

# Alumni in the News

Gov. ROBERT S. KERR, '16, praised as a step forward for Oklahoma, the First National Clinic for Domestic Aviation Planning held recently in Oklahoma City and attended by top-flight aviation men from all over the country.

"I have never seen anything in Oklahoma that was more constructive to the general welfare and upbuilding of the state," the governor said. Following the clinic, he announced that he would back the teaching of aviation in the public schools of Oklahoma.

Among other alumni attending the clinic were Josh Lee, '17ba, member of the Civil Aeronautics Board and Carlene Roberts, '34fa, assistant to O. M. Mosier, vice president of American Airlines.

Mr. Lee reported on the Board's plans for postwar aerial "feeder" routes to serve small cities and marketing centers. Fifty-nine applications are already on file with the Board in Washington, D. C., for postwar aviation service in Oklahoma, with four of them proposing routes that would serve Norman, Mr. Lee said.

About the helicopter for feeder airline service in Oklahoma, Mr. Lee guessed that "within two or three years from today, helicopters which carry 10 to 14 passengers will be available."

Miss Roberts has charge of the American Airlines office in Washington while Mr. Mosier is in New York. Her job is to take care of the airlines' administrative and policy matters in the capitol, thereby keeping the various New York executives from having to spend so much time in Washington.

Heading the notables at the clinic, biggest of its kind ever held in this country, was Gill Robb Wilson, president of the National Aeronautic Association.

## Asks Congressional Streamlining

Congressman Mike Monroney, '24ba, of Oklahoma, last month joined with Senator Francis Maloney of Connecticut to demand a streamlining of Congress.

They introduced a joint resolution in their respective houses calling for creation of a 12-man Congressional committee to "recommend improvements in the organization of Congress."

Congressman Monroney suggested that the committee should look into the sprawling committee setup of the two houses, the relationship between the two houses with a view to consolidating hearings and preventing duplication of work, pay and size of the staff employed by both houses and the relationship between the Congress and the executive and judiciary.

Sentiment for streamlining Congress has been growing steadily with introduc-

tion of at least a dozen bills on the subject this year. The Monroney-Maloney resolution, however, represents the first time a senator and house member have joined hands on the issue.

Congressman Monroney has also proposed a 10 percent sales tax on purchases in excess of basic necessities to the House ways and means committee.

"This nation must have more tax revenue," Mr. Monroney declared. "The suggestion that we reduce expenditures by five billion dollars is a good one and welcome, but this should be accomplished, if possible, in addition to raising the required 10 to 11 billion dollars in additional taxes."

## Assistant to Cobb

Mainard Kennerly, '29law, Wewoka attorney, has been appointed assistant attorney general under Randell S. Cobb, '19law, new attorney general for Oklahoma.

Mr. Kennerly was admitted to the State Bar in 1928 and since graduating from the University has practiced law in Wewoka.

## Heads State Democrats

Harrington Wimberly, '24ba, publisher of the *Altus Times-Democrat*, was elected chairman of the State Democratic Central Committee, succeeding George D. Key, at a meeting held February 21 in Oklahoma City.



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Mr. Wimberly was endorsed by seven district Democratic conventions. He received first backing from his own, the Seventh District, which also endorsed Governor Kerr for national committeeman and President Roosevelt for a fourth term.

Mrs. Sue Ruble, Oklahoma City, was re-elected vice chairman of the State Central Committee.

## Fraker to Run for Senate

Elmer L. Fraker, '20ba, '38ma, superintendent of schools at Mangum and a member of the State Advisory Pardon and Parole Board, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for United States senator.

He will oppose Elmer Thomas, incumbent, in the Democratic party primary next July. Lt. Gov. James E. Berry has also entered the race.

Mr. Fraker is a former state commander of the American Legion and past president of the Alumni Association. At the University he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity, the Glee Club, the Sooner Quartet, and was a founder of the Athenian debating society and the Jazz Hound pep organization.

## Stigler Nominated

William G. Stigler, '16, former state senator from Stigler, was nominated Democratic candidate for Congress from the Oklahoma second district in the primary early in March. He was to oppose E. O. Clark, Republican nominee, in the general election March 28.

Mr. Stigler is an attorney for the Choctaw Nation and past state commander of the American Legion. During World War I he was overseas fourteen months, saw action at St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne. He was city attorney of Stigler for four years, and later served as state senator from the 27th district for eight years. In 1931 he was president pro tempore of the State Senate.

At the University, Mr. Stigler was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, the Glee Club and the Democratic Club. He is a 32nd degree Mason and an Odd Fellow.

## Heads State Group

Charles E. Wails, '14, Okmulgee, county commissioner of Okmulgee County, was elected president of the County Commissioners Association of Oklahoma at the organization's annual convention in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Wails, a pharmacist, took part in athletics, particularly football and baseball, while attending the University. He passed the State Board of Pharmacy in 1915 and formerly operated a drug store in Morris, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Wails is the former Blanche Smith, '14. The couple have two children, Mrs. Henry Maxant (Lois Wails, '39fa), Islington, Massachusetts, and Helen Anne Wails.