

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, '22llb, 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.

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

actual publication, either in the United States or Great Britain. It follows upon the two volumes of the *Letters of Mary Shelley*, also edited by Mr. Jones, which the Press published in 1944.

Cortez A. M. Ewing, professor of government in the University, is the author of *Congressional Elections*, which is scheduled for September publication. Professor Ewing is the author also of *Presidential Elections*, which the Press published a few years ago.

Scheduled for October publication is *John Bull's Letter to Lord Byron*, edited by Alan Lang Strout, which establishes for the first time the authorship of this masterpiece of English literary criticism. On October 25 the Press will publish a book that promises to become a leader in its list, *Maya Explorer; John Lloyd Stephens and the Lost Cities of Central America and Yucatan*, by Victor W. von Hagen. This is an account of the rediscovery of a hundred years ago of the great Maya ruins which are currently occupying a great deal of attention.

In November, Robert Moorman Denhardt's book, *The Horse of the Americas*, will be released. Mr. Denhardt is the editor of the *Western Horseman*. The introduction to his book is by J. Frank Dobie.

C. Ross Hume Relates History Of O. U. Football in 'Nineties'

(The following letter was written on August 6 by C. Ross Hume, '98ba, '00ma, Anadarko, to his grandson, Charles Robert Hume of Oklahoma City. The letter, which gives a "football history of the nineties" at O. U., is reprinted with the elder Hume's permission.—[H])

"My dear Grandson:

"This is the anniversary of the opening of this country to settlement, and my mind goes back 50 years and more. You will be a high school sophomore in an Oklahoma City this fall, and I am thinking of 1895, when I was a sophomore in the University at Norman. That was the first year of football, and your school team came down to Norman and beat us 34 to 0. In 1945 you and I were guests of President Cross and celebrated that first game.

"Last April I went from Winnipeg to Vancouver, Canada, through the Canadian Rockies; and in memory of the song, "When It's Springtime in the Rockies—in the Rockies far away," we will call this letter "Twas Football in the Nineties—in the Nineties Far Away." My experiences with the University teams of 1895-'96-'97-'98 and '99 will follow.

"In the fall of 1895, John A. Harts came to Norman from Southwest Kansas College at Winfield, where he had played football previously. He was enrolled as a student, taught some private elocution pupils and coached the first team here. Your Uncle Ray and I and about eight other students roomed at the old Victoria Hotel on West Main Street in Norman. Among those were Fred Bean and Jim Brown, who were on the team; and other players I recall were J. P. Evans, Joe Markle, Jap Clapham, Ed Barrow and Paul Mackey. No one but Harts had ever seen a football game, and our rooms on third floor were grid headquarters as well as the center of other activities. We knew of the plans for uniforms, equipment and of the progress being made.

"The day before the game, Harts contracted a charleyhorse and could not play. He hobbled around and watched a team, none of the members of which had seen a game, go out and get gloriously whipped. There were less than a dozen students enrolled in the University. The school had no yell, no colors, and the game was played on a field running north and southwest of where the auditorium (Holmberg Hall) now is. Only a wire was stretched around the playing field. That is the only game I recall that first year. One committee chose colors and another made the first yell, which was adapted from an old Sigma Nu Fraternity yell. That was our start of the sport.

"The next fall, in 1898, some of us decided to carry on, with a lighter team, and played Norman High twice. The first game was on the high school field. In that game I played quarterback, calling

signals for 90 minutes with a ten minute intermission. We won 12-0, and that was the end of my playing career. The second game was played on a field west of the campus, and this contest we also won. The only players of that year that I know are now living are Harry M. Ford and myself, and we were recognized at the homecoming. In the second game I acted as timekeeper and lineman, a position I filled for the next three years. The team had its picture taken, and I gave my copy to the field house. Those first two seasons might be called prehistoric football, for it was so primitive that you might say there was no organization.

