



Members of the coaching staff that led the Sooners through one of the most successful seasons in O.U. football history are, left to right, Lou Hermerda, Head Coach Bud Wilkinson, William "Dutch" Fehring, Walter Hargeshmeier, Bill Jennings, Gomer Jones and Cliff Matthews.

Undergraduate Activities

'Truth or Consequences' Show Is Broadcast from O.U. Campus

"Truth or Consequences" and its funny master of ceremonies, Ralph Edwards, were received by a huge and enthusiastic Sooner audience December 5 when the popular radio quiz show was broadcast throughout the world from the University of Oklahoma's South Campus.

Sponsored by American Legion Post 303, the campus veterans' organization, the coast-to-coast program was featured by the identity of "Miss Hush", which netted more than \$22,500 in prizes for Mrs. Ruth Annette Subbie, a Fort Worth, Texas, housewife. "Miss Hush", who had the whole nation speculating and sending March of Dimes contributions for a chance to reveal her identity and thus win the prize "pot," turned out to be Martha Graham, famous dancer.

Complete figures on the money collected from ticket sales for the show had not been compiled at this writing, but Preston Moore, post commander of the campus Legion post, said that he expects his group to "break-even" after all sums are added and bills deducted.

"Bringing 'Truth or Consequences' here focused the national spotlight upon our Legion post, the city of Norman and the University, therefore was much more than worthwhile," Moore commented.

Mary Boydston—'Alien' Engineer

Besides being a tall, pretty brunet and wearing long skirts like other girls, Mary Lou Boydston, Tulsa, is the only girl in six engineer classes.

Miss Boydston decided to study engineering while she was in highschool. "I like mathematics

and chemistry and thought I would like engineering—and I do," is Miss Boydston's reason for entering this field.

After she has her degree, which will probably be in the spring of 1949, she wants to work with an oil company in T-town. She plans to begin



MARY BOYDSTUN, TULSA
She Wears Skirts, Sweaters and a Sliderule.

work in a laboratory doing research and to work up to an office position.

Engineering is still a man's field, Miss Boydston thinks. It offers many obstacles for women. For example, she is wondering how she will do her field work. Students in petroleum engineering work during the summer between their junior and senior year as roughnecks in an oil field.

She said the professors just laugh when she asks what she will do. Then they add that "something will work out."

"Nothing is glamorous about being the only girl in all my classes. I feel like an alien and sit on the last row in every class to keep out of firing range," Miss Boydston informs all who think it might be easy.

Miss Boydston said the men students were helpful and considerate and as tolerant as it is possible for a man to be toward a woman daring to invade his world. When asked if she made good grades, she said they were changeable. "The courses I like I study and make better grades in them," she added.

Student Radio, KUVY, Approved

The installation of radio station KUVY, to be operated and managed by O. U. students, was approved by the University Board of Regents at its meeting November 24.

The station, intended to provide a laboratory for radio students, is not expected to start operating for several months. A direct wire station, KUVY plans installation of transmitters in Sooner City, Woodrow Wilson dormitories, Niemann apartments, Residence halls, Sooner Courts, Jefferson hall and the infirmary, with facilities to be extended later to other dormitories, fraternities and sororities.

Contrary to the conventional radio service, the new station will be wired directly into the houses which will receive the broadcasts. A small oscillator inside the houses will do the transmitting.

KUVY was authorized by the Federal Communications Commission in February, 1947. The station itself will be located temporarily in the Liberal Arts annex.

The Regents also met with representatives of bond-buying firms in connection with the sale of \$2,500,000 in bonds to construct additional women's dormitories being planned by the University. The next scheduled meeting of the Regents was for December 17, but a special session was contemplated to award the construction contract. No bids were accepted at the November 24 meeting.

At another meeting earlier in November the Board of Regents approved summer session fees which recently were revised when representatives of O. U. and Oklahoma A. & M. College met at the request of the state regents' office. Out of this conference came the following recommendations which were approved by the University regents:

1. General fee for August intersession, per credit hour, \$6, with a maximum of \$18 and a minimum of \$12.

2. Non-residence fee in addition to general fee for summer sessions of six or eight weeks, per credit hour, \$10, with a maximum of \$60 and a minimum of \$30.

3. Non-resident fee for August intersession (in addition to general fee), per credit hour, \$10, with a maximum of \$30 and a minimum of \$20.

Following this action, the Regents approved Dr. Laurence H. Snyder, dean of the Graduate College, for the title as professor of zoological sciences and professor of medical genetics in the School of Medicine.

