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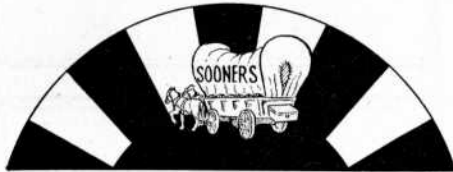
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The classic Art Building, looking out toward Boyd Street, was the University Library from 1920 to 1929, at which time the Library moved to its present building. The arch through which the picture was made is the memorial left by the Class of 1920.

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Riding the Sooner Range

By TED BEARD

Once each year the desk piles high with this assignment. It's August—the peak month of the year for checking special mailing lists in an endeavor to clear, as near 100% as possible, the address lists among these 61,000 addressograph stencils, representing more than 80,000 alumni of the University of Oklahoma.

Each special list checked unravels many, many interesting stories. Amusing incidents, a flash-back of yesteryear—all pass in review as name after name flashes on the screen—then, details recorded, the filing process goes on.

In this special list now under review, let's take a swing out over the Sooner Range and see how these alums are doing their riding over their particular trails.

MENTER G. BAKER, JR., '42bus, is one of the kingpins in the OKLAHOMA CITY Chamber of Commerce with his recent promotion to public relations director of that Organization. MEN is one of the "junior members" of the Board of Governors of the Oklahoma Memorial Union Corporation and is often on the O.U. campus. C. GUY BROWN, '23ba, is rehabilitating at the OKLAHOMA CITY Veterans Administration Headquarters during the day and cogitating in the local law school at night. "C-GAR" is a member of the Executive Board of the Alumni Association. JOHNNY CALDWELL, '41ba, impresario, song writer, lawyer and book-ing agent, has a recording studio in the Municipal Auditorium, OKLAHOMA CITY. BARNEY CRAWFORD, '32Law, built a new house recently in Oklahoma's capital city. Architect for his domicile is BOB VAHLBERG, '35arch, who also designed a home for his family and was featured on the front cover of a recent issue of *American Home Magazine*. BOB FORGAN, '36-'37, and JOE WRIGHT, '31-'38, can still be found "down in the yard" out at the OKLAHOMA CITY stockyards where they are cattle buyers. FRED HARBER, '40ba, '47Law, is practicing law and has just completed his job as campaign manager for the new democratic candidate for sheriff in Oklahoma County.

BRUCE HARLOW, '39ba, is working on a Master's Degree at O.U. and working part-time in the public library of OKLAHOMA CITY. JACK KERNS, '34bus, is one of the partners in LOOK, INC., an Oklahoma CITY real estate agency. WALTER METCALFE, '28eng, is aiding the hard-of-hearing in the Apo Tower, OKLAHOMA CITY. GEORGE MISKOVSKY, '36Law, is building a reputation as OKLAHOMA CITY's best criminal lawyer. The ROOKSTOOLS, FARRIS, '28geol, and DALE, '26-'29, are still doctors and dentists and stuff up OKLAHOMA CITY way.

ROY STEWART, '31ba, is still the best news man on the "hill" and covers a lot of territory for the *Daily Oklahoman & Times*. BURTON WOOD, '47ba, is one of the top men around the Sooner State House now. OTTO HESS, '41bus, is man-

ager of Southwestern Aviation in OKLAHOMA CITY.

RAY G. ATHERTON, '23ba, has been in the transportation field since 1932. He is now General Manager of the American Trucking Association with offices in WASHINGTON, D. C. He is a "grandpa"! (Via daughter) RAY G. ATHERTON, JR., (the old man's son) is now a University student.

Superintendent of the U. S. Gypsum Company plant at SOUTHARD is a job WILLIAM L. ARMOR, '23ba, has held for 24 years. Bill formerly coached high school athletics at PURCELL. GEORGE F. ARMOR, '25bs, advises, very confidentially, that he is using the 1925 business degree he secured at Oklahoma University in "raising wheat and kids at CANTON." CECIL D. BAIRD, '26bs, '27med, is still practicing medicine at EUREKA, KANSAS. He has been in Eureka since 1928 as a practicing physician. During World War II he served in the army for over three years. Sixteen months of that time was spent as a major in the Aleutians, and a year in Burma and China. DOUGLAS E. BELL, '34eng, is in the oil business and is living in NEW ORLEANS. C. C. "CHET" BEARD, '29m.ed, is a "travelin'" businessman with headquarters in NORMAN. Rounding out his 16th year as a practicing attorney is BURT BARR, '33Law. Burt's home address is 1332 Englewood, DALLAS.

