

Undergraduate Activities



Shown here as they prepared for their gold excursion to Alaska are these graduating geology students, left to right, Frank Lookabaugh, Jack Walper, Ernest Kelly and John Chalmers.

Students Stung by Gold Bug Hunt in Alaska for Fortunes

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Came June and there was a new crop of degrees. That's when four graduating geology students threw away the books and went hunting for gold. Yes, a real, honest-to-goodness gold hunt. It started here on the campus, will climax near the frozen Klondike, and end . . . gosh, nobody knows where.

The four university seniors who are seeking a re-enactment of the fabulous Klondike gold strike of 1898 are Frank Lookabaugh, Watonga; Jack Walper, Alex, Alberta; Earnest Kelly, Weatherford, and John Chalmers, Gainesville, Texas.

With an army surplus carry-all and a trailer for provisions, they packed up the latest scientific instruments for finding gold and followed the Alcan highway to a point 3,000 miles from here—near Dawson Creek, scene of much panning at the turn of the century.

There'll be little pick-ax work on this man's gold hunt. A portable fluorescent light will reveal the hidden properties of surface rocks. There will be some "panning" for gold, however. Even in this day of woman suffrage and Greek aid, panning is recognized as a sound practice.

The foursome is incorporated under Oklahoma law as the Texo-kalta Exploration Corp. Walper, corporation president, got the original idea while working as a surveying engineer on the Alcan Highway during early days of the war.

Walper's weekends were spent with old timers around Dawson City on prospecting ventures. It was then that he first visualized a scientific approach to the search for gold.

Dr. C. A. Merritt, professor of geology, poured over war department aerial reconnaissance maps of the area and helped them select the "likely" spots for gold deposits. Walper feels that these maps—made during the war and only recently released—have never been used by prospectors.

The party had planned to drive overland as far as possible, and then take off into the wilderness on foot. They took three months' food supply with them. The search will end in September.

They'll keep a sharp eye out for tungsten minerals and chemicals, as well as for gold.

"We believe there's gold there," says Walper, "and if we don't find it this summer, we'll go again next year."

'Lambda Chis' Back on Campus

A number of prominent alumni of the University of Oklahoma and Lambda Chi Alpha were instrumental in the reorganization of the Gamma Rho Zeta chapter of their fraternity on the O. U. campus last fall.

The original installation date of the O. U. chapter was October 9, 1926. On that date members of two local societies, Phi Delta Chi and Sigma Phi, joined forces before receiving a Lambda Chi Alpha charter.

This social fraternity is one of the strongest nationally, with 116 chapters in United States and Canadian universities. Other chapters located in Oklahoma are at Oklahoma A. & M., Oklahoma City University and Tulsa University.

Among the outstanding alumni of Gamma Rho Zeta are Judge A. P. Van Meter, '27law, Oklahoma district court; Judge A. P. Murrain, '28law, federal circuit court; Lewis C. Lindsay, owner of Norman Steam Laundry; Dr. Onis Hazel, '31med, Oklahoma City; Philip Ashby, '22pharm, laboratory director, McBride Clinic, Oklahoma City; Col. Roe Cook, adjutant of the 45th Division; Col. Marvin Ludington, staff judge advocate, armored center headquarters, Fort Knox, Kentucky; and Denver Smith, '26bs, president, Denver H. Smith and Company.

Gamma Rho Zeta chapter officers include Lester Lloyd, Oklahoma City, president; George B. Higgins, Cleveland, vice-president; Charles Nicek, Oklahoma City, secretary, and John Rowley, Burlington, Iowa, treasurer. Faculty advisers are Dr. Elmer Lucas, professor of geology and director of geological engineering, and Everett Truex, assistant professor of economics.

Student, Bride Feted on Radio

A wedding of nation-wide attention was that of Miss Lou Alice Asbury and Holland Williams, a student in the School of Mechanical Engineering at O. U.

Their marriage preliminaries were performed on the "Bride and Groom" program heard over American Broadcasting Company stations June 19. During the program the couple was presented with gifts from various national and California business firms.

These gifts included a diamond wedding ring, a set of sterling silver, bridal photographs and

recordings of the program. Flowers for the wedding party and a week's trip, flown by a Western Airliner, were also furnished.

"Bride and Groom," which "marries" a couple every weekday, makes the selection from applicants. The determining factor generally is based on interesting history of the romance or an unusual way the applicants met each other.

While visiting a doctor's office in Norman, Mr. Williams stated in his application, he was introduced to the pretty receptionist. He pursued her via the telephone and finally after a week Miss Asbury granted him a date.

The bridegroom's double family relations, his father and uncle—twin brothers—married twin sisters, also aided in their being chosen for the radio program.

Women Students Should Rush Reservations for Rooms at O.U.

Women students planning to enroll at the University next fall should make their reservations early in order to assure themselves of rooms, Garner Collums, housing director, has announced.

Many applications already have been received by the housing office and processed for the first semester. University officials are expecting a large enrollment of girls from this year's state high school graduates.

