

Undergraduate Activities

Oldest O.U. GI Leads Busy Life

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The University of Oklahoma's oldest GI student isn't sure that he likes the title.

"I feel perfectly at home on the campus," Maurice M. Hall, 51-year-old former Army chaplain, declares. "I don't feel the least bit out of place with the younger fellows."

And Hall, who already holds five degrees and now is working on a sixth, doesn't look out of place. His brisk, erect walk makes it difficult for other students to realize that he's actually a grandfather. He discusses such problems as how to stretch \$90 far enough to make ends meet right along with the other GIs on the campus.

Now seeking a doctorate in education, Hall is one of the busiest veterans at O. U.

In addition to his school work he serves as pastor of the Franklin Baptist Church in Norman. He

preaches at least two sermons at the church each Sunday, assists with Sunday school and young people's training services and sometimes takes members of his congregation to a nearby colored church to hold special services during the afternoon.

Simply going to school is a full-time job especially when the student is working on a doctorate. Every spare hour is needed for research and study.

But Hall manages to accomplish his school work, his church work and even has time for a lot of work around the house. Being a husband, a father and a grandfather to his household requires a certain amount of counsel and assistance.

After Hall was released from service last summer he could find no housing facilities in Norman for his family. His family remained in Lawton while he rented a room the first two months of the semester.

Finally, he applied for a GI loan, got it, and purchased a neat six-room house for \$4,000. His family came down and together they pitched in to fix

the place up.

Hall, himself, converted the open basement of their new home into six additional rooms. By spending what few hours he could spare from his studies and his church work each week, he did all the electrical work, the carpenter work, the painting and even the plumbing necessary to make the conversion.

The only help he received in the project was in minor details impossible for one man to accomplish. Now, the Halls have a 12-room house.

Hall has served as principal or superintendent of high schools at Mt. Vernon, Caledonia and West Point in Arkansas, Malakoff and Kemp in Texas, and Chelsea, Rogers county, in Oklahoma. He also taught English, Hebrew and Greek while a student in New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

As field agent for Dodd Junior College for Girls, Shreveport, Hall traveled throughout east Texas, south Arkansas and north Louisiana, to contact prospective students for the institution. The next year, he served as head of the college's department of English.

A veteran of both wars, Hall is chaplain of the campus post of the American Legion, first college post in the nation. An accomplished linguist, Hall writes and speaks five languages—English, Latin, Greek, German and Hebrew. This linguistic knowledge proved to be of inestimable value during his service as an Army chaplain.

For six months he served the German prisoner of war camp at Huntsville, Texas, as chaplain. His only assistants in working with the 5,000 prisoners of war at the camp were five German ministers who were prisoners themselves. Two had been Catholic priests in Germany, two were Lutheran ministers and one was Presbyterian.

Hall taught German to Army soldiers for 15 months. Many later expressed their thanks to him for this knowledge after they were transferred to Germany.

The O.U. student holds three degrees from Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas—bachelor of arts, bachelor of oratory and a master of arts degree. While in college there he won awards as school's best all-around student debater and orator.

His other degrees—a master's and a doctor's in theology—are from the Baptist Seminary in New Orleans.

Hall has four children, two daughters and two sons. His oldest daughter, Geraldine, and her 3-year-old son, Coogan, make their home with the Halls. Another daughter is married and lives in Lawton.

His older son, James Ross, was graduated from Lawton High School in June and will enter Cameron Junior College there next autumn. Student trainer for the high school football and basketball teams, James Ross will act in a similar capacity at the junior college. He is playing league baseball in San Francisco this summer.

A 7-year-old-son, Ray, is a student in Jefferson Elementary School in Norman.

