

Alumni in The News

It's Commander 'Brad' Now

(Editor's note: Sooner Magazine in this article pays tribute to an outstanding Oklahoma alumnus, Bradford M. Risinger, '23ba, of Sand Springs. Mr. Risinger was elevated to the state's highest position in American Legion circles a few weeks ago—that of department commander of his 75,000 comrades.)

Miss Cecile Davis, writer of this special feature, has distinguished herself in the field of public relations, and in radio-journalism. She is with KTUL in Tulsa. She was graduated from O.U. in 1944 after being an undergraduate student of the University of Texas. While at O.U. she held membership in Theta Sigma Phi, professional honorary society, was issue editor and wire editor of the Oklahoma Daily, a staff member of the Sooner year-book, and in 1943 was vice-president of Alpha Phi Sorority.)

BY CECILE L. DAVIS, '44JOURN.

Get a bunch of Sooners together anytime, and it won't be long before they have the situation well in hand. No exception was Oklahoma's August American Legion convention in Oklahoma City, when an O.U. alumnus went to the post as a dark horse candidate for the department commandership.

When the smoke cleared, it was Sooner Bradford M. Risinger, '23ba, of Sand Springs, who held the state's top American Legion job.

Risinger's election was a surprise to everybody, including himself, but he has set out on his new task with confidence. There are probably two outstanding reasons which explain how, with such a responsible job unexpectedly thrust upon him, he can tackle it with assurance—one is his abiding faith in the ideals of his organization, and the other is his knowledge of the loyal support of a host of friends.

It's a standing joke around the Tulsa County Courthouse, where Risinger is assistant county attorney, that "Brad" can't walk across the street in less than five minutes, because every passer-by knows him and wants to stop for a chat. Since the news of his election went out over the state, well-wishers everywhere in Oklahoma have kept him busy receiving them in person or answering their congratulatory letters.

Risinger's background in the American Legion is one of 25 years of faithful service, during which he has held every post from sergeant-at-arms to commander.

"I've never been much of a braggart about winning the first World War," he explains, "because I was just a lad at the time, and was only in the army three months. But the Legion organization was created to help those who *did* suffer—not just the veterans, but their wives, widows and orphans, as well."

The new commander is in a position to know what kind of help the Legion can and does extend, because he served as service officer of his Sand Springs post, St. Mihiel, for 20 years and was succeeded just a year ago by a World War II veteran. Earlier this summer he completed a term as Tulsa county commander of the Legion, and almost immediately was elected to the district commandership, which he resigned when he was named to the state post.

In 1929-30, Risinger was elected to represent his home district on the department executive committee. In 1937 he was appointed to the department child welfare committee, on which he served for four years, and he is now completing his fourth year as a member of the Legion's committee on child welfare for the entire southern area.

He is proud that the Legion helped a total of 7,000 Oklahoma children during one year when he was serving on the state committee, and he can tell stories by the score of the youngsters he has taken a personal interest in— orphaned kids he has encouraged and helped during the years



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A 'Sooner' Feature

they were growing up and going to work and getting married.

"You don't get paid back for that in dollars," says Risinger, "but when you're able to give a kid a chance to make something of himself, the compensation is here—inside."

Although the Legion receives an important part of Risinger's time and energy, it is but one of his interests. He is a lay leader in the Methodist church, a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat (a compliment to his ability is the fact that he was retained in office by a Republican county attorney), and a Sooner through and through.

Risinger was born in Norman and grew up in the shadow of the University. His father, the late Robert E. Lee Risinger, had lived in Norman 51 years at the time of his death last year. His mother, the former Minnie Gertrude Morse, only recently moved from Norman to Muskogee. Risinger's three sisters, Miss Crystal Risinger and Mrs. Jewel Dittmars, both of Muskogee, and Mrs. Golda Unkefer, of North Hollywood, California, also are alumnae of the University, and a niece, Miss Maurine Dittmars, is currently a student at O.U.

As well as he can remember, Brad was about eight years old when he began to be very much aware of the University—particularly its football team. He was a faithful spectator at after-school scrimmage, and the boys on the squad were his heroes. After attending Norman schools, he entered the University, but after his third year of college, he took a year out to teach history, Latin and solid geometry in the Sarcoxie, Missouri, high school—and to coach football and basketball on the side.

"Those high school kids had never seen a football before," he remembers with a proud grin, "and that year we won the Class B Championship of Jasper County."

He went back to the University and got his Bachelor of Arts degree in geology in February, 1923, then spent the rest of that school year as principal of the grade school at Sand Springs. After another semester's work that fall at O.U. toward a Master's Degree, he returned to his principal's job and did drafting work for the Sand Springs Home Interests Saturdays and Sundays, "hoping to make a million my first year out of college."

One of the teachers in Risinger's school was an-

other former O.U. student, Annabelle Taylor, of Ponca City, whom he married in 1924.

"I bossed her for four and a half months—and then got married," he says. She's bossed me ever since."

In 1925 he went to work in the engineering department of the Sand Springs Home Interests full time. But a year later he was elected Sand Springs finance commissioner, and at about the same time former governor Henry Johnston appointed him tag agent.

In 1928, Risinger was elected state secretary of the League of Young Democrats, and that year he began a two-and-a-half-year study of accounting. In 1932 he was elected to his third term as finance commissioner of Sand Springs, and in the fall of that election year, he managed the county democratic campaign. In 1933 he began a four-year course in law school, where one of his classmates was Elmer Adams, who today is Tulsa county attorney and Risinger's boss.

For a 10-year-period beginning in 1934, Risinger was postmaster at Sand Springs, and then in 1944 he was appointed assistant to former county attorney Dixie Gilmer. Even after last year's Tulsa county Republican landslide, Elmer Adams kept Risinger in his office.

