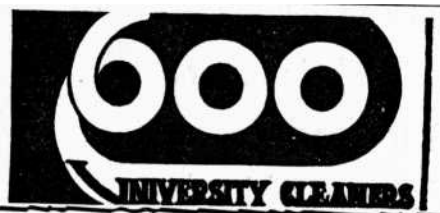


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## Alumni Activities

ALTHOUGH WAR-TIME transportation difficulties naturally prevented some alumni from being present, nearly 250 persons attended the annual class reunion dinner Sunday evening, May 30, in the Union Ballroom. Seven of the classes scheduled to have reunions were represented—those of '02, '12, '17, '22, '27, '32 and '37.

The Class of 1902 boasted 100 percent attendance of its living bachelor of arts graduates. The four are Kate Barbour, Clyde Bogle, Mrs. Roy Hadsell and Roy Gittinger, all of Norman. There were only five B.A. graduates in that year. The fifth, Mrs. Ruth House Daniels, is deceased.

One of the Pharmaceutical Chemist graduates of 1902, Constance Wolcott, now of Chandler, also was present for the '02 reunion.

As part of the reunion dinner program, Mrs. Hadsell read an original poem by Mr. Hadsell marking the 40th anniversary of the class's graduation.

Some of the verses are:

In 1902, please let me state  
 We wondered if we'd graduate;  
 We felt important, up to date,  
 A 10-year-class, so small, so great.

We did not know that we'd live through  
 To celebrate in '42,  
 But here we are, almost the crew  
 That sailed away in 1902.

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 And so again in '42  
 Our loyalty we pledge anew  
 To do whatever is to do  
 For the state and for O. U.

Civi et republicae  
 The words upon our seal apply  
 As best we may until we die  
 Loyal and willingly.

Following the usual custom of recent years, each of the reunion classes was assigned a room in the Union Building for informal visiting during the afternoon. University faculty members were invited to come to the Union in the latter part of the afternoon. There was animated conversation, and warm greeting of old friends, and renewing of old acquaintances in the Union lobby, and main lounge and in the Woodruff Room where punch was served, and in all the various reunion rooms.

At 6 o'clock the members of the various classes gathered in the Union Ballroom for dinner and an informal program.

Lewis R. Morris, '17law, county attorney at Oklahoma City who has just been nominated for district judge, and who is a former president of the Alumni Association, presided over the program with typical Morris humor and geniality. Invocation was given by Major Morris U. Lively, also a member of the 25-year reunion class, who is now chaplain in the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill.

Mr. Morris introduced President Joseph

A. Brandt, '21ba, as "the man who said he wasn't going to make any speeches when he became president of the University, but has been making speeches ever since." President Emeritus W. B. Bizzell also was introduced.

Principal address of the evening was given by Stratton D. Brooks, now director of the DeMolay organization, Kansas City, Missouri, who was president of the University from 1912 to 1923.

"If the faculty of the University holds together, it can along with the alumni create an irresistible force on public opinion in Oklahoma," Mr. Brooks told the group. "Get together on the big points, and don't fuss about details."

"The University lives as an institution because its alumni serve the state," he declared.

Chairmen of the various class groups were introduced to the crowd by Toastmaster Morris. Musical entertainment was provided by Wilda Griffin, '27fa, '33fa, assistant professor of music in the University, who sang several solos accompanied by Mildred Andrews, '37fa, instructor in music.

Program for the dinner was necessarily brief, because the University baccalaureate service was held on Sunday night this year instead of on Sunday morning as has been the custom in the past. Tentative plans have been started to avoid a conflict between reunion and baccalaureate service next year, Alumni Secretary Ted Beard announced.

Reunion class members who registered include:

1902—Kate Barbour, Mrs. Florena Williams Hadsell, Clyde Bogle, Constance Wolcott, Roy Gittinger.

1912—Dr. Ray M. Balyeat, C. R. Bellatti, Mrs. Merle Newby Buttram, Harry Diamond, Dr. E. P. Davis, Mrs. Jerome Dowd, P. D. Erwin, Earl Foster, V. E. Monnett, Raymond A. Tolbert, Ulys Webb, Floyd Wheeler, Mrs. Mabel A. Thacker Hobson, Dr. Earl D. McBride, H. D. Canfield.

1917—Laurence E. Beattie, O. A. Brewer, Mrs. Rosalie Gilkey Dale, Mrs. Grace Norris Davis, R. L. Huntington, Neil R. Johnson, Eugenia Kaufman, Major Morris U. Lively, Wyatt Marrs, Lewis R. Morris, Frank R. Pauly, Fletcher Riley, Lewis S. Salter, Gordon W. White, M. J. Northcutt, Gladys Barnes, Dr. Stratton E. Kernodle, Fletcher Riley.

1922—Charles B. Duffy, Mrs. Elizabeth Baird Herbert, A. H. Huggins, Mrs. Dove Montgomery Kull, Dewey Luster, Mrs. Florence Monnet McKown, Maurice H. Merrill, William B. Ragan, Ralph Records, Eula May Roberts, H. E. Wrinkle, Donna M. Ward, Joe C. Looney, Homer Hurt, E. S. Pratt, Sam May, Mrs. Sophie R. A. Court, Fisher Muldrow, H. V. Thornton.

