

Sooners at Home and Abroad

DAVE E. Hilles, '21ba, hardware salesman of Stillwater, has taken office as United States marshal for the western Oklahoma district, succeeding to the position left vacant several months ago by the death of Joe Ballard.

Both Senator Elmer Thomas and Senator Josh Lee recommended Mr. Hilles for the appointment. He has been a close friend of Senator Lee since University days. They met on a trip of the O.U. Glee Club in 1916, when Mr. Hilles sang second tenor and Senator Lee gave monologues.

Mr. Hilles began an active student career on the campus in 1916 by being elected president of the freshman class. During his four years at the University he held a position in the glee club and also sang in the University Quartet. A member of Beta Theta Pi social fraternity, he was its Interfraternity Council representative for two years.

When the United States entered World War I, Mr. Hilles volunteered for service, but was not sent abroad. He returned to the University and graduated in 1921 after taking part in other campus organizations. He was business manager of the 1920 *Sooner Yearbook*, member of several class committees, and was elected in 1921 to the honorary leadership fraternity, Pe-et.

After graduation Mr. Hilles went back to his home town of Sapulpa, where he was owner-manager of the Hilles-Finney Hardware Company until 1925. During the next three years he managed a hardware concern in Denison, Texas. Since 1928 he has been a sales representative of Shapleigh's Hardware Company, St. Louis, Missouri, and his home has been in Stillwater.

Mr. Hilles married Olive Robertson, '22, in Oklahoma City in 1922. She is an instructor in speech at Oklahoma A. and M. College. Mrs. Hilles is a daughter of former governor J. B. A. Robertson. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta at the University.

Their two children, Jeanne, 17, and David, Jr., 15, are a senior and junior, respectively, in high school at Stillwater.

The family plans to move to Oklahoma City at the close of the school term.

FHA Administrator

Appointment of Don Nicholson, '24, as Oklahoma director of the Federal Housing Administration was confirmed last month on recommendation of Senators Josh Lee and Elmer Thomas.

Mr. Nicholson has been in the real estate and insurance business in Oklahoma City in recent years. He formerly was a district director of the Work Projects Administration.

Thousands of University alumni remem-



Above are two Sooners who last month began their duties as appointees to responsible federal government positions at Oklahoma City. Left is Don Nicholson, newly appointed administrator for the Federal Housing Administration. On the right is Dave Hilles, new United States marshal at Oklahoma City.

ber him as co-manager of the Varsity Shop on "The Corner" in Norman for a number of years during the twenties. His wife, Mrs. Ruth Anderson Nicholson, '29bs, is also a Sooner. Mr. Nicholson is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

An ardent booster of the red and white on the football field, he has not missed an O.U. home game for many seasons. He was a football player himself when he was enrolled in the University.

Mr. Nicholson succeeds another University man, Freeman Galt, '17, who resigned the position of FHA administrator to enter private business in San Antonio, Texas. He had held the position for four years.

Supports Aid for Britain

An adequate peace program calls for provisions to "Keep war out of America" as well as to "Keep America out of war," Senator Josh Lee, '17ba, of Norman, declared in a recent address to the United States Senate.

Senator Lee declared that advocacy of a strong national defense program to resist external forces operating outside the nation to force war upon it is not inconsistent with past efforts to keep the nation at peace.

"There has been confusion in the minds of some Americans because of a failure to separate the two methods of getting involved in war," Senator Lee said.

"Before the rise of Hitler it was neces-

sary for America to think only in terms of removing all internal incentive to war. By doing that and by following a good neighbor policy we had every reason to believe we could avoid war. Undoubtedly this was true at that time.

"But when the military power of Germany became strong enough, it immediately became a threat to American peace from an external point of view, regardless of what policy the United States might pursue."

Senator Lee favored the lend-lease bill to aid England, declaring that "England is the only barrier between Hitler's blitzkrieg and the American youth."

Honor for Dora Stewart

As a crown to her accumulation of teaching honors, Dr. Dora Ann Stewart, '21ma, '31ph.d., of Southwestern State College, Weatherford, this year received the Oklahoma Education Association medal for the outstanding teacher of the state. In making the award Clyde M. Howell, '15ba, '36ed.m, secretary of the association, especially acknowledged her thirty-two years of service to Southwestern.

Since first going to Weatherford in 1909, Dr. Stewart has been head of the department of social sciences. Her achievements and honors, however, have not been confined to that field.

During the World War, in appreciation of her organization of a Student

Army Training Corps unit, she was presented with a large silk flag. Her history classes later erected a flag pole set in a concrete slab bearing her name.

