

# Science at Work

THE SKELETON of a man who roamed the Oklahoma plains about 1,200 years ago bowed low as he welcomed the visitors to the new University Anthropology Museum in the basement of Monnet Hall, next door to the government department. Grinning grotesquely, this Very Early Sooner first exhibited the showcases of pipes, arrows and bags from Colombia, South America.

He trilled a few notes on a Caddo flute as he passed the cases of Indian costumes, jewelry and other objects, valued at \$15,000. The papoose cradle in which five of Osage Chief Bacon Rind's children were carried adds a homey touch to this corner.

Mr. V. E. Sooner explained that Dr. J. Willis Stovall, director, Ralph B. Shead, artist and technician, and Dr. Lloyd H. Stow, professor of classical languages, during the last seven months had built display cases, painted the three rooms which the museum occupies, selected items for display and arranged and labeled the material.

Idly popping his knuckles, our guide strolled over to the ceramic pottery, representing some of the finest examples of aborigine pottery-making, and indicated with pride more than 4,000 pieces found buried in McCurtain County.

He really outdid himself telling of the Spiro Mound exhibit, however, since the objects dug from these mounds reveal all we know of his people. There are pots and bones, jewelry, shells, masks, knives and pipes used in everyday and ceremonial life 800 to 1,200 years ago. And to add to the aborigine atmosphere, an elaborate model depicting a funeral ceremony with human sacrifices conducted in the temple has been prepared. Worth \$10,000, the model contains 98 individual figures. The costumes, architecture and art have been authentically reconstructed from the data gathered during the three-year excavation of the site in LeFlore County.

Explaining that some of the objects didn't belong to his time, Mr. V. E. Sooner faithfully took us through the Classical Room to show us the money, statues and domestic articles of ancient Greece and Rome. Of special interest is the Roman mortuary urn which is supposed to contain tears of the deceased or his loved ones in the rim. The urn is of clear glass and liquid can be seen within the rim.

At this point, Dr. Stovall, cigar in hand, entered the room. His duties as guide finished, Mr.

V. E. Sooner gave us a toothy grin and slipped into the showcase on the left side of the door, and stretched out as he was laid to rest years ago and later found in the Spiro Mound.

Dr. Stovall, after asking if we had seen the new museum, outlined his hopes for a University of Oklahoma Museum that would be a credit to the state. He declared that not many people know that the value of objects of art, history and natural history now poorly shown or inadequately housed on the campus exceeds \$2,000,000.

The building, as approved by the University Board of Regents, would house many of the collections now scattered and stored in various buildings at O. U. in addition to others. Collections in the new Anthropology Museum which we just toured would be included.

In the main entrance there would be a foyer containing a Foucault's pendulum, demonstrating the rotation of the earth. In the Great Hall, would be fully mounted great dinosaurs that once roamed Oklahoma's jungles.

Exhibits of rocks, minerals, plants, invertebrates and vertebrates, all of which trace organic development in the animal kingdom, are planned.

American Indian exhibits would be the dominant feature on another floor, along with Oklahoma and Southwestern historical objects.

The proximity of a strong Mexican culture suggests a Mexican room containing examples of Mexican objects of history and art. There might also be a South American room since many students in the University have a deep interest in the region south of the Rio Grande.

In the basement, there should be room for a seismograph, to record earthquakes, and adequate storage and work space. According to the plans, the building will be constructed around a patio with walls of Mayan and Aztec architecture, enclosing a fossil wood garden and a cactus garden. The patio will also contain space for temporary exhibits that might include a Pawnee earth lodge, Ponca tepee, a log cabin of the type occupied alike by Indians, whites and Negroes in the early days.

Dr. Stovall said the Museum Committee would welcome any articles that servicemen might send back from their stations. He would like cultural examples from every island a Sooner has touched in the South Pacific. Such gifts from either the European or Pacific battlefields are permissible and would have no trouble passing the customs, he stated.—ELIZABETH LEES.

Lt. Tom McCoy, '42bus, and Mrs. McCoy (Jane Garnett, '40-'42) are the parents of a baby daughter Elizabeth Ann born January 20 in Oklahoma City.

PENDLETON-DOWNEY: Miss Mary Kathryn Pendleton, '42ba, Nowata, and Ensign Joseph Edward Downey, '40-'42, Bartlesville, were married January 22 in Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. Downey, a member of Alpha Phi sorority, has been employed by the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company, Tulsa. Ensign Downey, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, was stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas, as an instructor. The couple will live in Corpus Christi.

WILSON-FOLIART: Miss Mary Lou Wilson, '41-'42, Frederick, and Flight Officer James D. Foliart, '40-'42, Enid, were married recently in San Antonio. Mrs. Foliart is a graduate of Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha. Mr. Foliart, a graduate of Northwestern State College at Alva, was stationed at the Hondo, Texas, Navigation School as an instructor. The couple have established a home in San Antonio.