Also approved was an extended leave for Dr. Gustav Mueller, professor of philosophy, in order that he may continue his professional work in Switzerland.

The recommendation that Fred G. Oliver, who recently gave 60 acres to the University as a wild life preserve, be custodian of the tract (without salary) was approved.

Two O.U. Students Win Rhodes Awards for Study at Oxford

Two University students will be among the Rhodes scholars who will begin studies at Oxford, in England, next fall, being among the six chosen from the Gulf district for the academic honor.

They are William E. Slesnick, Norman, and William L. Howard, Oklahoma City. They were selected by the Gulf district Rhodes committee after competing with representatives from six states.

Along with Slesnick and Howard, two students from Texas, one from Arkansas and one from Louisiana received the awards.

The two were chosen earlier in December to represent Oklahoma in the district finals, along with John E. Wagner, Okmulgee, also an O. U. student.

Slesnick, 22, is majoring in mathematics, and Howard, 25, is working on a Master of Science degree at O. U.

They are scheduled to begin work at Oxford in the autumn of 1948 and will receive \$2,500 for each year they study there.

One University alumnus, J. Raymond Hinshaw, is studying there now on a Rhodes scholarship received in 1946.

Delmar Nelson Manages 'Daily'

Delmar Nelson, Waurika senior in the School of Journalism, has been named managing editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*, student publication, for the second eight-week term of the first semester.

As an issue editor during the first eight-weeks, Nelson succeeded Lyle D. Copmann, Oxford, Kansas, senior, to his present *Daily* post.

Nelson, a navy veteran of 30 months service in the Pacific, is commander of the University post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

As managing editor of the student paper, he will

serve immediately under Quinton Peters, Hominy senior, who is editor-in-chief of the *Daily*.

Other staff members named for the second eight-weeks of the semester include: Jim Harvel, Tishomingo; M. E. Mitchell, Enid; Tony Hillerman, Norman; Bette Ward, Alva, and Jake Hill, Shawnee, issue editors; Larry Grove, Konawa, sports editor; Edward Dycus, Elk City; Roy Jennings, Durant, and Richard Wharton, Norman, assistant sports editors; Alma McKnelly, Norman; Elaine Webber, Mountain Park; John Clabes, Poteau; Martin Gudenberg, Ardmore; Ira A. Greenberg, New York; Loyd D. Andrews, Nowata, and Edwin E. O'Brien, Oklahoma City staff writers.

Pops-a-Plenty at O. U.

Every eighth student at O. U. is a father. No wonder family life and children occupy such a prominent place in topics of conversation.

A recent survey shows that every other student is a veteran, and every other veteran is married. Of the married vets, every other one is a father.

Of slightly over 12,000 students enrolled at the

University, 7,137 are former servicemen, 2,997 are married, and 1,120 have children. A further breakdown shows that 886 former G.I.s have one child, 212 have two, 18 have three, three have four, and one has six.

In addition to 45 states represented in veteran enrollment, Washington, D. C., Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone, Mexico, Hawaii, and Canada are also represented. A total of 7,050 are receiving subsistence under the G.I. Bill, 97 of them women.

O.U.'s Enrollment Ranks 12th

The University of Oklahoma ranks 12th among the nation's universities in the number of students enrolled this semester. Of the University's 12,531 students, 9,852 are men, 7,406 are veterans, and 2,499 are women.

The University of California, including the Berkeley and Los Angeles campuses, leads the enrollment figures with a total of 43,000. Of this number, 20,530 are veterans.

Other state universities with enrollments of more than 20,000 students are Minnesota, 28,312;



A mannequin artist's life is interesting. It is nice work and not crowded. It beats skinning mules over Italy's Alps any way you look at the two jobs. At least that's the way Harry T. Hendricks (above), University advertising major from Oklahoma City, looks at it.

Hendricks, who has a studio in the Merchandise Mart, Oklahoma City, started as a mannequin artist while he was still in Capitol Hill High School. He started being a mule nurse in 1941 when he joined the Army and ended up with a pack mule outfit carrying supplies in the Italian mountains.

He opened his own studio last May, and from the looks of the cut above, he's doing okay!

Illinois, 26,469; Ohio, 25,418; Wisconsin, 23,341, and Michigan, 20,302.

The number of veterans in these schools includes from one-half to three-fifths of the totals. Only California lists as much as one-third of its student body as women. The other five schools have from one-fifth to one-fourth women students.

Veteran Enrollment at Peak?

Student veteran enrollment at the University of Oklahoma apparently has reached its peak and is expected to start leveling off with the fall semester in 1948.

