

Sooners at Home and Abroad



Mary Milburn, cowgirl-actress



Mona Jean Russell, attorney



Harrison B. Summers, radio executive

HARRISON B. SUMMERS, '21 ma, seasoned educator in the midwest, has gone east and has taken charge of an educational enterprise numbering among its "students" radio listeners in every section of the country. He is director of public service programs for the National Broadcasting Company's eastern division.

Designated as "public service programs" are those of a religious, cultural, educational, or especially informative nature. They constitute approximately 55 per cent of the network's broadcast hours.

Among the specific programs which Dr. Summers' division has aired during the past year are "America's Town Meeting of the Air," "The American Pilgrimage," "Great Plays," "Meet Edward Weeks," "On Your Job," "The Catholic Hour," "The Message of Israel," and others. Figures show that his department has handled 1,300 programs during the last 12 months in the educational and religious fields, including about 130 special one-time broadcasts.

There's more to the job, however, than numbers indicate. A great many of the public service programs with which he is concerned are presented in co-operation with various organizations—church councils, art groups, the Library of Congress, and the National Education Association, to name a few. Statistically, the network co-operated on broadcasts with 102 different groups of that sort. And that means that Mr. Summers' duties are anything but limited to issuing directions from behind a desk in Radio City.

Whether at his desk or not, he is a busy man. His typical day may be punctuated with intra-company meetings, conferences with co-operating organizations and their representatives, interviews with writers who have program ideas to offer, and other business with little direct application to program production. Another large block of his time is devoted to attending conventions and meetings—a dinner speech in Cleveland, a two-day convention at Detroit, a regional conference at Atlanta, or an executive's meeting at Chicago.

With it all he is able to handle efficiently his major task of planning programs and getting them on the air.

Mr. Summers' background for this work comes from 24 years he spent in the field of education. Before going to the National Broadcasting Company the first of this year, he had been an instructor since 1923 in the department of public speaking at Kansas State College. He taught classes in radio broadcasting, program production and research in subjects related to broadcasting.

His surveys of listening audiences in

Kansas and Iowa were an important contribution to the radio industry. He has also made special studies of radio problems for several midwestern stations.

A native of the midwest, he was born in Stanford, Illinois, in 1894. His college education was gathered from Fairmount College, now the University of Wichita, where he received a B. A. degree, O. U. where he earned his M. A., and the University of Kansas and University of Missouri, where he completed work for a Ph. D. degree.

He has taught in high schools in Oklahoma, Missouri, and Iowa, and in the University of Missouri and Kansas State College.

Mr. Summers, Mrs. Summers and their two children live in Fleetwood, New York.

Girl Is City Attorney

At the age of 19, Mona Jean Russell, '39ba, '41law, is serving as acting city attorney of Picher, Oklahoma. She graduated from the University School of Law last spring and was admitted to the bar a short time later. Miss Russell was designated by the mayor and city council to handle the job while her brother, George G. Russell, '34ba, '34law, is on leave of absence in the army.

Miss Russell, an honor student at the University, belonged to Chi Omega sorority. She was a co-ed counselor, member of Y. W. C. A. cabinet, and Panhellenic.

Big-Time Motion Pictures

Beautiful, brown-eyed Mary Milburn, '29, born and reared in Tulsa, has literally ridden into "big-time" motion pictures. She has been cast in an important role in Universal's newest Abbott and Costello feature, *Ride 'Em Cowboy*, after being chosen one of the seven most beautiful cowgirls in the world. Pulchritude and horsemanship were the standards for their selection.

Miss Milburn left the University five years ago to go to Hollywood. She completed a course of dramatic training in two years and began work in films as a dress extra, graduating in a short time to bits in drawing-room dramas. Although she has appeared in a total of 24 pictures, this latest is her biggest assignment. It is also her first chance in pictures to display her outstanding horsemanship.

Magaw Promoted

Elden S. Magaw, '28ba, '31law, has been appointed administrator of the Law School at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He has been professor of law at Temple since 1933. He practiced law in Oklahoma City the first

two years after his graduation from O. U.

Mr. Magaw was a member of Acacia social fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta and the Interfraternity Council while a student in the University. Mrs. Magaw is the former Mildred Holloway, '35ba.

Song Inspector

Thousands of new songs and thousands of new arrangements of old songs pour across the desk of Jack Summers, '37fa, '38m.music, every month in Washington, D. C. He is one of two musical examiners in the Copyright Office, Library of Congress, and is in charge of the division which handles all music submitted for copyright.

