

# Alumni in the News

OKLAHOMA's big Gov. Robert S. Kerr, '16, opened the national Democratic convention last month in Chicago with a rousing keynote speech which was interrupted at one point by a 30-minute demonstration of cheers and ovation.

In booming tones and fine oratorical style, the governor challenged the Republican party to a finish fight on domestic and foreign issues in words which evoked genuine enthusiasm from the jam-packed convention crowd of 25,000 in huge Chicago Stadium.

The high spot of the address came, not at the end of his speech, but near the two-thirds mark where he deftly lampooned Governor Dewey's Republican acceptance speech.

To Dewey's charge that the Democrats were led by "tired and quarrelsome old men," Governor Kerr called the roll of the nation's military leaders. "Shall we," he asked, "discard as a tired old man 59-year-old Admiral Nimitz?" The crowd roared "No."

There were other queries, about MacArthur, Halsey, King and Marshall, with the crowd responding like an amen corner. Then came the punch line—about the 62-year-old Roosevelt—at which point the wild and clamorous demonstration broke out.

The organ broke into melodies from *Oklahomal*, state banners waved madly and the crowd swarmed around the speaker's stand. Governor Kerr, clad in a tan suit, waved, shook all hands within reach and donned an enormous cowboy hat that was thrust up from somewhere. As state standards were shoved up to him, he grabbed and waved them vigorously.

It was a spontaneous enthusiastic demonstration that veteran political observers said was plainly a tribute to the Oklahoma governor's oratorical skill.

Governor Kerr was introduced by Robert Hannegan, chairman of the Democratic national committee, and was escorted to the platform by a committee of governors and senators and other political leaders.

In regard to the aims and purposes of the Democratic party, the governor said:

"Our aim is complete and speedy victory.

"Our goal is a just and abiding peace. Our promise to a world at peace is responsibility and co-operation.

"Our pledge to America at peace is a government responsive to the needs and aspirations of every citizen, even the humblest, a government which will not shirk or fail, but will discharge with gratitude and fidelity our sacred obligations to returning servicemen and women."

Governor Kerr's name was submitted

for the nomination for vice president by the Oklahoma delegation, which voted for him on the first ballot and switched support to Senator Truman on the second.

## Win in Primary

In the July primaries a number of alumni were nominated for state and federal posts, the majority on the Democratic ticket.

Alumni nominated for posts in the federal House of Representatives were Dennis Bushyhead, '29law, Claremore, first district, and Mike Monroney, '24ba, Oklahoma City, fifth district. Bill Stigler, '16, Stigler, was unopposed on the Democratic ticket in the second district. He and Mr. Monroney are incumbents.

Page Belcher, '18, was nominated Republican candidate for Corporation Commissioner to oppose Ray Weems, incumbent, in the fall election. Earl Welch, '11, Monroe Osborn, '04, and Denver Davison, '15law, were renominated by the Democrats for positions on the State Supreme Court from the second, fifth and eighth districts respectively. In the Criminal Court of Appeals race, Dick Jones, '27law, was renominated by the Democrats.

Eugene S. Wells, '10, Oklahoma City, was nominated Republican candidate for the State Senate from the 14th district.

Democratic nominees to the state House of Representatives include the following: Wade H. Shumate, '14ba, Greer County; Milam King, '23law, McIntosh County,

who defeated Kirksey Nix, '34-'41, former floor leader; Raymond Barry, '24law, Harmon County; W. B. McDonald, '27, Kiowa County; Roger E. Standley, '25-'26, Okfuskee County; William Parrish, '40m.ed, Bryan County; Mona Jean Russell, '41law, Ottawa County; Hiram Impson, '15ba, Pittsburg County, and J. D. McCarty, '36-'39, Robert H. Sherman, '30law, B. B. Kerr, '31law, and Paul Washington, '25-'27, all of Oklahoma County.

## Attend Conventions

Oklahomans attending the Democratic national convention in Chicago last month in addition to Gov. Robert S. Kerr, '16, who delivered the keynote address, included Harrington Wimberly, '24ba, Altus, state party chairman; W. R. Wallace, '10, Oklahoma City, member of the University Board of Regents; Aubrey Kerr, '28law; Weldon Ferris, '31law, member of the State Industrial Commission, and Mrs. Ferris, the former Ruth Smith, '30ba, and two *Daily Oklahoman* staff writers, Otis Sullivant, '24, and Ray Parr, '30ba.

Genevieve Seger, '38ed, Geary teacher, served on the resolutions committee at the national Republican convention in Chicago.

## Bellatti Is Regent

C. R. Bellatti, '12law, Stillwater publisher, is a member of the new Board of Regents for Oklahoma A. and M. College appointed by Governor Kerr following the passage of the amendment making the board constitutional instead of statutory.

Other members of the board are Andrew J. Potter, Oklahoma City, B. D. Eddie, Oklahoma City, M. L. Dudley, Hugo, P. E. Harrill, Oklahoma City, Edward T. Davis, Erick, R. T. Stuart, Caddo, Fred G. Drummond, Hominy, and Joe C. Scott, president of the State Board of Agriculture, who is an ex officio member.

These appointments were still to be confirmed by the State Senate.

## To Direct Oil Research

E. L. DeGolyer, '11ba, Dallas, Texas, has been appointed head of the engineering committee of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission, which is preparing a preliminary program for extensive research affecting the petroleum industry. Plans were discussed at a meeting of the commission in Denver last month, which was attended by Dr. George L. Cross, acting president of the University.

Mr. DeGolyer, one of the nation's leading oil men and geologists, recently returned from a mission to the Middle East, as a representative of the Petroleum Reserves Corporation. Under the direction of Harold Ickes, he conducted a survey of the government's oil properties in Saudi Arabia.

Upon returning to this country, he resigned his position with the federal government and accepted an invitation from the Brazilian government to explore oil potentialities in Brazil.



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