With the Federal Communications Commission in WASHINGTON, D. C. is AUGUST M. "GUS" BOOTH, '27-'30. Gus served four years in the army during World War II and was discharged as a Lieutenant Colonel. He is now a communications rate examiner with the Federal Communications Commission. PAUL D. BOWLEN, '38eng, advises that he is still in VERMILION, ALBERTA, CANADA. Paul is in Canada working as managing director for the Regent Drilling Company, Ltd. Attorney and State Senator from JOPLIN, MISSOURI is WILLIAM H. BURDEN, '28ba. Bill practiced in Joplin from 1933 to 1942 when he entered the army. Immediately after discharge he launched a successful campaign for State Senator for Missouri State Senate. MARSDEN BELLATTI, '33ba, is associated with his father in the newspaper publishing and radio business in STILLWATER. MERWYN L. BLACK, '25ba, has been connected with the Austin Bridge Company, Dallas, since 1930. During World War II Merwyn was "sidelined" to assume the superintendency of the firm's incendiary bomb plant down Texas way. BILL BREEDEN, '39ba, reports, "I have a three year old fullback on my hands who should be ready for Oklahoma University teams about 1958." Bill lives in ODESSA, TEXAS, where he is working for American Steel and Wire Company. ROGER W. BOOTH, '36, is chief engineer with the Lennox Furnace Company, MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa.

BILL BREEDLOVE, '38Law, after spending five and a half years in the army, has returned to his home on Lake Brownwood, near BROWNWOOD, TEXAS. GEORGE BORECKY, '21bs, '23med, is a practicing physician in Oklahoma City. George came out of the service with the rank of major, after spending two years in the British Isles and France administering to service men during World War II. LEWIS BRODNAX, '26eng, is associated with T. J. Brodnax Investments in KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. ARL BARRY, '38med, lives with his family in COLORADO CITY, TEXAS. He's still active in radio work—that's HILLIS BELL, '24ba. Until a few months ago he was the general manager of KSIL in SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO. For the past several months he has been connected with the radio station in ARDMORE. HUGH M. "BLOCKY" BLAND, '18-'22, is well established in his law practice in FT. SMITH, ARKANSAS, and claims, as usual, that his home city of Ft. Smith "is in the middle of a vacationer's paradise—every flea thinks he lives on the best dog in the world."

R. V. CARLETON, '24, is one of the top-flight men with the Braniff International Airways of DALLAS. He has been an airline captain for some 12 years and chief pilot for more than four years. A. B. CARPENTER, '27Law, is now State Senator "Abie" Carpenter of ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO. "ABIE" is a practicing attorney at Roswell, has been a member of the House in the New Mexico Legislature for a number of years, and this season was successful in his campaign. BOB COCONOWER, '37-'42, is following the "bent of his trade," oil producer-executive and what have you, out in SEAGRAVES, TEXAS. JIM COCONOWER, '40, after a number of years in newspaper publishing at WALTERS, returned recently as a staff man of the *Norman Transcript*, and lives in NORMAN.

WILLIAM B. CRAM, '30ba, is a practicing attorney in BOISE, IDAHO. (That's the "Willie" of Visual Education, WNAD, etc., etc., fame of some 20 years ago!) STANLEY CUNNINGHAM, '30, is a practicing attorney in TISHOMINGO.

Out of the Royal Canadian Air Force and into the grocery business at SEMINOLE is R. J. CAWTHON, '41. SAN C. COATS, '27-'28, spent three years riding destroyers in the Pacific before his Navy career was halted in a typhoon off Okinawa. He is back at his business in OKLAHOMA CITY. San's brother, TOM R. COATS, '40Law, is a member of the legal staff of Halliburton Oil Supply Company, DUNCAN. DUDLEY CULP, '34Law, following a long tour of duty with the FBI during the war years, is now associated with the legal firm of Horsley, Epton & Culp in WEWOKA. PHIL CAMPBELL, '28-'33, is engaged in ranching near CLAUDE, TEXAS. VAN CULPEPPER, '31-'34, after five years service in the Army, opened his law office in TONKAWA.

His fire and casualty insurance business in SAN ANTONIO demands most of ROBERT "BOB" DUNCAN'S, '30bfa, time. Bob is the younger brother of DR. DEAN DUNCAN, '23bs, who is still practicing in SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, and of JOHN DUNCAN, '20-'22, who is in the oil distributing business in PAMPA, TEXAS. JEROME OLIVER EDWARDS, '31-'33, has moved from Seminole and is operating a cotton plantation near BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS.

L. G. FRIEDRICKS, '41bs, is still directing athletics at the Catholic High School down NEW ORLEANS way. Enjoying his work as a Boy Scout executive, GEORGE C. FRICKEL, JR., '29-'33, has been living with his family at PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS, since 1946. He moved to Texas from TULSA. ARTHUR HUBERT "HOOT" GIBSON, '36ba, '38Law, following his discharge from the Navy, served with the State Accrediting Agency in OKLAHOMA CITY—now in private law practice in that city. Old SAPULPA JIM GORMAN, '33ba, after returning from his service in World War II, established his business connections with the Veterans Administration at WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA.

HORTON GRISSO, '30geol, following his return from Army service, took over as vice-president of the Security National Bank in NORMAN.

(The "banker" is a member of the Executive Board of the O.U. Alumni Association.)

