

Sooners at Home and Abroad

AS the United States formally entered the war against the Axis powers last month and fighting started in the Pacific area, scores of University of Oklahoma alumni were directly involved in the sensational developments.

Many O.U. men were holding important naval and military posts in Hawaii and the Philippines; one of the first American heroes of the air war was a former O.U. student; an O.U. foreign correspondent arrived in Honolulu the day of the first Jap air raid; and a Sooner was believed to be the consul in charge at Shanghai when the Japanese took over that city.

Second Lt. Kenneth M. Taylor, '40, Hominy, shot down two Japanese airplanes in his first air battle, over Hawaii December 7, and along with Second Lt. George S. Welch, Wilmington, Delaware, and four other pilots, was cited in a war department communique praising his courage. Lieutenants Taylor and Welch were later awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for their outstanding heroism.

The two fliers, in Curtis single-seat pursuit planes, attacked a Japanese formation of six invading planes and destroyed the entire formation.

"Each officer shot down two enemy planes," the communique said. "The other Japanese planes escaped for the time being. A short time later, Lieutenant Welch, alone, engaged two Japanese planes, and, after maneuvers worthy of a veteran fighter, shot them both down.

"Thus, two young American officers destroyed six enemy planes in their first actual fight. Lieutenant Taylor only recently arrived in Hawaii and the ink was scarcely dry on his commission as an army officer when he was engaged in combat."

A further tribute to the Sooner flier was given in a radio broadcast from Pearl Harbor December 15.

Lieutenant Taylor, 22 years old, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe K. Taylor of Hominy. A pre-law student in the University, he left school to enlist in the Air Corps in September, 1940. He was a member of Acacia fraternity. He took his basic training at the Spartan school in Tulsa and graduated last April from Brooks Field.

Shortly before the war started, Major W. R. Morgan, '27ba, was reported to have been made commandant of Hickam Field, near Honolulu, one of the targets of Japanese air raids. Major James C. Collier, '34ba, former military science instructor at the University, was reported to be a member of the staff of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of all U.S. armed



AIR HERO KENNETH TAYLOR, '40
... winner of Distinguished Service
Cross in first battle

forces in the Far East. Dozens of other O.U. alumni were on military service in the Pacific area.

Everett F. Drumright, '29bus, formerly in the American embassy at Chungking, was believed to have taken over his new assignment as American consul at Shanghai just before the Japanese took over complete control of the city.

Probably the best newspaper account of the first Japanese air raid on Honolulu was a by-line story by Tom Yarbrough, '32, Associated Press foreign correspondent whose ship sailed into Honolulu harbor right at the height of the raid. Mr. Yarbrough, after two years in the AP office in London, returned to the United States this fall, married Miss Julia Fisher, and visited friends and relatives in Oklahoma. Upon resuming duty with the AP, he was scheduled to go to Cairo, Egypt, but a change in assignment put him into Honolulu just as the war with Japan started.

He reported that the people of Honolulu reacted to the bombing raids in somewhat the same way as the people of London. "Everyone had a fine case of jitters for the first few hours, then settled down to the job of getting used to the strange new ways of war."

Laura J. Mauk, '10ba, missionary, was living in Tokyo, Japan, according to last word received by the Alumni Office. Dr. Harold T. Baugh, '30med, was with the

Cornelius Baker Hospital in Andong, Korea; and Lawrence M. Denton, '35eng, and Jackson L. Gordon, '34eng, were in Soengi Gerong, Netherlands East Indies, at last reports.

Many Sooners were scattered through air bases and fortifications in Hawaii and the Philippines. Several medical graduates were serving in army and navy hospitals in the area.

Sooner Fliers Killed

Two O.U. men on duty with the Air Corps in the Pacific were killed in airplane crashes in November, before the U.S.-Japanese war started.

Lt. Millard C. "Bill" Shibley, Jr., '38, formerly of Tulsa, died November 17 when an army observation plane which he was piloting crashed near Honolulu, Hawaii. Son of M. C. Shibley, division engineer for the Oklahoma Highway Department, and Mrs. Shibley, of Tulsa, the young pilot had been on active duty in Hawaii since September. He attended the Spartan School of Aeronautics after leaving the University and completed advanced training in aviation at Randolph and Kelly Fields in Texas.

Lt. Grant James Manley, '37geol, was reported killed in an airplane crash November 27 in the vicinity of the Philippine Islands. He was a geologist for the Standard Oil Company in Venezuela for four years before going into military service. Survivors include his parents and four brothers. One brother, Donald, is a student in the University.

