

Sooners at Home and Abroad

JOHAN H. CANTRELL, '21ba, '24law, Oklahoma City, is the new president of the Oklahoma Bar Association. He was elected at the organization's annual meeting held in Oklahoma City in late October.

Kenneth Abernathy, '31law, Shawnee, was named south district representative on the executive committee.

A member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association since 1939, Mr. Cantrell is an experienced director of bar activities. He is also a former president and former vice president of the Oklahoma County Bar Association.

Mr. Cantrell has been engaged, since his graduation from the University Law School, in private law practice, first in Tulsa, later in Oklahoma City. He is now a member of the Oklahoma City firm of Cantrell & McCloud, legal counsel for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Judge Royce Savage, '25ba, '27law, was a member of the firm before his appointment to the federal bench.

Coming to the University after attending high schools of four different towns, Durant, Poteau, Stigler, and Sapulpa, Mr. Cantrell made his mark in several fields. He was president of his freshman class; played both freshman and varsity football; was a member of Ruf Neks, was manager of the Junior Burlesque in '21; was named to Phi Delta Phi and the Order of the Coif, honorary legal fraternities, and Pe-et, senior honor organization.

Mrs. Cantrell (Lucille Farish, 24) also attended the University. They have one son, John Edward, 13.

Bombing School Commander

Major William R. Morgan, '27ba, is now commandant of Hickham Field, Hawaii, one of the world's largest bombing schools, and is instructing young lieutenants in the piloting of the army's massive "flying fortress." He has been there since March of this year.

After his graduation from Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, in 1929, and a period of advanced training at Mount Clemens, Michigan, he sailed to Hawaii for three years of foreign training. He was stationed at Wheeler Field, a new air base and a part of Schofield Barracks at Honolulu.

Back in the United States in 1934, he spent some time as an instructor at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, then for a year studied radio and gunnery in the army school at Rantoul, Illinois. He first became an instructor in operation of the "flying fortress" when he was transferred into the bombing division of the air corps and sent to March Field, California, three years ago.



John Cantrell, '21ba, '24law, new president of the Oklahoma Bar Association

Sooner Lost at Sea

D. C. "Charley" Blossom, '40, first Oklahoman to be accepted for the British Technical Corps, was one of 17 persons reported missing November 5 when a ship en route to England was sunk in the Atlantic.

Since 1937, Mr. Blossom was control engineer on the staff of radio station KOMA in Oklahoma City. After being accepted in August for the Technical Corps, he went to Montreal, Canada, for training. He was 31 years old.

Blossom and the 16 other persons were all American civilians who had enlisted in the Technical Corps for various kinds of non-combatant service in England and were skilled as radio and automobile mechanics and in various technical fields.

Formerly of Ardmore, Mr. Blossom enrolled in engineering physics at the University where he studied for about three years.

Re-elected

Two alumni of the University School of Geology, outstanding oil men of the Southwest, have been re-elected presidents of national organizations.

Frank Buttram, '10ba, '12ma, Oklahoma City, was chosen president again by members of the Independent Petroleum Association of America who met at Tulsa in October. He was a vice president of the group from its inception until he was named president last year.

He is a life member of the University of Oklahoma Association, a former chairman of the Board of Regents of the University,

a consistent church and civic worker in Oklahoma City.

Charles P. McGaha, '18, Wichita Falls, Texas, has been re-elected president of the National Stripper Well Association. He is vice president of Fain-McGaha Oil Corporation of Wichita Falls. He is also a director in the Independent Petroleum Association of America and a past president of the North Texas Oil and Gas Association.

Attend Inaugurations

Several alumni represented the University at inaugurations of presidents of educational institutions in the midwest this fall.

Ralph Brand, '33ba, '38ma, admission counselor of Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Missouri, conveyed the congratulations of the University to Harry Morehouse Gage upon his inauguration as president of Lindenwood College.

Representing O.U. at the inauguration of President Henry Gadd Harmon of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, was Dr. Beryl Freeman, '31ms. She is an osteopathic physician in Des Moines.

John T. Skelton, '30ba, '31lib.sci, represented the University at the inauguration of President Harlie Lawrence Smith at William Woods College, Fulton, Missouri. Mr. Skelton is head of the circulation department of the library of the University of Missouri, Columbia.