It's LELAND GOURLEY, '40, editor and publisher now. Leland assumed his new title with the *Henryetta Daily Free-Lance* about two years ago, after being discharged from the Army, in which he served more than four years. Leland was released from active duty March 7, 1946, with a major's rating, after seeing action in several European campaigns. JIMMY HAMILL, '25geol, is still out LOS ANGELES way, where he has been for a number of years. Ole "SILENT DAN" HANSON '26-'35, lives in SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA. TOM HANSON, '36Law, (DAN'S, DR. SWEDE'S and PAUL'S brother) also lives in SAN GABRIEL. DR. ORCINA "SWEDE" HANSON, '26bs, '28ba, '28med, along with DR. PAUL HANSON, '34bs, '36med, lives and practices in SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA.

But, just here we must break off this checking of the special mailing list, as the wires are burning down, yelling for action for certain Sooner enclaves in MUSKOGEE, come eight days from now. Thence to ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA; MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL, back down to MADISON, WISCONSIN, across the pond to ANN ARBOR and DETROIT and new trails open as we do some more riding of the Sooner range.



PERRY CARMICHAEL, '33M.ED

Ethiopia Recruits Teachers

Ethiopia needs school teachers—American school teachers. Perry Carmichael, '33m.ed, is the man swinging the deal for Oklahomans to go to Addis Ababa, capital city of Ethiopia, to teach elementary and secondary school.

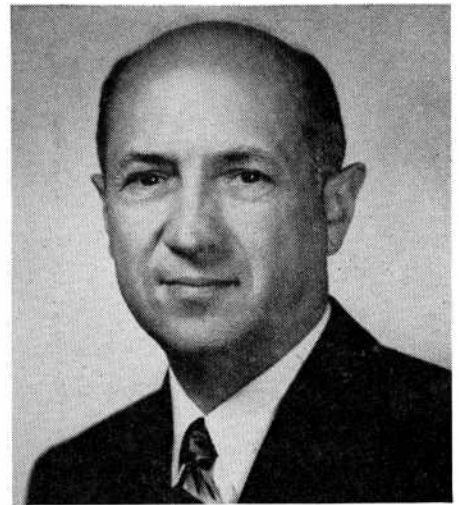
Carmichael and Mrs. Carmichael have been in Addis Ababa two years. He is director of the Ministry of Education. Recruiting teachers is just one of his varied jobs in the education field.

He flew into Norman in late July and immediately set up shop to interview educators interested in flying back with him to accept positions.

The main incentive offered was travel. The 13 teachers sought were to leave from Kansas City by air, final stop in the United States to be in New York City. Then to London for a day, a day each in Paris, France; Berne, Switzerland; Athens, Greece, and Cairo, Egypt. The trip was to be paid for by the Ethiopian government.

Too, the incentive was an opportunity to advance the education of a previously backward country fighting for social advancement. Salaries aren't fabulous, but more than adequate.

The ideal teacher sought was one with a rural background who could go into a rural country and be happy without extravagance and bright lights.



PAUL LANIER FAHRNEY, '20BA

Promotion for Fahrney

Paul L. Fahrney, '20ba, was recently elected vice-president of the Standard Oil Company of California. He was promoted to the position, which he has held almost four months, from general manager of operations in the marketing department. Fahrney has been with the company 28 years—since graduation from the University.

An active member of Sigma Nu Social Fraternity while on the campus, he also belonged to Alpha Chi Sigma, honorary chemical fraternity. A native of Grove, Fahrney graduated from Vinita High School and worked for the Pioneer Telephone and Telegraph Company while a student at O.U. He now spends his leisure time playing golf and woodworking.

His career began in 1920 when he was successful in obtaining the position of research-sales engineer for Standard Oil of California. He held this position for nine years, and, after two years as district manager, he was promoted to the position of general sales manager of the American Bitumuls Company, a subsidiary of Standard. In 1942, he became president of both the American and the International Bitumuls Company and, after one month as general manager of operations in the marketing department, he was promoted to the position of vice-president.

Mrs. Fahrney is a graduate of the University of California, and they have made their home in San Francisco.

Yet, the living conditions for the teachers are modern and comfortable.

Married teachers, both men and women, with reasonable maturity, were preferred.

The University was the first stop on official business for Carmichael. However, vacancies not filled at O.U. were to be filled at other colleges and universities.

While in Oklahoma Carmichael visited his daughter and son-in-law, William Byron Hill, '43 eng, and Mrs. Hill (Mary Alice Carmichael, '43 bs), of Muskogee. He also has two sons who attended the University. They are Carl, '33-'40, commander in the Navy, New London, Connecticut, and Bill, '38-'39, lieutenant in the Navy, Coco Solo, Panama.

Carmichael, in his visit with the *Sooner* staff, said that his biggest surprise on arrival in New York after his two-year absence was the length of women's skirts.

"Why they're wearing skirts like my grandmother wore."

Also, being from a country where "the jeep is a mule," he was aware of the airmindedness of the American people, but yet marveled at the rapid advancement of aircraft in this country.



Joe Jackson

Student of History

When he was an undergrad at the University, Joe Jackson, '34bs, '40m.ed, took history and liked it. He's the good natured Bristow history teacher. He's married and has a son, Victor, 13.