First treatment he gives a song that comes in for registration is checking it for form—composer's name, date, legibility, etc. He must then draw on his familiarity with innumerable musical compositions to decide if there is any attempt in it to violate the copyright law. If he believes that the applicant is seeking another copyright on previously copyrighted music to prevent it from becoming public domain, he turns to the voluminous files of music in the department, to prove or disprove his suspicion. Often extensive research is necessary to determine whether the particular composition or the particular arrangement may be approved. His decision determines whether the application is "passed" or whether it is turned over to the Department of Justice for possible prosecution.

Contrary to popular notion, Mr. Summers says, the Copyright Office has no authority to take cognizance of infringement by a "new" composition on one previously registered by another. The only right of action is in the person upon whose copyright privileges it infringes.

Mr. Summers, knowing how much music actually has been written is amazed at the facts that new music can still be turned out. Irving Berlin, he thinks, is most original of all contemporary composers. A few months ago he registered Irving Berlin's stirring national defense song, *Any Bonds Today?*

Jack Summers is more than qualified for the position he holds, one fixed requirement for which is a college degree in music. He secured the degree Bachelor of Fine Arts in Piano at the University in 1937, and the following year received the first master's degree in music conferred by the University of Oklahoma.

His interest in campus music was extensive. He was a member of the band, glee club, Sooner quartet, Kappa Kappa Psi, and Phi Mu Alpha. Occasions on which he was piano accompanist for vocal artists are innumerable, and he presented two public recitals unassisted.

By the end of this year Mr. Summers probably will have exchanged his Washington desk for an airplane cockpit. He expects to begin primary training in the

United States Army Air Corps in December.

Cities Service Geologists

Eight Sooners living in three southwestern states have at least two things in common—they are engaged in geological work and they are in the employ of the same company.

Those working as division geologists and scouts for Cities Service Oil Company include William F. Absher, '20ba, Alice Quesenbery, '36bs, and Z. E. Stucky, '30bs, all of Bartlesville; F. Mabry Hoover, '25bs, Oklahoma City; Theodore G. Fisher, '33bs, Odessa, Texas; Edwin Patterson, '30bs, '32ms, Wichita Falls, Texas; Robert L. Jones, '26ms, Houston, Texas; and John L. Fosness, '36, Hobbs, New Mexico.

Arizona Senator in the News

It's news when a freshman in Congress turns the tables on his seasoned colleagues, so Senator Ernest W. McFarland, '17ba, of Arizona, made the headlines in mid-September. He was the dissenting member of the Interstate Commerce sub-committee "packed" with leading isolationists.

Purpose of the sub-committee was to determine the need for an investigation of motion picture propaganda. Witnesses to testify against the movies were on hand and included such able strategists and debaters as Senator Nye of North Dakota and Bennett Clark of Missouri. Counsel for the Hollywood interests had been refused permission to cross-examine, so "minority" member McFarland began to do a little cross-examination on his own account.

His experience in Arizona as a successful court lawyer served him well. He handled the cross-examination in a way that made him a national "hero," according to Pete Edson, author of a syndicated column from Washington.

The *Daily Oklahoman*, Oklahoma City, took editorial notice of the incident:

"The real point of this story is that Senator McFarland was inadvertently put on the committee and he threw the whole investigation into reverse by asking Chairman Clark if he proposed a political censorship of the movies, and if not, what then? In fact, the freshman senator seems to emerge as the principal figure in the affair, and has achieved national fame... These boys go far when they have Oklahoma training."

Senator McFarland was born near Earlsboro, and spent his young manhood in Oklahoma. He attended East Central State College, Ada, and graduated from the University before migrating west.

Heads Geological Society

Petroleum geologist Gentry Kidd, '25 geol, San Antonio, Texas, is president of the South Texas Geological Society, one of the three official sections of the Ameri-

can Association of Petroleum Geologists. His term of service is one year.

The South Texas Geological Society covers one of the most active oil areas in the United States. It includes San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Austin, Victoria, Beeville, Laredo, McAllen and adjacent towns.

Since leaving the University, Mr. Kidd has been employed as geologist in San Angelo, Pampa and Midland, as well as San Antonio, Texas.

Yarbrough Returns Home

Tom Yarbrough, '32, former Oklahoma newspaperman, has returned to the United States on leave from his position with the Associated Press in London. He has been there for two years, has seen the heaviest of the bombing raids of the Germans, and has had a number of narrow escapes himself.

