorothy Nell Whaley, '27, teacher and writer; Charles Woodard, '29bus, certified public accountant; Ardell M. Young, '32,'36law, attorney; and Mrs. Young (Marjorie Maschal, '32ed) teacher.

Promoted

Carl E. Reistle, '22eng, has been made chief petroleum engineer for the Humble Oil Corporation, Houston, Texas. Mrs. Reistle is the former Mattie Muldrow, '22ex.

Former gridman dies

A brief and sudden illness brought death late in December to Floyd O. Tribbey, '13 pharm, 48-year-old druggist at Purcell. He had been prominent among business men of McClain County for almost a quarter of a century.

A robust man, Mr. Tribbey played football on the Sooner varsity squad in 1911 and '12. The *Sooner* for 1913 has these remarks beneath his picture in football uniform: "Floyd Tribbey is a good man at



"Boomer Sooner" opened the proceedings when O.U. alumni met in Fort Worth, Texas. Left to right, Mrs. Edwin Deupree, Fort Worth; Alumni Secretary Ted Beard, Norman; Dorothy Nell Whaley, Fort Worth; Dr. Willard Holt, Wichita, Kansas; and F. L. Aurin, chairman of the O.U. Advisory Council in Fort Worth.

guard or center. He never cuts practice and trains hard. With his experience, weight and fighting qualities, he is one of Oklahoma's greatest linemen."

A daughter, Mrs. Bill Pugh, and a son, Joe Albert Tribbey, both of Purcell, survive.

On federal reserve board

A Norman business man, Neil R. Johnson, '15,'17law, has been made a director in the Oklahoma City division of the Federal Reserve Bank. His appointment came from the board of governors of the bank.

The directors meet twice monthly and in occasional called sessions as a policy-forming unit.

Mr. Johnson was appointed to fill an unexpired term running from January 1, 1940, to December 31, 1940.

Telephone company executive

William H. Reilly, '23eng, was appointed division general manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at Topeka, Kansas, the first of the year. He had been commercial engineer for Texas, with his office in Dallas.

After graduation from O. U., Mr. Reilly secured a master's degree in electrical engineering at the Sheffield School of Science, Yale University. He immediately joined the telephone company as commercial representative in Oklahoma City. A series of promotions took him to Tulsa as unit manager, back to Oklahoma City as division commercial engineer, and later as commercial engineer for the entire Okla-

homa area, and then to the Texas position.

A member of the social fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Mr. Reilly was active on the campus in the Engineers Club, the Knights of St. Pat, and was on the varsity tennis team.

Tulsa attorney killed

An automobile accident resulted in violent death in December for Carl H. Ravis, '28ex, young Tulsa attorney. He was enroute to the home of a friend to deliver a Christmas gift when his coupe crashed into a culvert. Physicians said he suffered a broken neck and fractured skull.

Mr. Ravis served Tulsa as city prosecutor from 1934 to 1938, resigning at the beginning of the present city administration to enter private practice.

He was a member and officer of Phi Beta Delta social fraternity at the University.

Medical photographer

A new frontier in the field of medicine is being explored by Dr. Wayne M. Hull, '32med,'35ms, of Oklahoma City. His work is extending the bounds of practical medical photography, and is developing a technique which some of his colleagues say may rank with X-ray as an aid in diagnosis.

He has pictures of the interior of the stomach, kidney, bladder, lungs, and lung cavity, some of which show disease quite clearly. They are believed to be the first such pictures ever made. These photographs are made either through surgical

incisions or through body openings. For taking pictures inside the stomach of a living patient, Dr. Hull has designed a tube with a complicated system of lenses and prisms and a tiny light bulb, which is inserted through the mouth.

Dr. Hull has also made contributions in the more ordinary phases of medical photography. He has built a movable tripod with three cameras and floodlights on it to completely photograph any operation. One is a moving picture camera, and one of the two still cameras produces a colored negative.

Most of Dr. Hull's work is done in a laboratory at the University Hospital. The co-operation of the officials there, he says, is responsible for a large measure of the satisfactory results of his work.

Vocational guidance developed

A new system of vocational guidance is being tried in the Okmulgee school system under the direction of W. Max Chambers, '21,'29ms, city school superintendent. The program was begun last year and included only high school seniors and junior college freshmen. Mr. Chambers' plans provide for extending it to additional classes each year until 1941, when all students in the high school and junior college may take advantage of the courses.