"In the fall of 1897—50 years ago this fall—V. L. Parrington came as a professor from Emporia College in Kansas. He acted as coach and played both football and baseball. We played your school a second game that fall and beat them 16-0. The football field ran east and west of the auditorium, and we played two or three games. In view of this being 50 years from his first service, I would like to see the homecoming game this year dedicated to V. L. Parrington, as Parrington Day. Some players, I recall, were Fred and Joe Markle, Hefley, Clapham, Howell, Barrow, Reeds, Roberts, Ford and Mackey.

"In the spring of 1898 I graduated, then taught in the Newkirk eighth grade that fall. The University team played at Arkansas City, and I took the Newkirk High School team 13 miles on a hay rack to see the game, and they were guests of the University. This was the first high school team to visit any game, and I acted as lineman. At Thanksgiving I went down to Norman to see the game with some Texas College and probably was the first true homecomer. Again I acted as lineman. Players I recall were Tribbey, Hefley, Howell, Joe and Fred Merkle, Chapman, C. C. Roberts, Harry Ford and Paul Mackey.

"In the summer of 1899 I returned to Norman as a graduate student. That fall Parrington and Fred Roberts had charge of the team. The grid-iron stood east and west near the auditorium, and for the first time we had temporary bleachers. I roomed with Fred Roberts, who played halfback and was one of the finest players I ever knew. Other players were Tribbey, Hefley, C. C. Roberts and Fred Merkle. I still acted as lineman and timekeeper.

"My next time to see Oklahoma University play was when I was a senior law student at Lawrence, Kansas, and saw the first O. U.-Kansas U. game in 1903. I acted as lineman for O. U. at that game

45 years ago. That was the last time I acted as an official, although I have witnessed many games between my two alma mater.

"I went over to Norman in 1915 to a game which was played about where the Press Building now stands. It took all day to go, see the game and return home.

"About 1922 or '23 your father and I went, and after he became a student in 1925, I went to the first Dad's Day game. I've been to one or two games every season since . . .

"Three times I have returned for 50-year events, and now I hope to return the next three commencements for such events. After that you will have finished high school; and I hope and pray that you can have the opportunity to return to many 50-year events, too.

"Your Loving grandfather,

C. Ross Hume, ('98ba, '00ma.)"

Newest assignment for Dr. Ralph Bienfang, University of Oklahoma pharmacy professor, is to concoct a fragrance for a nationally known ink. He has been instructed to "perfume" blue, blue-black, and red inks for the concern.

Maurice Lewis, Jr., Sayre graduate student at the University of Oklahoma, has been given the Shell Oil Company fellowship in petroleum engineering.

Five Years Later

Five years and seven children later, five members of the 1942 Mortar Board group held a reunion August 23, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Sponenberg (Kathryn Clark '42bs), Norman.

Others present included Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Blanton (Greta Carter '42bs), Bobby and Janice, El Reno; Mr. Adin H. Hall, '41eng, Mrs. Hall (Betty Bailey '42ba), Ricky and Tommy, Cushing; Mr. Sanford Handley, '47eng, Mrs. Handley (Lillian Tarleton, '42ba) and Bobby, Norman; Mr. Francis Stilley, '42journ, Mrs. Stilley (Joy Turner, '42journ) and Brenn, New York City, and Susan Leah Sponenberg, daughter of the host and hostess.

The six other members of 1942 Mortar Board are living in other states and were unable to attend. However, all of the girls are still carrying on a round robin letter, which has been in circulation since graduation in June, 1942.



The occasion: A reunion of 1942 Mortar Board members and families. Those present: Left to right, top row—W. B. Blanton and Bobby; Adin H. Hall and Ricky; Mrs. Victor Sponenberg and Victor Sponenberg. Center row—Mrs. Blanton and Janice; Mrs. Francis Stilley and Brenn. Bottom row—Mrs. Adin Hall and Tommy; Mrs. Sanford Handley and Bobby; Leah Sponenberg, Francis Stilley and Sanford Handley were on hand but failed to get into the picture.