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Alumni in the News

WITH THE 1944 general election now over, Oklahoma's Gov. Robert S. Kerr, '16, last month concluded a heavy agenda of campaign addresses which began last summer and carried him on a stumping tour all over the United States.

First cast into the national spotlight by being selected to deliver the keynote speech at the national Democratic convention in Chicago, Governor Kerr continued throughout the campaign to be in demand for keynote addresses at state conventions and at other major meetings.

Delivery of keynote addresses carried the governor in both directions from Oklahoma, west to Wyoming and east to Massachusetts. In the later stages of the campaign he spoke several times in Kansas City, addressed a middle Tennessee Democratic party rally and of course, was speaker from time to time at various Democratic functions in Oklahoma.

Another O. U. alumnus prominent in the Democratic campaign in Oklahoma and the nation was Senator Ernest McFarland, '17ba, of Arizona, who spoke in Norman shortly before election day.

Later in the month, Governor Kerr opened the 1945 tree-planting campaign with the goal for next year set at 4,600,000 trees, just double the quota for 1944.

The governor announced that John M. Craig, Idabel, will serve as state chairman of the drive with Dr. John Vaughan, '24ba, '27ma, president of Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, as state director.

40 Alumni in Legislature

Thirty-two alumni elected to posts in the Oklahoma State Legislature in the November general election will serve in the 20th session which opens in January. Eight other alumni, holdover senators, will also take part in the 20th session.

Winning state representatives, several of whom were incumbents seeking re-election, include W. H. Langley, '20-'21, Stilwell; Merle Lansden, '39law, Beaver; Ben Huey, '31law, Norman; Wade H. Shumate, '14ba, Mangum; Raymond Barry, '24law, Hollis; Sam Singleton, '44, Ringling; Robert Barr, '24-'31, Dover.

And W. B. McDonald, '27, Hobart; Jack Bradley, '25law, Wilburton; John Steele Batson, '21, Marietta; Purman Wilson, '20, Purcell; Milam King, '23law, Checotah; Roger E. Standley, '25-'26, Okemah; W. H. Underwood, '31ma, Kenefic; William Parrish, '40m.ed, Durant; Don Baldwin, '30, Anadarko; R. Rhys Evans, '36ba, '39law, and Wilson Wallace, '37ba, '39law, both of Ardmore.

And Martin Garber, '26, Enid; Mona Jean Russell, '41law, Picher; Edd C. Hawthorne, '30, Hodgen; Streeter Speakman, '12law, Sapulpa; Dr. Orange W. Starr, '09-'11, Drumright; Q. D. Gibbs, '21law, Okmulgee; Hiram Impson, '15ba, McAlester; J. D. McCarty, '39law, Robert H. Sherman, '30law, B. B. Kerr, '31law, and Paul Washington, '25-'27, all of Oklahoma City.

Elected to the state Senate in the November general election were three alumni, Bayless Irby, '18, Boswell; Bill Logan, '41-'42, Lawton, and Fred Chapman, '37, Ardmore.

Holdover senators who were elected to their four-year posts two years ago and will serve in the 20th session, include Bill Ginder, '28-'29, Cherokee; Charles B. Duffy, '22law, Ponca City; Boyd Cowden, '27-'28, Chandler; Jim A. Rinehart, '23law, El Reno; Jack Neill, '23-'24, Chickasha; Clint Braden, '32law, Wilburton; M. O. Counts, '14, Hartshorne, and Clyde L. Sears, '30, Tulsa.

Joins Harper's Staff

Now on the staff of *Harper's* magazine as contributing editor is Jack Fischer, '32ba, former Oklahoma newspaperman and foreign correspondent who recently returned from India where he was assigned with the Foreign Economic Administration.

Mr. Fischer is the author of the lead article in the November issue of *Harper's* entitled "How to Help Britain and Ourselves." In the article he suggests an arrangement under which the United States would help feed and rehouse battle-worn Britain in return for certain strategic British bases. He believes this swap would be a sound bargain for both countries.

In the same issue is a short story, "The Thousand-Yard Stare," written by Hansford Martin, '42letters, former English instructor at O. U. and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Protagonists in Mr. Martin's story are an English teacher of a class of Navy trainees and a young sailor who has been transferred back to school from the fleet after a long stretch of battle duty.

Moseley Inaugurated

A throng of more than 1,500 persons gathered on the campus of the University of Nevada in mid-October to witness the inauguration of John O. Moseley, '16ma, as seventh president of that university.

Judge William E. Orr, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada, administered the oath of office to Dr. Moseley, while formal induction was made by Silas E. Ross, chairman of the Board of Regents, who presented the seal of the university to the new president.

Guest speaker at the inauguration was Dr. Alfred Atkinson, president of the University of Arizona, Tucson. Presidents of several other educational institutions were also present at the ceremony.

Kirkland Re-elected

D. D. Kirkland, '33m.ed, superintendent of schools in McAlester, has been re-elected president of the board of trustees of the Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System.