After leaving school, Mr. Yarbrough, a native Oklahoman, went to work for the *Oklahoma City Times*. He joined the Associated Press in Oklahoma City in 1935. The service transferred him to its St. Louis bureau the next year and then to Kansas City, where he became night supervisor in 1938. He went to London in September, 1939.

Wins Insurance Honors

Eugene Kendall, '32ba, '34ma, and Mrs. Kendall (Dorothy Detrick, '31), of Norman, enjoyed a trip to Sun Valley, Idaho, in September as a result of outstanding work done by Mr. Kendall for the New York Life Insurance Company, which he represents in Norman. He turned in the largest amount of business during the last year of any representative of the company in Oklahoma, and also wrote the second greatest number of applications during the calendar year 1940 of any representative of the company in the entire United States. The trip awarded Mr. Kendall was to attend a meeting of the company's "Top Club" at Sun Valley.

Army Fliers Killed

The national defense program is beginning to take its toll from the ranks of O. U. alumni. Four died in late August and September in airplane crashes.

Maj. Fred H. Murchison, '25ba, was killed September 7 when the plane in which he and another high air corps officers were making an official flight crashed near Rockville, Indiana. He was assistant superintendent at Scott Field, Illinois.

Born in Washington, D. C., he came to Oklahoma in early youth. His home was in Tahlequah and later in Muskogee. Survivors include a sister, Mrs. J. C. Denton, Tulsa, a brother in New York, and two others in Los Angeles, California.

Lt. John J. Mitchell, '40, died in a two-plane crash in California late in August. He was stationed at March Field.

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Lieutenant Mitchell, who was 23 years old, attended high school at Pawhuska. His father, Joseph D. Mitchell, is a Pawhuska attorney.

Capt. O. C. Appleton, '33bus, was fatally injured when an army airplane crashed September 28 in an Oklahoma wheat field, on return to Fort Sill from a routine training flight to Hensley Field, Dallas. Captain Appleton entered military service last December as a lieutenant in the Reserve Corps, and received a captain's commission in the Field Artillery.

Before going into army service he was in the pumping and gauging department of the Humble Refining Company at Baytown, Texas. At one time he was commanding officer of a CCC camp at Madisonville, Texa.

J. C. Foster, '40, civilian flying instructor for the Army Air Corps, met his death in September in a crash near Hicks Field, Fort Worth, where he had been since June. He was 21 years old.

Surviving him are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Foster, Oklahoma City, and a brother, Lt. Maurice C. Foster, stationed at Hope, Arkansas.

Geologist Fatally Injured

Holmes C. Wheeler, '25geol, independent oil geologist of Midland, Texas, died in an automobile accident near Midland in late September. He was reared in Marlow, Oklahoma, attended the University, and immediately thereafter went to work as geologist for the Healdton Oil and Gas Company at Enid. He was also chief geologist for the Eason Oil Company for several years before moving to Midland as an independent oil geologist.

Mr. Wheeler was a member of Phi Gamma Delta social fraternity.

Survivors include Mrs. Wheeler and a daughter at Midland, and his mother at Marlow.

Senator Curnutt Dies

H. M. Curnutt, '16, president pro tem of the State Senate during the Eighteenth Legislature, was fatally injured when an automobile struck him on U. S. Highway 64, near Bixby, September 21. He had been picking wild flowers on the side of the road to take to his mother's grave and in re-crossing the highway to his car stepped into the path of the incoming automobile.

Flags flew at half mast on the State Capitol in mourning for his death and Governor Phillips paid him tribute for "the distinguished service that he has rendered the State."

Senator Curnutt had never married. He was born in Talihina 47 years ago and attended high school there. He spent a year at the University and later went to Cumberland Law School.

During World War I, he served 14

months in France. On returning to Oklahoma he worked for the M. K. & T. Railroad in Yale, Oklahoma, and later for the Barnsdall Oil Company at Barnsdall before beginning the practice of law.

Fordham Centennial

The University of Oklahoma was represented at the Centennial Celebration at Fordham University, New York by Hughes B. Davis, '17ba, executive in the sales promotion division of Cities Service in New York City. It was "one of the most inspiring programs that I have had the privilege of attending," he reported. Mr. Davis is chairman of the O. U. Alumni Advisory Council in New York City.

There were 576 colleges and institutions of higher learning represented. The president of the United States sent Vice President Wallace to convey his congratulations, and the governor of the State of New York and the mayor of New York City were in attendance.