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MILLS-ARMSTRONG: Miss Betsy Ann Mills,

Hollywood, California, and Cadet Richard K. Armstrong, '43, McAlester, were married February 4 in Hollywood. Mrs. Armstrong has attended school in Hollywood and is a music student and harpist. Cadet Armstrong was stationed with the Army Air Corps at Victorville, California.

CARMICHAEL-HILL: Miss Mary Alice Carmichael, '43he, Ardmore, and Lt. William Byron Hill, '43eng, Norman, were married January 23 in Bethesda, Maryland. Mrs. Hill has been employed with the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company as home service director. Lieutenant Hill was chosen the outstanding engineering student at the University in 1941. Recently assigned to the Office of Strategic Services, he is on overseas orders. His wife will live in Muskogee while he is overseas.

CONWELL-BRISTOL: Miss Avahlene Conwell, '43ed, and Cadet Clarence B. Bristol, Jr., both of Altus, were married January 26 at Tucson, Arizona. Mrs. Bristol has been teaching in the Altus public schools. Cadet Bristol, who attended Altus Junior College, was stationed at the Marana Air Field, Tucson, where the couple will live.

Lt. Lyle Fenton, husband of Korene Harris Fenton, '43journal, died in January in an overseas hospital after being wounded in action in Decem-

ber. Mrs. Fenton, who was living at Grand Junction, Colorado, is now employed on the staff of the *Southwest American* in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Richard L. Gilley, '38ba, '40law, '43ma, Oklahoma City, attorney for the Shell Oil Company in Houston, Texas, was engaged last month in producing and directing a play, the cast picked from company employees.

John W. Harrington, '43law, Norman, resigned as county attorney of Cleveland County in February. Mr. Harrington had served about a year, having been appointed to fill a vacancy before his election to the post in November.

HILL-POPE: Miss Mabel Mildred Hill, '43he, Kingfisher, and Jim Calvin Pope, aviation machinist's mate first class, were married January 23 in Norman. Mrs. Pope received a master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She has been employed by the Cleveland County Health Department. Mr. Pope, who attended Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, was stationed in Memphis, Tennessee, as an instructor.

Dr. Robert M. Lacy, '43ph.d., and Mrs. Lacy (Bernie Piner, '40ba) are the parents of a baby son Robert Howell born November 7 in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Garland Moore, '43, Oklahoma City, has a solo part in *Dark of the Moon*, a legend with music based on the folk song *Barbara Allen*, which was scheduled to open in New York City the week of March 10. Mr. Moore is one of the cast of 27 headed by Carol Stone and Richard Hart. The musical legend, which tells a story of the Smoky Mountains, includes many American folk tunes. Mr. Moore, former member of the WNAD staff at the University, has appeared in *Mexican Hayride* and several other New York productions.

Cpl. Ray Pace and Mrs. Pace (Zuleika Boland, '43ma) are the parents of a baby daughter Mary Jo born March 3 in Arkansas City, Kansas. Corporal Pace was stationed at Strother Field, Kansas.

PEROT-BERKENBILE: Miss Martha Perot, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, and Pfc. Glen L. Berkenbile, '43-'44, Stillwater, were married February 3 in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Berkenbile, a graduate of East Central State College, Ada, is employed by the Central Morris Plan Bank in Oklahoma City. Private Berkenbile is attending the University School of Medicine, in the Army program.

Mrs. L. H. Rayl (Sue Everson, '43he) has been employed as secretary of the McFarlin Memorial Methodist Church in Norman. Mrs. Rayl was formerly employed by the Cleveland County Ration Board in Norman, and the Louisiana State Welfare Department, Alexandria, Louisiana. Mr. Rayl, recently honorably discharged from the Army, was attending the University.

Jack Rhodes, '43ba, Milan, Kansas, graduate student in public administration in Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, spent a short time between terms in February in Vermont where he skied and visited friends. Among the former O. U. people he saw while in Vermont were Dr. Homer L. Dodge, former dean of the Graduate College at O. U. now president of Norwich University at Northfield, and Erma Bickett, secretary to Dr. Dodge. Mr. Rhodes' I.M.A. pin was the means by which he recently got acquainted with another alumnus who happened to be eating at the same place in Cambridge.

Lt. C. D. Saunders, '43eng, and Mrs. Saunders are the parents of a baby daughter Barbara Louise born February 13 in Oklahoma City. Lieutenant Saunders is serving overseas.

Mrs. George William Steckel (Rosa Jarrett, '43ba) has returned to her home in Wetumka. Her husband, Private Steckel, '43ba, was stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

TURNER-MAYFIELD: Miss Mildred Turner, '43, Bartlesville, and Ensign Robert C. Mayfield, '45bus, Norman, were married February 25 in Bartlesville. Mrs. Mayfield is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. Ensign Mayfield, a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, was assigned to San Francisco, California, where the couple will live temporarily. He received his Naval commission from the N.R.O.T.C. at the University in February.