Statehood Day Queen

Lovely, dark-eyed Lucille Elaine Hinshaw Powell, '38fa, '39m.fa, reigned as queen of Oklahoma during statehood day festivities November 17 sponsored by the Oklahoma Memorial Association at Oklahoma City.

The day's activities were climaxed by a colorful banquet at the Biltmore Hotel when five state leaders, including Dean Emeritus Julien C. Monnet, of the University law school, were inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Powell is the wife of Dr. Paul Thurston Powell, '36, '39bs, '41med, interne at a Washington, D.C. hospital. A member and former president of Alpha Xi Delta sorority and the University Y.W.C.A. organization and a member of Mortar Board, she is well known throughout the state and among Sooners in Washington.

At O.U., Mrs. Powell was affiliated with a number of dramatic and speech societies and especially interested in dramatic read-

ing and short story writing. She was winner of the Oklahoma State Dramatic Readers' contest held at Norman and Stillwater in 1933.

Other activities include addresses before national and international conventions of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and various lectures and readings given for state and national groups. Mrs. Powell is listed in *Notable Women of the Southwest* and *Career Women of America*.

Consultant at Moscow

Earl Petty, '15, former engineering student at the University, accompanied the American-British mission to Moscow several weeks ago and remained there to study war needs of Soviet Russia. He is there as a technical expert.

Mr. Petty is the brother of Edward C. Petty, '25bus, associate professor of economics.

In making the trip to Moscow, he flew with W. Averill Harriman and the American delegation from New York to London on a ferried bomber and then on by plane to Moscow in company with Lord Beaverbrook's British delegates.

Civilian Defense

O.U. alumni are taking an active part in the civilian defense activities in Oklahoma, both in the statewide executive organization and in community units.

Randell S. Cobb, '19law, assistant state attorney general, Oklahoma City, and W. A. Fleming, '21, Welcetka, are members



LUCILLE HINSHAW POWELL, '38fa
... *Queen of Statehood Day Festivities*

of the state defense committee which is headed by Norris G. Henthorne, of Tulsa.

Joseph A. Brandt, '21ba, president of the University, is chairman of the state committee on human resources and skills. Dr. Grady F. Mathews, '25med, state health commissioner, is chairman of the health and housing committee. Dr. H. G. Bennett, '24ma, president of Oklahoma A. and M. College, is chairman of the committee on agricultural resources and production. Carl C. Garner, '29ed, state fire marshal, is serving on the state committee on civil protection.

Commander

One of the highest ranking Sooners in the armed forces is Col. R. Robert Hendon, '16law, former examining attorney for the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, D.C., recently appointed commanding officer at Fort Story, Virginia.

Colonel Hendon was post executive at Fort Story eight months before the promotion. He served in France during the first World War and has since been active in the organized reserves.

Former Shawnee and Earlsboro attorney, Colonel Hendon was called to active duty from his legal position in Washington in December, 1940.

State Head of A.A.U.W.

A busy calendar of school, club and church work fills the daily life of Julia Kelley Sparger, '24ba, '34ma, state president of Oklahoma's 48 chapters of the American Association of University Women.

Mrs. Sparger keeps house in Ardmore for her husband and two sons, Bob, 12, and Rex, 9, in addition to teaching in Ardmore schools and playing the pipe organ at the Presbyterian Church. She also is active in the Parent-Teacher Association.

While attending the University, Mrs. Sparger was a member of Phi Mu sorority and Phi Beta Kappa, president of Owl and Triangle (now Mortar Board), vice president of the Y.W.C.A., and president of the then active Philologian Literary Society.

New Honor for DeGolyer

Everette Lee DeGolyer, '11ba, nationally known geophysicist and oil man, Dallas, Texas, has been awarded the John Fritz Medal for 1941, in recognition of his pioneer work in applying geophysical exploration to the search for oil.

The medal, one of the highest honors bestowed by the engineering profession, will be presented to Mr. DeGolyer by the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers at a dinner January 14 in New York City.

Experiments using the geophysical method were made and proved successful by Mr.



JULIA KELLEY SPARGER, '24ba ... *president of A.A.U.W. in Oklahoma*

DeGolyer in the early '20s. Since that time he has steadily advanced the development of geophysical oil exploration, a discovery which has been of tremendous importance to the petroleum industry.

