

Alumni in the News

Gov. ROBERT S. KERR, '16, announced last month that he will recommend to the Oklahoma State Legislature the submission of proposed constitutional amendments for lowering the voting age from 21 to 18 years and for reduction of the number of state elective officials. The twentieth session of the Legislature opened January 2.

The governor also plans to recommend, in his message to the Legislature, more funds for aid of common schools in Oklahoma, more money for state institutions of higher education and additional funds for postwar highway construction. (For further information on the proposed lowering of the voting age, see the "Affairs of the State" section of this issue.)

Late in November the governor was elected chairman of the Southern Governors Conference which met in three-day session in Biloxi, Mississippi. Attending were chief executives from nine southern states.

Governor Kerr announced that "equalization of educational opportunities for all citizens of the south" had been named the number one objective of the conference. A committee was appointed to conduct a complete study of the south's educational problems.

Early in December, Governor Kerr was in Washington, D. C., on matters of state business. He visited Navy Secretary Forrestal and Under Secretary of War Robert Patterson in an effort to obtain leaves of absence for members of the Sooner Legislature in military service.

He also called on Senator E. W. McFarland, '17ba, of Arizona, to arrange a date for the senator's special committee investigating reclamation projects which will visit Oklahoma in connection with the proposed flood control program for Oklahoma.

Floor Leader in House

Streeter Speakman, '12law, Sapulpa, state representative from Creek County, was appointed Democratic floor leader in the House for the twentieth session of the Legislature which gets under way this month.

Mr. Speakman was chosen at a meeting of the House Democratic caucus which was held at the same time as the Senate caucus to set up organization of the House and Senate for the present session.

At a meeting of the Senate caucus, M. O. Counts, '14, Hartshorne, was named chairman, and Clint Braden, '32law, Wilburton, secretary of the caucus.

Two Win House Seats

Congressman Mike Monroney, '24ba, of Oklahoma's fifth Congressional district, was re-elected to the House of Representatives for a fourth term in the November general election. He first became a member of Congress in 1938.

Following the election Mr. Monroney announced that he would press for early consideration in the House of his resolution to create a bi-partisan joint committee of the House and Senate to study means for streamlining Congress and legislative procedure.

Also re-elected to the House was Congressman Bill Stigler, '16, representative from the second district, who was first elected to Congress last spring in a special election called when Jack Nichols resigned.

New Mexico Legislator

Mrs. Ollibel Collins Dickinson, '32ba, Tatum,

New Mexico, was elected to a seat in the New Mexico State Legislature in the general election. She is one of two representatives from the nineteenth district, composed of Lea and Eddy Counties.

Mrs. Dickinson has lived in New Mexico since 1935, when she and her husband, Gordon Dickinson, of Lubbock, Texas, moved to his ranch there. She has served for six years on the Democratic state central committee, attended the national Democratic women's meeting in Washington, D. C., in 1940, and was a delegate to the Democratic nominating convention in Chicago last summer.

At the University Mrs. Dickinson was a member of Chi Omega sorority, Alpha Lambda Delta scholarship society for freshman women, Theta Sigma Phi honorary fraternity for women in journalism, the Ducks Club and Mortar Board.

France Heads Bar

Charles E. France, '23law, Oklahoma City attorney who was recently released from service, was elected president of the Oklahoma State Bar at the annual meeting of the organization in November.

Mr. France was formerly a lieutenant colonel with the Judge Advocate General's department and served for two years in the North African and Mediterranean theaters. He succeeds Albert W. Trice as president of the State Bar.

Maj. Albert G. Kulp, of the Judge Advocate General's department and son of Dr. Victor Kulp, O. U. professor of law, presented as a representative of the War Department a certificate of appreciation for the war services of the State Bar in behalf of the men and women in the armed forces and their dependents.

In an address before the State Bar members, the retiring president, Mr. Trice, made the following remarks in regard to low salaries at the University:

"In the early part of this year my attention was directed to efforts to reduce the appropriations available to the University Law School. The opinion apparently prevailed among some of those charged with this responsibility, that, since the enrolment was very low, the School could be closed to a large degree, put in storage, as it were, without damage to the School and at a saving to the taxpayer. Of course, it is obvious that the faculty of an educational institution is in no way like the machinery of a manufacturing plant. It cannot be 'put in grease' to rest a year or two and then return to service. Such a concept held by responsible men is alarming in the extreme."

Miller Reveals Press Action

Disclosure that the United States has decided to open discussions with other nations looking toward international agreements on world freedom of news exchange was made by Paul Miller, '30, assistant general manager of the Associated Press and chief of the Washington bureau.

The announcement was made in remarks prepared for a luncheon meeting of the West Virginia State Newspaper council. Mr. Miller said the government's aim to undertake exploratory talks with other countries on the world free press subject was outlined to him by Secretary of State Stettinius, who authorized him to make the news public.