Technical Worker for Britain

Charles A. Kitchell, '29, who came to the University from Kansas City, Missouri, was on his way to England last month as a member of the Civilian Technical Corps, a group of skilled American technicians who volunteered to help operate and keep in repair equipment needed by the British.

Before being accepted for the service, Mr. Kitchell had to pass both a thorough technical examination administered by the United States Civil Service Commission, and a rigid physical examination. Men of this corps engage in non-combatant work only, and are paid good wages by Great Britain. They are also provided food, lodging, clothing and medical care.

Army Publicity Directors

Sooner alumni have taken charge of army journalism at Fort Sill. New public relations officer for the entire post is Lt. Millard Purdy, '38journ, advanced recently from the position of Assistant S-2 on publicity.

Lt. William R. (Bob) Clark, '36journ, has been made the assistant to succeed Lieutenant Purdy.

A former editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*, student publication, Lieutenant Purdy was employed by several state newspapers before answering the call to military service last fall. He was a reporter on the *Okla-*

homa News, the *Oklahoma City Herald*, the *Daily Oklahoman*, and was on the advertising staff of radio station KOCY, Oklahoma City.

Lieutenant Clark's duties as assistant S-2 of the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center include the handling of publicity for about 8,000 men.

Red Cross Executive

When millions of American citizens fastened white red-cross buttons to their lapels in late November, they became a part of the nationwide Red Cross roll call directed from Washington, D. C., by Howard Bonham, '20.

Director Bonham, former Oklahoma newspaperman, came by that title as a result of successive promotions in the Red Cross organization during the last ten years. Employing his newspaper experience to good advantage in the recent drive, he has emphasized the signing of "big names" on the roll call and the use of flashy, streamlined advertising for promotion purposes.

His own series of promotions began when he was asked to handle drouth relief publicity for the Red Cross in Oklahoma and Arkansas. Since then, he has been a member of the publicity department, director for the midwest area at St. Louis, Missouri, assistant to the general manager, and now national director of roll call.

In carrying out the nationwide campaign, Mr. Bonham carefully maps out a plan of attack, preparing publicity, organizing the actual program and delegating responsibility to regional headquarters which work out campaigns in their areas.

The director uses a newspaperman's technique to put the program over. He has initiative and ideas, makes contacts by traveling all over the country, and like a good reporter won't take "no" for an answer.



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Howard Bonham, '20, former Oklahoma newspaperman, who was national director of the Red Cross Roll Call held last month. He is shown with a campaign poster
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Since he came to Washington last January, Mr. Bonham has traveled nearly 15,000 miles in behalf of the Red Cross.

He attended the University and East Central State College, Ada, taking part in athletics, especially football, at both schools. His newspaper experience includes working on newspapers in Fort Smith, Arkansas; Muskogee, Shawnee and Sapulpa.

Navy Calls Hieronymous

William Woolsey Godlove, '30ba, '32law, county attorney of Comanche County, has been recommended by U. S. District Attorney Charles E. Dierker, Oklahoma City, as a successor to Tom Hieronymous, '33law, Mr. Dierker's assistant who has been called to Navy duty.

Recommendation of the 32-year-old Lawton attorney was made to the United States Attorney General. Mr. Godlove indicated he

would accept the appointment if offered. Before going to Lawton, he lived in Oklahoma City for several years.

Mr. Hieronymous, who has served two years as assistant U. S. district attorney, was formerly county attorney of Harper County at Buffalo. He is a lieutenant, junior grade, in the Naval Reserve.

Reunion in New Mexico

O. U. graduates attending the annual meeting of the State Bar of New Mexico held in October at Roswell were Don G. McCormick, '33law, Hobbs; Manford W. Rainwater, '40law, Tucumcari; A. B. Carpenter, '27law, Roswell; and Eva Thomas, '28ba, '32law, Santa Fe.

National Award

Mildred Ruth Clark, '31ba, home service supervisor of the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company, received the second of three awards given this year for the first time by *McCall's* magazine at a meeting of the American Gas Association in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The winners were selected on a basis of contributions to the advancement of better living in the home through promotion of gas appliances and equipment. Miss Clark, whose headquarters are in Tulsa, was awarded \$50 for second prize.