In 1940, Mr. DeGolyer received the Anthony F. Lucas gold medal awarded by the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers for distinguished achievement in improving the technique and practice of finding and producing petroleum.

Mr. DeGolyer is now serving as director of conservation in the office of Secretary Ickes, petroleum co-ordinator for national defense, and has the responsibility of independent handling of problems relating to the conservation of petroleum and natural gas.

Drumright Dentist Dies

Dr. Joe K. Johnston, '23, Drumright dentist, died November 19 in a Cushing hospital following a long illness. He was 41 years old.

Dr. Johnston graduated from Drumright High School and attended the University two years before enrolling in dental college at Kansas City, Missouri. He was a dentist at Yale, Oklahoma, for a short time, then moved to Drumright, where he became prominent in civic and church work.

Survivors include his wife, whom he married in 1930, his father, of Quay, Oklahoma, three brothers and one sister.

Head of UP Bureau

William Lee (Bud) Bond, '32bs, staff member of the Oklahoma City bureau of United Press since 1935, has been appointed manager, succeeding Debs Myers who

resigned to enter newspaper work in Chicago, Illinois.

The new manager has served on every assignment in the bureau, working for two years as capitol correspondent and more recently as relay editor. Before joining, U.P., he was managing editor of the *Guthrie Daily Leader* and later editor of the *Capitol Hill Daily Beacon*.

Mr. Bond came to the University in 1928 from Chickasha High School where he had lettered in football and track. At O.U., he joined Sigma Chi fraternity, managed the Sigma Chi champion intramural baseball team in 1931 and worked as news editor of the *Oklahoma Daily* while a senior.

Mr. Bond is married and has one daughter, Bonnye Ann, almost three years old, who probably accounts for her father listing "overhauling the baby's toys" among his hobbies and recreational interests.

Designs Housing Projects

Blueprints for two large housing projects to be built near San Francisco, California, are among architectural plans recently drawn by Bessie Kniseley Marriott, '36eng, formerly of Norman and Oklahoma City.

Queen of O.U. engineers in 1933, the brunet Mrs. Marriott has made considerable progress in the architectural field since leaving the University. At present she is in the San Francisco office of Michael Goodman, outstanding residential architect, where she specializes in designing.

One time draftsman for the Oklahoma Highway Planning Survey and the Oklahoma Planning Board, she holds a master's degree and a doctorate from the University of California.

When the latter degree was conferred in 1940, Mrs. Marriott, was chosen for the investiture of the hood, representing all professional degrees. The same year, she was selected the most outstanding student in architecture by the University of California faculty and awarded the 1940 American Institute of Architects medal.

Social Workers Organize

Dorothy F. Dewitt, '40, assistant director of the WPA Division of Employment in Oklahoma City, has been elected president of the newly organized alumni association of the School of Social Work.

Other officers are Lorraine B. Ketchum, '33ba, assistant director of the Oklahoma Public Welfare Department, vice president; and Dorothy F. Cram, '33ba, University instructor in social work, secretary-treasurer.

The first project of the group is a card file directory of all former students and graduates of the School of Social Work to be kept in the office of J. J. Rhyne, director, for mailings.

Sooner Artists Win Awards

Art work by Sooners won cash awards and honorable mention at the annual ex-



M. L. PRESCOTT, '24eng ... Sooner radio engineer (right above) is given testimonial by his co-workers

hibit of the Association of Oklahoma artists held this fall at the Oklahoma City Art Center.

Mrs. Eula Grimes, '27ed, Norman High School art teacher, received the graphic art medal awarded by the Art Renaissance Club for "Little Mesa Homestead," the most interesting subject done in Oklahoma.

Other winners were John O'Neil, '36fa, '39m.f.a, University instructor in art, and Elmer Capshaw, senior art student.

Prescott Goes to Washington

A pioneer in the development of short-wave radio stations, Maurice Lee Prescott, '24eng, '31eng, General Electric Company employee for 17 years, has been transferred from Schenectady, New York, to the company's office at Washington, D.C.

Mr. Prescott was transferred to handle increased radio business, especially with regard to government contracts, at the nation's capital. His official title is application engineer in the radio transmitter engineering department.

Before leaving Schenectady, the Sooner engineer was honored at a farewell party by his co-workers who presented him with a wrist watch and a testimonial signed by all the members of the department. His friends call him "Sheriff" because of his early association with the development of the police radio.