Joe Jackson's story is another of quiet struggle through the depression years. He worked his way through college and participated in all kinds of campus organizations. He worked his way out of the depression and he made good.

This summer he was pouring over books in the library and at Whitehand Hall where he was rooming. This was his fifth summer at O.U. working on his Doctor's Degree in history. This fall he will teach history and government as associate professor at Central State College, Edmond.

He's nearing the finish mark on his doctor's work, lacking four hours of class work and he is now writing his dissertation.

He describes the beginning of his interest in history as "quite by accident." An undergraduate, he took routine courses from southwestern historians Dr. Carl Rister, research professor of history; Dr. A. K. Christian, professor of history and Dr. M. L. Wardell, David Ross Boyd professor of history.

What those Sooner teachers had to say about history fascinated Joe Jackson. He wanted to learn more and more about the subject. He did. And he's still studying it.

At O.U. Joe represented the University in the state oratorical contest and also represented the entire state in the national contest. He was a member of the oratorical council and candidate for the Rhodes Scholarship.

Jackson has taught for eleven years since his graduation in Bristow High School. For the past two years he has principaled Bristow Junior High. In 1940 he turned out the national champion high school debate team.

So many champion debaters come out of Oklahoma, he says, because of the tournament system. "They practice more. They have more experience than the others."

He modestly describes his coaching success: "There's not much to say about it. We organize the material. They practice. I sit back and help them. It's just a lot of hard work—that's about all."

Joe Jackson's doctor's dissertation is a history of education in eastern Oklahoma from 1898 to 1917. He notes from his research that, in the early day Oklahoma struggle for education, Indians often fared better than white children. White children usually were not welcome in the Indian schools.

When Jackson receives the Ph.D., it will be his third degree from the University of Oklahoma. "I feel," he says, "that the history department is one of the most outstanding in the country, particularly in southwestern history. "If leaders knew more about history they could better meet the problems we face today by applying the lessons of past experience. To me that is the main importance of history."

Red, Red Rose Initiates

The secretive Old, Old Man of the Red, Red Rose has come and gone again. He allegedly buzzed into the campus on an evening in July to officiate at the initiation of near a hundred neophytes.

The Order of the Red, Red Rose was founded 31 years ago at Southeastern State Teachers College, Durant, by a group of school teachers, "after the Grand Old Man provided in his will that all school teachers would be 'taken care of'."

This fellowship organization for years has provided laughs and a lot of "horse play" for its members and neophytes. The annual initiation at O.U. is staged while schoolmen are on the campus attending the Oklahoma State School Administrators Conference. Although composed mainly of school teachers, the organization in recent years has taken in other prominent men of the state.

The Old, Old Man provided that the organization should have no axes to grind, no issues to settle, nor principles to stand for. Weighty problems of the world were to be left at home when its members and neophytes gathered for a hilarious time in mid-July.

Pictured on the opposite page are a few of the hundreds of members and neophytes who attended the 1948 meeting.

1. "Appearing on the program" are these neophytes shown on the front row. Left to right they are Dr. John Smale, visiting professor in the School of Education; Bob Blackstock, Student Senate president and summer chairman of the senior class committee; James Randolph "Jimmy" Frazier, '24ba, '32m.ed, Wewoka superintendent of schools and "ancient" executive-secretary of Oklahoma State School Administrators Association; Bob Kerr, '16, former governor and now Democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate, and "Doc" LaFavers, Norman football coach. Behind the neophytes are some of the Grand High Officers. They are left to right Dr. Jim Hodges, '29m.ed, '31d.ed, a school principal in Tulsa; N. L. George, '26bs, '31m.ed, business manager of Oklahoma City Board of Education; Bruce G. Carter, '32ma, president of Northeastern Oklahoma A. & M., Miami, and Dr. Howard Taylor, dean of Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha.

2. It was a hot night. Dr. Delbert G. "Mike" Willard, '27bs, '29med, Norman, wipes his brow while E. E. "Jake" Hill, student editor of the *Oklahoma Daily* student publication looks "fagged out."

3. Kerr puts his socks on following his initiation. Preston Moore, left, student commander of the

campus American Legion post; Dean Taylor, center, and M. K. Sheppard, of Kerr's staff, Enid-Oklahoma City, seem to enjoy watching him work.

4. Maj. Gen. William S. Key, a neophyte at the event, left, poses with Dr. George L. Cross, O.U. president; Mike Monroney, '24ba, Fifth District Congressman, and Clee Fitzgerald, student, manager of the Celebrity Series.

5. Blackstock talks it over with two of his former school teachers. Wiley White, center, is superintendent at Keystone, and S. E. Spann, '31bs, right, is superintendent at Oilton.

6. Monroney, left, and Dr. Guy Y. Williams, '06ba, '10ma, professor of chemistry, smile over a discussion of old times when Mike was student editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*.