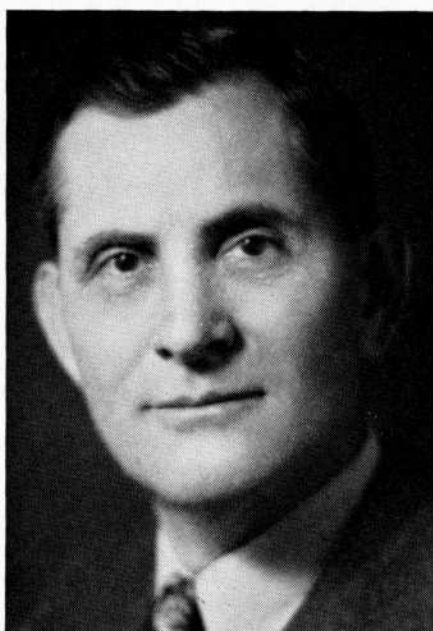
Since graduating from the University, she has been associated with the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company, directing cooking schools and giving demonstrations to increase the use of gas fixtures.

Miss Clark had an outstanding record at O. U., being a member of Mortar Board, Y.W.C.A. cabinet, Theta Sigma Phi, journalistic fraternity for women, and Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Hugh Ford with All-Stars

Tall, lanky Hugh Ford, '41, star center of the 1940-41 Sooner basketball team, was one of 15 players chosen from over the nation to play in an all-star basketball game scheduled November 28 in Chicago, Illinois.

Two hundred candidates were submitted by basketball coaches and sports writers for possible selection. Six-foot seven-inch Ford,



Two Sooners re-elected to head important organizations in the oil industry. Charles P. McGaha, '18, (left), again is president of the National Stripper Well Association. Frank Buttram '10ba, '12ma, has been re-elected president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America.



Hubert Paton, '23eng, aerial photographer in government service



Bernice Berry, '31 law, new president of the Women Lawyers Club of Oklahoma



A. Holmes Baldrige, '25ba, key figure in the government's anti-trust suits

who has been on Army duty at Fort Sill, was given a special leave of absence to play in the game.

At O. U., Ford was on the basketball team three years and participated in softball and baseball. Since graduating in June, he has been on active duty. Jimmy McNatt, '41eng, member of the 1939-40 squad, was selected a member of the all-star team last year.

Studying Electronics in England

Lt. Bert I. Lebow, '41eng, and Lt. Tal-mage Sollenberger, '37bs, '40ms, sailed in November for London, England, where they will spend the next year working with other members of an electronics training group.

During the year, the Sooners will drill with British army officers, attend a technical school for intensive study, and later will fly with pilots in the Royal Air Force for observation purposes.

On returning to the United States, the men are to give instruction in electronics, a combination of radio and television, used by the signal corps. Air raid warnings and the directing of airplanes by radio beams require a knowledge of electronics.

Lawton Group Organizes

John D. Shoemaker, '33m.ed, principal of Lawton Junior High School, has been elected president of a newly organized group consisting of O.U. alumni who are teaching in the Lawton public schools. Vanita Lee, '26ba, of the English department in Lawton High School, was elected secretary and reporter.

About 60 O.U. graduates registered at the organization meeting.

Aerial Photographer

Being a photographic navigator in the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey adds up to a great deal of responsibility for

Lt. Hubert Paton, '23eng, member of the survey since graduation from O. U.

Now on a special mapping assignment in eastern United States, Lieutenant Paton directs the flight of a huge twin-motored seaplane and the taking of aerial photographs with the largest aerial camera in this country and probably in the world.

The plane, a coast guard patrol bomber, has a special small-windowed cockpit at the tip of the fuselage. From this strategic point Lieutenant Paton observes the weather conditions and location, informs the pilot where to fly and supervises the lowering of the camera out of the back of the plane.

Being a veteran in the survey, the Sooner engineer knows how low or high to fly to get what he wants in a picture. Usual height for picture taking is around 6,000 feet, but if more surroundings are desired, the plane gains altitude before the shot is made. Occasionally pictures have been taken as high as 24,000 feet, making the use of oxygen masks necessary.

In order for Lieutenant Paton and the other seven members of the crew to work, the weather has to be excellent with no low lying clouds to mar the view. The large camera which he supervises weighs 300 pounds, takes nine pictures at one time on films that cost \$120 each. Photographs will be compiled into maps to be used by the government for national defense purposes.

