



Thirty-nine and 36 years, respectively, after they receive degrees from the University of Oklahoma, these two Los Angeles Sooners are still vitally interested and active in O.U. affairs. Both were present at the annual picnic of the L.A. Club held recently. They are Mary Ingold, '08ba (left), and Olive Leeper, '11ba.

Faculty

Victor Ricks Resigns

Victor E. Ricks, acting counselor of men at the University of Oklahoma, has resigned to become dean of men at Evanston, Illinois, Junior College, effective September 8. He also will teach part-time.

Paul MacMinn, O.U. director of student affairs, has been named acting counselor of men.

Ricks, who served in the Navy during the war, came to O.U. in January, 1946, as assistant coordinator of radio instruction and as instructor in radio.

He has B. S. in education from University of Missouri in 1937, and M. A. in education from Missouri in 1941.

Research Grants Approved

Approval of two U.S. public health service grants totaling nearly \$8,000 for research at the University of Oklahoma has been announced by Dr. A. O. Weese, acting dean of the O.U. Graduate College.

The projects will be directed by Dr. Simon H. Wender, associate professor of chemistry, Dr. F. R. Hunter, associate professor of zoological sciences, and Dr. Howard W. Larsh, chairman of the department of plant sciences.

Wender's work, which received a grant of \$4,165, is aimed at separating flavones, a group of yellow pigments, from tobacco. Two pigments have been shown by other researchers to have the property of decreasing the fragility of blood capillaries. Under a grant of \$3,672, Hunter and Larsh will study the effect of bacteria on cell functions, especially blood cells.

Two research assistants have been named for chemistry and one for the study of bacteria. The grants run for a year but may be renewed, Weese said. Special instruments and equipment provided by the grants will become the property of the University.

Chemistry Fellowship Is Set Up

A chemistry fellowship established at the University is one of six set up in American universities by the Pan American Refining Corporation.

Authorities of each of the six universities receiving scholarships will be allowed to choose students from within their respective universities to receive the benefits of the scholarships.

A choice of the subject for study to be pursued by the person receiving the fellowship is made by mutual agreement between the University and the Corporation.

Each fellowship is granted for a period of one school year.

The other universities receiving fellowships are Texas University, Ohio University, University of Illinois, Minnesota University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

O. U. Regarded 'Tops' in Iraq

Apparently the University has a detachment of chamber of commerce working abroad. At least a recent letter received by Dr. J. E. Fellows, dean of admissions, would indicate that.

The letter was signed by Khedouri Ezra Asher, 8/3 Battaween Street, Baghdad, Iraq. Its contents were as follows:

"Dear Sir,

"I am contemplating of sending my daughter, Malka-Tobah Khedouri, to continue her studies abroad. It is at the suggestion of my daughter's English instructor that I am writing to you, who by the way spent 12 years in the States studying and lecturing.

"As you are undoubtedly aware that the distance between Iraq and the United States is quite long and there is probably likewise a wide contrast in customs and manners. So the question was put to my daughter's instructor as to which part of the United States is best suitable for my daughter and where in that part of America is there a college that has a scholastic background, good environment, congenial body of students, a friendly faculty and a tendency to enhance religious sympathies and feelings.

"He seems to have spoken about Oklahoma and the 'Okies' just like a native. I asked him what did he mean by 'Okies'? He said that it means the people over there are O.K. He seriously spoke about the unaffected and natural manners of the people in that vicinity. They are hospitable beyond description, he said. There are unfortunately, he went on to say, snobbish institutions of learning all over the world just as there are snobbish persons, not all persons are Will Rogerses, and Oklahoma being no exception to the rule, has its quota of this social malady. However, The University of Oklahoma, because of its deeply rooted precepts of Americanism, is not only not one of them, but it is really a haven for students whose aims are to broaden their knowledge and to strengthen their moral stamina. After having elicited the above information from my daughter's instructor, the whole family began to feel that the only place for my daughter in the United States should be in the University of Oklahoma.

"I sincerely hope that you will be kind and generous enough, and let my daughter have the privilege of becoming a student in your university.

"Almost all my daughter's teachers consider her a very studious and industrious in all her work, if

I am to take serious various comments made by them on several occasions. Likewise, judging from the respect and esteem that exists between my daughter and the rest of the students, one would assume that they looked at her in an exemplary way. I believe you are entitled to know something about my daughter's character.