With the University's accommodations for coeds doubled by addition of the former naval bachelor officers' quarters on the south campus for upper-class women, O. U. now has facilities for more than 800 living outside sorority houses, private residences and halls, Collums said.

Wives Learn the Three C's

Instead of readin', writin' and 'rithmetic, veterans' wives at the University of Oklahoma are learning about canning, crocheting and clothing.

The Institute of Wives of Veterans, sponsored jointly by the Family Life Institute of the Extension Division and the School of Home Economics, has arranged class periods to meet the needs of both wives who do and do not work.

Classes are held in the afternoons or evenings in beginning clothing, canning, home furnishing and decorating, knitting, crocheting and advanced clothing.

The Drug Mill

By DR. RALPH BIENFANG

New Pharmacist Jack Harris, Durant, has what appears to be the Drug Miller to be an excellent idea. He says, "How about using some of these excellently done inspirational pharmacy lithographs as murals in the modern pharmacy?" Practically all of the pharmaceutical houses now offer these in various sizes, and all that would have to be done would be to get them into a size and form such that they would be suitable to put on the wall. Seems like the neighborhood carpenter could screw them into position and build frames around them, after which they could be shellacked for permanence.

July items—Professor C. C. Albers of the University of Texas College of Pharmacy is known also as "C-squared" . . . Hoenshel Fine Foods, Inc., of Sandusky, Ohio, has come forth with a good new one, cinnamon spread—butter, sugar, cinnamon, all there in one jar! . . . N. W. Herrington of Los Angeles has a personal copy of the first edition of the National Formulary that he will sell for \$10. You may have known of him in his connection with the Herrington Drug Company, Newman Grove, Nebraska . . . The Scheffe Prescription Shop (Walter Scheffe), Enid, uses pharmacy green letterheads, a pharmacy green typewriter ribbon and green one-cent stamps! . . . Thanks,

J. P. Willard for that new GEM "Guiding Eye" razor. It is truly a beautiful thing.

Here's another one of those prophecies—a look into the future. You know how many slots we have now to aid us in spending money, juke box slots, parking meter slots, phone slots, cigarette machine slots, etc. Well, do you suppose the banks will ever figure out a slot to help us *save* money—I mean at all hours? Will it be possible in the future to dial your depositor's number on the outside of a bank, and have the coins and bills you drop in, be credited to your account?

Graduation day—On June 2, at ceremonies held in the Field House on the O. U. campus, the following were handed diplomas by President George L. Cross signifying that they were henceforth Bachelors of Science in Pharmacy: John Leon Bagley, Henderson, Texas; Lloyd Harry Beegle, Beaver; Ralph Wayne Carlisle, Laverne; A. Harvey Cunha, Boston, Massachusetts; Duane Lafayette Feely, Manchester; Leonard Virgil George, Jet; Robert Earl Grundy, Waurika; Hoover Wilson Holman, Norman; Jo Ann Kirkpatrick, Frederick; Emmanuel Nick Koronis, Picher; Louise M. Pope, Duncan; Curtis Franklin Potter, Enid; Dorothy Belle Standifer, Elk City.

Charles Frederick Taylor, Kaw City; Tom Lew Walkinshaw, Jr., Tahlequah; Norma Jean Ray Warner, Norman; and Charles Joseph Zipp, Roswell, New Mexico. At the same time Vivian Jean Brown was invested with the hood of the Master of Science degree, and Porter Howard Stovall was similarly decorated attesting to his having earned the Master of Pharmacy degree.

Summer school—Approximately 200 students are enrolled in the 12-weeks summer term in pharmacy.

Oldest diploma—Mrs. Pearl I. Ables, Oklahoma City, has placed on deposit at the University the first diploma ever granted by the University of Oklahoma together with pictures of the recipient, her uncle, and his State Board Registration and Association membership. Lemuel Dorrance was granted this diploma June 6, 1896.

Pass board—Among those who took and passed successfully, the State Board of Pharmacy examinations for registration as pharmacists recently were Tom Walkinshaw, Norma Warner, Charles Taylor, Harvey Cunha, Jo Ann Kirkpatrick, Louise Pope, Robert Grundy, Duane Feely, Manual Koronis, Charles Zipp, Curtis Potter, Belle Standifer, John Bagley, Hoover Holman and Wayne Carlisle.

Phi Delta Chi reactivates—The Rho chapter of Phi Delta Chi, national professional fraternity of pharmacy and chemistry, held its reactivations ceremonies on the campus recently, thirty-four years since the original chapter was issued by the Grand Council.