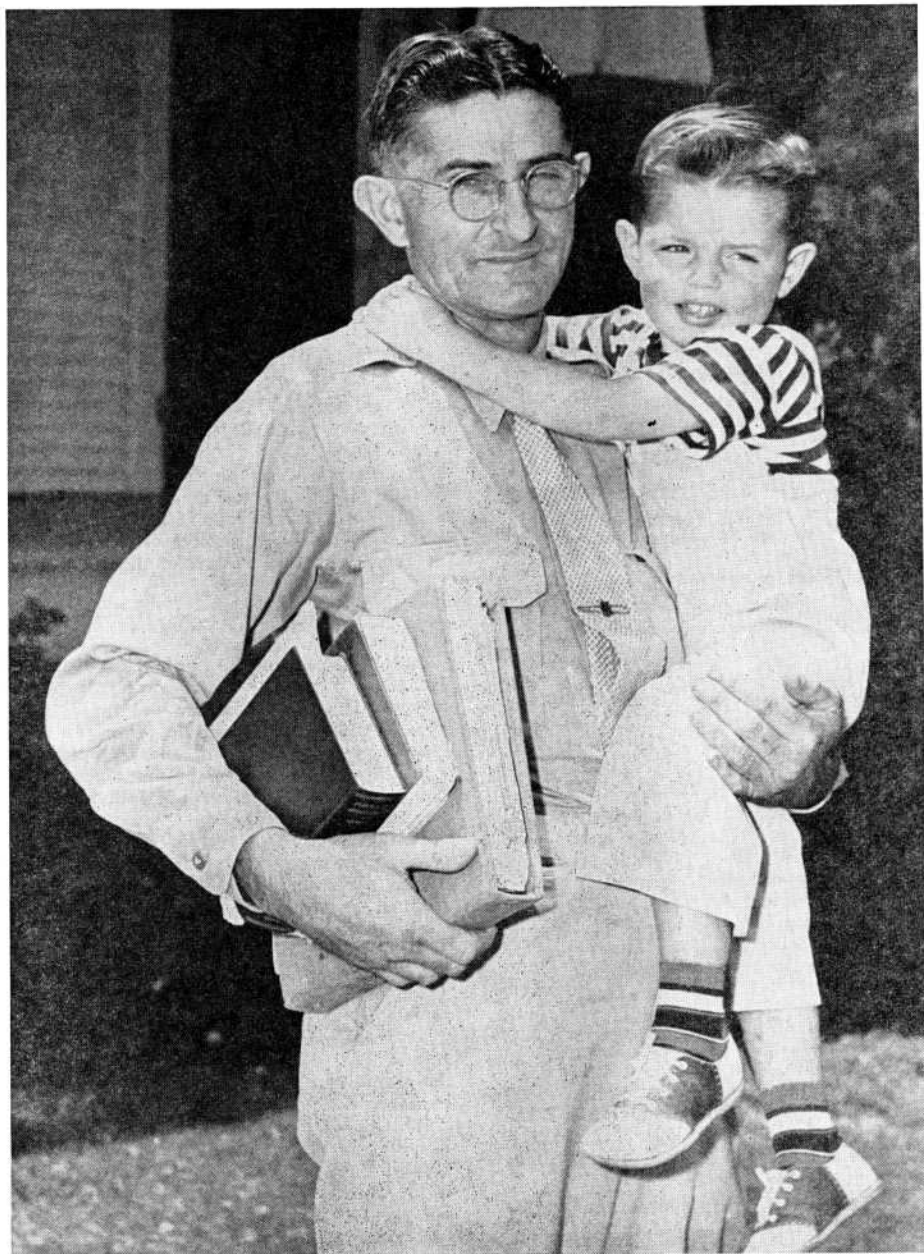
Hall is quite an athlete himself. He has played and coached football, basketball, track and baseball.

O.U. Vets Are Family Men

Six out of ten former servicemen attending O.U. summer classes have settled down to domestic life.

Out of the 3,253 veterans now enrolled in the University summer session, 65 percent are married with 726 fathers represented in the group. According to figures released by George P. Haley, director of veterans affairs, 601 veterans have one child; 145, two children, 12, three, and three have four children.

Breaking the record is one veteran attending the University who is the father of five children.



Dr. M. M. Hall, at 51 the oldest GI student on the University campus, gets farewell affection from his grandson, "Looky", before leaving his Norman home to go to class.



Students who listened to Larry Cotton's crooning when he was on the Horace Heidt Pot O' Gold program from 1938-'42 will hear a "new" Cotton when he sings at Holmberg Hall November 25. Larry, '33, is a classical singer now. He studied intensively in New York the past year under the renown voice teacher, William S. Brady.

The Drug Mill

By DR. RALPH BIENFANG

Dorrance Pharmacy Museum: Pharmacy student James Lynch, Sapulpa, has placed on deposit a number of Japanese medical items which he picked up on Hollandia. Among them are a brown glass dropper bottle, a pad of casualty tags, a 7 per cent iodine applicator, a 12 cc plastic graduate, a plaster of paris bandage and several silk sutures.

Drug Miller Honored: Ralph Bienfang, professor of pharmacy, has been invited by Dr. Otto Glasser of the Cleveland (Ohio) Clinic to contribute again to *Medical Physics*, soon to be brought out in a second edition by Yearbook Publishers, Chicago. Also, President D. L. Kincaid has appointed him to membership on the Veteran's Advisory Committee of the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association.