7. Here a few members and neophytes take a look at the Old, Old Man's picture. Standing left to right are Elmer Fraker, '20ba, '38ma, department adjutant, American Legion Headquarters, Oklahoma City; "Fats" Morton, oil distributor, Norman; Kerr; A. C. Streeter, '35ma, Chickasha; Monroney; Sheppard, and Col. Joe Miller, '22ma, Oklahoma College for Women professor. Kneeling in front are left to right Charlie M. Love, '42bs, '47m.ed, an elementary school principal, Muskogee, and Leslie L. Thomason, '36ba, '39ma, Americanism officer, American Legion Headquarters, Oklahoma City.

8. Shown here is a part of the group of neophytes. Numbers are placed on some for identification. Size of the picture prohibits identification of everyone. The figure "8" in the square in the foreground is the number of the picture, not of a person in the picture. However, it happens to fall on "Doc" LaFavers. Those numbered are (1) George Cobb, Norman; (2) Wayne Quinlan, '48ma, '48Law, president of the League of Young Democrats; (3) John Russell, student, State Representative from Okmulgee; (4) Grady D. Harris, '18, Alex banker and president of the O.U. Alumni Association; (5) Herbert Branan, '32ba, '38Law, member of Alumni Executive Board, Oklahoma City; (6) Paul McClung, fall student editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*; (7) Jake Hill, summer student editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*; (8) Larry Stephenson, '48ba, editor of Sooner Magazine; (9) Whitey Baston, student, first World War II veteran to hold elective position in the Oklahoma Department of the American Legion; (10) Bob Lundsford, student, 1948-49 commander of the campus post of the American Legion; (11) Dr. "Mike" Willard, former captain in the Navy who is now practicing medicine in Norman; (12) Paul Harkey, student, legislator from McCurtain County; (13) Russell N. Smith, '21geol, former Sooner staff photographer, Norman; (14) Blackstock, and (15) Kerr.

Others who may be recognized in Picture 8 are Clay DeFord, Jr., who is doing doctorate work in the field of public relations; Charlie Dunn, '48ba, a Norman graduate student; Charlie Dunn, '40ba, a book representative; Bob Porta, student, assistant in the Memorial Union business office; Lee B. Thompson, '25ba, '27Law, Oklahoma City attorney and vice-president of the Memorial Union Board of Governors; Earl Maxwell, Norman manager of Long Bell Lumber Co.; L. C. "Coon" Lindsay, owner of Norman Steam Laundry; Dr. Frank Sorenson, assistant dean of the Graduate College, University of Nebraska; S. V. Rector, a Norman public accountant; R. O. Smith, '30Law, Norman attorney, and D. R. Kimrey, '40ba, purchasing officer for the University.

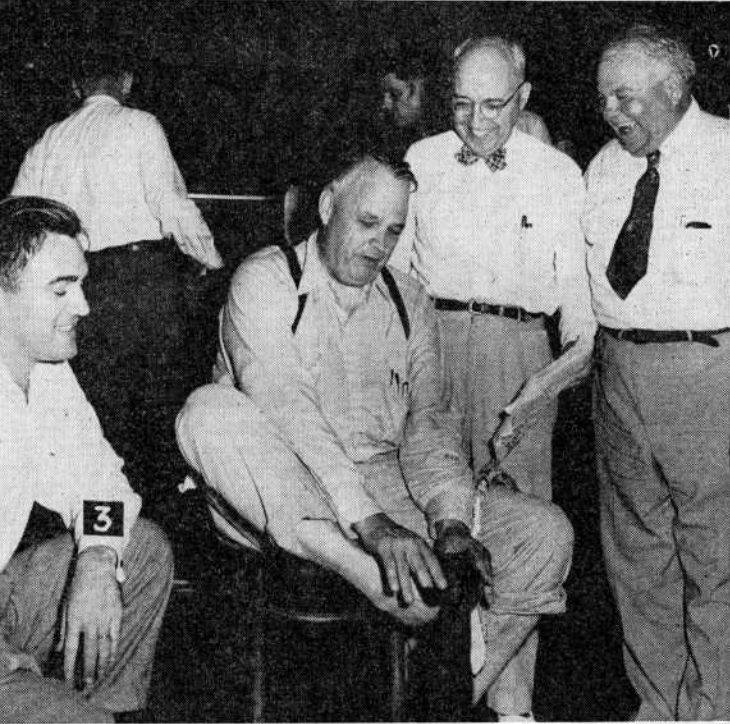
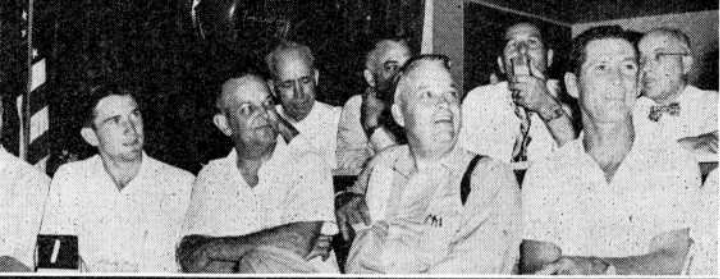
Clark Attends Staff College

Lt. Col. William R. Clark, '36journ, graduated from the regular course of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in July. He is the son of Mrs. Ruth Clark, Norman.