Since he became associated with the geodetic survey, Lieutenant Paton's life has been vitally connected with many phases of its work. He has made surveys, topographic and contour maps on the California coast, Alaska, the Philippine Islands, Hawaiian Islands and recently on the Aleutian Islands where, among other things, a contour map of an active volcano was made. The geodetic survey was even a sort of Dan Cupid, for he met Mrs. Paton while aboard ship en route to the Philippines.

Heads Food Investigation

A. Holmes Baldrige, '25ba, Uncle Sam's trust buster No. 2, is directing the nationwide investigation of alleged restraint of trade in the food industry. The government has secured 25 separate indictments since the crusade began about six months ago, among which was the indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Oklahoma City in October against packing firms and their employees.

Mr. Baldrige is in charge of the trial section of the anti-trust division of the Department of Justice, second in rank to Thurman Arnold, head of the division.

An Oklahoma attorney, who still maintains his legal residence in Oklahoma City, Mr. Baldrige went to Washington seven years ago. He was first employed with the Federal Communications Commission. Since 1937 he has been in the Department of Justice.

He was an attorney for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission before he left the state.

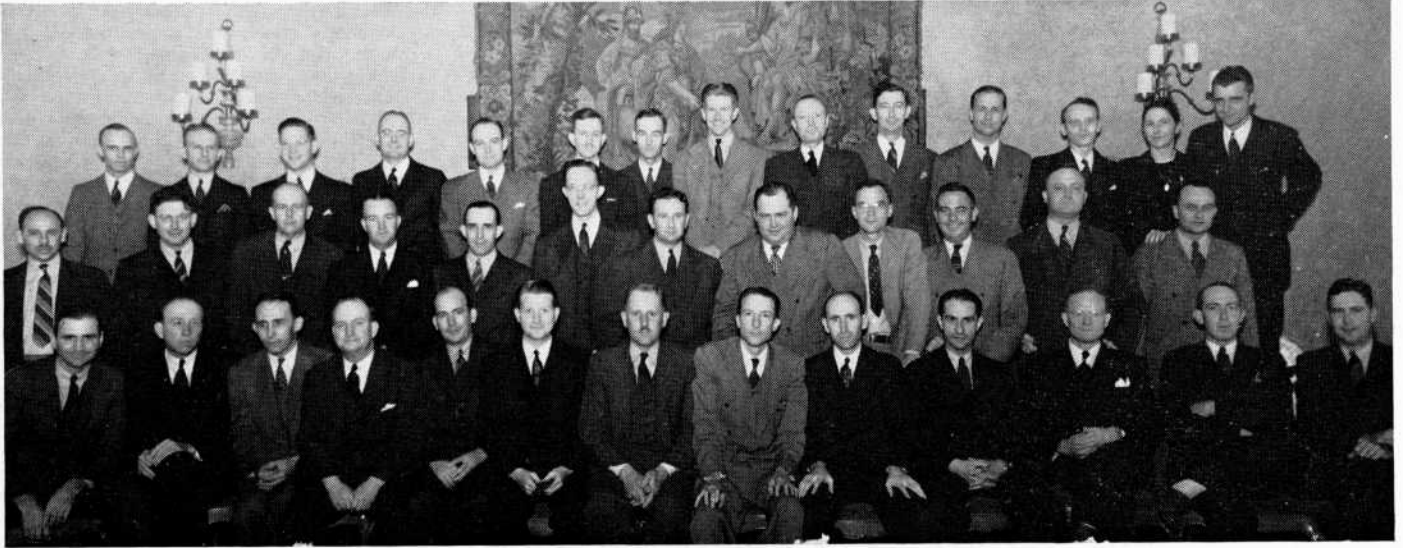
Pioneer Pharmacist Dies

Charles M. Brewer, '01pharm, pioneer pharmacist and member of the University's sixth graduating class in pharmacy, died of a heart ailment October 26. His home had been in Oklahoma City since 1925 when he moved there after 20 years in the drug business in Helena, Alfalfa County.

Born in Nebraska in 1876, he later moved with his parents to Pawnee Rock, Kansas, and graduated from Great Bend College before coming to Oklahoma.

He served as secretary of the State Board of Pharmacy during the Murray administration, and at one time was president of the southern jurisdiction of the National Pharmaceutical Association.