Kappa Psi Initiates: On June 19, Warren Dickerson, Arkansas City, Kansas; Floyd Crittenden, Hartford, Arkansas; Lee Jones, Oklahoma City; A. Marion Smith, Pawhuska; Clyde Shannon, Norman, and Wallace Taylor, Oklahoma City, were initiated into Kappa Psi, professional pharmacy fraternity.

Old Journals Wanted: Pharmacy Librarian Mrs. Lois Walter would appreciate being told where she can get the *Oklahoma State Medical Journal*, vol. 22 (1929) July; vol. 23 (1930) April, June, July, December; vol. 26 (1933) January, July. Do any of your physician friends have copies that they could donate? Also, Librarian Walter needs the

Dates Dance in Cotton Duds

They all came decked out in their best cotton duds to the Cotton Club dances held this summer in the Ballroom of the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building.

The last of the series of informal dances, sponsored by the Union Activities Board for the benefit of summer students, was held July 11. Marty Meacham, arts and sciences junior, was chairman of the Cotton Club dances.

The flings were so called because students were requested to sport their brightest and coolest informal cotton clothes before setting out for the Union.

President of U.A.B. is Amelia "Chita" Roberts, '47ba. Miss Mary Lou Stubbeman, '45bus, is director of Union Activities.

June, 1946, issue of the *American Journal of Pharmacy*. Any or all will be appreciated.

As you faithful ones who read this column know, the Drug Miller frequently tries to throw in a little of what he brashly calls "literature"—strings of words, that is—which he hopes may appeal to you. Well, this time the procedure is reversed somewhat. Two bits of poetry have been sent to the Drug Miller. The first is from the facile pen of Dr. John P. Rankin, Elyria, Ohio:

"These poor stanzas are dedicated to Dr. Ralph Bienfang in gratitude for—first, the chance to read his book, *The Subtle Sense*, personally—and, secondly to quote from it as an outline for a talk given to the Elyria Round Table Club, April 11, 1947. In reading these lines below, we simply stated that they were found in a round-topped box on top of an old trunk in an old house. None of the listeners 'caught on' to the truth that my head was the 'round-topped' box on the old trunk. Not that I am quite that ancient!—or am I, at 56?"

*Perfumes, odors, scents, and smells!
Oh, what magic in them dwells!
All the fragrance of the spheres
Caught in "honeysuckle tears"!*

*Atter of the rose, sublime,
Breathing history old as time;
Delectation to enhance
The sights and sounds of Southern France*

*Childhood memories, pleasure, pain,
Stir in them and live again;
Field and farm so redolent;
Myrrh and spice of Orient.*

*Chemist's magic? God's Romance?
Test tube luck, or Nature's chance!
Find and name them what you will;
Close your eyes and breathe your fill!*

*All that Memory conveys
Wafted in a thousand ways!
What a world their story tells;
Perfumes, odors, scents and smells!"*

—John P. Rankin.

Remember the recent mention of the 1930 Coca-Cola tray and the request for information on older ones? Van Ausdal's Drug of Welch, Oklahoma, reports that it still has one going strong which carries the date 1927, which, of course, was the year that Lindbergh spanned the Atlantic. Van Ausdal describes the tray as bearing the picture of a young man in white, serving Coca-Cola in glasses—the last time a man appeared on a Coca-Cola tray! Now does anyone know of a tray more than 20 years old?

The closing bit of poetry is by Pharmacist James K. Mugg, '43bs, of Higgins, Texas.

*Once the Drug Mill surrounds a person,
Always grinding, grinding,
A wealth of delight, security, and pleasure
Pours out, always binding, binding.*

Who's Who in Medicine?

(One of the most difficult tasks confronting administrators of the University of Oklahoma, or any institution of higher learning where the study of medicine is concerned, is the selection of young men who are to begin their training in the field of medicine. We quote below an editorial from the *JOURNAL of the Oklahoma State Medical Association*—July, 1947, issue. In this editorial entitled, "Who's Who" some timely explanations are brought about, dealing with the problems of the committees on admissions as well as the matter of determining who's who in the field of medical study.)

"The University of Oklahoma School of Medicine recently sent seventy graduates into the field of service. A record of what was on the minds of these young graduates when they received their diplomas would make interesting reading, but it would not reveal the future. The Dean and their professors must await the further evolution of character and career.

"The members of the Committee on Admissions have a tough task. They cannot look into a

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When Cotton Club dance time would roll around this summer, these entertainers started warming up. Kibbitzing at the left is Marty Meacham, dance chairman of the sponsoring Union Activities Board. Johnny Lane is at the piano, Zana Pettit at the mike and Don Means at the bull fiddle.