Clark received his commission in 1933 and was ordered to active duty with the Army in April, 1941.

The Command and General Staff College is the highest level educational institution operated entirely by the Army, and consists of five schools and a department of analysis and research. The regular course is designed to qualify officers for duty as commanders or general staff officers in divisions or larger organizations.

Colonel Clark served in the European Theater of Operations during the years 1944 and 1945, as a battalion executive and commanding officer, during which time he saw service in Northern France, the Ardennes, Central Europe and the Rhineland. The 253rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, which he commanded for 11 months, received the Distinguished Unit Citation. Among other decorations and awards, Colonel Clark is authorized to wear the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, and the European Theater Medal with four campaign stars.





Rex F. Harlow

Business Consultant

One of the outstanding men in the United States today is Rex F. Harlow, who attended the University as a freshman in 1915, and as a graduate student in 1935.

Harlow has made quite an impressive record in the fields of public relations, education, writing and lecturing. At present, he is serving as consultant to several of the leading business and financial institutions in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, and Chicago.

He has the distinction of being listed in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in Commerce and Industry*, *Who's Who Among North American Authors*, *Who's Who Among Authors and Writers* (London), *Who's Who in American Education*, and *Leaders in Education*.

Among his many hobbies and recreational interests is travel. It is evident that the desire is inherent. He was born in Winfield, Missouri, and attended Central High School in Oklahoma City. He has since attended the University, Central State Teachers College, University of Texas, and Stanford University. He holds the Doctor's Degree from Stanford. His present home is in Palo Alto, California, near the Stanford campus.

During the one year he attended the University as an Undergraduate, he was a member of the freshman football team, the glee club, the Y.M.C.A. board, was vice-president of the freshman class and was elected into the Athenaeum Debating Society. While a graduate student, he became a member of Phi Delta Kappa, honorary educational fraternity.

As an author, Rex Harlow is quite versatile. He has written 26 books of fiction, history, biography, public relations, education, salesmanship and research. His latest books are *Public Relations in War and Peace*, *Practical Public Relations* (of which he is co-author), and *Top Management and Public Relations*, all published by Harper & Brothers.

Also in the field of writing, Harlow has been an editor. He is the founder, and for his first two years was editor, of *The Public Relations Journal*. He now serves as chairman of its editorial board. Formerly he was editor of "History in the Making" department of *Child Life*, associate editor of *Harlow's Weekly*, and editor of several regional trade publications.

In the realm of education, Harlow served as a professor of education and public relations at Stanford University from 1937 to 1944. Since 1939 he has conducted more than twenty special courses in public relations from coast to coast for the American Council on Public Relations, of which he was president from 1939 to 1947. He is the author of and directs "Public Relations in Action," a course by mail for executives.

Yates Climbs to Top

George Latham Yates, '34eng, '35ms, has climbed to the top of the engineering ladder literally without the use of his hands.

A recent letter discloses that he is a partner in Amstutz and Yates, Inc., Wichita, Kansas.

While attending the University, a mishap with 'Old Trusty' on March 19, 1933, resulted in the loss of both his hands. The University was shocked; however, it has been both surprised and pleased with the continued reports of his success since graduation.

Yates said that the responsibility for any success that he has made goes to his father who reminded him while he was in the hospital that, "He would have to stop working with his back and begin using his head." He further states, "I have always remembered that," and, to say the least, his record verifies it.

After receiving a Master's Degree in mechanical engineering, he went to the University of Pittsburgh where he served as an instructor and later as assistant professor from 1935 until September, 1943.

Not content to loaf during the summer vacations, Yates worked for the Phillips Petroleum Co. as an engineer. One summer he made an analysis of water encroachment problems in the Wilcox zone of the Billings Field, and another summer he spent studying the North Burbank pool to determine water flooding potentialities.

In January, 1944, he was employed as senior engineer by the Standard Oil Co. of Ohio, specializing in reservoir analysis and reserve estimates and valuations.

In June, 1945, he was promoted to the head of the valuation engineering section, and, during the next two years, he did valuation work for the purchase of \$18 millions worth of properties.

On November 1, 1947, he formed a partnership with P. T. Armstutz, Jr., who formerly worked for Sohio as head of the reservoir engineering section. The articles of incorporation of the firm allow them to enter any phase of the oil business that they desire. However, their primary objective is "to offer petroleum engineering services on a consulting basis, specializing in the analysis of reservoir problems and reservoir estimates and valuations of oil and gas properties."

Yates recently married Miss Marian McNiece, who was his secretary at Sohio. She is a graduate of Carlton College, Northfield, Minnesota, where she was a Phi Beta Kappa.

While attending the University, Yates was not only very active but also quite popular among his fellow students. He belonged to 19 honorary, social, and sports organizations, chief among which were Beta Theta Pi, L.K.O.T., Men's Council, the wrestling squad and many engineering and military groups.

