

Alumni in the News

'Round the World in 149

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Class of '34

Around the world in 149 hours and 44 minutes! That's one that Paul Miller, '24, Assistant General Manager of the Associated Press in charge of the Washington Bureau can put in his book.

As soon as I heard that Paul had returned from the inaugural tour of the Air Transport Command's new globe-girdling plane service, I hustled right up to the AP office to talk to him about it.

He was one of three reporters the ATC took on this trip. The others were Fred Othman of the United Press and Inez Rozz of International News Service.

I found Paul looking fresh as a daisy. Everybody on the AP staff had commented on how well he looked after his 23,279-mile flight with very little regular sleep.

"I feel fine," he said, "but I hope the next time I take a trip like that they have berths in the plane. This time they just had regular airline seats and a few air mattresses. The seats weren't too bad, but the mattresses—spread out on the floor, or on a double seat—were better.

"I'll tell you something else. If you ever have to sit up for a long time like that, take a pair of house slippers along. Sleep comes a lot easier if you can wiggle your toes."

Another thing Paul recommends for long air trips is some provision for regular hot meals.

The route was from Washington, to Bermuda, to the Azores, to Casablanca, to Tripoli, to Cairo, to Abadan, Iran, to Karachi, India, to Calcutta, to Kunming, China, to Manila, to Guam, to Kwajalein, to Pearl Harbor, San Francisco and back to Washington. Takeoff was at 3:58 P. M. September 28 and final landing at 9:42 P. M. October 4. Several 4-motor C-54s were used.

There were plenty of exciting and impressive moments throughout.

"We were sorry that that part of the trip over the Himalayas between Calcutta and Kunming came at night. We all wanted to see the 'hump,' but we did get a beautiful dawn view of the mountains of Southwestern China," Paul said.

"Probably the saddest sight was Manila. The desolation there is unbelievable, but you see a lot of bravery. Two young men were trying to publish a newspaper. They said they needed a better press and more paper, but insisted they were doing pretty well as they were."

The gigantic U. S. air installations around the world, the Taj Mahal, the Pyramids, blood-hallowed Kwajalein, the vast stretches of sea and desert—all seemed very far away from Washington, and the Norman campus, when Paul stepped off the plane to greet his family.

But he felt that within a few years many of these things will be as familiar to many Oklahomans as an oil derrick or the Grand River Dam. The ATC service is to be for government business and will carry only those civilians who are traveling on government orders, but Paul is certain that full-scale commercial round-the-world air travel is not very far away.

Paul joined the AP in Columbus, Ohio, in 1932 after working on several Oklahoma papers. After holding several supervisory and executive positions at Kansas City, Salt Lake City, Philadelphia and New York, he was assigned to head the Washington Bureau in June, 1942. He was campus correspondent for the *Oklahoma City Times* when he was a student at the University.

Short Story Recognition

Hansford Martin, '42ba in letters, Kansas City, Missouri, is the author of "The Thousand Yard Stare" which has been chosen as one of the 22 from among hundreds of short stories to be included in the book, *O. Henry Memorial Award Prize Stories*

of 1945. This story first appeared in *Harper's Magazine*.

Another story of Mr. Martin's entitled "You Haven't Changed" appeared in the September 29 issue of *Collier's* magazine. It tells all about the gay times to be had at dear O. U. Dates in the Union cafeteria, beers in the Tavern . . . all the traditional rites that make up daily routine are included in this tale of a veteran who returned to the campus. There was even a sketch of the Union building in the illustration of the story.

Mr. Martin had served as a graduate instructor in English for two semesters when he left the campus in 1943 to complete his graduate studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. While a student at the University, he was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity. He also belonged to Thespian, honorary speech society, and the Philosophy Club.

transferred recently for duty in Oklahoma City to direct army recruiting for the Oklahoma district.

Colonel Garrison received a leave of absence from his civilian job as superintendent of the Norman schools in September, 1940, when he went on active duty with the 45th Division. In Oklahoma City he will have charge of a new recruiting program planned to replace discharged men.

Silver Jubilee Celebrated

Education leaders, alumni and students of East Central State Teachers College turned out by the thousands September 28 to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Dr. A. Linscheid, '20ma, as president of the college at Ada.

