

Sooners at Home and Abroad

SCATTERED over the globe, from Alaska to South America, are 615 graduates of the School of Home Economics at the University, who are employed in a variety of occupations.

Since the school was established in 1917, 625 bachelor's degrees and 40 master's degrees have been conferred, Dr. Helen B. Burton, director of the school, reveals in an annual report.

Alumnae are located in 30 states of the Union, with the greatest number, 411, in Oklahoma. Texas is second with 56, and California is third with 23 alumnae.

Three who live in foreign countries are Joyce Harris Kendrick, '33h.ec, Fairbanks, Alaska; Lorene Wynn Maddox, '32h.ec, Negritos, Talara, Peru, South America; and Evelyn Bowlen Higgins, '38h.ec, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Most of the alumnae, 393, are engaged in homemaking. Others are employed as teachers, 130; dietitians in hospitals and institutions, 31; workers in government agencies, 27; home service demonstrators for public utilities companies, 11; nurses, 2.

Twenty-five home economics alumnae are teaching or working in colleges and universities, some of which are as far apart as New York and California.

Outstanding alumnae include Marie Banks, '33m.ed, assistant state supervisor of home economics in the New York State Department of Education; Emma Lee Bond, '32ed, '33h.ec, '35ms, regional chief of home management for the Federal Security Administration; Mrs. George E. Calvert (Maude Reichman, '20ms), former state president of the Oklahoma Parent-Teacher Association; Louise Esch, '30h.ec chief dietitian at Stanford University Hospital, San Francisco, California; Gertrude Flanagan, '31h.ec, '38ms, supervisor of home economics at Cherokee Indian School and Reservation, Cherokee, North Carolina; Allene Harper Snelson, '29h.ec, who has charge of Women's and Professional Projects for the WPA in Oklahoma and has been selected to organize similar work in Puerto Rico; Maxine Turner, '32h.ec, nutritionist in the Oklahoma State Health Department; Louise Wilkonson, '24h.ec, chief dietitian at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri; and Mrs. J. M. Brandon (Frances Mahier, '30h.ec, '34m.ed), who has originated designs for women's clothing using Indian motifs.

"No. 1 Citizen"

Frank A. Buttram, '10ba, '12ma, Oklahoma City oil man and civic leader, received an honorary LL. D., degree at the 1941 commencement exercises of Phillips University, Enid.



Maurice "Doc" Ruppert, former Sooner basketball star, is mayor of Sand Springs

The degree is the first of its type presented by the university in the last two years. Mr. Buttram gave the commencement address for the 102 graduates.

In conferring the degree upon the Oklahoma City oil man, Dr. Eugene S. Briggs, president of the university, referred to his activities as a civic and church leader and to his prominence in the petroleum industry. He introduced Mr. Buttram as "Oklahoma's No. 1 citizen."

Ruppert Is Mayor

A follower in his father's footsteps is M. O. Ruppert, '25ba, who has been elected mayor of Sand Springs, a post held by his dad, George Ruppert, from 1921 to 1923.

A civic leader in Sand Springs, Mr. Ruppert is president of the Chamber of Commerce and is chairman of the Selective Service Board. He, like his father, is a Republican, but was elected in a heavily Democratic community.

Among alumni, Mr. Ruppert will be remembered as a football and basketball player during his college days. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta and active in many student affairs.

Successively, he has been football and basketball coach at Kiefer High School, director of athletics at McAlester High School, and director of athletics at Eastern Oklahoma Junior College, Wilburton. For the last twelve years he has operated a general insurance agency in Sand Springs.

Mrs. Ruppert is the former Sue Helen Hailey, '25fa. They have one daughter, Suzy, two years old.

Heads Masonic Order

The second Oklahoman ever to become head of a Masonic order extending over both the United States and Canada is Dr. Leonard Williams, '20med, Oklahoma City physician.

Dr. Williams was elected to the honor at the international convention held in St. Louis, Missouri. His title is supreme watchman of the shepherds of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

St. Louis Alumni Elect

John Glaze, '28eng, has been elected president of the O. U. alumni Club at St. Louis, Missouri. Other officers elected are Dr. J. B. Barger, '31med, first vice president; Mrs. Irene Davis Snider, '23, second vice president; Enid Bashford, secretary, and E. J. Merritt, '33law, treasurer.

Jean Mauk Christmas Dies

An alumna to whom Oklahoma owes a great deal for the organization of its State Library Commission, Mrs. Earl Christmas (Jean Marie Mauk, '16ba), died in May in St. Paul, Minnesota, after an illness of nine months.

Funeral services were held in St. Paul. Only survivor is her husband, Mr. Christmas, '13ba, whom she married in 1921.

Mrs. Christmas was working toward a master's degree in library science at Columbia University, New York, when ill health forced her return home last August. Following her graduation from the University, she taught English and wrote articles about libraries. She and Mrs. J. R. Dale organized the State Library Commission. After she moved to Minnesota, Mrs. Christmas frequently returned to Oklahoma to visit and for special library work.