1927—Dale Arbuckle, Mrs. Helen Meister Arbuckle, J. Phil Burns, Clyde C. Clack, Harry E. Smith, Mrs. Lucile Farmer Springer, Mrs. Ruth Champlin Van Zant, Wilda Griffin, Katherine DePuy, Travis I. Milsten, Stella Sanders.

1932—Charles Grady, J. Arthur Herron, E. B. Snell, J. R. Tucker, Eugene Kendall, Howard Pixley, J. Ernest Baker, Anna Stewart Crouch.

1937—Mildred Andrews, Helen Haug, Juanita

Hines, Lt. Alfred R. Loeblich, Jr., Mrs. Helen Tappan Loeblich, Mary Elizabeth Moore, Lonnie Huddleston, Joe Holland, Nadine Runyan.

There were many husbands, wives, sons and daughters of reunion class members present, and also quite a number of alumni of various classes close to the reunion classes.

Alumni present from out of the state included Mrs. Helen Tappan Loeblich, New Orleans, Louisiana; James R. Tucker, Fort Worth, Texas; E. S. Pratt, Wichita, Kansas; Clyde C. Clack, Dallas, Texas; and E. B. Snell, Russell, Kansas.

### Doctors' Degrees

Two Sooner alumni were awarded doctor's degrees in commencement exercises at Yale University in June. They are Thomas Z. Wright, '29bs, '34law, associate professor of business law in the University, who received the degree of Doctor of Science in Law; and Winburn T. Thomas, '29ba, "refugee missionary," who received a Doctor of Philosophy Degree.

Mr. Thomas, who lacked only a year's work of receiving a law degree when he changed to the ministry, was a missionary in Japan for the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions before the war. His thesis for the degree at Yale was *A History of Protestant Christianity in Japan, 1883-1889*. He has been retained by the Presbyterian board to do promotional work during the next year.

### Play on Broadway

Dramatization of a mystery novel by Todd Downing, '24ba, '28ma, former University language professor, was scheduled to open on Broadway June 16. Basis for the play is the novel *The Cat Screams*, considered one of Mr. Downing's best-selling mysteries, and laid as most of his books are, in old Mexico. The author, who lives at Atoka, planned to go to New York to see the first dramatization of one of his books. The lead in the Mexican murder thriller will be played by Doris Nolan and the director is Arthur Pierson. Mr. Downing resigned from the University faculty seven years ago to devote his full time to writing. He has produced ten murder mysteries and two volumes on Mexico during the last eight years.

### Unopposed

Two University alumni won Democratic nominations for important state offices by default, when no opponents filed. They are Wayne W. Bayless, '20law, and Fletcher Riley, '17ba, both of whom are members of the State Supreme Court seeking reelection.

Justice Bayless has no Republican opponent, and is thus assured of election. Justice Riley will have a Republican opponent in the state-wide general election.

Lewis R. Morris, '17law, county attorney of Oklahoma county, was nominated for district judge in Oklahoma County without opposition. He is now finishing his sixth term as county attorney. Other dis-

trict judge candidates who drew no opposition for nomination include Harry L. S. Halley, '17law, Tulsa, and J. I. Goins, '28law, Marietta. Judge Halley is now on active duty as a lieutenant colonel in the Army, stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Charles B. Duffy, '22law, Ponca City, incumbent, is the Democratic nominee for state senator in Kay and Grant counties.

J. E. Peery, '30m.ed, Minco, has resigned as a member of the State Regents for higher education to seek the Democratic nomination for state senator in Grady County.

Democratic candidates for the House who received nominations because of no opposition include the following O. U. alumni: Merle Lansden, '39law, Beaver County; Robert L. Barr, '31-'32, Kingfisher County; W. B. McDonald, '27-'28, Kiowa County; J. M. Dolph, '26-'28, Logan County; Purman Wilson, '20, McClain County; Amos Stovall, '29law, Caddo County; Charles Douglas Van Dyck, '40bus, Grady County; William H. Cline, '21law, Kay County; Streeter Speakman, '12law, Creek County; Orange W. Starr, '09-'11, Creek County; Fletcher M. Johnson, '13-'15, Creek County, and A. E. Montgomery, '15law, Tulsa County. Leonard Geb, Kay County, University law student, also won his nomination by lack of opposition.

Five other students are candidates for the Legislature this year. They are Bill Selvidge, Ardmore, who left school during the last semester to enlist in the Air Corps; Kirksey M. Nix, Eufaula; Clifford Cartwright, Wewoka; Dick Riggs, Lawton, and David Wood, Muskogee.

### Price Control Assistants

Four alumni assumed executive positions last month in the newly created Office of Oklahoma Price Administrator established in Oklahoma City under the direction of Rex A. Hayes, former city Ford Motor Company official. Appointed to Mr. Hayes' Staff are Ernest E. Brown, '19ba, '25ma, president of Northwestern State College, Alva, as consumer representative; H. H. Leake, '37fa, manager of the University's radio station WNAD at Norman, and Lonnie T. Vanderveer, '39m.ed, of Clinton, former Oklahoma Educational Association president, as assistants, and O. K. Wetzel, '25law, Oklahoma City attorney, as chief legal officer.

### Law Committees Enlarged

Three additional appointments to committees of the Law School Alumni Association have been announced by Travis I. Milsten, '22ba, Tulsa, president. State Senator Charles B. Duffy, '22law, Ponca City, and Homer Hurt, '22law, Oklahoma City, have been added to the Vocational Guidance Committee. T. Jack Foster, '29, Norman business man, has been added to the Placement Committee.

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