Presidents of a dozen state colleges, including Dr. George L. Cross of O.U. and Dr. Henry G. Bennett of Oklahoma A. & M., were present at the large dinner honoring Dr. and Mrs. Linscheid which was given before the public celebration. Governor Bob Kerr, who was the principal speaker at the anniversary celebration, expressed appreciation on behalf of the citizens of Oklahoma for Linscheid's unbroken tenure, longest in the history of the state teachers' colleges.



Passengers on the 'Round the World Flight, left to right: Fred Othman of United Press, Inez Rozz of International News Service, and Paul Miller of Associated Press.

O. U. Army Officer Receives Orders for New War Job

With a record that shows overseas service in both world wars and a career in civilian life as an educator, Lt. Col. Joseph D. Garrison, '29bs, '36 m.ed, who has been commandant of the University of Oklahoma reserve officers' training corps and army specialized training units since 1943, was

Two More Former Students Enter Shrivenham

Cpl. Nelson P. Edmondson, '44, Norman, and Cpl. Sherman C. Pierson, '44, Vici, are now enrolled in the Shrivenham American University in England where the second two-months term opened October 8 with an enrollment of more than 4,000.

Cpl. Edmondson was a member of the 34th Field Artillery Battalion and has been overseas nine months. He has won two campaign stars.

Cpl. Pierson was a member of the 194th Field Artillery Battalion and has been overseas fifteen months. He holds four campaign stars. He is now studying the history of architecture, civil engineering and commercial art.

Regents' Day Luncheon Honored Past Members

Sixteen past members of the University Board of Regents, including three members from the first Board of Regents, and their wives were guests of the present board at a luncheon held October 20 in the Union Building.

Regents' Day was observed for the first time on the University campus this year. However, plans have been made for it to become an annual event.

The three members of the first Board of Regents and their wives who were present at the luncheon were Mr. and Mrs. George L. Bowman, Kingfisher; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Diamond, Holdenville, and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Muldrow, Norman.

Other guests of honor at the luncheon were Mr. and Mrs. Mont Highley, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kite, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ledbetter, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tolbert, Mrs. Addie Lee Lowther and Mr. and Mrs. Breck Moss, all of Oklahoma City.

Other former regents present accompanied by their wives included Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Arnold, Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. Lowrey Harrell and Mr. and Mrs. Orel Busby, Ada; Mr. and Mrs. Malcom Rosser, Duncan; Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers, Tulsa; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fogg, El Reno, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Looney, Wewoka.

Dr. George L. Cross, president of the University, and Mrs. Cross, and Mr. and Mrs. Emil R. Kraettli were special guests at the luncheon. Mr. Kraettli, who was elected secretary of the Board of Regents at their first meeting in 1919, has presided continuously in that capacity since that time.

Present regents and their wives who were hosts at the luncheon were E. C. Hopper, jr., Eufaula, president, and Mrs. Hopper; Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. McBride, Anadarko; Lloyd Noble, Ardmore; Don Emery, Bartlesville; Mr. and Mrs. William R. Wallace, Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. Erl E. Deacon, Tulsa, and Mr. and Mrs. Ned Shepler, Lawton.

Musical entertainment was provided at the luncheon by Joe Benton, professor of voice, who was accompanied by Louis Salter, dean of the College of Fine Arts.

Military Pharmacy Museum

In connection with the large task of gathering the "History of Military Pharmacy in the United States," Dr. Ralph Bienfang, professor of pharmacy, is assembling a museum of military pharmacy. Already in this museum, located in the hallway of the third floor of the Pharmacy Building are:

- Green chevrons with maltese cross (Spanish-American War)
- Army Aid Man's blue cap with silver cross (Spanish-American War)
- Army Aid Man's leather helmet (Mexican War, 1848)
- Dr. Squibb ether can (Civil War)
- Pharmacy Corps Officers insignie (World War II)
- First aid tin of sulfa tablets (World War II)
- Maroon chevrons with caduceus on army blue (Unknown date)
- Olive drab chevron with caduceus (Unknown date)
- Navy Chief's rate bearing blue eagle and blue caduceus instead of red cross (Civil War?)