This fall, as he embarks on a year's venture as department commander of the American Legion, Risinger does so with the staunch backing of his many friends—among them his Sooner friends in the Legion. Just the other day, three prominent Tulsa attorneys who are charter members of Tulsa's Joe Carson post called at his office to offer their congratulations and support—Harry L. S. Halley, John Rogers and William L. Eagleton. All three are graduates of the University.

Halley, '15ba, '17Lib, who served four terms as district judge in Tulsa, is the new commander of Tulsa's Legion post. At the University he became a member of Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Phi. A captain in World War I, Judge Halley went overseas in War II as a lieutenant-colonel and served with the Fifth Army in Africa, Italy and France for 26 months. Now a colonel in the infantry reserve, he is an active member and past president of the Reserve Officers Association of Oklahoma.

John Rogers, '14law, is another Sooner who has earned distinction. At the University he was a Beta Theta, Phi Delta Phi, Delta Sigma Rho, and a member of the debate team. He served nine years on the Board of Regents, resigning to accept his present appointment to the state regents for higher education. He served in France as a captain in War I, and has taken a prominent role in the Tulsa Legion post, of which he has been a commander. A civic leader, Rogers is past president of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, and the Tulsa Community Chest, and was named Tulsa's "Man of the Year" for 1946.

"Bill" Eagleton, '14ba, '14law, has served in the Legion as post commander, department judge advocate, and national executive committeeman. He went to France in World War I with the 35th division as a second lieutenant in the 129th field artillery. At the University he was a member of Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Phi, and the Order of Coif.

Another prominent Tulsa Sooner who has pledged Risinger his support is Cleo C. Ingle, '24ba, president of the Tulsa Federal Savings and Loan Association. Ingle, who was a member of the University's ROTC, held the rank of colonel in the Corps of Engineers in War II, with a record of five years' service. He was recently elected to the Tulsa Board of Education.

The support of World War II veterans and new members of the Legion is as important to Risinger as that of the War I men, for he firmly believes that the mingling of the older, more experienced men and the younger veterans, with their enthusiasm, is giving the Legion a valuable transfusion.

One of these new men is George M. Hohl, '24bs, of Sand Springs, who was captured on Bataan in

1941, and spent four years in Japanese prison camps. A member of Alpha Kappa Psi at the University, and an honor graduate in military science. Hohl held a reserve commission in the infantry, and was called up in 1941. In September of that year he shipped out to the Philippines, and was there when war broke out. After the capture of Bataan, he spent nine months in the infamous Jap prison camps at Camp O'Donnel and Cabanatuan, and the rest of the war at Zentsuji, Japan. An auditor for the Kerr Glass Company of Sand Springs since his return from the service. Hohl has been a member of St. Mihiel Legion post for a year.

Although he has plenty to keep him busy as state commander—including a trip to the Legion's national convention in New York the last of August—Risenger plans again this year to secure his usual 25 memberships in the Legion. He began by recruiting a colleague in the Tulsa county attorney's office, Assistant County Attorney John R. Richards, '40ba, '42LLb, who served as a captain in the field artillery in Hawaii. Active in campus affairs at the University, Richards was president and secretary of Delta Chi fraternity, president and treasurer of the YMCA, chairman of Interfraternity Council, and a product of the University's ROTC.

But old or new, the Legion members who personally are acquainted with their new commander are predicting a successful year for their organization in Oklahoma, with Sooner Brad Risenger at the helm.

Peyton Ford—He's Doing Okay In U. S. Justice Department

By CULLEN JOHNSON
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This is the story of a young Oklahoma lawyer, who in a brilliant 18-month career in Washington has climbed to a key position in the Department of Justice.

He is Assistant U. S. Attorney General Peyton Ford, '34ba, '34law, head of the department's claims division and boss of a staff of 300, including upwards of 175 lawyers, some of whom soon will be testing injunctive provisions of the new Taft-Hartley labor law.

Ford was chosen by Attorney General Tom Clark for the important claims division assignment last May, less than a year and a half after he wound up a wartime naval career that included duty as a gunnery officer in the Atlantic and Mediterranean, special cloak-and-dagger work in the China-Burma-India theater.

Only 36 years old and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma law school, Ford arrived in Washington in January, 1946, as a special assistant to Attorney General Clark.

An affable, smiling six-footer, Ford did various trouble-shooting chores for the Attorney General until the top-spot opening led to his promotion late last spring.

Today his name is rapidly becoming very well known in Washington and elsewhere, particularly among citizens involved in lawsuits with the government.

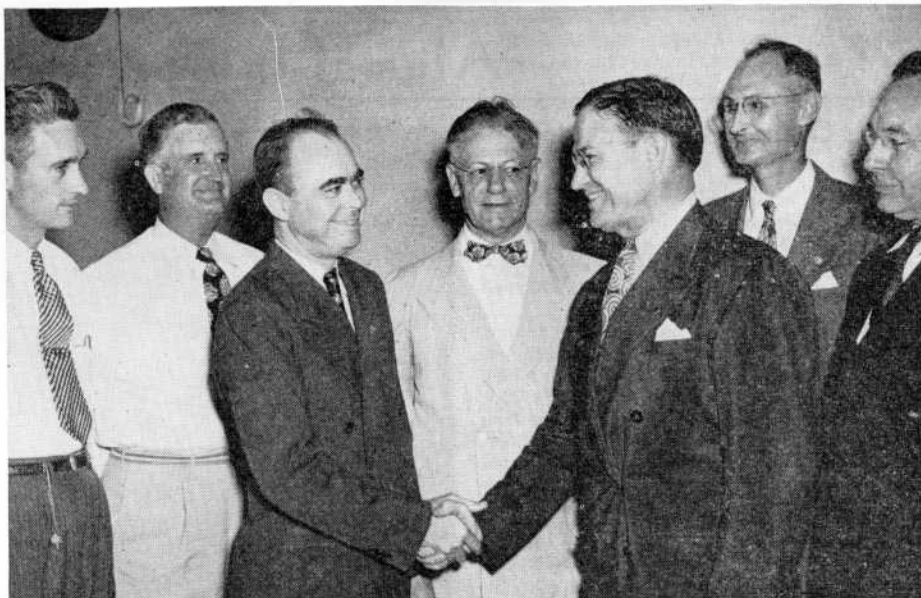
The claims division which he heads is entrusted with the trial of all cases for or against the government, with the exception of criminal and anti-trust cases.