Callaway Theater Director

Joe A. Callaway, '41fa, who has played in more Shakespearean roles than any other actor his age, has been appointed full-time director in San Diego, California, of the Globe Theater, famous scene of many Shakespearean productions.

Returning to San Diego after five years of acting and directing is like homecoming for Actor Callaway. For it was there in the

Globe Theater, sometimes called Community Theater, that he appeared in more than 700 performances when he was with the Old Globe Shakespearean troupes in 1935 and '36.

In addition to his numerous parts in Shakespearean plays, Mr. Callaway has had leading roles in four New York productions and was featured in George Abbott's *See My Lawyer* during its long Chicago run.

Major Cook Promoted

Major William Rowe Cook, '32law, former secretary to Governor Leon C. Phillips, has been named judge advocate general of the 45th Division by Major Gen. W. S. Key, division commander at Camp Barkeley, Texas.

Major Cook, formerly of the Oklahoma National Guard, was appointed following retirement of Lt. Col. Frank J. Duffy, Phoenix, Arizona. He has been stationed at Camp Barkeley since last April.

Death Takes Oakley Wadsack

Oakley F. Wadsack, '25eng, of North Hollywood, California, died November 23 following a month's serious illness. He was 39 years old.

Mr. Wadsack, who was connected with the engineering department of the City of Los Angeles, graduated from Norman High School and later received a degree in civil engineering from the University.

Funeral services were held at North Hollywood. Survivors include his wife and a brother, George E. Wadsack, University registrar.

Dinner at Washington

An O.U. alumni dinner honoring Joseph A. Brandt, president of the University, will be held March 21 in Washington, D.C., according to tentative plans made by the alumni advisory council in Washington.

Paul A. Walker, '12law, member of the Federal Communications Commission and chairman of the Washington council, is in charge of arrangements. The dinner is to be held at the New Colonial Hotel in Washington. The O.U. group in Washington has sponsored several highly successful dinner meetings in the last few years.

Bride Killed in Accident

Less than two days after her marriage, Mrs. Lewis Kendall, the former Miss Pauline Naifeh, '37h.ec, was killed in an automobile collision December 8 while on a trip from Ardmore to Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Kendall was returning to her work in Oklahoma City as director of WPA community lunch projects for Oklahoma. Her car collided on the highway south of Norman with one driven by J. T. Smith, Norman. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith were seriously injured.

Funeral services for Mrs. Kendall were held in Norman. Survivors include her

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husband, Dr. Lewis Kendall, '36bs, '40med, Ardmore physician; her mother, Mrs. Rathia Naifeh, Norman; and four brothers, Mitchell, Bob, and Bill, all of Norman, and Alfred, '37ba, '40law, of Boston, Massachusetts, and two sisters, Juli Mae Naifeh and Helen Naifeh, of Norman.

Mrs. Kendall majored in dietetics at the University and was a member of several home economics organizations. She recently completed her dietetics internship at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, New York, and about December 1 was appointed director of the state community lunch program. She and Dr. Kendall were married December 6.

Theater Guild Star

Martin H. (Mack) Fuller, '38fa, in the title role of *Your Uncle Dudley*, comedy recently presented by Oklahoma City's Little Theater Guild, received high praise for his performance in a newspaper review of the production.

"Thanks to a loose, light and hilarious plot and to the stellar acting of Mack Fuller as Uncle Dudley x x x the comedy was a howling success," read the newspaper report. "Two much can't be said for the polished performance of Fuller."

Also highly complimented was the direction handled by Lucille McGuire Biondo, '32fa, who was credited with producing a fast moving, professional presentation. Mrs. Biondo is head of the drama department at Central State College, Edmond, and Mr. Fuller is an announcer for radio station KOMA, Oklahoma City.

Managing Editor

A smattering of experience as roustabout in Oklahoma oil fields plus two years training at O.U. in electrical engineering are part of the varied career of Lee Erhard, '22, managing editor of the *Tulsa Daily World* since last June.

Somewhere during his college education, Mr. Erhard decided he preferred a typewriter to a slide rule, so he completed work for his B.A. degree with a major in English at the University of California.

He worked without pay on the *Daily World* for a short time and in 1926 was hired as police reporter. Except for the four years from 1928 until 1932 when he was reporter on the *New York American*, Mr. Erhard has been with the *Tulsa* paper since his police reporting days.

From a leg man he rose to political correspondent, city editor and finally managing editor. In 1929 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Hughes, graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism who writes a daily column, "What I Think," for the *Daily World*.

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