

# Association Progress

## Washington Sooners Welcome Newcomers

The Oklahoma State Society is a stabilizing non-partisan organization for Oklahomans who live in Washington, and expects to be of great benefit to newcomers to Washington as a result of the change of congressional control.

Victor Wickersham, retiring member of the House of Representatives, is president of the society for this year and has requested that new Oklahomans coming to the national capitol freely consult him and other officers of the society. Visitors from the state are also cordially invited to attend any of the society's social events. Names and addresses of all Oklahomans residing in Washington are sought for a directory and to receive notices of the meetings.

The newly-elected congressmen will be special guests of the society on January 10, 1947, at a reception and dance; the newly-elected governor, Roy J. Turner, will also be invited as a special guest at one of the society functions.

About 4,000 Oklahomans in Washington are members of the society, ranging all the way from members of commissions appointed by the President to civil service employees. Oklahomans engaged in private business in the capital city also have an important part in the society's work.

The society celebrated Oklahoma Statehood Day on November 15th, and on November 30th has a dance and reception scheduled for the Shoreham Hotel.

Vernon C. Field, Oklahoma City; Charles R. Fellows, Tulsa; Elliott C. Fenton, Oklahoma City; Silas Freeman, Ada; W. E. Gruber, Alva; Beth Dale Hays, Britton; Arthur G. McComas, Elk City.

Alan B. McPheron, Durant; James C. McWilliams, Oklahoma City; J. L. Morehead, Tulsa; Max G. Morgan, Oklahoma City; John Allen Phillips, Durant; Frederick Oakes, Oklahoma City; Bob Stanton, Tulsa; Gene Truscott, Shawnee; John B. Wilson, Jr., Frederick, and Kirk Woodliff, Henryetta.

## New Gadget Aids Blind Vet

Without the benefit of his new voice recording machine, Leonard Dodson, '46bs, Norman, has maintained better than average grades, and now with his outside school reading all recorded in advance and his classroom notes recorded for future reference, he should do even better.

In case he so desires, the veteran can carry the 21-pound box into class, plug into a wall socket, and record pertinent points in the daily lectures.

Dodson is one of the outstanding examples of a rehabilitated veteran and has proven beyond a doubt that his blindness is not necessarily a handicap but, more accurately termed, an inconvenience.

All of his lessons are read to him by a reader and Dodson has developed a recorder-like memory which he plays back to himself in class. The only trouble is that he attends class all day, and has trouble in making connections with his reader.

The new dictating machine now will make it possible for Dodson to take classroom notes, which he writes in a legible longhand. His wife the former Martha Downing, '41ba, then records the notes in her spare time. Thus, before all quizzes, the student will be able to play them back as a refresher.

## U.P. Names Hoberecht Acting Head in Japan

Ernest Hoberecht, '41journ, has been named acting manager for the United Press in Japan.

Hoberecht has been in Japan since landing there with the first American troops at the beginning of the occupation. He was a war correspondent and saw action throughout the Pacific.

He is now in charge of directing United Press coverage for Japan and directs the supplying of United Press news to Japanese newspapers.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hoberecht, live at Watonga.

## Hodge Urges Use of Visual Aids

Dr. Oliver Hodge, '33ms, '37d.ed, state superintendent-elect of public instruction recently said he would advocate establishment of a division of audio-visual education in the state department of education.

"I don't propose anything elaborate, such as a state film library," Dr. Hodge explained, "but I think we should make a start by having one or two men, whatever it takes, to co-ordinate visual education in the state.

"A number of colleges and school systems are making progress in this field," he went on. "There is a great need to teach teachers how to use visual aid tools."

Only a half-dozen states now have state supervisors of audio-visual education, but increasing numbers are making plans to create such departments.