Washington thus will make the first move by any government in history toward achieving a working basis for guaranteeing unhindered interchange of independent news in order to promote better understanding among all nations, Mr. Miller said.

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FORTY O. U. LEGISLATORS IN TWENTIETH SESSION

Forty University of Oklahoma alumni, members of the Oklahoma State Legislature which convened in twentieth session January 2, may possibly take action during this session on the proposed lowering of the voting age in Oklahoma to 18, the shortening of the Oklahoma ballot believed to be the longest in the U. S., and the formulation of a greater and better-financed educational program for Oklahoma young people. Shown here are 21 of the 40 O. U. members of the Legislature.

Top—Jack Bradley, '25law, Wilburton; Jim A. Rinehart, '23law, senator, El Reno; John Steele Batson, '21, Marietta; Charles B. Duffy, '22law, senator, Ponca City; Streeter Speakman, '12law, floor leader in the House, Sapulpa; B. B. Kerr, '31law, Oklahoma City; Hiram Impson, '15ba, McAlester.

Center—Boyd Cowden, '28, senator, Chandler; R. Rhys Evans, '39law, Ardmore; Robert Barr, '31, Dover; Merle Lansden, '39law, Beaver; Don Baldwin, '30, Anadarko; Ben Huey, '31law, Norman; Dr. Orange W. Starr, '11, Drumright.

Bottom—Robert H. Sherman, '30law, Oklahoma City; Paul L. Washington, '27, Oklahoma City; William Parrish, '40m.ed, Durant; Wade H. Shumate, '14ba, Mangum; Mona Jean Russell, '41law, Picher; W. H. Langley, '12, Stilwell; J. D. McCarty, '39, Oklahoma City.

Not shown are Raymond Barry, '24law, Hollis; Sam Singleton, '44, Ringling; W. B. McDonald, '27, Hobart; Purman Wilson, '20, Purcell; Milam King, '23law, Checotah; Roger E. Standley, '26, Okemah; W. H. Underwood, '31ma, Kenefic; Wilson Wallace, '39law, Ardmore; Martin Garber, '26 Enid; Edd C. Hawthorne, '30, Hodgen; Q. D. Gibbs, '21law, Okmulgee, all representatives. And Bill Ginder, '29, Cherokee; Jack Neill, '24, Chickasha; Clint Braden, '32law, Wilburton; Bayless Irby, '18, Boswell; Bill Logan, '42, Lawton; M. O. Counts, '14, Hartshorne; Clyde L. Sears, '30, Tulsa; Fred Chapman, '37, Ardmore, all senators.

Three House members in the service who will arrive in time for the session are Kerr, McCarty and Lansden. Because of Army duty, senators absent will include Neill and possibly Logan, although he planned late in December to attend at least part of the session.

Medical School

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Northwestern University and the University of Chicago.

Alumni

Dr. Nathaniel A. Jones, '33-'36, assistant director of the admitting and out-patient departments at the University Hospitals, died November 15 of a heart attack at his home in Oklahoma City. He was 28 years old. Dr. Jones took pre-medical work at O. U. and received his medical degree from Baylor University in Dallas. His internship was served in Toledo, Ohio. Dr. Jones joined the Army Medical Corps in 1941 with the rank of captain and served for two years before receiving a medical discharge. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil F. Jones of Tulsa.

► Lt. (jg) Eugene H. Arrendell, '44med, Ponca City, and Mrs. Arrendell are the parents of a baby son Michael Eugene born October 24.

► Dr. Minnie Marie Henson, '44med, Enid, and Dr. Sidney Kaplan, '44med, were married October 26. The bride is serving an internship at the Lutheran Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Kaplan is an interne at the Queen's General Hospital, Long Island, New York.

► Dr. Blair Points, '11med, formerly with the City-County Health Unit at Boise, Idaho, has joined the Montgomery County Health Department in Independence, Kansas.

► Mrs. Ramona King, '36nurse, Woodward, formerly on the staff of the Crippled Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City, has joined the City-County Health Unit in Stillwater. Her husband, Dr. Frank King, former Woodward physician, was killed in action in Italy on January 10, 1944.

► Capt. William J. Campbell, '39med, and Mrs. Campbell are the parents of a baby daughter Karen Ann born October 22 in Oklahoma City. Captain Campbell was on duty at Drew Field, Tampa, Florida.

► Dr. J. G. Glasgow, '42med, who received a medical discharge from the Army after serving for more than a year in Alaska and the Aleutians, has begun private practice in Oklahoma City. He will maintain an office at his residence until arrangements can be made to build and equip a complete office as an addition to his home.

► Miss Marion Houts, '38nurse, Alva, and Staff Sgt. Edward P. Beverly, Jr., Arlington, Virginia, were married in a ceremony in Miami, Florida. Mrs. Beverly has held nursing positions in Oklahoma City, Wichita, Kansas, and Washington, D. C. At the time of her marriage she was a nurse in Ashland, Kansas. Before entering the service, Sergeant Beverly was a statistician with an oil company in Washington, D. C.