

Alumni in the News

Gov. ROBERT S. KERR, '16, a staunch administration supporter, was selected in June to deliver the keynote address at the Democratic national convention which opens in Chicago July 19.

His selection climaxed several months of prophesying by political reporters and analysts all over the country, who predicted he would be named keynote speaker.

Danton Walker, syndicated columnist, in his column "Broadway" in the *New York Daily News*, quoted Arthur Hale, Mutual's "Confidentially Yours" reporter as saying the selection of Governor Kerr as Democratic convention keynoter will be the first tipoff of President Roosevelt's fourth term acceptance.

Dissents in Seizure Report

Sen. Ernest W. McFarland, '17ba, Democrat from Arizona, was the dissenting member of the three-man Senate judiciary sub-committee which investigated the government's action in the Montgomery Ward seizure.

The other two senators on the committee, McCarran, Democrat of Nevada, and Revercomb, Republican of West Virginia, made a report sharply criticizing administration action at every step in the case.

Senator McFarland filed a minority statement which said that the sub-committee had "denied the interested parties an opportunity to be heard," and based its decision "solely upon documentary evidence" and "the conclusions of investigators whose testimony is necessarily hearsay and second or third-hand." The sub-committee did not hold a hearing, but sent investigators to Chicago.

The report of the sub-committee was to be submitted to a full Senate judiciary committee for a hearing last month.

Free Press Resolution

National attention focused last month on the resolution for a world free press in the platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Convention held in Oklahoma City May 15.

Credit for the resolution went to Harrington Wimberly, '24ba, state Democratic chairman and publisher of the *Altus Times-Democrat*.

Editor and Publisher said, "This is the first indication of political interest in the question and might well lead toward a set policy of the future administration to insist that the peace treaties should contain explicit and precise commitments for all signatory nations to agree that there shall be complete equality to all in the

matter of availability of all official news the world over."

Mr. Wimberly later made a trip to Washington to attend a meeting with other state chairmen to discuss election campaign plans. Robert Hannegan, chairman of the national committee, asked Mr. Wimberly to attend to help arrange preliminaries for the campaign.

Early in June, the Altus publisher was appointed public interest director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, Kansas, which serves 209 savings and loan associations in Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Nebraska.

Two on Airline Board

Two state publishers, Joe W. McBride, '28bus, Anadarko, and Harrington Wimberly, '24ba, Altus, are among directors recently elected by a new state airways firm.

The organization, the Oklahoma Airways, is a \$500,000 corporation formed to serve a large part of the state with a trade area airline centered on Oklahoma City.

Congressional Changes Asked

Improvement in the Congressional machinery was called for by Mike Monroney, '24ba, Oklahoma's fifth district representative, in a speech before the national convention of the League of Women Voters in Chicago.

Mr. Monroney proposed a study, by a



MORE EFFICIENCY
Congressman Mike Monroney, '24ba,
recommended that the Congressional
setup be simplified.

bi-partisan Congressional committee, of the existing committee system to determine if greater efficiency in the handling of bills could be attained. He also urged closer co-operation between the legislative and executive branches of the national government.

Early in May, the young congressman was appointed by Speaker Sam Rayburn to a seven-man committee, headed by Majority Whip Ramspeck of Georgia, to investigate for the House of Representatives the government seizure of the Montgomery Ward plant in Chicago. The committee includes four Democrats and three Republicans.

Arrives in Washington

William G. Stigler, '16, Oklahoma's new second district representative, has been appointed to five Congressional committees, including committees on Indian affairs, flood control, World War veterans, claims and roads.

He announced that he had requested membership on these committees, as they vitally affected the welfare of his home district.

Soon after his arrival in Washington, Mr. Stigler was honored at a luncheon in the speaker's dining room of the House of Representatives, given by the Oklahoma Congressional delegation. Among those present were Majority Leader McCormack, Representative Ramspeck, Democratic whip, Speaker Sam Rayburn, Harrington Wimberly, '24ba, Oklahoma Democratic chairman, Paul Miller, '30, chief of the Washington Associated Press bureau, and Josh Lee, '17ba, member of the Civil Aeronautics Board.

To Assist Gilmer

Claude Weaver, Jr., '20, former assistant attorney general of the state of Oklahoma, has been appointed chief civil deputy to Dixie Gilmer, '24law, county attorney of Tulsa County. He succeeds William M. Taylor, '23law, who resigned to become attorney for the Coralena Oil Company.

Mr. Weaver became attorney for the State Highway Department in 1931, holding the position until 1939, when he was appointed assistant to Mac Q. Williamson, '10, then attorney general.

Bankers Elect Hutto

R. W. Hutto, '10ba, president of the Security National Bank in Norman, was elected president of the Oklahoma Bankers Association at a meeting in May.

A past vice president of the association, Mr. Hutto has been in the banking business in Oklahoma since 1910. He was the first president of the Norman Lions Club and at present holds the post of chairman of the Better Roads Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.