George P. Haley, director of veterans' affairs at O.U., says this trend is indicated by the number of former service men in the various classes. The 25.97 per cent of veterans represented in the freshman class is 5 per cent below the number in the sophomore class.

Total veteran enrollment the first semester is 7,050. A breakdown by classes shows 1,829 freshman, 3,190 sophomores, 1,472 juniors, 1,167 seniors, 344 graduate students, 40 special and 8 unclassified students.

A Tribute to Paul Walker

(Late in November the Norman Transcript in an editorial commented on one of O.U.'s distinguished sons. The reprinted editorial follows:)

"Recent appointment by President Truman of Paul Walker ('12law) as acting chairman of the Federal Communications Commission has met with approval in Oklahoma where Mr. Walker is so widely and favorably known.

"He has served with distinction for some 10 or 12 years as a member of the communications commission, and would make an excellent permanent chairman, should the President see fit to make his appointment permanent.

"Mr. Walker is an excellent example of a successful government career man. He started out as attorney for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission many years ago, developed into a railroad freight and passenger rate expert, and later an authority on telephone rates. He has specialized in telephone organization and rate matters since becoming a member of the communications commission, and today probably is the best informed public official in the nation in that field.

"His many Oklahoma friends are hopeful the President will decide to make him permanent chairman of the commission."

Alumna's Christmas Story Sells

"Wanted, an elderly lady to spend Christmas in my home and pose as grandmother to my small son."

This seemingly simple want ad was unusual enough that Mrs. Louise McComb Conrad, '20ba, Oklahoma City, wrote a short story around the theme.

Mother of two sons, Mrs. Conrad had never realized the significance of a Christmas for children without grandmothers. After reading this want ad in a newspaper she started her imaginative powers working and ended up with "Another Kind of Santa Claus," which appears in *Holland's* December issue.

The story pictures a small boy who didn't know he had a grandmother until some of his friends told of their grandmothers' planned visits to see them at Christmas time. To keep from being not one of the gang, he too told his friends his grandmother was coming to visit him; and further more, she was bringing him a pony for Christmas.

Inquisitively, Jerry sought out his mother and found that his maternal grandmother wasn't living, and his father's mother had disinherited her son after his refusal to remain on her huge Texas ranch.

Of course both mother and father refused to write to Jerry's grandmother asking her to spend Christmas with them—and disillusioned him furth-

er by telling him his grandmother wasn't aware that he existed. But the old colored cook was a little bit more accommodating. She wrote a letter to the grandmother, exactly as Jerry dictated it.

Then on Christmas morning, just as Jerry was trying to explain to his friends why his grandmother didn't come to see him, up drives a truck hauling a shiny pony. Parking in front of Jerry's house, it is followed by a taxi from which steps an elderly lady—Jerry's grandmother.

After an affectionate embrace, Jerry supervises the unloading of his pony while grandmother and mother and father are tearfully reunited.

J-Students Go to Washington

For four University journalism seniors, November was a busy month. These four, Larry Stephenson, Headrick; Joe Fleming, Langley; Charles Ward, Heber Springs, Arkansas, and Dick King, Stephenville, Texas, attended the annual convention of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity, in Washington, D. C.

The convention, which was in session November 11-15, was attended by top newspapermen from throughout the nation. Speakers included such notables as James V. Forrestal, first and only Secretary of National Defense; Stuart Symington, Secretary of Air; W. W. Waymack, vice-chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and numerous well-known writers, editors, publishers and radio journalists in the national capital for the convention.

Highlight of the convention was a visit to the White House by one representative of each delegation. Stephenson, official O.U. delegate, attended this session where President Truman shook hands with each delegate and addressed the group briefly.

As a grand finale to well-rounded business sessions, a banquet was held in the Presidential Room of the Statler, site of the convention. Forrestal was

the principal speaker. He was flanked on either side at his table by Chief Justice of the United States Fred Vinson and Arthur Vandenberg, Republican senator from Michigan. Earlier in the evening Vandenberg had been initiated as the honorary member of Sigma Delta Chi for 1947.

President Cross Salutes . . .

In his regular weekly broadcast over University station WNAD (5 p.m. Monday) President George L. Cross salutes an outstanding O. U. faculty member or employee who has served the University for many years. The following are from the recent broadcasts.

DR. E. E. DALE

The man whom we are honoring this afternoon has become a legendary figure in the ranch houses of the Southwest, around the council fires of our Western Indians, in many of Boston's most exclusive clubs, and, especially, in the classrooms of Oklahoma.