Initiation of the new men and the formal installation of officers were held in the Pharmacy Building. Raud P. Hollenbach, national grand secretary, presided, and J. Pat Henry acted as installing marshal. New initiates were:

Harry Lee Lydick, Coffeyville, Kansas; Henry W. Phelps, Hempstead, New York; Marc L. Cox, Tifton, Georgia; Robert V. Baker, Marshall, Arkansas; Robert H. Lattimore, Marlow; Eugene A. Lynch, Sapulpa; James W. Lynch, Sapulpa; A. Durell Poythress, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Frank P. Brandon, Strang; Adelbert E. Briggs, Pueblo, Colorado; Cecil B. Hulse, Atoka; William G. Bray, Norman; Fred R. Hood, Oklahoma City; William R. Lindsey, Shawnee; Frank P. Prater, Davis; Robert C. Perry, Columbus, Ohio, and Charles A. Martin, Norman.

The new officers for the coming semester are: president, A. Harvey Cunha; vice-president, Harry Lee Lydick; secretary, Henry W. Phelps; treasurer, Eugene A. Lynch; chaplain, Robert V. Baker; master arms, A. Durell Poythress, and inner guard, Robert H. Lattimore.

The ceremonies were closed with a banquet in the Persian Room of Norman Courts Grill. Guests of honor included Raud P. Hollenbach, Dean D. B. R. Johnson and Dr. Ralph Bienfang. Among the alumni present was Dr. F. Redding Hood, Oklahoma City. Dr. Hood's son, Fred, Jr., was among those initiated. Professor Bray is faculty advisor for the chapter.

Pope to Johns Hopkins—Pharmacist Louise Pope, Duncan, has been accepted as intern in pharmacy at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, for a period of two years.

Oklahoma Writers Are 'Most Prolific', Noted Editor Claims

Oklahoma writers are the most prolific sectional group of the nation, Robert L. Crowell, editor of Thomas Y. Crowell and Company, told approximately 200 persons who attended the four-day course in professional writing held at the University of Oklahoma in June.

By the closing session he had received 30 pounds of manuscripts to read and evaluate.

The program opened with an address by Walter S. Campbell (Stanley Vestal), director of professional writing courses. Roundtable discussions were included, and registered students with manuscripts were given opportunities to consult editors on nonfiction, fiction and poetry.

John A. Haney, Norman, was awarded the \$100 first prize in the Robert Whitehand memorial award contest for his mystery story, "The Blonde in the Bottle." Campbell made the presentation in the absence of Harlan Mendenhall, '37ba, founder of the award.

Miss Gerry Griffith, Oklahoma City, received the \$50 second-place prize for her story, "The Cameraman and the Corpse." Third place went to John and Winona Hamlin, Norman, for their story, "Love Was on Her Lips."

Judges were Steve Payne, *Saturday Evening Post* writer, and Mendenhall. All four winners are enrolled in professional writing courses at O. U.

The oil industry is a good background for historical fiction as yet virtually undeveloped, Dr. Ross M. Taylor, professor of English, University of Wichita, Wichita, Kansas, said.

Beginning writers do not need an agent to sell their articles at best prices, six publishers and editors agreed at a roundtable.

Literary and small magazines provide almost the only outlet through which writers can find complete freedom in expression and experimenta-

tions, Dr. George Bond, senior editor of the *Southwest Review*, asserted. Small magazines have discovered many famous writers of today, he said.

Editors and writers available for conferences included: George Davis, associate editor of *Mademoiselle*; Joseph O. Naylor, president of the Naylor Publishers, San Antonio, Texas; Donald Day, editorial representative, *Reader's Digest*; Gus Thorndyke, Chicago representative of the Houghton Mifflin Company; Mrs. Charleen McClain, editor of *Holland's*; Green Peyton, chief of the Texas news bureau of *Time, Inc.*; Mrs. Ennon Reaves Hall, author of more than 60 western stories; Loui L'Amour, author of *Smoke From This Altar*.

Dr. William E. Livezey, author of *Mahan on Sea Power*; Lon Tinkle, associate editor of *Book Page*, of the *Dallas News*; Miss Alice Marriott, author of *The Ten Grandmothers*; Mrs. Alberta Wilson Constant, women's editor of the *Beacon*, industrial house organ; Fred Gipson, author of *Fabulous Empire*, and Savoie Lottinville, director of the University of Oklahoma Press.

The international "lend-lease" plan was carried out on a small scale at the University of Oklahoma recently. Henry L. Janssen, Clinton, graduate student in government, asked aid on his master's thesis concerning "Non Violence" from Eddy Asirvatham, noted Indian authority and speaker at the Institute of International Relations here. Now he has received a book "The Political Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi" from Asirvatham.

Lonny Chapman, the University of Oklahoma drama school's outstanding senior this spring, is due for some more stage cues soon. The Tulsan, who was a member of the Sooner track team, has been accepted for casting in a Broadway play in September.

Will Rogers, the late "ambassador of good will," was the author of seven books of homely philosophy and sound common sense.



Three happy men are John A. Haney (left), who was presented the \$100 first prize in the Robert Whitehand memorial award contest, Foster Harris, '25ba, and W. S. Campbell. Professors Campbell and Foster teach professional writing at O. U. Mr. Haney, one of the former's students, wrote the prize-winning mystery story, *The Blonde in the Bottle*, judged best at the professional writers' short course in June.