Survivors include Mrs. Brewer, a nephew, Charles E. Brewer, Oklahoma City, and



Photograph made at the '31 law class reunion the weekend of the Santa Clara game. Top row, left to right: Lloyd McKnight, Jack Rorschach, William Caler, Kenneth Abernathy, Ralph May, Merton Bulla, Ross Hume, Worth McCauley, Sam Neff, Robert Cox, O. M. Ginder, Harry Turner, Bernice Berry, R. B. Holtzendorff. Second row: Charles Keilin, Harold Dodson, Walter Scott, Weldon Ferris, William Greenshields, Robert Berry, Fred Mock, Melvin Neal, Lucius Babcock, Jr., Oran McCain, Omer Luellen, Ralph Gilchrist. Bottom row: Bill Vassar, Thad Klutts, Raymond Totoro, George Oliphant, Horace Ballaine, Gus Rinehart, Carter Todd, Charles Schwoerke, Herman Merson, Byron McFall, Ben Huey, James Blanton, Leonard Ralston.

two sisters, Mrs. C. W. Ross, Pawnee Rock, Kansas, and Mrs. Ellis Purlee, Sacramento, California.

Heflin in Movies Again

More orchids are being tossed to Van Heflin, '32ba, Oklahoma contribution to screen and stage. This time they are for his performance in the moving picture, *The Feminine Touch* in which he joins with Rosalind Russell, Kay Francis and Don Ameche to turn out a fast-moving comedy that movie critics have termed "one of the year's best."

Mr. Heflin first gained wide recognition as an actor on the New York stage as Katharine Hepburn's leading man in *The Philadelphia Story*.

Heads News Agency

Manager for State Press, a newly organized co-operative news-gathering agency in Oklahoma City, is Howard Wilson, '38 journ. He will have two full-time assistants working with him in preparing copy and mailing it to the weeklies and small-town dailies which are members of the organization.

The agency is an enterprise of State Senator Jim Nance, *Purcell Register*, and Joe W. McBride, '28bus, *Anadarko Daily News*.

Mr. Wilson went to Oklahoma City from Enid where he was editorial writer for the *Enid News* and *Eagle*. He has had a year's experience at the statehouse as a reporter for the *Tulsa World*. Previously he worked on the *Times-Herald*, *Dallas, Texas*, and during 1939 was an assistant editor for Street and Smith, New York publishing house, the *Radio Reporter* and the *Civil Service Leader*.

'31 Law Class Reunion

Forty-seven members of the Law Class of 1931 assembled in Oklahoma City and Norman the weekend of October 24 for a 10-year reunion. Those present represented about two-thirds of the entire class.

The reunion opened with a luncheon at noon October 24 in the Biltmore Hotel at Oklahoma City, followed by a banquet that night. The group moved to Norman the following day and at 11:15 a. m. gathered in the senior classroom of Monnet Hall where



Peggy Clay, '41journ, who wrote alumni personal items for *Sooner Magazine* for four years while a student, has left the *Anadarko Daily News* to take a position as reporter for the *Oklahoma City Times*

Victor H. Kulp, professor of law, called the roll from his old class book.

After the class meeting, a luncheon was held in the Union with husbands and wives and faculty members as guests. Seventy-two were present. The reunion ended with the group adjourning to attend the Sooner-Santa Clara football game.

Byron McFall, Oklahoma City attorney, is president of the class.

Class members who attended the reunion but are not in the picture accompanying this article are W. M. Fleetwood, Jr., H. Tom Kight, Jr., Gerald Sams, Joseph Birge, Howard Davis, B. B. Kerr, Mrs. Elizabeth Cox Lynn and Clyde Watts. Three members of the class, Edward Weinstein, Vernon Weddel and Gordon Fuller have died since graduation.

Women Lawyers Elect Officers

Bernice Berry, '31law, Oklahoma City, was elected president of the Women's Lawyers Club of Oklahoma at a joint meeting with the Oklahoma Bar Association held in Oklahoma City.

Other new officers are Louise Frisbie Black, '30law, Oklahoma City, first vice president; Beth Dale, '37law, Beaver, second vice president; and Pearl Gardner Coldiron, '40law, Enid, treasurer.

Blakemore Back in U.S.