Mr. Chambers acts as general supervisor and works with selected high school instructors, each in charge of a group of not more than ten students.

Citizens are co-operating in the program as counselors to those students who have proved to their co-ordinators that they are sufficiently informed about certain vocations to talk intelligently with their counselors.

A library of vocational and trade publications is being assembled at the high school for the use of students. Mr. Chambers has found the public readily co-operative in filling the shelves with the best industrial and professional journals.

Last year twenty-seven vocations were represented in the courses participated in by fifty-five seniors. The enrollment is voluntary.

Article describes research

The results of some detailed gas research by Richard Ducker, '38eng,'39ms, have been written into an article published in the engineering section of a January issue of *The Oil and Gas Journal*. It was prepared by Mr. Ducker in collaboration with Dr. R. L. Huntington, '17, director of the University's School of Chemical Engineering, under whose supervision the research was conducted.

The investigation pertains to the mixing of gases in porous media, such as a natural underground sandstone reservoir. The purpose of the work was to determine the economy of recycling dry gas into high pressure fields in the Gulf Coast region in order to conserve gas and to produce the distillate liquid satisfactorily.

The American Gas Association sponsored the research through an industrial fellowship which Mr. Ducker held last year. The work was done in partial fulfillment of the requirements for his master's degree. A discussion of the results was presented before the Galveston meeting of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers last fall.

Sooner's poem given recognition

A recognized writer of poetry, articles and fiction is Mrs. Lois White Billinger, '25ed, whose home is in Dixon, Illinois, in the beautiful Rock River Valley. Her poem, "Back to My Hills Again," has been chosen as one of four outstanding pastoral poems for 1939, besides having been printed in several magazines and in the nationally syndicated column, "Leaves of Laurel." The work is expressive of her love for the Ozark hills, where she was born.

Although her mother died when she was nine years old, Mrs. Billinger secured a complete education. She graduated from the University in 1925, and took graduate work in three other colleges. The next eight and a half years she spent teaching school.

The lure of writing was strong, and she resigned her teaching position to become a roving interviewer of eminent personages in America. She admits it wasn't a lucrative pursuit, but it has netted her a livelihood and is "fascinating from every angle." She has since turned out numerous newspaper "jingles," several historical

treatises and legends for magazines, and now her writing is made up of "verse for my soul, articles for my conscience, and fiction for my pocketbook."

One of Mrs. Billinger's tasks at the present time is serving as vice president for Illinois of *Blue Moon* poetry magazine, to which she contributes. She has two daughters, Anne, age seven, and Patricia Donna, five years old.

Elected by bar association

Three graduates of the University of Oklahoma were named executives of the Oklahoma Bar Association at the annual convention in December.

Hunter L. Johnson, '32,'34law, of Tulsa, was named vice president. Executive committee members include Coleman Hayes, '24,'26law, Oklahoma City, and Frank Nesbitt, '37, Miami.

Tribute to Crider

Football fans of Wewoka were so pleased with the record of their football coach, Frank Crider, '30, former Sooner football star, that they arranged to send him and Mrs. Crider to California to see the Rose Bowl Game.

The gesture of appreciation was described as "a recognition of a grand guy and a good workman."

Crider's name was among several mentioned last month by newspaper observers as possibilities for the vacancy in the Oklahoma coaching staff left by resignation of Dewey "Snorter" Luster, '22law.



Eleven members of the family of Dr. and Mrs. Harvey C. Hansen, of Norman, have been students in the University, according to a count made at the Christmas reunion shown above. Those in the picture are, left to right: Roger B. Hansen, Mount Pleasant, Utah; Mrs. Roger B. Hansen (Catherine Elizabeth Hall); Mrs. Henry R. Hansen (Mary Margaret Steward), Springfield, Missouri; Henry R. Hansen; Mrs. Harvey C. Hansen, Norman; Don L. Hansen, Shawnee; Dr. Hansen; Mrs. Ken H. Hansen (Mary Alice Larson), Maysville; Ken H. Hansen; Mrs. Tom P. Hansen (Lois Jean Woodward), Hobart; and Tom P. Hansen. The two children are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tom P. Hansen.