One of the duties of the division is the trial of suits involving termination of excessive profits on war contracts. Last year the division directed renegotiation of more than \$480 millions worth of such cases.

During the fiscal year which ended last June 30, claims division lawyers tried about 645 cases in tax court with no falling off of business indicated for this year.

When the Eightieth Congress passed the Taft-Hartley labor bill over the president's veto, Ford became the man who will direct all civil ends of the labor bill. Under its terms, the president will make a determination of national emergency and it then will become the new assistant attorney general's duty to go into court to seek an injunction against the strikers.

Ford is a native of Sayre but all of his legal practice was in Oklahoma City prior to joining



Bradford Risenger, '23ba (third from left), receives congratulations from Harry L. S. Halley, '15, '17law, after being elected state department commander of the American Legion in Oklahoma City. Others looking on are, from left to right: John Richards, '42ba, '42law; C. C. Ingle, '24ba; William Bradford Risenger, '23ba (third from left), receives congratulations from Harry L. S. Halley, '15, Risenger and Hohl, who live in Sand Springs.

the department of justice.

A graduate of the University of Oklahoma in 1934, he was in private legal practice here until 1939, when he began two years as assistant state attorney general. He returned to private practice before entering the Navy in 1943. He held the rank of lieutenant when discharged in 1946.

Ford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ford of Sayre, where his father is president of a Sayre bank. His wife, the former Helen Hutto, Norman, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hutto, Norman.

Lt. Smith's German Job 'Exciting'

Lieut. John H. Smith, '40-'43, as a special investigator for the Public Safety branch of the American Military Government for the U. S. Sector of the City of Berlin, Germany, has one of the most interesting (and occasionally exciting) assignments in the huge and complex Military Government organization in Germany.

One complication in his present assignment is that the city of Berlin is divided into four sectors—American, British, Russian and French—with each country having jurisdiction only within its own sector, but with all four powers co-ordinating for government of the city as a whole in a central governmental organization called the Allied Kommandatura. Lieut. Smith lives and works only within the American sector, and his daily investigations combine the activities of a detective, a jurist, a police official, a mediator and a reporter. He looks into activities of the police and fire departments and co-ordinates with them in all matters pertaining to public safety.

Lieut. Smith went to his present assignment from one which was in its way just as interesting; he was a translator and editor in the Liaison and Protocol Section, Office of Military Government for Germany (US), which is the main American Military Government organization in Germany covering the entire U. S. zone. He edited, corrected and translated manuscripts, documents, correspondence, etc., and was often called upon as an interpreter because of his knowledge of the German language.

He was born in Oklahoma City and was graduated from Central High School there in 1939. While he attended the University, he was a member of the Junior Honor Class, modern language fraternity and was captain of the fencing team.

As a member of the Enlisted Reserve since 1941, he entered active military duty the following year. He was commissioned a lieutenant in August, 1944, and assigned to duty in Military Intelligence. Lieu-

tenant Smith went overseas in April, 1945, where he did intelligence work on documents, records and archives in Berlin. He was later named commanding officer of his unit and was awarded a unit commendation plaque and the Army Commendation ribbon.

His wife, the former Miss Billie McCroskey, '43ba, Oklahoma City, is with him in Germany. At present, their return to the U. S. is indefinite.

Alumnus West Attends Army School in Vienna, Austria

Lieut. Col. Bland West, '34ba, '37law, Guthrie, is one of more than 350 American officers attending a USFA officer's school at Vienna, Austria.

The school offers war department courses covering customs and courtesies of the service, public information and education, staff functions, troop movements, mess management, military hygiene and sanitation.

Student officers are enrolled for six week courses in subjects with which they have become disassociated while performing other duties.

Colonel West was commissioned in the officers reserve at Norman in May 1934, and served during combat with the 103rd Infantry Division in the ETO. Among his decorations are the Bronze Star, Army Commendation ribbon and the European theater ribbon with two battle stars.

He is currently assigned to the Judge Advocate section of headquarters USFA.

John Luttrell Heads Union Board

The Board of Governors of the Oklahoma Memorial Union recently selected John M. Luttrell, '38ba, '41law, Norman, as chairman of the Board of Managers and E. D. Meacham, '14ba, dean of the college of arts and sciences, Norman, as vice chairman.

Range Rider Ted M. Beaird, '21ba, Norman, manager of the Oklahoma Memorial Union, is secretary of both Boards.

Other members of the Board of Managers are Hal Muldrow, Jr., '28bus, president of the Alumni Association; Paul MacMinn, director of student affairs at the University; Bruce Chenault, student at the University and president of the Student Senate, and Joe Fleming, student from Langley, and last summer's editor of the Oklahoma Daily.