What he would like would be for military pharmacists, now being separated from the services, to send in to the museum similar, no longer wanted rates, markings, and other military pharmacy gear. Everything sent in will be acknowledged, and will be tagged with the donor's name. This appeal is directed to military pharmacists, late of the Army,

the Air Corps, the Navy, the Marines, the Waves, the Wacs, the Women Marines, the Coast Guard, the Spars, and of the Merchant Marine.

A similar request is directed to military pharmacists of other wars and other years, and also to heirs of military pharmacists of other wars and other years.

Will you help build this museum? Address Ralph Bienfang, O. U., Norman, Oklahoma.



HOMER HECK

From WNAD to NBC

Homer Heck, '35, has just completed three years with the National Broadcasting Company as producer-director during which time he produced and directed a wide variety of shows including "Author's Playhouse," and "Vic and Sade" until it moved to another network. He directed a series of special shows for the Office of War Information and a series of transcribed shows for the American Medical Association.

Currently he is directing the Monday through Thursday show, "Hymns of All Churches" and the "Betty Crocker Home Service Program" on Friday for General Mills. Others under his direction include the transcribed revival of "Clara Lu 'n 'Em" for Kitchen Klenzer; the "Sheaffer World Parade," a music and news variety show on Sunday afternoon, featuring commentator Max Hill and the music of Lou Breese and his orchestra.

Mr. Heck is directing a dramatized historical show entitled "We Came This Way" on Thursday nights for the Public Service Division of the National Broadcasting Company.

During the past two summers he has taught short courses in program planning and building in the Radio Institute sponsored by NBC and Northwestern University.

Association Progress

Tulsa Alumni Meeting

An expansion program for the University was outlined to 100 alumni when Dr. George L. Cross, president, addressed the Tulsa County Chapter of the Alumni Association at a recent meeting.

A new University press building, dormitories for women and a \$350,000 addition to petroleum engineering facilities will be constructed as soon as materials are available.

Discussing the recent conflict in the University law school, Dr. Cross mentioned a statement quoted in news stories that there had been a \$40,000 increase in administration expenses since he became president. He explained that \$25,000 was to set up a program for veterans, \$6,000 for a psychological guidance and entrance examination program, both of which are self-supporting, and the remainder to inaugurate an International Business Machines course.

Preceding the discussion given by Dr. Cross, J. W. Beck and Mrs. Evans, Sand Springs, sang two numbers from the operetta, "Naughty Marietta."

State Association Meetings

Many of the medical and public meetings held over the state have been well attended by state Association officers and members. In attendance at Duncan were V. C. Tisdal, '29-'31, Elk City, President of State Association, Wendell Long, '22ba, Oklahoma City, and Grady Mathews, '23ba, '23med, '25med, Oklahoma City.

A group of three meetings were held in Durant and at Southeastern State College. Dr. W. K. Haynie, '27-'33med, and Dr. John Haynie entertained thirty-five members with a dinner in Durant. Speakers on the programs included Dr. Tisdal, Dr. Tom Lowry, '14bs, '16med, and Dr. J. T. Bell, '35med.

Pontotoc County Gets Charter

At a meeting in Ada on October 9 the assistant to the president, Roscoe Cate, spoke on financial problems of the University.

Ted M. Beaird organized the Pontotoc County Chapter of the Alumni Club. The application for the charter was signed by Emma Dell Weatherly, '42bs; J. L. Boswell, '38ms; Odeal Locke, '42ba, '40ma; Lowrey Harrell, '16law; Mrs. Mary Lee H. Simpson, '39bs; Moss Wimbish, '42law; Trice Broadrick, '43m.ed; Howard Rice, '40m.ed; Dr. E. M. Gullatt, '28ba, '30med, '32md; J. O. Vernon, '36 m.ed; Dr. Ollie McBride, '37m.ed; Orel Busby, '41ba; A. Raymond Wallace, '40m.ed; and Rex Morrison, '39m.ed.

In the business section, Judge Moss Wimbish, was elected president. Howard Rice was chosen vice-president and Emma Dell Weatherly, secretary-treasurer.

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