Alumni and faculty members of Southwestern gathered at a banquet in 1934 to celebrate her twenty-fifth year on the campus. They presented to her the cap and gown she earned in 1931 when she became the second person to receive the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Oklahoma. Dedication of the new girls' dormitory as "Stewart Hall" last year brought her another honor.

Both statewide and national recognition have been accorded Dr. Stewart. Her book *History of the Government and Development of Oklahoma Territory* has found a place in the leading libraries of Oklahoma and other states. Also Dr. Stewart was one of the fifty persons in the United States to be invited, with all expenses paid by the Carnegie Foundation of International Peace, to attend a four weeks course of international law lectures at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1938.

Dr. Stewart's beautiful home in Weatherford is another interest she has. Her generous hospitality has become almost a tradition. She is hostess at numerous formal and informal dinners; clubs meet in her home; parties are held there.

A member of the Baptist church, she has also given much of her time to promoting religious interest among the students. The Baptist youth organization met regularly at her home until a hall was recently provided.

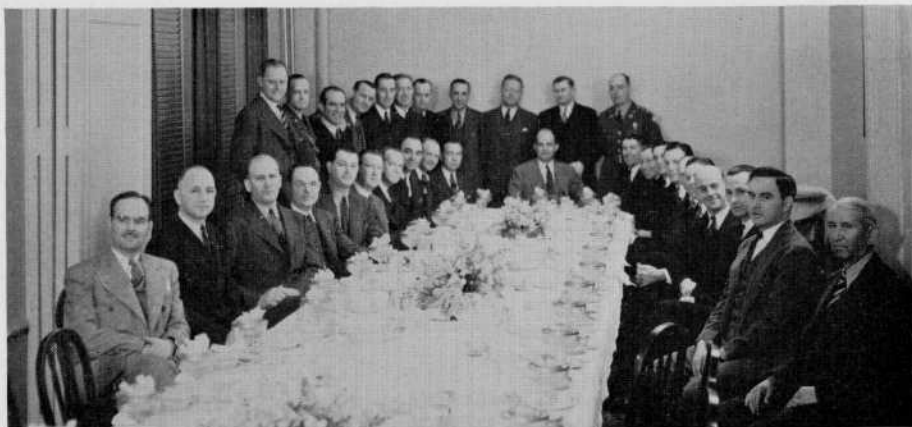
Her life at Southwestern has been a solid record of service.

Conferences

Five hundred and forty-eight persons registered for six intensive study programs held on the campus last month. The Fourth Annual School for Retail Pharmacists and Sales Personnel, sponsored by the School of Pharmacy and the Pharmaceutical organizations of the state, was studded with nine out-of-state speakers, each an expert in his field.

An excellent talk on advertising was given by O. C. Brown, advertising manager of the *Oklahoman* and *Times* of Oklahoma City. Harry Noel of Eli Lilly Company, Indianapolis, discussed "The Bigness of Little Things" which emphasized the importance of trained personnel. E. R. Squibb and Sons of New York City, sent Vice-President Robert A. Hardt to speak on "Developing Prescription and Professional Business." Another highlight in the program was the talk by Elmer Wheeler of New York City, who advised the druggists to increase sales by "making selling sizzle."

Numerous requests have been received by Boyd Gunning, director of Short Courses, Extension Division, for copies of the speeches made at the course. A mimeographed summary of the entire program



Member of the Law Class of '27 at their reunion dinner held last month to honor two of their distinguished classmates. At the head of the table is State Senator Joe Thompson, who was in charge of arrangements. On Senator Thompson's right is one of the honor guests, Federal Judge Royce Savage, and on his left is the other special guest, Judge Dick Jones of the State Criminal Court of Appeals.

has been prepared and is available to any druggist desiring a permanent record of this useful information.

A course to study the problems confronting University Hostesses was started February 25, and will continue throughout the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Dwight Aultman, president of the Hostesses' Association and hostess at the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house, stated, "The six topics selected for discussion in this series are extremely important to members of our organization."

At the first session Dr. Alice Sowers, director of the Oklahoma Family Life Institute, talked on the subject "Untying Apron Strings." On March 11, Dr. M. P. Prosser, gave a talk on the "Psychological Foundation of Human Behavior." Dr. Prosser, formerly of the Central State Hospital, is now on duty with the U. S. Army at Fort Sill. Later topics to be studied will be "Developing Social Confidence," "Typical Student Problems," and similar subjects.

A Recreation Short Course was conducted March 3 to 15 by Miss Ima James, head of the department of physical education for women, for a limited enrolment of 21 persons. This two-weeks course is one of a series held to train recreation leaders of the University-sponsored WPA Recreation Project.