The function of the Board of Managers is to administer and direct the policies of the Oklahoma Memorial Union.

Alumnus Leads B-29 Squadron In Record-Breaking Flight

By MAJ. WILLIAM H. WITT, '32BA
Washington, D. C.

Led by an alumnus of the University of Oklahoma, Lieut. Col. Howard F. Hugos, '35-'38, members of the 492nd Very Heavy Bomb Squadron of the Eighth Air Force climaxed the nation's celebration of Air Force Day on August 1 by completing a record-breaking, one-stop flight of B-29's from Tokyo to Washington.

Seven of the squadron's eight planes completed the 7,086-mile flight in 30 hours and 25 minutes and the eighth plane, forced to make an unscheduled stop at Adak Island in the Aleutian chain, arrived in Washington four hours and nineteen minutes later.

The flight established two significant "firsts" in aviation history. It set a new time and distance record for standard tactical bomber aircraft flying in mass, in combat formation. Previous flights of B-29's which have set distance and time records have been under special conditions with planes "stripped down" and otherwise prepared to establish speed records. Also, for the first time, radio contact was maintained with the flight by Headquarters, Strategic Air Command in Washington during the entire 7,086-mile trip.

The one stop of the flight for refueling was made at Elmendorf Field, Anchorage, Alaska, 15 hours and 10 minutes after take-off from Yokota Air-drome, Japan. There a mishap was averted when the first plane, piloted by Lieut. Horace Nichols, '39-'40, Ardmore, Oklahoma, came down through the mist after narrowly missing a spruce-covered hill near the field.

One plane dropped out of the flight at Adak when the pilot radioed that he was unable to transfer gasoline from reserve storage to wing tanks while airborne. He arrived at Anchorage three hours later, and was subsequently delayed in taking off for Washington.

Tired, but obviously very happy and proud of the successful flight, Lieutenant Colonel Hugos said on arrival at Andrews Field in Washington that the trip was made without incident.

The flight from Tokyo and the flight back to home base at Fort Worth, Texas, on August 2 marked the end of a long training mission for the squadron begun earlier in the summer when the squadron went to the Pacific area for a month's training. There the squadron chalked up a record of 861 training hours, an average of 141 hours per plane, engaging to two missions a week, each averaging 14 hours. This training included missions up and down the Chinese and Korean coasts for the big planes of the squadron.

Commenting on the success of the training, Colonel Hugos modestly gave the squadron's maintenance men a major share of the credit, when he said, "The pilots can't go far if the planes don't fly."

A feature of the trip from Japan to the United States described as "the longest and fastest mass flights of bombers ever attempted" was the use of radio by newspapermen in the flight's personnel complement of more than 160 persons to file news copy while airborne.

A party of nine newspapermen were flown to Tokyo late in July to join the squadron and return to the United States with the record-making flight. Their stories were radioed while in flight to Strategic Air Command Headquarters in Washington and then relayed to their publications.

After receiving a tremendous ovation from some 50,000 persons who jammed Andrews Field to welcome the fliers, Lieutenant Colonel Hugos was greeted by Major Gen. Clement McMullen, deputy commanding general of the Strategic Air Command and delivered to the general a large packet-letter sent to General Spaatz, Commander of the Army Air Forces by Lt. Gen. E. C. Whitehead who commands the Air Forces of the Far East.

His day in Washington was significantly concluded when Colonel Hugos appeared in a radio discussion with Lieut. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, who led the first bombing mission of B-29's over Japan.

Two other Oklahomans in the flight included

Lieut. James S. Henson and Lieut. Thomas A. Hayden.

A native of Enid, Oklahoma, Colonel Hugos entered the military service in 1938, after attending Oklahoma A. & M. and Oklahoma University. After a year in the field artillery, he was accepted for flying training and graduated from Kelly Field in May, 1940.

With World War II well underway, Colonel Hugos was on his way to the Pacific with the 504th Bomber Group of the 20th Air Force. He was assigned the task of participating in long-range bombing missions against Japan. On his 13th mission, Colonel Hugos was shot down by Nip fighters, 10 miles off the coast of Japan. All but four

members of his crew were able to bail out. He spent two days on a life raft before a submarine picked him up and returned him to his base.

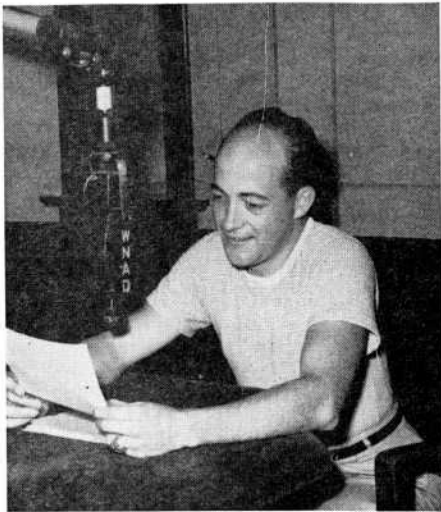
Colonel Hugos wears the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with cluster, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Theater Ribbons.

He returned to the States in November 1945. The Colonel is married to a Texas girl from San Antonio and is the proud father of two girls—Sharron, 4, and Caroline, aged 2.

At the present time Colonel Hugos is Commanding Officer of the 492d Bomber Squadron, 7th Bomber Group, 8th Air Force, Strategic Air Command.



Maj. Gen. Clement McMullen (left), deputy commanding general of Army Air Forces' strategic air command, greets Lt. Col. Howard F. Hugos, '35-'38, commander of the record-breaking B-29 flight from Tokyo, and accepts a souvenir folder sent to the general by Lt. Gen. E. C. Whitehead, commander of the Far Eastern Air Forces. The interested spectators are weary crew members.