Dukes Receives Permanent Rank

Lt. Col. Joe L. Dukes, '26law, formerly of Prague, Oklahoma, was recently appointed to the permanent grade of lieutenant colonel, United States Air Force. He had held the permanent grade of major since October, 1947.

Colonel Dukes is the base legal officer at Mather Air Force Base, Sacramento, where the Air Force's only training center for navigator-bombardiers is under operation.

Dukes graduated from Okfuskee County High School at Paden, and served as a member of the Eleventh State Legislature from 1927 to 1929 after receiving his law degree from the University.

He spent a year and a half overseas with the Fifth Air Force during the war, and served as commanding officer of an Air Service Squadron which was stationed at various times in New Guinea, the Dutch East Indies, the Philippines, and Okinawa.

Prior to his Mather assignment in January this year, he was base legal officer at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona.

He is married to the former Mildred L. McCutcheon of Dallas and is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association and the Masonic Lodge.



Max Chambers

Noted Educator

W. Max Chambers, '21ba, '29ms, completed his Doctor of Philosophy Degree at the State College, Greeley, Colorado, July 30. Chambers is one of the recognized educational administrators of the entire country in the field of secondary education. He attended and graduated from Central State College at Edmond; Berea College at Berea, Kentucky; Teachers College, Columbia University, where he holds a professional diploma for superintendent of schools, and upon completion of his work at the University of Oklahoma, he attended the Harvard Law School. After his return from Harvard he was admitted to the state bar of Oklahoma by state bar examination.

Superintendent Chambers has served in a number of educational administrative capacities in the state of Oklahoma. He began his work in Cushing. Leaving Cushing he served as superintendent of Newkirk schools for four years, then moved to the Perry schools for five years, from there to Sapulpa for three years, and in 1931 assumed the position as superintendent of city schools at Okmulgee, where he has held that position for 17 years.

Chambers is a member of the Methodist Church, for a number of years has been a prominent Rotarian, and is an active participant in the Masonic Lodge organizations. He is also a member of Phi Delta Kappa, educational fraternity; the National Association of School Administrators; the National Educational Association, and holds a life membership in the Oklahoma Congress of Parents and Teachers. He has been honored by membership in the "Ninety-Six Club," a select N.E.A. group comprising two school men from each of the 48 states.

In 1940 he was elected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the N.E.A. In 1945 he was appointed by the Governor of Oklahoma to the Textbook Commission, while at the present time he is a member of the Commission for the Selection and Improvement of Teachers for the State of Oklahoma.

Alumna Named to Legal Post

Miss Vivien McConnell, '41law, has been appointed attorney general of Guam, according to a recent issue of the *Guam News*.

Miss McConnell went to Guam in October, 1946, as attorney with the Land and Claims Commission and was appointed assistant attorney general a year ago. Previously she had engaged in the general practice of law with U. S. Congressman W. G. Stigler, '16, of Stigler, and for several years was law clerk to United States District Judge Bower Broadus of Oklahoma City.

Streeter Speakman Is Dead

Both the State of Oklahoma and the University lost one of its most valuable and popular citizens in the July 31 death of Streeter Speakman, '12law.

Speakman, 59-year-old veteran member of the state legislature from Sapulpa, died of a heart attack in a Tulsa hospital.

He has always been frail and in rather poor health, but nevertheless, he was known as a tireless worker for Creek County and the state as a whole. He was not seriously ill, however, until the morning before his death when he was taken to the hospital.

A graduate of the University, he was one of three brothers who made fine records for themselves and were accorded wide recognition. Fred Speakman, who died last year, became district judge at Sapulpa, and Howard Speakman, '15law, was elected district judge in Phoenix, Arizona.

Streeter Speakman first was sent to the Seventeenth Legislature in 1939 and soon became a whip in the house of representatives.

Speakman is survived by his wife and two sons, Rev. F. B. Speakman, '40ba, '41ma, East Orange, N. J., and Streeter Speakman, Jr., '40law, attorney in Sapulpa.

Fifth Annual School Administrators Conference

BY BETTY JEAN McLEAN

The fifth annual School Administrators Conference was held on the campus of the University of Oklahoma July 13 and 14. The conference has been held each year in Norman in co-operation with the College of Education, the Extension Division, Oklahoma Association of School Administrators, The Secondary School Principals Association, The Elementary School Principals Association, The County Superintendents Association and The Junior College Department of the Oklahoma Education Association.

Serving as general chairman of the conference committee is H. E. Wrinkle, '22ba, '31m.ed, director of field relations at the University. Late each spring Wrinkle meets with representatives of each of the five professional public school organizations to make a general outline for the conference.

This year's conference was highlighted by speeches given by Dr. Virgil Rogers, superintendent of schools at Battle Creek, Michigan; Dr. Frank E. Sorenson, assistant director of the College of Education at the University of Nebraska; Dr. Horace J. Wubben, president of Mesa Junior College, Grand Junction, Colorado, and Dr. Ro-

land Beck, '26ma, '32Ph.D, Central State College, Edmond.