Utility Executive

C. E. Bathe, '25eng, '33ba, an employee of the Oklahoma Gas and Electric company for 14 years, has been appointed superintendent of engineering of the company to succeed the late Roscoe Schaeffer.

Mr. Bathe is a former member of the faculty of the College of Engineering at the University. He joined the O. G. and E. electrical department in 1927 and was appointed superintendent of standards in charge of the electrical laboratory six months later.

In November, 1936, he became electrical engineer in the electric laboratory where he worked until the recent appointment. Mr. Bathe is a member of Phi Beta Kappa,



The University is represented by its alumni in most of the major army and navy training stations. In the picture on the left, C. E. Davidson, '38 (standing) and W. D. McLennan, '40 (left) and R.C. Benton, '40, do their evening "home work" in preparation for ground school classes at the U. S. Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi, Texas. In the middle panel are four Sooners who last month completed their basic training period as flying cadets in the Army Air Corps at Randolph Field, Texas. They are: upper left, Waddy Young, '39, former Sooner football star; upper right, Henry L. Weber, '40; lower left, Victor E. Warford, '40bs; and lower right, Leland N. Calvert, '40bus. The picture on the right shows a basic training plane used at Randolph Field.

honorary scholastic society, and Sigma Tau, honorary engineering fraternity.

He is a past chairman of the Oklahoma City section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, a member of the Oklahoma Society of Professional Engineers, and of the Oklahoma City Engineering club.

Probation Officer

Reginald Williams, '31ba, '32ma, has been appointed chief federal probation officer for the eastern district of Oklahoma to succeed John Ed Franklin, probation officer since 1935.

Mr. Williams, former deputy collector of internal revenue at Muskogee, is a native of Idabel. He attended Murray State School of Agriculture, Southwestern State College, and is a graduate of the University.

He directed athletics at Haworth High School before joining the coaching staff at Idabel High School which won the Kiamichi Valley Conference for two years.

Army Assignments

Included among 16 new faculty members assigned to the Fort Sill Field Artillery school by the war department are Carl N. Chambers, Jr., '35bus; Howard O. Holt, '36ba, '38fa, '40m.ed; John P. Remy, '38bus; and John F. Taylor, '36ba, '39law.

Tilden D. Bradford, Jr., '40, was among five Fort Sill officers transferred to the Hawaiian Department. Capt. Clinton Shockey Maupin, '30ba, '32bs.med, Lawton reserve officer, now assigned to the Philippine medical department, was ordered to continue on active duty another year.

Lt. Perry Edwin Hewitt, '37med, Mus-

kogee, Medical Corps reserve officer, was ordered to active duty and assigned to the Lawson general hospital, Atlanta, Georgia. Orders to continue on active duty another year were given Lieutenants Neal Ralph Day, '37, Hawaiian department air corps; Marshall Judson Anderson, '37, and Dorwood Cecil Stephens, '39, both on duty with the Philippine department.

Mrs. Ross Hume Dies

Funeral services for Mrs. C. Ross Hume, prominent Oklahoma clubwoman and former teacher, were held May 18 at Anadarko, where she had been a leader since 1904 when she came to Caddo county to teach in the Presbyterian Mission School.

Survivors include her husband, C. Ross Hume, '98ba, '00ma, one of the first two Bachelor of Arts graduates at the University; two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Hume Hammond, '34ba, '37law, and Mrs. Betty Hume Black, '36h.ec; and one son, Ross G. Hume, '29ba, '31law.

Mrs. Hume was born February 10, 1883, at Red Oak, Brown County, Ohio. She married Mr. Hume August 20, 1907, and they made their home in Anadarko where they had lived for the past 34 years.

In 1936 Mrs. Hume was president of the University Mothers' Association. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a member and past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was state chairman of the home safety department of the Oklahoma Federation of Women's Clubs.

Library Alumni Officers

Josephine Paxton, '29ba, '32lib.sci, Norman, is serving as president of Library Science Alumni this year. Other officers

elected in a mail ballot are Eloise Wheeler, '31ba, '33lib.sci, Weatherford, first vice president; Mary Evelyn Potts, '30ba, Norman, second vice president; and Goldie Barnett, '30lib.sci, Norman, secretary-treasurer.

Norris Reappointed

Reappointment of Granville T. Norris, '29, former Sooner football player, as marshal of the eastern district of Oklahoma has been approved tentatively by the U. S. Senate Judiciary Committee, pending study of Justice Department reports.

Mr. Norris became acting marshal late in 1936 to fill the unexpired term of the late Samuel E. Swinney, Durant, who died in office. His appointment came early in 1937 and he has served as marshal since that time. The office has a four-year term.

Before his federal appointment, Mr. Norris, known to football fans as "Gran-ny," was in the insurance business and later served as coach.

The club last month was making plans for its annual boat ride, to be held in early July.

Gentry Joins F. B. I.

Lt. W. C. "Spot" Gentry, '29, has resigned from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol to accept an appointment by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

Lieutenant Gentry, a veteran officer and crack pistol shot, will be remembered by alumni as an all-Big Six football player. Later, he was coach at Pryor High School and played professional football.

In the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Lieutenant Gentry had charge of the northern half of the state.