GUSS KING BABB, '47BUS
New Call Letters for Him

Guss King Babb Talks His Way To New Radio Job in Colorado

The manager of a new radio station in Pueblo, Colorado, was enjoying a broadcast while driving through Oklahoma last summer. The program on the air was "World, Farm and Market News", and at the microphone—in the tower of the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building on the campus of the University of Oklahoma—was Guss King Babb, '47bus, WNAD's chief announcer.

The transient liked what he heard; and it was but a matter of days that Guss—known to his radio audience as Guss King—was on his way to Pueblo to join the announcing staff of station KCSJ. An airmail letter from KCSJ, offering a substantial salary with surprisingly good opportunities for advancement and emphasizing "ideal working and living conditions in Pueblo," closed the deal.

Although Guss had been associated with the University radio station off and on for several years, his side speciality was dishwashing and hash-slinging when he entered O. U. in 1939. He was employed for two years in the Union cafeteria and later worked for a year in the Union business office.

It was in '39, while he was working in the cafeteria, that Guss auditioned for an announcing position with WNAD and was hired by Homer Heck, '35, who at that time was station manager. An ambition to make good in radio was soon being realized. His rich baritone voice, accurate diction and occasional humorous ad libbing made him a favorite of listeners.

Guss was staff announcer at the O. U. station for four years and for six months at KOCY, Oklahoma City, before beginning active duty with the Army in June, 1943. During the previous year he had served as a cadet colonel in the University R.O.T.C. unit.

He was in service for more than three years, having been stationed at Fort Knox (Kentucky), Camp Forrest (Tennessee), Fort Jackson (South Carolina), and Fort Sill before entering the European theater of war in July, 1944. He saw duty in England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Austria and participated in five major campaigns as an artillery forward observer with the 83rd Infantry Division before returning to the States. When he received his discharge in September, 1946, he was a first lieutenant.

Guss re-entered O. U. last fall to complete his senior year and rejoined the WNAD staff, this time as chief announcer.

Despite his school work and his on-the-side jobs, Guss always found time to participate in University dramatic productions. Before entering the service he had taken part in "Our Town," "Chalk Dust," "Death Takes a Holiday," "The Taming of

the Shrew," and "Claudia." Last year he held feature roles in "Kiss and Tell" and "The Late George Apley." In 1943 he received a Buffalo Mask, O.U.'s Oscar, for outstanding work on the University stage.

A member of Pi Kappa Alpha Social Fraternity, El Modjii, Scabbard and Blade, Phantom Mask, University Players, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Guss hopes to mix dramatic and speech talents with his business education and eventually emerge owning or managing a radio station. Then, perhaps, he'll find more time to devote to golf, horseback riding and his monstrous St. Bernard, Konig.

Sears-Roebuck Scholarship Plan Aids Sooner Students

The annual Scholarship Award Luncheon sponsored by the Sears, Roebuck and Company Foundation was the occasion for the presentation of six scholarships to Oklahoma City high school students.

Four of the six students attended high schools which have University alumni for principals.

Miss Lucille Morgan from Foster High School received one award. The principal of her school is Charles Grady, Jr., '32bus, '39m.bus.

Miss Sally Richardson was chosen from Classen High School and W. H. Taylor, '28ma, is principal of that school.

Capitol Hill High School was represented by Miss Nelda Gae Smith. W. C. Haller, '27bs, '37 m.ed, is the principal of the Capitol Hill school.

Miss Dorothy Stout from Britton High School and Principal Frank Overman, '22ba, '35m.ed, were also present at the luncheon.

Miss Juanita Scoles was the scholarship winner from Northeast High School and Kenneth O'Malley was chosen to receive the award from Central High. J. B. Greene and F. R. Born are principals of those schools, respectively.

Two of the scholarship winners, Kenneth O'Malley and Nelda Gae Smith, have chosen to use their awards at the University.

Another alumnus present at the luncheon was Dean Glenn C. Couch, '31bs, '37ms, who represented the University.

The scholarships are presented to the students on the basis of character, scholastic ability and

need. The selection of the students for the awards is made by a school committee from their respective schools.

The foundation provides for seven \$300 scholarships to help and encourage young students to continue their education. The award may be used at any accredited school of the student's choice.

Other funds are distributed in various ways by the foundation, but mainly through scholarships, 4-H and F.F.A. pig and cattle projects.

The Oklahoma City awards are made under the supervision of Charles D. Troyer, general manager of the Oklahoma City store.

Sooners Sparkle on Stage

Sooners on the "great white way" seldom have a chance to get homesick for the people back in Oklahoma because there is a liberal sprinkling of them in the entertainment business in old New York.

Among the alumni working in the "big city" are:

Amzie Strickland, '40ba, who is playing in "Light of the World," "Charlie Chan" and many other programs.

Russell Black, '42ba, works at the news "mike" for NBC.

David Sureck, '39-'41, is doing a dramatic part in Moss Hart's "World of Christopher Blake."

Bob Clark, a former student, is now a scout for Hollywood. He travels to New York to look for plays which are adaptable to the screen.

Minnie Jo Curtis, '41ba, received one of the biggest honors of the summer when she won a dramatic reading contest which gave her a trip to New York to compete with four national finalists. At present she is a radio script writer in Detroit, Michigan.

Charles Carshon, who recently visited Oklahoma City said, "There were five Oklahomans in one group on the third floor of the NBC building the other day." Carshon is playing the role of a German professor in "Arrowsmith," instructing in drama and has participated in several programs sponsored by the Office of War Information which were beamed overseas.