"Permit me to say a word or two about her school, the Alliance School for Girls in Baghdad, from where she graduated about two years ago. The school is equivalent to any accredited high school in America.

I am so anxious to hear from you immediately, because I don't wish to waste time unnecessarily. Therefore please, would it be asking too much if I am to request you to send your reply by Air Mail. I feel that I should begin to be grateful."

Dean Fellows sent an immediate answer, thanking the father for "his fine letter," and explaining admission procedure. It looks as if the University will add another foreign student to its many present students attending from all over the world.

Faculty Notes

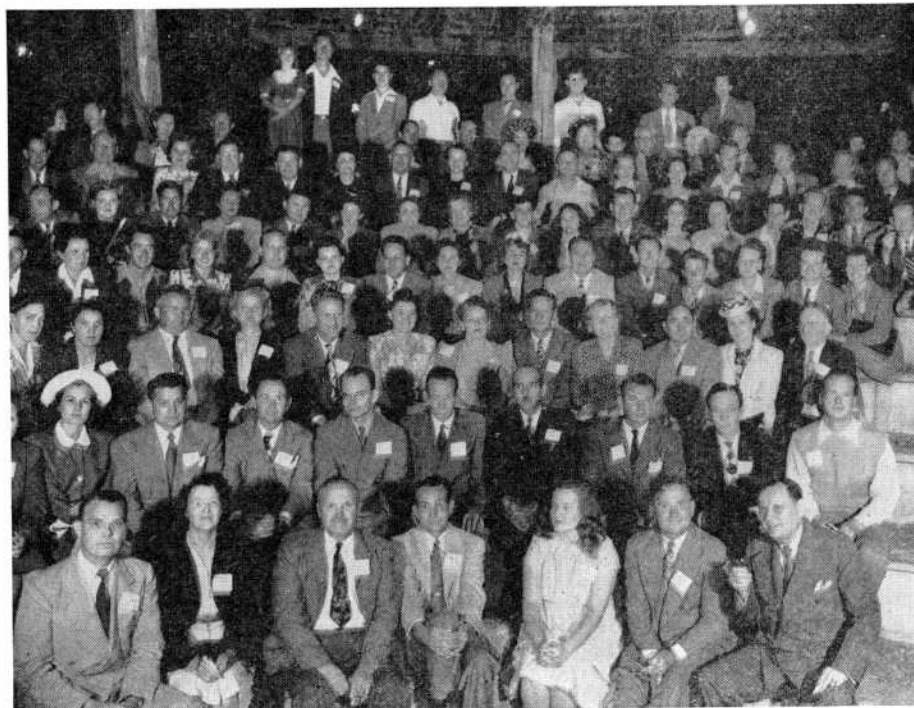
Dr. C. E. Springer, '25ba, '26ma, chairman of the University mathematics department served as a member of the Mathematical Association of America's program committee at their meeting scheduled at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, August 30 to September 7. He also attended sessions of the American Mathematical Society and the Institute of Mathematical Statistics there.

Dr. Max L. Moorehead, '37ba, '38ma, University assistant history professor, is now conducting research on the history of the Chihauhua trial.

D. B. R. Johnson, dean of the University School of Pharmacy, attended a joint meeting of the American Association of College Pharmacy and the American Pharmaceutical Association in Milwaukee, Minnesota, August 24-29.

Dr. A. O. Weese, acting dean of the University Graduate School, recently received a \$7,000 air mail letter. Chi-Yuan Pan, a physics teacher in the National Central University, Nanking, China, spent that amount in Chinese currency for postage. Miss Pan will attend the University this fall to work on a Master's Degree in physics.

Repairs to the University-operated Max Westheimer field, totalling approximately \$8,000, will



Here's an idea of how they packed 'em in when the Sooner call was sounded in Los Angeles

be completed by early fall. Underway since July 15, work includes improving runways and reshaping grass islands.

The University Journalism School will enter international competition through a contest, first of its kind, to be held in Quito, Ecuador, in October. Copies of the *Oklahoma Daily*, student newspaper, the *Sooner* yearbook and the *Covered Wagon*, campus humor magazine, will be entered. Held to promote a greater interest in journalism throughout the world, the contest is sponsored by the University of Ecuador and a federation of colleges.

