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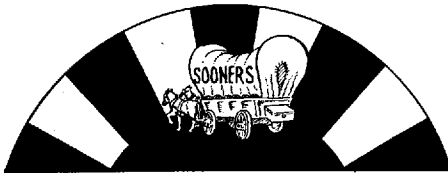
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W. F. Johnson, '40eng, (right) previously of Memphis, Tennessee, listens intently with Capt. M. F. Schroeder as M. Momiya of Seya Village (Japan) explains a step in the processing of grain. Both men are in the Natural Resources Division of the Eighth Army Military Government in Japan.

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Riding the Sooner Range

By TED BEAIRD

The gold rush is on! The rush seeking "gold nuggets of knowledge" on Soonerlands campus is underway for what will probably prove to be 12,500 young men and young women for the University year beginning September 20, 1948.

Out over the nation the gold rush is on for thousands of Sooners—Sooner sons and daughters who were here a yesteryear or a multiplied series of yesteryears, so let's check on them.

Up Chicago way the National Broadcasting Company is privileged to have the services of HOMER R. HECK, '35. Yes, that's the *now* NBC Heck (former "housemother" over a series of years when he was Operational Manager of the Oklahoma Memorial Union). In addition to his operational management of the Union, he was until August, 1942, station manager of WNAD of the University of Oklahoma. What a step from the world's premier educational broadcasting station on your Sooner campus to one of the top flight positions with the National Broadcasting Company! As these lines are being dictated, here comes a release off the ticker tape being flashed nationwide dealing with Homer Heck. Here's what the man says at the other end of the line:

"Homer Heck, a former Oklahoma Cityan and one time O.U. Radio Director, has just been promoted to one of the top spots in the NBC hierarchy. The young radio man, for the last six years a production-director in the NBC Chicago studios, has been upped in the last few hours to the position of production manager of the network's central division.

"Homer is a native of Oklahoma. He entered O.U. as a student in 1926 "working his way through school" (with Ted Beaird in the Extension Division, starting as his personal secretary then on with Beaird to the Oklahoma Memorial Union as his operational manager and, on the side, building WNAD to new heights). After a leave of absence to serve as state supervisor of all professional and service projects of the W.P.A., Heck returned to WNAD in 1936 as radio director. He stayed with WNAD and as operational manager of the Oklahoma Memorial Union until August, 1942, when he joined NBC in Chicago." Yes, that's Homer Heck. He's climbing!

Now, so much for the radio exec. Let's turn to other Sooners in a variety of pursuits of business and professional life out over the nation and world and see what these Sooners are doing.

MILTON HARDY, '33Law, '37ba, following his discharge from the army, rejoined the firm Hardy and Hardy, Lawyers in TULSA. LEONARD W. HADLEY, '20-'22, has semi-adoption claims on Georgia as his home, but he is having a lot of sport fishing in Florida. During the war Leonard was in charge of an Air Service Command School near Macon, Georgia. He also served as a public relations officer and saw duty in Italy before being dis-

charged in 1946 with a lieutenant colonel's rank. He is now in business (Hadley and Company, Distributors) in MACON, Georgia.

Having seen action in all theaters of war from Saipan to Antwerp, EDWARD L. HOWARD, '31 geol, returned after his discharge to his independent oil and geological firm in TYLER, Texas. FRED HARBER, '40ba, '47Law, following his discharge from the Navy, returned to Oklahoma University and completed his law degree and for the past two years has been a practicing attorney in Oklahoma City. RAY HUGHES, '29, returned several months ago to his theater business in HEAVENER. Practicing law in OKLAHOMA CITY, EARL E. JAMES, '22, is rounding out his 25th year in that occupation. CELLUS KERLIN, '27geol, is still the big oil executive down HOME, Louisiana, way. LEONARD "PAT" KING, '29Law, still resides in OKLAHOMA CITY, where he is following his law career. ED KLOPFENSTEIN, '30eng, is in the lumber business at RED FORK (suburb of Tulsa). JACK L. KERNS, '34bus, is in business in OKLAHOMA CITY. He is partner in a thriving real estate company. He set up his business following his discharge as a lieutenant colonel after more than five years service in the Army. ROBERT H. KYLE, '35eng, is serving as a salesman for a business concern in KANSAS CITY, Missouri. Bob formerly lived in Dallas, Texas, but after his discharge from the Army moved to Kansas City. JIMMY LAMAR, '24eng, is still registered with us as having an address at SUNDOWN, Texas. Of course, come June, 1949, we will expect the ole man back for his 25th class reunion here on the campus. DR. BERT LEWIS, '39ba following his army discharge, reassumed partnership in the medical clinic in SPRINGHILL, Louisiana. DR. TROY F. LONG, '27, resides in DALLAS where he is a practicing surgeon and gynecologist.