Guss Babb and Mrs. Mary Scott, cafeteria cook, show how they used to tangle when Guss was a cafeteria employee in 1939. Score up a bit of overacting on the part of both. Guss, who received a business degree last spring, left WNAD this summer to join a Pueblo, Colorado, station.



OLSON ANDERSON, '25BA
N.A.V.E.D. Elects a President

Anderson Has 'Prexy' Title

Olson Anderson, '25ba, of Bay City, Michigan, has been elected president of the National Association of Visual Education Dealers, it was announced last month by B. A. Cousino, retiring President of the Association, at the conclusion of the organization's annual convention in Chicago.

Although born in Tennessee, early life and education in the Sooner State (part of it before statehood) makes Mr. Anderson a true Oklahoman. Also, he still has close attachments in Oklahoma. His mother and one sister live in Cushing, another sister in Muskogee, and a brother in Braman.

After being graduated from Carney High School and the University, Mr. Anderson was principal of the Lindsay High School, 1921-22; superintendent of schools at Tryon, 1922-24, and superintendent at Jones, 1924-26.

His present job is best understood with an explanation of N.A.V.E.D.

The National Association of Visual Education Dealers is an organization of audio-visual retailers throughout the United States, with a total membership of more than 325 firms. It engages in nationwide activities having to do with the advancement of audio-visual education. The annual convention and trade show which closed this week in Chicago attracted an attendance of 1220 persons.

Mr. Anderson, who is President of the Olson Anderson Company, Bay City, Michigan, has been active in visual education work for more than 16 years. He sold the first 16mm sound projector purchased in Michigan by a school. He is a veteran of World War I. In World War II, he was audio-visual training officer at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, and was commended for designing a number of training aids devices used at the Academy and at many U. S. Naval bases. He is a member of the U. S. Naval Reserve. Mr. Anderson is also a member of the Michigan Education Association, Delta Tau Delta and Phi Delta Kappa fraternities, and is a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner. He belongs to the Madison Avenue Methodist Church in Bay City.

Oklahoma's Safety Department, And Director Paul Reed, '16

Performing duties which have varied from missions of mercy to tracking down desperate criminals, the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety has functioned since 1937.

The department operates with the prime objective—safety on the highways. However, the Okla-

homa Highway Patrol participates in several types of missions.

In addition to routine patrols, the troopers stand by to take place in manhunts. On such assignments they have distinguished themselves in such manner as reflects credit on the well-trained patrol staff. One example was the tracking down and killing of Victor Lloyd Everhart, a confessed murderer with a long criminal record.

Everhart, who was confined in the Tulsa County jail after killing a night marshal at Seneca, Missouri, lead a jail break. The highway patrol was summoned to aid in the search for him. By throwing up a road block on the route they suspected he was using for a getaway, the troopers stopped the cab which he had commanded at the point of a gun, and shot it out with him. Everhart was killed and his kidnaped driver was injured, but recovered from gun wounds.

The troopers are also always on the alert for orders to proceed to a disaster area to aid in rescue work and traffic control. Floods, tornados and fires are all in a day's work for the ever vigilant highway patrol.

On many occasions the black and white patrol cars have served as ambulances on missions of mercy. In a crash in northwestern Oklahoma a young girl with very serious head injuries was rushed by a trooper to a nearby hospital. Due to the seriousness of her injuries the hospital doctors saw that her only chance for life was in reaching specialists in Oklahoma City. Again the patrol car made a race against death and won. It delivered its precious cargo to an Oklahoma City hospital where an immediate operation saved the child's life.

Under the direction of Paul W. Reed, '16, commissioner of public safety, and J. M. Thaxton, assistant commissioner, the highway patrol functions throughout the state. H. B. Lowery is chief of patrol activities. Next in the chain of command are Captains Norman Holt and F. Dale Petty, each commanding half of the state.

The state is divided into eight divisions with a lieutenant commanding each. Within each division are approximately seven detachments of troopers. Each detachment has two or three patrolmen and a patrol car.

To make the job easier for these patrolmen and to cut down the death toll resulting from traffic accidents, an effort is being made to train a new generation of better drivers. The last legislature provided for driving courses in highschools with credit being granted. Teachers of these courses are trained during the summer at O. U. and other Oklahoma schools. By teaching safety precautions to the youth of the state, better drivers can be expected in the years to come.

Other legislation affecting the department of public safety passed during the last legislature is

a retirement bill. Governor Turner signed this bill into law as an act creating a death disability and retirement fund for benefit of members of the department of public safety.

The retirement fund adds another inducement to a career with the troopers. Such an active career, however, is preceded by much screening, testing and schooling.

Requirements for patrolman application are high. In addition to rigid physical requirements, applicants must be at least 25 years of age, be a high school graduate and have resided in the state a minimum of two years.

After the application is received at departmental headquarters, an intensive investigation is made of the applicant. If nothing detrimental is uncovered during the investigation, the applicant is called for an interview. The examining board is composed of the commissioner, assistant commissioner, chief of patrol activities and the two patrol captains. The board rates each man according to his personality and other aspects figuring in the duties of a trooper.