Dean E. D. Meacham of the College of Arts and Sciences assisted the departments of biological sciences in conducting a conference for teachers of science. The conference began with a talk by Dr. O. J. Eigsti, assistant professor of botany at the University, on "Practical Applications of Botanical Research." The talk was in the University Public Lecture Series, and was broadcast over radio station WNAD.

Dr. F. L. Fitzpatrick, professor of natural sciences, Columbia University, discussed various problems of teaching biological sciences.

A lively panel discussion was led by

Glenn Couch of the University botany department. The participants were Ben Ogden, principal of the high school, Ardmore; E. E. Halley, chief high school inspector, State Department of Education; James Harlow, Northeast High School, Oklahoma City; Wallace Coyner, Ponca City High School; Leo Mericae, Duncan High School, and Dr. L. H. Bally, head of the biology department, Northeastern State College, Tahlequah.

About sixty students participated in the Oklahoma Junior College Forensic Association tournament held on the campus under the direction of T. M. Beard.

Another important conference on the calendar for March was the Southwestern Welding and Machining Conference March 20 and 21, sponsored by the College of Engineering. About 250 welders and machinists were expected to attend.

'27 Law Class Reunion

To honor two of their outstanding classmates, Federal District Judge Royce Savage, '25ba, '27law, Tulsa, and Criminal Court of Appeals Judge Dick Jones, '27law, Oklahoma City, members of the law class of 1927 staged a reunion banquet in Oklahoma City March 1. It was their first gathering since 1936.

Of the fifty living members of the class, thirty-five attended the meeting. Each man made a short talk telling where he lives, what he has been doing, and paying compliments to his classmates in the judiciary.

Joe B. Thompson, '27ba, '27law, state senator from Ardmore, who was in charge of the dinner, was elected chairman of a permanent committee to arrange future reunions.

Death Takes Two Educators

Heart ailments took the lives of two state educators in Edmond last month, John T. Butcher, '28ma, and Ernest L. Howell, '15ba, '35ed.m. Mr. Butcher was professor of education and Mr. Howell professor of

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physics at Central State College. Death came unexpectedly for both men.

Mr. Butcher, 62 years old, had been teaching and lecturing in Oklahoma since 1901. He was first principal of Chickasha High School, served several terms as superintendent of schools at Blackwell, and was head of the mathematics department at Tonkawa Preparatory School. He joined the faculty of Central State College in 1926 and for several years was director of the teacher training school there.

Surviving him are Mrs. Butcher, a daughter, Helen, student at the University of Michigan, and a son, John, Jr., physician at Sarasota, Florida.

A native of Missouri, Mr. Howell, 55, came to Oklahoma as a child. He has been on the Central faculty since 1918. He served as principal of the high school at Geary and as superintendent at Fort Cobb and Marlow before going to Edmond.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Rex Lafferty, of Tulsa and a son, Scott, University junior.

Heads Young Democrats

Woody Hunt, '36ba, an employee of the State School Land Department, was elected president of the State League of Young Democrats at the annual convention held in Muskogee.

Milsten Poem Made Official

"Howdy Folks," the poem written by David R. Milsten, '25ba, '28law, in tribute to Will Rogers was designated last month by the Oklahoma Legislature as the official poem of the Will Rogers Memorial Museum at Claremore. Mr. Milsten is an attorney in Tulsa.

The House Concurrent Resolution read:

WHEREAS, on January 7, 1939, a bronze plaque, mounted on beautifully carved wood, reflecting a copper bronze etching of Will Rogers, across the face of which appears the poem, "Howdy Folks," by David Randolph Milsten of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was placed in the Will Rogers Memorial Museum; and,

WHEREAS, the celebrated George M. Cohan, noted actor and friend of Will Rogers, made the presentation of the poem, and in so doing stated: "This poem best expresses my sentiments. It is indeed a wonderful tribute to Will Rogers' memory"; and,

WHEREAS, the said poem received national recognition and has been the subject of several radio broadcasts, memorial programs of the late Will Rogers, and chosen for rendition by the Oklahoma Alumni Association Club of New York City; and,

WHEREAS, the true spirit of Rogers is reflected in these beautiful lines of the poem; and,

WHEREAS, the membership of the House and Senate deem it appropriate to designate said poem, "Howdy Folks," as the official poem of the Will Rogers Memorial Museum, without in any manner conflicting with the copyright ownership of said poem,

Now, therefore be it resolved by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Legislature concurring thereon: That said bodies go on record as designating the said poem, "Howdy Folks," by

David Randolph Milsten of Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the official poem of the Will Rogers Memorial Museum at Claremore, Oklahoma.

