

paring manuscript for a book on engineering and production practices to be published by the Commission.

In his report to the Commission at its spring meeting in Chicago, Dean Carson pointed out that the engineering volume will be directed to a clear understanding of the reservoir trap which contains the oil, and the nature and characteristic of the fluids contained in that reservoir. It will explain the changes those fluids undergo as production occurs and pressures are released and the changes which can be implied upon them by different methods of operating the field and by the different controls such as rates of production and gas-oil ratio limits which are enforced on operations.

Oklahoma was one of the six charter members of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission, whose members now include 21 states in which is produced 90 percent of the nation's gas and 80 percent of the crude petroleum. Purpose of the Commission is to foster and encourage better methods of oil and gas production and more effective conservation of the resources.

## Curtins Featured in Magazine

Virginia Curtin, '34bs, '36med, was featured in the July issue of *Ladies' Home Journal* with her husband, Gerald "Cowboy" Curtin, and two children. The article was one of a series entitled "How America Lives," and featured the Curtins as excellent examples of how a marriage can be made to work despite the fact that both parties are engaged in different careers. Gerald Curtin, a graduate of Oklahoma A.&M., is editor and 100% owner of the *Watonga Republican*, and Dr. Virginia Curtin is a staff physician at the Watonga Clinic.

The Curtins, their activities and their town take up eight pages in the issue. Twenty-eight pictures are included. They show the Curtin family, the newspaper, Dr. Curtin's clinic and other typical or leading citizens of Watonga. The article is by an Oklahoma author, Dorothy Cameron Disney.

The theme of the article was that love and loyalty make a marriage work even though husband and wife have different careers.

During the recent war, while Editor Curtin was in the service, Dr. Curtin was on 24-hour call at the clinic, administering anesthesia 2,500 times without a fatality, and delivering 500 babies in that period. Part of the time her own child was sick. They now have two, Charlotte, 5, and Tim, 3.

Author Disney pays tribute to the couple in her concluding sentence which states, "I believe the story of how these two people worked out their successful marriage in spite of serious handicaps is basically dependent upon attitudes which they thought out and followed as guiding principles. They never allowed themselves to forget that they had fundamental love and respect for each other. They faced their defects frankly and worked out rules to solve the difficulties that arose."

## Lunsford

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Upon entering the University, Lunsford continued his track work and became a member of the varsity team. He belonged to Scabbard and Blade, national honorary military fraternity, and also the honorary freshman scholastic fraternity, Phi Eta Sigma. Other activities include membership in the band and the men's glee club, Dr. Bizzell's Honor Class (41-42) and Beta Theta Pi social fraternity which honored him with the office of vice-president during the school year 1947-48.

He has twice appeared in *Who's Who on American Campuses* ('43 and '48) and recently was a finalist in the Rhodes Scholarship Contest. During his undergraduate years, Lunsford worked in the University Book Exchange, he graded papers, and both waited tables and washed dishes.

During the past school year he was chosen a B.M.O.C. and as president of the Union Activities Board. Perhaps his most cherished honor was his election as "Superman" by the university coeds during Now or Never Week.

His recent election to command the American Legion post comes at the end of a considerable army career. He entered the army as a private under selective service, and after seeing action in Luzon, Mindoro, Mindanao, and Japan, he was discharged a captain of infantry.

Classwork for the fall semester at the University

# BOOKS . . .

J. C. Mayfield, Manager

University Book Exchange

Dear Jim:

Thank you for suggesting *Oklahoma Kickoff*. Of course I was interested in the book because it was written about Oklahoma University, about football, and by Harold Keith. But, honestly it was a surprise. And a delightful one. It is much more than a book about early football at O.U.

Of course, it is about football—and its evolution. Past and present football coaches, players, and fans will enjoy reading about the plays, the trials and tribulation, the formations, the decisions, and whatnot. I daresay, to some degree it tells a story that could be matched in practically any state, at least in every college where football had a beginning back in those early days. The book, therefore, should be of interest to people outside our state and to people not interested in Oklahoma University.

But it is more than a book about football; it is a history of early days at O.U. It's even more than that; it reflects a sympathetic understanding of people such as the author of *Grapes of Wrath* never met. Graduates of the University will get a great bang out of reading the book, but undergraduates and high school students might also read certain parts of it to great advantage. Getting an education in those days was not all beer and skittles it seems.

But, didn't they have fun! In overalls and gingham, with few facilities for learning as we understand it today, and with little money, they had the energy and found the time to do so many other things as well as get learning from books. Imagination, resourcefulness, determination, and fortitude were not lacking. One gets a new respect for these college people, faculty and students, while reading the book. By the way, apparently the efforts to get to the Dallas game were different but as vigorous as they are today.

We read the first chapter aloud—an Oklahoma-born friend (and an alumnus) and I. A score of times we stopped to chuckle. Repeatedly I asked, "Did you know that?" and invariably the reply was, "That's the first time I heard that one." Harold Keith did a fine job of research in order to get the human interest stories that, to me, are the most fascinating features of his book. How many people he must have talked to! How many old newspapers he must have read!

There are too many incidents and situations for one to select only one or two. But the importance of Risinger's Barber Shop in the creation of the first team was increasingly funny as we read. It even provided two players (not enrolled in college) to bring the team up to its full strength of eleven men. And, by the way, referees didn't have an enviable position, did they?

Personalities, many of them, live in this book. Some may consider it the story of Bennie Owen. But one thrills also to the story of other early faculty members—brilliant, outstanding educators who came at pitifully small salaries to teach in the new college. Each had an important place in the development of the philosophy of the new university as well as in its growth. In the beginning President Boyd went out over the state and, single-handed, brought students to the campus. Most of them were here five and six years because few of them had completed their high school educations. It was real pioneering when he "hitched Old Jock, his sorrel driving horse, to the rubber-tired buggy" and went out to "beat the brush" for new students. He was eloquent. But he also found employment for needy students—and most of them needed this help; he loaned money to some. His job was "to sell education to the culturally backward territory and he possessed exactly the qualifications needed for this formidable task." He was present to register the students so he could get better acquainted with them. He wanted the college community to be beautiful so he planted trees out in the section of town which was at the end "of the longest boardwalk in the state," and he paid 15 cents a barrel for water to keep the trees alive. He was a great man of vision with the energy needed to carry his dreams out into action.

Well, I could go on and on. Try this. Open the book at random and start to read. You will find something of interest and will get at least one chuckle on each page.

It's a book to read aloud.

Alice Sowers

(Professor of the Family Life Institute)

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