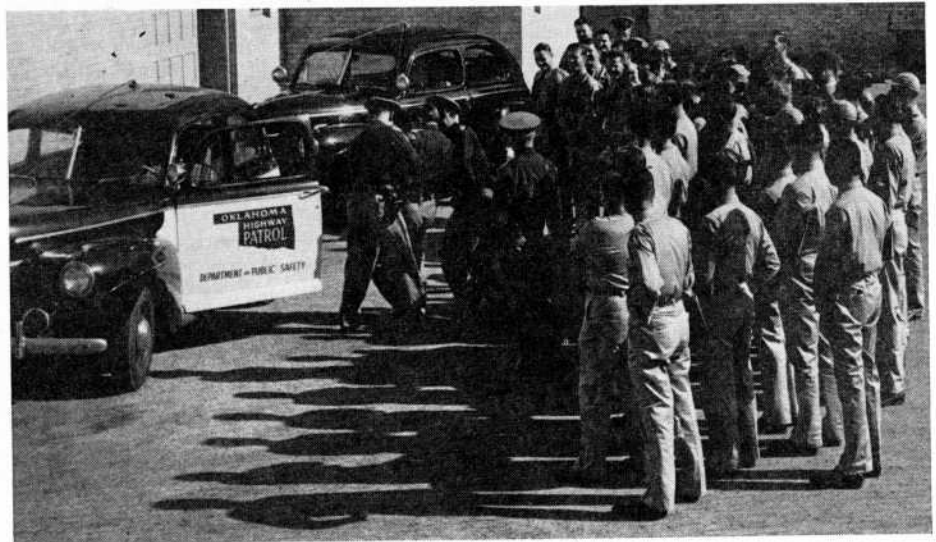
Intelligence and adaptability tests are given applicants who have passed the board. Passing these tests the applicant is permitted entrance to the highway patrol school. In school the students must be on their toes to avoid washing out of the tough course. Fifty or sixty different subjects are shoved at them in a period of six weeks. Classes cover practically everything experience has taught the troopers must know. Approximately two weeks of the time is spent in getting practical experience under the direct supervision of uniformed employees of the department. All courses are taught by employees of the department.

After passing the course the trainee goes on duty as a patrolman, but for a year he is on probation and his services may be terminated at any time if he should not live up to the high standards required of the patrol. After completing this probation period he can not be dismissed without trial. Such trial is heard by the state attorney general, chairman of state highway commission, and commissioner of public safety.

The patrol is governed by a set of general orders and by-laws. Although disciplinary action is provided for, little is necessary. By the time trainees have gone through such rigid screening and training required, those who would intentionally violate orders are usually eliminated.

An occasional retraining course in which all employees of the department participate keeps everyone abreast of the changes in new legislation affecting the patrol. New techniques learned by experience are dispensed during these courses.

As in the course given new trainees, courtesy is stressed. The uniform of the individual trooper represents the entire department, and his actions in dealing with the public casts reflection on the department. The patrol's aim is to secure better



Oklahoma Highway Patrol troopers show recruit trainees the proper method of removing a disorderly person from an automobile.

cooperation between the safety department and the public. This can be done only through courteous public relations.

Paul W. Reed assumed duties as commissioner of public safety upon appointment by Governor Roy J. Turner March 1, 1947. In taking over as chief of the department in the Armory Building two blocks west of the capitol, Reed replaced Commissioner Bud Gentry.

Gentry headed the department when it was first organized during former Governor E. W. Marland's administration. He was out of office during the Phillips' administration, but was recalled for Kerr's four years in the governor's seat. When Reed took over the reins of the public safety department, Gentry retired to private business, but his life was cut short in a traffic accident July 10, 1947.

The Woodward tornado cut its devastating swath across northwestern Oklahoma during Reed's early days in office. He left his work in the Oklahoma City office and proceeded to the stricken area to personally direct patrol activities. Under his command the troopers kept traffic lanes open and aided in evacuation and first aid administration.

The commissioner is not the only one in the department who tells stories about "when I was at O. U." He is joined by 22 other Sooners. Wayne A. Vernon, '39ba, serves as executive secretary to Reed and is in charge of press relations for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. He joined the patrol in June, 1947.

Other alumni in the department include Les High, '17, chief of registration; William Miller Lancaster, patrol clerk, Claremore; Weldon L. Parks, '41, patrol clerk, Clinton; Billy Joe Miller, radio clerk at KOSO (highway patrol radio station), Oklahoma City; Roseann Miller, typist, Oklahoma City; W. A. Parker, license enforcement officer, Oklahoma City; Lulu Pybas, secretary, Oklahoma City, and Jack Vostilow, permit clerk, Tulsa.

Troopers who are alumni are listed together with their present assignment location. They are Lt. W. D. Hamilton, '30, Lawton; Lt. E. S. Clark, Enid, Lt. W. S. Abbott, Pawnee; Lt. Joe Boyce, Pawnee, Howard J. Flanagan, '26, Sulphur; Carl H. Tyler, '28, Oklahoma City, and Joe Curtis Busby, '34, Claremore.

Others are Glenn Clark, '43, Ada; Harold H. Harmon, Tulsa; Marcus Carter, Ardmore; Otis Boyd Patterson, Vinita; James Stallings, Pawnee, and William J. Cormack, Duncan.

Charles Duffy Drops Legion Reins After Successful Year

On the eve of the 29th Annual Convention of the Oklahoma Department of the American Legion held at the Municipal Auditorium in Oklahoma City last month, a comprehensive annual report was issued concerning organization under the leadership of Charles B. Duffy, '22law, state commander.

The annual report, issued by department headquarters of the American Legion from the State Historical Building in Oklahoma City, showed among other accomplishments under Duffy's command, that the 21st session of the Oklahoma Legislature, upon recommendation of this veteran's organization, appropriated extra large funds for the Oklahoma veteran's department and the general rehabilitation of state veterans. When Commander Duffy summarized this legislative activity, he concluded his



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statement as follows:

"The greatest state legislative program in Legion history was accomplished in the 21st Oklahoma Legislature."

The report shows further that during the period

July 1, 1946 to June 30, 1947 Oklahoma veterans, widows and orphans received 2,498 monthly checks, totaling 1,209,000 for the year. More than 17,500 cases were reviewed by the claim staff of the Legion during the 12-month period.