His study in Japan cut short by the international tension, Thomas L. Blakemore, Jr., '36ba, '38law, is back in the United States. He had been in Tokyo for the past two years learning the Japanese language as an associate of the Institute of Current World Affairs, and had anticipated studying Japanese law after mastering the lan-

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penses, rents, and taxes including allowances for less-carload and passenger operating deficits, and 5¾ per cent return on the value of the property.

It is true that the density of traffic is greater in Official Territory than in the Southwest. This fact can be used to argue that the level of rates should be higher in the Southwest. But it can also be argued that a lower level of rates in this region would result in an increase in the density of traffic so that the total revenue of the railroads would be unchanged or even increased as compared with the amount of revenue derived from a high level of rates. This question as to the relation between density of traffic and the level of rates cannot be settled by the use of statistics. The only way to know the extent to which the volume of traffic will be increased by a lowering of rates is to lower the rates. But in view of the advantages of the Southwest in manufacturing, it is reasonable to believe that the removal of gross discrimination against this region would cause a marked increase in traffic.

The Southwest is in urgent need of a remedy for freight rate discrimination. The first possible remedy is to ask for readjustment by the Interstate Commerce Commission. A difficulty in using this remedy is that present legislation does not clearly specify that the Commission shall have complete regulatory power over discrimination between territories although certain provisions of law, if interpreted broadly might be used as a basis for territorial rate readjustments. A second possible remedy, in case the first is ineffective, is to pass new legislation to fully authorize or make mandatory territorial readjustments by the Interstate Commerce Commission. In this connection it is to be recalled that the first Interstate Commerce Act passed in 1887 originated from the influence of the West.

It is taken for granted that any remedy sought by the Southwest will be opposed by the Northeast. The industrial organization of the country is based on the present freight rate structure. To change this structure would cause wide-spread readjustment. The cost of this industrial readjustment to the nation must be considered. Nevertheless, the Southwest will not be satisfied to retard in its industrial development indefinitely because of vested interests in other sections.

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guage. His hope is to return later to continue his work.

Mr. Blakemore has been a student of international law since becoming associated with the Institute of Current World Affairs in 1938, after his graduation from the University School of Law.

Advertising Executive

One of the youngest executives in one of the nation's largest industrial firms, Lowry Crites, '30, is now director of media for General Mills, Minneapolis, Minnesota. This recent promotion puts him in a top position in his chosen field.

Mr. Crites' career as a Sooner student was relatively short, but none the less ardent, for he fervently claims Oklahoma as his alma mater. After graduating from a Junior College in Wichita Falls, Texas, his home town, he enrolled in the O.U. College of Business Administration in the fall of 1927. He worked in the oil fields the following year, but returned to O.U. for another year of business courses in 1929-30.

This in-and-out schooling was prearranged, however. With a friend, Tally Timmons, he had a co-operative educational agreement. One year Talley worked as roustabout in the oil fields, and sent Crites to school, and the next year—vice versa. They were at O.U. together only for the first semester of 1927, after which the flip of a coin sent Talley out to earn the education for that year.

Talley eventually got his degree in geology in 1932. By schedule, Crites should have received his the year before, but fate intervened, in the form of a job as accountant for General Mills in Oklahoma City. Something else that intervened was Miss Mary Jane Nelson of Wichita Falls. They were married in the fall of 1930.

The couple lived in Oklahoma City until 1933 when Crites was transferred by General Mills to Atlanta, where he was division sales manager for Gold Medal flour. In 1940 he was transferred to the main office in Minneapolis.

His experience in accounting and sales fitted him for the post of comptroller of advertising and this year he was promoted to the position of director of media. As such, Mr. Crites has responsibility for placing of several millions of dollars worth of advertising in magazines, newspapers and radio stations.

He is 35 years old, and although the description doesn't fit him any more his Sooner friends still call him "Skinny." He was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity basketball team which won the intramural championship in 1930, but his present exercise is confined to cribbage and an occasional game of golf. The Crites have one daughter, Jane Ann, 6 years old.

Masonic Honors

Three Sooners were among 25 Oklahomans honored at the biennial session of the Supreme Council of the southern jurisdiction of Scottish Rite Masons held in late October at Washington, D.C.

Elected to the 33rd degree in the Masonic order were O. Fisher Muldrow, '22, Ardmore, president of the Alumni Association; and Lewis S. Salter, '12fa, '17ba, Norman, dean of the O.U. College of Fine Arts.

Emerson N. Price, '30, Vinita, was elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor.

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