Radio station WNAD has ordered many new musical selections, and the themes for almost all music programs were changed September 1, Jack Bowers, director of music, said recently.

Lyman Stanley Gets Honorary Doctorate from Texas College

He claims about as much familiarity with a billiard cue as a piano keyboard, but O. U.'s tall, easy-going Lyman Stanley has received an honorary doctorate in recognition of his "outstanding service" to music in the southwest. The distinction was conferred by Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Texas, where Professor Stanley served as head of the piano department from 1924 to 1931.

Professor Stanley, who has been a prominent campus personality for many years, smiled as he briefly recapitulated the six days he spent in Brownwood before and after receiving his degree July 29.

"It was a big, fine and full holiday for Mrs. Stanley and me," he said in an accent as southern as "Gawgia." "We hurried around visiting friends, attending banquets and lawn parties for almost a week. People would rush up to shake one hand and at the same time stick a cup and saucer in the other. That's southern hospitality, you know! It got confusing at times—all the scurrying around—but it was fun. They were wonderful to us."

Reading dozens of congratulatory messages from school associates and other friends added to the Stanley's delight. "The whole affair allowed us little time for sleeping and left us pretty well whipped. It was worth it, though."

The professor, whose build, walk and conversation reminds one of Hollywood's nonchalant Gary Cooper, was a member of the O. U. faculty from 1920 to 1924 and returned in 1931. In the meantime he had taught seven years at Howard Payne and one year at Central State College, Edmond.

Professor Stanley remarked that he felt doubly honored in receiving recognition from Howard Payne.

"I value the deep-felt loyalty and memories of that school even more than I covet the distinction. They have a fine school in Brownwood, large and friendly and with lots of spirit. My seven years there were very enjoyable; they've always been great to me."

The Texas institution is the largest Baptist educational college in the southwest. Its president is Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, who invited the O. U. professor of applied music and theory to receive the degree at his school's summer commencement exercises.

Music lovers throughout the southwest are as familiar with Stanley's individualistic playing style as O. U. students are with his collection of brilliant bow ties. The latter is his pet obsession.

His music reflects his character. His practice of personalizing familiar themes has been called "Stanleyizing." To his audience "Stanleyizing" means making music talk. He accomplishes this by inserting special musical patterns—runs or trills—in the right places. His listeners love it.

Although he was born in New Hampshire and studied in New York, Boston, Montreal and Cincinnati, Professor Stanley sports an accent that would make him at home in any southern state. Reference to his hurried-up drawl admittedly flatters him, but he claims he doesn't know where or when he procured it.

He loves the southwest and American music. He likes jazz music and delights in the enthusiastic response his "hepped-up" piano pounding receives

from student fans; but classical selections are naturally his long suit.

At the age of seven Stanley started playing the piano, three years before taking his first lesson. When 10 he attended a recital by Minor C. Baldwin. Some 15 years later he studied during a summer under that world renown organist. Other teachers have been famous piano virtuosos: DeVoto, Gebhard, Charloff, Hibbard, Scharwenka and Eisenberger.

While attending the New England Conservatory in Boston, Stanley was a classmate of the internationally celebrated pianist, Jesus M. Sanroma. It was upon his graduation from that institution that he was invited by the late C. F. Giard to teach at Oklahoma University.

Professor Stanley is usually an enthusiastic participant in University activities and seldom misses student dances and parties in the Union. He often is asked to entertain at such functions.

"Playing snooker in the Union and pampering my power lawnmower during the summer are my favorite diversions. The former provides my only year-round exercise," he laughed.

Although he has been quoted as boasting about his snooker prowess, he confesses that his game "actually isn't so hot."

"The fact is that I'm really surprised when I occasionally beat one of the 'sharper' pool room set."

But "Dr." Stanley likes the game and never has trouble finding an opponent. He takes on students and fellow professors one at a time; and they enjoy the match as much as he does.

Students Dial WNAD to Hear Dr. Scatori's Spanish Lectures

Teaching a foreign language by radio isn't anything new to Dr. Stephen Scatori, University professor of modern languages.

Since 1938 he's been giving Spanish lessons over WNAD, University radio station. Regular textbooks are used and assignments are made at the end of the program. Two 30-minute periods are held each week. The "class" includes invalids, housewives who have never attended college and former students taking refresher courses.