Nationally, he is known as an outstanding authority on western American History. In Boston he is remembered as "Two-Gun Dale." All over Oklahoma he is famous for the many fascinating stories he tells of the early days. At the University of Oklahoma, he holds the titles, research professor of history and curator of the Frank Phillips collection.

This man who is equally at home on the range or in Boston's exclusive clubs is Edward Everett Dale. His ancestors were Virginians, but his father prospected for gold in California and ranched in Texas.

Ed Dale was born near Keller, Texas, on February 8, 1879. He spent his early days on a Texas farm, punched cattle in old Greer County, and ran his own brand from 1896 to 1901. "Sheriffin",



Busy Washington officials take time out for a picture with Oklahomans and former Oklahomans who were delegates to the November national convention of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity. The setting of the picture was in the Presidential Room of the Statler Hotel at the final banquet of the convention. From left to right they are Morris Haggard, '46-'47, New York City; Dick King, senior in the University of Oklahoma School of Journalism; Stephenville, Texas; Larry Stephenson, O.U. senior in journalism, Headrick; James V. Forrestal, secretary of national defense, speaker at the banquet; Leon "T-Bone" McDonald, senior in journalism at Oklahoma A.&M.; Arthur Vandenberg, Republican senator from Michigan and newly initiated Sigma Delta Chi, and Harry S. "Bud" Baer, '47 Journ, Columbia University, New York, New York.

as he puts it, was another of the gentle arts of the frontier which he practiced during his earlier years. Being an officer of the law was serious business, and many hard-boiled characters learned a new respect for law and order through their experiences with the forceful young sheriff.

When the nesters, drouths and panics put an end to his cow business, Mr. Dale, or Ed, began teaching school. He taught in dug-outs and sod houses, and he served as principal and superintendent in new Oklahoma towns. His own early schooling was meager. He had to earn his own way every step. He was thirty years old before he was graduated from Central State Teacher's College in 1909. But by 1911, he had completed the work for his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Oklahoma. Then he received a scholarship to Harvard. He was graduated the Master of Arts Degree by Harvard in 1914, and he immediately started work toward the degree Doctor of Philosophy which he received from Harvard in 1922.

While a student at Harvard, he volunteered as a policeman and took part in quelling riots following the Boston Police strike. When he reported for work, he took along his big .45 six-shooter. The police issued him a smaller .38 caliber pistol, so he carried both weapons. He didn't have to shoot anyone, but he did garner a nation-wide reputation from the incident, and he is still known as Oklahoma's "two-gun professor."

Professor Dale joined the staff of O.U.'s history department in 1914 as an instructor. He received successive promotions and became head of the department in 1926, a position which he held until his voluntary retirement in 1940. His principal desire, as head of the department, was to build a strong history section, with each man a specialist in his field. He succeeded in his goal, as is shown by the quality of the personnel who presently compose the staff of the department.

Professor Dale spent the year 1925 as a research collaborator in the United States Bureau of Agriculture. From this work, he drew material for his famous book, "The Range Cattle Industry." In 1926 and 1927, he served as a member of the Indian Survey Staff of Brookings Institute, working at the request of the Secretary of Interior and visiting every Indian Reservation in the United States.

In 1944, Professor Dale was appointed a research fellow of the Huntington Library in San Sarno, California, where he conducted special research on problems of the Southwestern Indians, with particular emphasis on federal relations. In 1942, Dr. Dale was appointed Graduate Professor of History and Director of the Phillips Collection, and in 1944, he was made a Research Professor in the Graduate College.

Many honors have come to Professor Dale. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and is listed in *Who's Who in America*. He is perhaps the only Oklahoman who is a member of the exclusive Boston Author's Club. He is a past president of the Agriculture History Society, past president of the Oklahoma State Folk Lore Association, a member of the Twentieth Century Club, and the Puddingstone Club of Boston. He has served on the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, and as a member of the Board of Editors of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review.

Dr. Dale is a scholar, poet and writer of distinction. He has written more than a score of books, monographs and articles, and all of them reflect his scholarly approach. Some of his works are personal, anecdotal, humorous and lighthearted; others are seriously historical, contributing to the science of history and to the fund of knowledge of our great Southwest. But, in general, the great charm and value of his books and poems lie in the fact that they grow out of rich personal experience, love, and enthusiasm. His books make the whole region, its people and its history come to life. Some of his pamphlets and articles are collector's items. The reports of his studies are packed with facts and breathe with color, romance and fascinating detail.