## Seattle Sooners Sound Off

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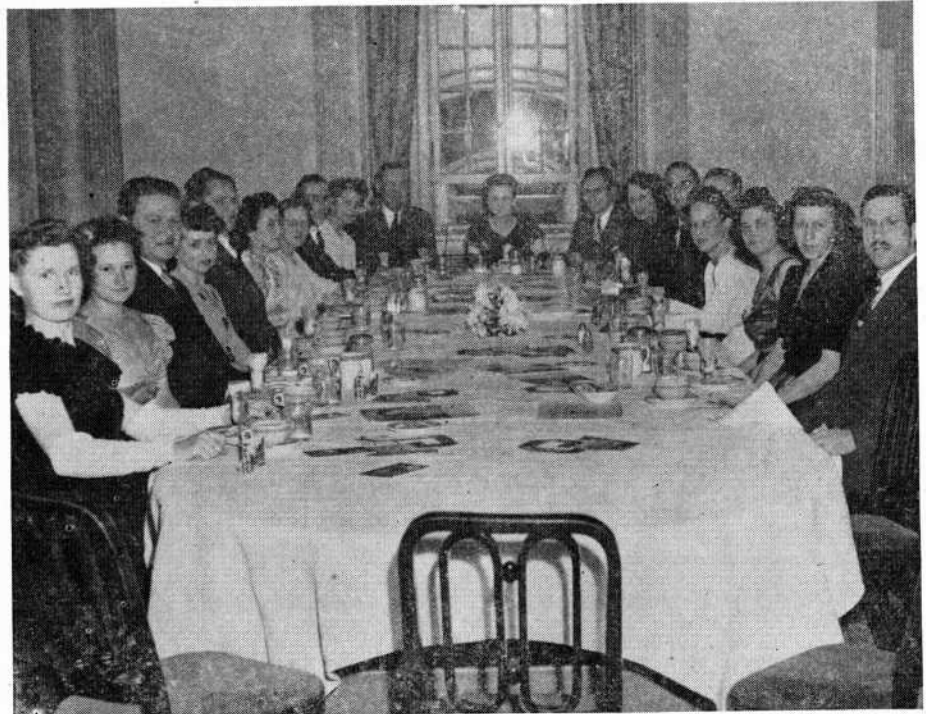
Puget Sound Chapter O. U. Alumni Association held formal dinner, Rose Room, Olympic Hotel, Nov. 4th, 1946 STOP Reception and dinner STOP Upon roll call each Sooner responded with date of O. U. attendance and interesting incident on campus STOP Reading of greeting of President Cross, Coach Haskell and Ted Beard next order of business STOP Guest of honor Francis Bartowe Fite, Jr., scion of pioneer Okla family now prominent Seattle attorney gave address on Pioneer Life in Indian Territory and presented charter STOP Acceptance of Charter, singing of O. U. songs and O. U. chant STOP Present Chloe Armstrong, E. W. Bostram, Commander and Mrs. John H. Atkins, Clarence Taylor, Jerry Duffy, Elizabeth Neff, Mary Myers, Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. McArthur, Drs. Richard and Harvey Roys, Ruth Shannon Roys, Lavonia Leo, Pauline Gettys, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bartowe Fite, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Eppler.

## Sooner Lawyers Hold Reunion

A reunion of the 1937 senior law class was held recently at the University. The program included a moving picture of the class taken during the senior year shown by Earl Sneed.

A committee of five was appointed by the class to consider a memorial for Lt. LeRoy Allen and Major Harry Alley who were killed during the war. The committee included Fred Dunlevy, chairman, Jimmy McWilliams, Bill Burnson, Vernon Fields, Jimmy Braly.

Those attending the reunion were: J. R. Akright, Bartlesville; Bert Barefoot, Jr., Oklahoma City; Phil Bennet, Oklahoma City; James O. Braly, Oklahoma City; W. T. Brunson, Oklahoma City; Ralph H. Cline, Lawton; Fred W. Dunlevy, Oklahoma City.



It was a gay gathering for Sooners of the Seattle, Washington district, when the Puget Sound Chapter of the O. U. Alumni Association was presented recently. Practically every alum from the extreme "Great Northwest" neck-of-the-woods was there—at the formal dinner and reception held at the Olympic Hotel, Seattle. Here they are, from left to right: Mrs. R. D. Roys, '36bs; Mrs. Nina Eppler, Ira Eppler, '38fa, '43m.ja; Jerry Duffy, Clarence Taylor, '43eng; Mrs. Lavonia Leo, '43bus; Mrs. Charles McArthur, '41 pharm; Dr. Charles McArthur, '38med; Mrs. Bartowe Fite, Jr.; Bartowe Fite, Jr.; Chloe Armstrong (center), '40; E. W. Bostram, Mrs. Pauline Gettys, '33ba; Dr. Harvey Roys, '43med; Dr. John H. Atkins, '37; Mrs. John Atkins, Elizabeth Neff, '42ma; Mary Myers and Dr. Richard Roys, '35ba, '39med.

## Kerr Hands 'Tiller' to Turner

By "BELOW PAR" PARR

(Ray Parr, '32ba, staff writer *Daily Oklahoman*)  
and SOONER RANGE RIDER

(Ted Beard, '21ba, O. U. Alumni Association).  
Like an eager bride, the twenty-first Oklahoma legislature moved in and set up housekeeping Tuesday noon, January 7, to await anxiously the start of a new honeymoon one week later.

Although bridegroom Roy J. Turner did not walk down the aisle until January 13, the bride was given away, for all practical purposes, by Governor Kerr, who, in the final official address of his administration, joint assembly of Oklahoma Senate and members of House of Representatives in the House Chambers, State Capitol, wished the young couple luck and happiness, and pointed out, incidentally, they were moving into a mighty fine house, thanks to some excellent improvements of the past four years.

He told the bride he hoped she would be as good to "Hereford Heaven" Roy J. as those two other charming ladies, the nineteenth and twentieth sessions, had been to him while he was head of the household.

Yes—Sooner-Governor Bob's farewell address was delivered to a joint session of the House and Senate. In a genial mood, he walked in smiling, just as if he were not about to walk out. He received a round of applause as he stepped up to the speaker's stand.

Here are the highlights of Governor Robert S. Kerr's message to the Legislature:

**STATE DEBT:** \$40,000,000 debt liquidated and overall surplus of \$40,000,000 accumulated.

**EDUCATION:** Teachers with B.A. degrees have received pay increases from \$110 per month to \$186.

**PUBLIC WELFARE:** Old age pensions increased from \$21.92 per month to \$42.16.

**ROADS AND HIGHWAYS:** State has added 849.5 miles to its system and improvements have been made on total of 9,580 miles. Greatest improvement program in state history under way on primary and farm-to-market roads.