In the field of Americanism, the Oklahoma department was equally active under Commander Duffy's leadership. School awards numbering 2,395 were given out for participation in Americanism activities throughout the state. More than 400 students participated in the national oratorical contest sponsored by the Legion. The Classen High School representative in Oklahoma City, Gerald Hornung, placed third in the national finals.

Boys' State, sponsored by the American Legion, was the largest ever held in Oklahoma. It was attended by 499 boys from 161 communities of Oklahoma. This particular feature of the Legion citizenship program was under the direct sponsorship of Vern Thornton, '22ba, '29ma, O. U. government professor.

Among other leaders working under Commander Duffy for the year that closed last month were: Department Adjutant Elmer Fraker, '20ba, '38ma; Ted Beard, '21ba, Norman; Charles Memminger, '14ba, '33law, Atoka attorney; Leslie L. Thomason, '36ba, '39ma, Americanism officer of the state department; Joe Looney, '20ba, '22lib, Wewoka attorney; Max Cook, '39ba, '41law, Clinton attorney.

Dick H. Dale—Encouragement For O. U. Journalism Students

To journalism majors at the University who stay awake nights thinking about years of cubship at a low wage following graduation, the career of Richard H. Dale, '47ba, is a source of inspiration.

For years photography has been Dale's main object in life. In the army he was a "photo-bug," working on service newspapers and doing signal corps work. Part of this time was spent as a staff member of the 45th division newspaper, which he later edited in the postwar reactivated division.

Around the journalism school, after he returned from the Army, Dale was known as campus secretary of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity; president of the campus chapter of Kappa Alpha Mu, national honorary photography fraternity, and president of Camera Club. He was also publicity chairman of Union Activities Board.

But to get the reason why Dale is held in such esteem by former fellow students. After graduation from the School of Journalism in June, 1947, he did eight weeks of graduate work at the University, and then accepted a job with NEA-Acme News-Picture syndicate.

He was sent to the Chicago bureau of the syndicate to train for six-weeks preparatory to going to Paris, France, as a photographer. After a few days of routine work shooting news-pictures for the bureau, Dale received news-feature assignments. OU journalists were surprised but pleased to read his by-line syndicated features which were printed nationally.

He had been with Acme less than a month when he was elevated to the position of night editor of the Chicago bureau, Acme's second largest bureau.

Knowing Dick Dale as an adventurer who enjoys using his extensive knowledge of four languages, University friends are looking forward to following his career by way of accredited news-picture work from the European continent.

University of Oklahoma students last summer were able to see their mother's screen idols through the Union Activities Board's program featuring old films.



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BOOKS

Argentina—7c Beef, Low Wages

REVOLUTION BEFORE BREAKFAST—Argentina, 1941-1946. By Ruth ('34-'39) and Leonard Greenup. University of North Carolina Press. \$4.00

This book might tempt the American housewife, struggling with high prices, to catch the next boat to Argentina, where beef can be purchased for 7c a pound, eggs 20c a dozen, butter 25c a pound, and milk 6c a quart. Mrs. Greenup, the former Ruth Robinson who was a student in the O. U. School of Journalism during the thirties, and her husband contribute a lively and fascinating description of conditions in that South American country.

One particularly appetizing chapter leaves the reader feeling he'll never again be content with mere steaks, potatoes, peas, and other commonplace North American dishes.

It is really two books in one. In a fresh, conversational tone the authors relate their ideas on cultural conditions—and others less progressive—existing in Argentina. Mrs. Greenup supplies most of the social comment, Mr. Greenup the business and political information.

The serious and complex governmental problems receive the main consideration. The regimes of the numerous presidents who held office during the five years the authors spent in Argentina provide serious yet interesting reading. The Greenups' experiences during the height of German operations in that country are excitingly told.

They explain that salaries are very low compared to our standards. The average skilled worker, prior to the advent of the military government, didn't make over \$45 a month. Yet, with wage increases, some of the workers are worse off than before, due to increased food and clothing prices. Also under the control of the new government is the educational system. Children now learn to march, and glorification of military history and super-citizenship is stressed.

The reading matter is supplemented with related photographs—mostly geographic—taken by the Greenups during their travels.

Revolution Before Breakfast contains vivid descriptions of Argentine personalities—their habits, interests in United States movies and books, and senses of humor. It gives the reader a better understanding of these South American neighbors.—By Thellys Gill Hess, '47bus.

Readers, Critics Praise 'Cervantes'

University of Oklahoma Press books have often been in the news, but none has received more attention than *Cervantes*, written by Aubrey F. G. Bell, and published by the Press on August 16, which has established some kind of an American publishing record. On August 9 it was the subject of the cover, the leading article, and the leading review in the *Saturday Review of Literature*, which forecast its publication a week later. On August 17 the book occupied the front pages of the *New York Times* and *New York Herald-Tribune*. It is seldom that a book published in this country receives the simultaneous praise of all three leading literary editors and top billing in their respective publications.

The book on the author of *Don Quixote* was written by Mr. Bell, perhaps the most distinguished of all Hispanic scholars in the English-speaking world, at the request of the Press. Mr. Bell, who now lives in Victoria, British Columbia, was formerly assistant librarian of the British Museum, London, and for many years thereafter was the Madrid correspondent for the *London Morning Post*. *Cervantes* is his fifteenth book on subjects relating to Spanish and Portuguese letters.

The Press's literary list this fall is somewhat out of the ordinary. It is publishing in September *Mary Shelley's Journal*, edited by Frederick L. Jones. This is the first time this journal has been given