Directs Poetry Festival

Under direction of Dr. Walter B. Emery, '34law, professor of speech, Ohio State University played host last month to more than two hundred high school students and teachers at the institution's first annual poetry festival. Dr. Emery is director of the Ohio High School Speech League, co-sponsor of the festival.

Columbus newspapers complimented the university on the "figurative blood transfusion" the festival gave to poetry reading, "lost art of the state educational system."

In addition to addresses by out-of-state speakers, Dr. Emery had arranged a symposium on oral interpretation, small group discussions on poetry analysis and a complete program of entertainment.

Cement Firm Representative

Hillyer Freeland, '38fa, for two years financial secretary of the Oklahoma Memorial Union, has joined the Trinity Portland Cement Company as representative for the state of Oklahoma. He spent two weeks in the firm's main office in Dallas before returning to Norman to make his headquarters.

While he was attending the University, he was a member of the glee club and sang second tenor in the University Quartet. He was elected to Phi Mu Alpha, national honorary musical fraternity and was a member of Sigma Chi social fraternity.

Reappointed on Bar Board

Three Sooner law graduates, now practicing attorneys, have been re-appointed by the Oklahoma Supreme Court to the Board of Bar Examiners of the Oklahoma Bar Association, for new three-year terms. They are Joe Curtis, '20ba, '22law, Pauls Valley, Matt Kane, '32law, Pawhuska, and Hicks Epton, '32law, Wewoka.

Other members of the nine-man board who received their law degrees at the University are Charles E. Earnheart, '28law, Oklahoma City, Finley McLaury, '16law, Snyder, and Manford A. Cox, '13law, Chandler.

Bank Examiner

A. T. Wheeler, Jr., '38bus, of Clinton, has been appointed an assistant national bank examiner and was to go to Kansas City, Missouri, April 1 to assume his new duties. His office will be in the Federal Reserve Building there.

Mr. Wheeler has been assistant cashier of the Oklahoma National Bank at Clinton for the last two and a half years. He has served as president of the Fifth Clearing House District of the Oklahoma Bankers Association; president of a study group of bankers

and bank employes in Custer and Washita counties; secretary-treasurer of the Custer-Washita Bankers Association, and a member of the public relations committee of the Oklahoma Bankers Association. He has been treasurer of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at Clinton and served as secretary last year.

His student activities at O.U. included Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, Senate for-ensic society, and the University debate team.

Pharmacy Alumni Luncheon

A score of pharmacy alumni attended the annual luncheon held in their honor during the eighth annual convention of the Oklahoma University Pharmaceutical Association last month. Wallace Taylor, '40pharm, druggist at Cordell, was principal speaker.

Capitol News Men

Most of the newsmen covering the Eighteenth Oklahoma Legislature now in session at the state capitol in Oklahoma City are alumni or former students of the University.

Included in the group of nine are Harold Mueller, '19, of the *Daily Oklahoman* and *Times*, Oklahoma City; Otis Sullivan, '24, and Ralph Sewell, '35, *Daily Oklahoman*; Joe Stocker, '35journ, *Oklahoman City Times*; Ernest M. Hill, '33ba, Lee Bond, '33, Jim Flinchum, '39, of the United Press; Schuyler Allman, '31journ, Associated Press; and Howard Wilson, '38journ, of the *Tulsa World*.

Good Employment Record

Hobart's public school system, of which Bennie A. McElyea, '27ba, '36ed.m, has for eight years been superintendent, has marked up an unusual record with its 1940 graduates. A research study recently completed shows 92.8 per cent of the 1939-40 class is either employed, in college, or married, and that only 7.2 per cent is unemployed. This figure, compares with 25 per cent reported unemployed nationally.

As a means of keeping a running check on the status of graduates, the high school is installing a complete and modern "follow-up" system using a separate file card for each graduate. Each card has space enough to keep a record for the average graduate for fifteen years.

This information, Mr. McElyea explains, will be valuable to both the school and to business. Information can readily be supplied to prospective employers, and the school can use the records to make its curriculum more practical.

A break-down of the figures accumulated in the study of the 1939-40 class reveals that of the total of 83 graduates, 45 were boys, 38 girls. Of the total, 50.6 per cent, or 42 are attending college; 35 per cent, or 29, are employed; 6 per cent, or 5, are in some branch of the military service; 7.2 per cent, or 6—all girls, are married; and 7.2 per cent, or 6 graduates of the 83, are unemployed.