New Law Firm

A new law firm in Oklahoma City has been established by a group of O. U. Law School alumni under the firm name Ames, Monnet, Hayes and Brown, with offices at 1122 First National Building.

In formation of the new firm October 1, Mart Brown, '29law, and James D. Fellers, '36law, formerly of 2305 Ramsey Tower in Oklahoma City, consolidated with Ben Allen Ames, '16ba, '19law, J. C. Monnet, Jr., '20ba, '22law, Coleman H. Hayes, '24ba, '26law, Fisher Ames, '30law, and James W. Cochran, '34ba, '36law.

Called to Service

More Sooner reserve officers are being called into active military service every month. Orders received by most of the Oklahomans directed them to report to Fort Sill for physical examination. They go from there to their assigned posts, unless orders are revoked. Some of the O. U. men called recently are:

- Lt. Joshua F. McVey, '36ba, '36law, Chandler.
- Lt. Glen A. Armstrong, '37bus, Vian.
- Lt. William Gluckman, '32eng, Ada.
- Lt. R. Gladson Turnbull, '37bus, Oklahoma City.
- Lt. Clarence D. Northcutt, '37law, '39ba, Ponca City.
- Lt. Richard W. Aust, '28bus, Chickasha.
- Lt. George A. Inglis, '38bus, Norman.
- Lt. William B. Armstrong, '40geol, Oklahoma City.
- Lt. Elmer D. Cain, '38eng, Woodward.
- Lt. Stephen S. Sanger, '26ba, '39ed.m, Chickasha.
- Lt. Ray T. Figley, '30bus, Waurika.
- Lt. Harold L. Gasaway, '36ba, '36law, Fairview.
- Lt. Harold J. Hedges, '36fa, Atoka.
- Lt. Woodrow W. Leaf, '38bus, Oklahoma City.
- Lt. Joseph G. Casey, '39bus, Henryetta.
- Lt. Elmer Hale, Jr., '41ba, McAlester.

- Lt. Ben Harned, Jr., '36ba, Bartlesville.
- Lt. Robert R. Rothrock, '39eng, Oklahoma City.
- Lt. Montgomery B. Stewart, Jr., '39bus, Oklahoma City.
- Lt. Maurice D. Johnson, '41ba, '41ed, Edmond.
- Lt. Thad E. Hummel, '38ba, Tulsa.
- Lt. Willie E. Bryan, '27, Lone Wolf.
- Lt. George E. Dodson, '38bs, '40med, Muskogee.
- Lt. Benjamin Cohen, '40eng, Tulsa.
- Lt. William H. Pretty, '30pharm, Ardmore.
- Lt. Frank J. Heller, '40eng, Bartlesville.
- Lt. George L. Sneed, Jr., '37law, Bartlesville.
- Lt. Richard W. Aust, '28bus, Chickasha.
- Lt. Paul N. Atkins, Jr., '35, Tulsa.
- Lt. Harold L. Crites, '33pharm, '33bs, Watonga.

Two Narrow Escapes

Few pilots in the United States Army Air Corps are as lucky as Lt. James Bruce Morehead, '38. During September a pursuit ship he was piloting collided in mid-air with another army plane, but the only bad effects he experienced were the minor ailments he contracted from parachuting into a mud flat on the shore of San Pablo Bay.

Last June another pursuit ship he was flying caught fire. He knew what to do then, too, and lost no time in reaching the earth via parachute.

Before he turned to aviation, Lieutenant Morehead, had intended to be a zoologist. His chief interests were research and wildlife sketching.

He is now stationed at Hamilton Field, California. Besides working with the speedy P-40's, he is learning to pilot the army's new flying fortresses.



Campus Review

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city will augment exhibits in O. U.'s Museum of Geology and Paleontology. As a result of the new grant, excavation crews will work in three locations in the state to unearth additional fossils... Total NYA allotment for the University has been cut approximately 30 per cent in comparison with last year's allotment. This year's sum, \$57,645, will be distributed among 427 students at an average of about \$12.50 per student... Student loans made possible at the University by the Lew Wentz Foundation have decreased about 50 per cent, an annual report released by Emil R. Kraetli, University secretary, shows. Only 120 students borrowed money during the school year 1940-41 as compared with 217 for the year before.

► O. U.'s School of Drama, the second largest among colleges and universities in the nation, began its fifteenth year this September with an enrolment of 160 major students. Drama classes have become quite cosmopolitan with students attending from London, England; Vienna, Aus-