**HIGHWAY FUND AND SURPLUS:** Current assets \$8,250,000 plus \$4,719,000 cash in farm-to-market road money.

**GENERAL REVENUE FUND SURPLUS:** Surplus on hand June 30 estimated at \$14,000,000 with overall surplus in excess of \$40,080,000.

**OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION:** Tax collections highest in state history.

**OKLAHOMA PLANNING AND RESOURCES BOARD:** Its work has been vastly expanded. It helped bring about federal authorization of the \$450,000,000 multiple-purpose Arkansas river development program.

**SOIL CONSERVATION:** "Oklahoma probably has a greater percentage of its tillable land in soil conservation districts than any other state in the nation."

**STATE AND FEDERAL RELATIONS:** The state has acquired several important war-time government installations.

**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Oklahoma has one of the most progressive health programs of any state in the nation.

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE TAXATION COMMITTEE:** "I commend this committee and its recommendations to you."

And—before the multitude of hundreds of his fellow state citizens and well-wishers at the climax hour of his administration, Governor "Bob" said in closing his message to the legislature and to the citizens of the State of Oklahoma on "CONDITIONS OF THE STATE" these words:

"I bring this report to you in all humility, with deep and undying gratitude to the Nineteenth and Twentieth Legislatures, to the other branches and divisions of our State government, to the departments within, and appointees of the executive branch, to many civic groups, and to the rank and file of our people whose co-operation, individual and collective labors, and generous support have made it possible.

"We have labored sincerely to help make this an Administration of good will and co-operation, an Administration of integrity, efficiency, and economy in every branch of government,



During intermission at the Conference on Legislative Procedure, held at the University of Oklahoma on December 13, 1946, Senator James A. Rinehart, '23law, El Reno, President G. L. Cross, Senator James C. Nance, Purcell, and Governor Roy J. Turner, talk things over. More than 80 members of the 21st Oklahoma Legislature attended the Conference.

"We have a profound confidence in the unlimited possibilities of Oklahoma's future.

"We have seen expanding progress and pride as all Oklahomans have increased their knowledge of all of Oklahoma.

"We have witnessed, with joy, as the people of other states have enlarged their respect and increased their esteem for Oklahoma and her magnificent people.

"We have so much for which to be grateful, so much of which to be proud.

"We extend our congratulations to the incoming Administration—to the judicial, the legislative, and the executive branches.

"I extend best wishes to my successor. I urge you to give him the full measure of your co-operation. The greatest blessing that can come to him is to receive at your hands the same intelligent, unselfish, and enlightened co-operation which your predecessors have given to me, and I hope with all my heart he may have this in full and abundant measure.

"The Golden Age of Oklahoma is not in the past, nor is it present with us today. The Golden Age of Oklahoma is in her tomorrows, in the development of her resources, and the growth of her people—in the hearts and souls of her sons and daughters!"

## Dorms for Indians Proposed

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Ted:

I have been here with The Texas Company for the past 26 years. I'm in the land department—title, sharp shooter. We have a great organization, and I expect to stay-on until retirement. My wife and I are of Indian descent, and our hobby, if it could be called a hobby, is Indian welfare. We are identified with Indian organization work and administration of Indian affairs.

We hope to be instrumental in building a large dormitory at O. U. and A. & M. for Indians and supported by the Indian Department for Higher Education. A big task, but our lack of leadership is the lack of higher education. This was thoroughly demonstrated at the National Congress of American Indians at Oklahoma City November 6-9.

Will try to come to more meetings at O. U. in the future.

Sincerely,  
C. C. Victory, '18law

## Prices Continue to Soar

Don't be blaming the Mrs. if her budget shows she's spending more money than ever before—people all over the state are doing the very same thing.

The dollar volume of trade in Oklahoma set a new high in August, usually a dull month, when it reached a total of 113.7 millions. Sales were 32.7 per cent higher than a year ago, and 4.1 per cent greater than the previous high month of June, 1946, the University of Oklahoma bureau of business research reports.

It's not entirely that Mrs. Doe and the rest of the state are just going on a post-war buying spree, the bureau says. That's what you can expect when retail prices are 11.1 per cent above August, 1945 and 45.7 per cent higher than in August, 1939, the last normal peace year.

In addition, greater production of war-curtailed goods and near full employment with high payrolls have caused broad spending. How long the upward trend will continue is a matter of speculation, the bureau warns, but additional demands for wage increases will be made to meet the rise in prices.

All retail prices have increased substantially during the past year. Food prices increased 21.5 per cent and the remaining retail prices increased under 10 per cent, before OPA ceilings were removed.

Since August, 1939, food prices have risen 83.1 per cent. Clothing and house furnishings have increased nearly 60 per cent, while other retail items have increased less than 30 per cent.

Rent, which is still under price control ceilings, has increased only 4.2 per cent in the seven-year interval since August, 1939.