Oklahoma educators who appeared on the program were Dr. George L. Cross, president of the University, and Dr. Arnold E. Joyal, former dean of the College of Education at O.U. Dean Joyal, whose resignation was effective August 1, has accepted the position of president of Fresno State College, Fresno, California.

Special feature of this year's conference program included the meeting of the Order of the Red Rose, at which the "Grand Old Man" of the Order served 525 members and neophytes at the annual banquet. In addition, the annual O.U.—School Administrators dinner was held at which time Stewart Harral, '36ma, director of press relations, spoke to the group on public relations. A musical program was presented under the direction of Guy Waid, '47m.ed, principal of the University High School.

Each year during the conference efforts are made to discuss the problems confronting the school superintendents and principals over the state.

Other state educators who assisted in arranging and promoting the conference were: Bryan Waid, president of the Oklahoma Association of School Administrators; James Frazier, '24ba, '32m.ed, secretary of O.A.S.A.; Trice L. Broadrick, '43m.ed, president of the Secondary School Principals Association; F. R. Born, secretary of S.S.P.A.; George J. Hooper, president, and James H. Hodges, '29 m.ed, '31Ph.D, secretary of the Elementary School Principals Association.

T. E. Allen, president, and Mrs. Lalah M. Lloyd, secretary, of the County Superintendents Association; O. D. Johns, '33m.ed, president, and Ralph Campbell, secretary of the Junior College Department; R. L. McLean, '38m.ed, superintendent, Anadarko; William D. Petree, '43m.ed, superintendent, Putnam City; Al Harris, superintendent, Clinton; Dr. Henry D. Rinsland, '20ba, '24ma, professor of education at O.U.

Dr. John Fellows, acting dean of the College of Education; Dr. F. A. Balyeat, '11ba, '18ma, professor of education; Guy Curry, executive secretary of the Oklahoma Commission on Teacher Education and Certification; Vera Jones, '42m.ed, Oklahoma A. and M. College; Ben Morrison, '35ma, East Central State College; Raymond Harvey, superintendent, Bixby; Dion C. Woods, superintendent, Duncan.

Robert B. Cheney, Oklahoma City, Jess Hudson, '29m.ed, Tulsa; Bruce G. Carter, '32ma, president of Northeastern Oklahoma A. and M. College; Clive E. Murray, president of Murray State School of Agriculture; Loren N. Brown, '28ma, '37Ph.D, president of Northern Oklahoma Junior College; Dr. Frank Pauley, director of research, Tulsa; Harry D. Simmons, '24ba, superintendent, Muskogee.

Walter Marsh, principal, El Reno; Earl Sowers, president, Oklahoma State School Boards Association; Dr. Ross Pugmire, director of the O.E.A. Research Project; Ferman Phillips, manager, O.E.A.; Garland Godfrey, superintendent, Pryor; Lloyd W. Spencer, county superintendent, Enid; L. W. Collyge, superintendent, Skiatook; M. M. Black, principal, Tulsa Central High School; Frank B. Overman, '22ba, '35m.ed, principal, Britton High School.

E. A. Williamson, '36m.ed, principal, Henryetta High School; B. L. Shepherd, assistant superintendent, Tulsa; Dr. Carl Cress, '22ba, '31m.ed, assistant superintendent, Riverside, California; James H. Hodges, principal, Kendall School, Tulsa.

Susan Crutchfield, director elementary education, Galveston; Alvin Schindler, professor of education, University of Maryland; O. D. Johns, superintendent, Seminole; Elbert B. Costner, '29ba, '34ma, superintendent, Poteau; Paul R. Taylor, superintendent, El Reno; Dr. J. Andrew Holley, '20, Oklahoma A. and M. College; and Guy Waid, '47m.ed, principal, University High School.

We're Better for Having Known Him

When Studdert-Kennedy, the English chaplain, died, one of his friends summed him up with the phrase, "the breath of life's morning was upon him." It isn't given to you and me to know in this world many men of whom such a statement could be seriously made. But it can be seriously and reverently applied to Streeter Speakman.

You didn't think of Streeter ever as being of a particular age, did you? That was somehow a part of his magic. And didn't it give you the feeling that horizons had been placed around your day just to deal with him, whether exchanging some phase of his many-faceted concerns? That was somehow a result of his magic. One casts about for some verbal clue to express it. There's nothing so hard to delineate as a real personality. But might not Streeter Speakman's richest trait have been his whole-souled generosity? It wasn't merely that he was the easiest of all marks in a case of need, whether that need was real or imagined. It was the way he gave of himself to everyone regardless of the hour or the occasion. It was the way he let you know when you faced him that your welfare was a matter of real moment with him. It was the way you sensed in him the determination to get through every stockade of prejudice, rampant of indifference, wall of resentment, and give himself as a man to the men who had need of him.

Our state has been mourning the passing of an able legislator, conscientious barrister, tireless leader. We who knew him along Dewey Avenue add to that the deeper dimension—we've been mourning the passing of a friend. And we say of Streeter Speakman the ultimate praise, we're better for having known him. There's a benediction in his memory, this man of whom Scripture could approve, in that he lived justly, and loved mercy, and walked humble with his God.

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