Professor Dale is one of our most popular and productive teachers, and one of the most versatile

men connected with the University. He is equally at home in the Library of Congress, addressing the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, making a commencement address at a country school, or spinning a yarn while broiling a steak over a campfire. He is one of our ablest men, thoroughly efficient, particularly careful in details and possessed of exceptional organizing ability. From personal experience, he is keenly aware of the problems and struggles of students, and his kindness and patience have been most helpful to many. He is one of Oklahoma's best-loved citizens, and he has been a source of personal inspiration to me.

It is a distinctive pleasure to salute one of the nation's outstanding historians, a man who has contributed so much to his students and to his state during the thirty-three years he has been connected with the University of Oklahoma as teacher, head of the History Department, research professor, and curator of the Frank Phillips Collection—Professor Edward Everett Dale.

DR. CHARLES E. DECKER

Oklahoma quite rightfully has been termed "the geologist's laboratory." Much has been written regarding its many geological features. Far too little may have been said, however, concerning the value of the work done by some of the outstanding people who have studied in this laboratory. It is fitting that we should pay tribute this afternoon to one of the most ardent workers in Oklahoma geology, Professor Charles Elijah Decker.

The Arbuckle Mountains are among the most outstanding topographic and geologic features of the state. All the people of Oklahoma are interested in them in one way or another. Any work to increase knowledge of them is a service to the state at large. Those mountains have been Professor Decker's particular work bench in the geologic laboratory of the state. No one knows better than he the wealth of scientific knowledge they hold. Their structure, their stratigraphy, their faunas and their history have unfolded before his searching examination. His published works testify to his exhaustive researches.

Charles E. Decker was born September 27, 1868, at Dixon, Illinois. He received the Bachelor's degree from Northwestern University in 1906; the Master's degree from Chicago University in 1908; the Doctor's degree from Chicago University in 1917; and an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Oklahoma City University in 1935. His major for the A. B. degree was Greek and his minor, Mathematics. An insight into his character is indicated by the fact that, at that time, he thought of entering the ministry. By chance, however, he took a course in geology, became interested, and took up geology and paleontology as his life's work.

Professor Decker taught at Northwestern University and Allegheny College before coming to the University of Oklahoma in 1916. During the summers, he has taught at the University of Illinois, Cornell University, Colorado State Teachers College, and Northwestern University.

The eminence of Professor Decker as a scholar, scientist and teacher is widely acclaimed. He is a member of the American Association of University Professors, the National Research Council, the Geological Society of America, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, and Sigma Xi. He served six years as national secretary and eight years as national president of Sigma Gamma Epsilon. He was secretary of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists for seven years and he was president of the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists for two years. He is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has also served as president of the Oklahoma Academy of Science, and his biography has appeared in *Who's Who in America* for a number of years.

Professor Decker is not only a great scholar and teacher, he is also an outstanding research scientist. He is a pioneer Oklahoma geologist and is noted for his outstanding work in the fields of geology and paleontology. His specialty is the geology and

paleontology of the Early Paleozoic Formations of the Arbuckle and Wichita Mountains. The results of his research have been published in innumerable articles by the leading trade and professional journals. He has written several authoritative books on the subject, and he has presented countless papers before leading professional and honorary societies.

The aggressive way in which Professor Decker has carried on his research program has always been a source of great pleasure to me. His presence on our campus is an inspiration to the younger men who are developing research projects. His continued productiveness in the field of research was recognized by the Board of Regents on January 1, 1944, when they conferred on him the title of Research Professor in recognition of the meticulous and sustained investigations in paleontology which have brought him a position in international eminence.

Great as has been his contribution to the state along purely scientific lines, his contributions along other lines have been even greater. As an instructor, he has devoted himself to giving his students a thoroughly understanding of the subjects of geology and paleontology in a concise, yet sympathetic manner. As a companion on numberless field trips, he has had few equals.

Professor Decker is a kindly, sympathetic and even-tempered man. The very gentleness of his nature is readily apparent as you observe him working in his flower gardens. His hobby is Iris breeding. He now has several hundred seedlings from selective cross-fertilization. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Norman, and for many years has served on the Board of Directors of the University YMCA.

The beneficial influence of such a man as Professor Decker on the young men and women just entering adult life is difficult to overemphasize. His standards are high. By precept and teaching, he is helping to inculcate those standards into the lives of those with whom he comes in contact. No greater service could be rendered his profession, his university, or his state.

It is a real pleasure to salute one of the nation's outstanding paleontologists, a man who has given thirty-one years of service to the University of Oklahoma as a teacher and a builder of men, Professor Charles E. Decker.

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