Occasionally a group of Scatori's University students read Spanish plays over the air. Judging from fan letters received by WNAD, his radio students were eager for school to start when he returned to the air this fall. This summer, George

Charon, a graduate student, conducted the professor's radio class.

The University station, which in addition offers French and German, may add Russian to its curriculum. During the spring semester, F. D. Eddy, assistant professor, and Janine Courtillion, student from the University of Rennes, France, taught French to the listeners. Classes in German were taught by Dr. W. A. Willibrand, modern languages professor, and Dr. Robert Laessig, assistant professor.

The Drug Mill

By Ralph Bienfang

This column, after weighing the situation quite carefully, has about decided that what this world needs is less rules of conduct for children, and more rules of conduct for adults . . . The Drug Miller was just getting ready to tell what he had heard about dipping minnows in mercurochrome as a substitute for goldfish as bait when a pharmacy student, C. Vaughan (he fishes in Lake Texhoma), looked at him pityingly and said, "That's illegal" . . . You know how imaginative little children can be.

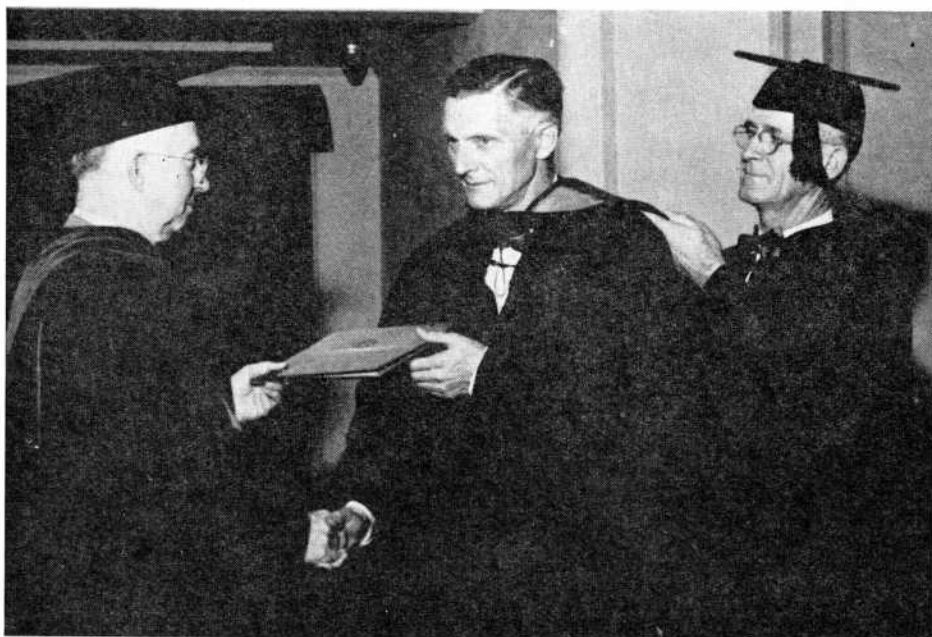
Maybe you think you are a good manager, but this one may beat you some. We have just heard of a man who at Christmas time buys a "balled" evergreen instead of the usual cut tree, as you and I do. Says it costs him very little more, and when the holiday season is at an end, plop it goes into the ground in his rather spacious yard. Give it a thought. You may want to try it three months from now!

It is quite a thing, or had you noticed it? We mean Winthrop Chemical Company's giving away packets of Foxglove Seed to advertise Digisidin (Crystalline Digitoxin).

Here is something on the Little Drug Miller (now 12—no more half fares!) or perhaps on Drug Miller, Sr. You decide. First, on seeing a spot on the Drug Miller's coat she said, "Daddy, you can get that out with Mufto."

Have you ever observed that extremely hot weather can make you feel like you are walking in syrup?

Get Set—The 14th annual convention of the O.U.Ph.A. will be all day Friday, March 5. Put it down now, so that you will be sure to be in Norman for that affair. With the increased student body there promises to be mounting rivalry between Phi Delta Chi and Kappa Psi in the elections, and a spirited contest for the title of "Miss Pharmacy of 1948."



Oklahoma University's Professor Lyman Stanley receives an honorary Doctor of Music degree from Dr. Thomas H. Taylor (left), president of Howard Payne College. At the right is Dr. Horace Shelton, dean of the Brownwood, Texas, school.