LEROY J. LECRONE, '31ed, a former Oklahoma University athlete of renowned fame, has retired and is living on his ranch near NORMAN. ED M. LIGHTFOOT, '29-'31, after being discharged as lieutenant colonel in the Army, returned to his mercantile business in HEAVENER. NORMAN ('29-'31) and CHARLES ('29-'31) LOOMIS have now returned to civilian businesses. Norman is living in LONGVIEW, Texas—Charles in MARACAIBO, Venezuela. BILL MAY has been working in the CHICAGO-ST. LOUIS area since his discharge from the service in the architecture construction division of the Veterans Administration.

NEAL J. MOSELY, '43eng, lives in DETROIT, Michigan. Neal is very active in the University of Oklahoma Alumni Club of Detroit, and for the past two years has served as their president. He is engineering assistant to the patent attorney of the Detroit Lubricator Company. JACK MARKS, '40, after an extended tour of duty in the European theater during World War II, returned and established

business connections in CHICAGO, where he now resides. The ole "Beau Brummel" EMIL MEIS, '37bus, following his return from service, established his business connections at AMARILLO, Texas. O. B. "OLEY" MARTIN, '26Law, has been a practicing attorney in OKLAHOMA CITY for a number of years. During the war years he was with the government in the enforcement division of the controls offices. Prior to moving to Oklahoma City, he lived in BLACKWELL.

Operating his farm near Hunter, Oklahoma, is JOHN MEIKLE, '38bus. GEORGE MISKOVSKY, '36Law, has been a practicing attorney in OKLAHOMA CITY since leaving the University. He has served as county attorney of Oklahoma County but is now in private practice. For the past 14 years, BEN F. MORGAN, '27ba, who is located in HOUSTON, has been connected with the geology department of an oil company. B. E. MASSEY, JR., '37pharm, is a business man—lives in NORMAN. GLENN MORDY, '22-'23, is in the laundry and cleaning business in EL RENO. He was formerly in the same business at Pampa, Texas. JOHN R. NELSON, '21-'24, is a practicing physician in CASPER, Wyoming. ST. CLAIR NEWBURN, JR., '39bus, is a manufacturer in FORT WORTH, Texas.

"Nowery Drilling Company, Inc." adorns the stationery of B. M. NOWERY, JR., '37eng. He operates rotary rigs from his office in SHREVEPORT, Louisiana. BOB NEPTUNE, '37Law, after nearly five years of service in the Army, returned to private law practice in BARTLESVILLE, but for the past several months has been in the legal division with the Army, civilian status, in MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, and TOKYO, JAPAN. MILLARD K. NEPTUNE, '36bs, '37Law, served for a number of months as assistant to the manager of the foreign department of Phillips Petroleum Company in Venezuela. He is now back in the States and resides in OKLAHOMA CITY. FRANK B. NEPTUNE, '31eng, is assistant manager of the Pipe Lines Division of Phillips Petroleum Company, BARTLESVILLE. VERNON NICHOLSON, '25-'28, is in the automobile business in OKLAHOMA CITY, where he has been for some 19 years. BARNEY O'NEILL, '33bus, is operating a farm near MARSHALL. TED PITZER, '30, lives in MIDLAND, Texas. JACK POWELL, '40bus, is with the Veterans Administration at HOUSTON, Texas. MARSHALL PIPKIN, '39bus, formerly of Seminole, is with the Veterans Administration at MUSKOGEE. CECIL P. PRICE, '22ba, has been an internal revenue agent for the past ten years. His home is in WICHITA FALLS, Texas. CLYDE PATRICK, '38ba, '39Law, is in private practice of law at SAPULPA—and just now campaigning night and day as Republican nominee for Congress in his District pointing toward the November general election. Several months ago Clyde moved back to his Sapulpa home. Prior to that, he was in Dallas where he was attorney for the U. S. Department of Labor. BEN POYNOR is with an oil company in CHANEYVILLE, Louisiana. GLENN W. PATCHETT, '22ba, who breezed off the campus 26 years ago this June, is still in business at TULSA.

DR. JOHN C. PICKARD, '24bs, '26med, is with a medical clinic where he has been practicing several years in DUBUQUE, Iowa. J. C. POWELL, '21ba, '24Law, is still professor of business law, University of Oklahoma. UDELL PRICE, '30 lives in SHREVEPORT, Louisiana. GERALD LEROY RIFFE, '40bus, is a grain dealer in BAKERSBURG. DON ROBINSON, '23ba, '25eng, is with a supply company as an engineering construction superintendent in TULSA. R. LYNN RIGGS, '23, has his official business headquarters in NEW YORK CITY. However, he spends some time in SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, and HOLLYWOOD. KEN ROBINSON'S ('38ba, '38Law) official headquarters are NEW YORK CITY. Ken is one of the topflight young men with American Airlines. WILL ROGERS, '30m.ed, following his retirement as congressman-at-large representing the State of Oklahoma established his business connections in WASHINGTON, D.C., where he still resides. ROSS RUTHER-

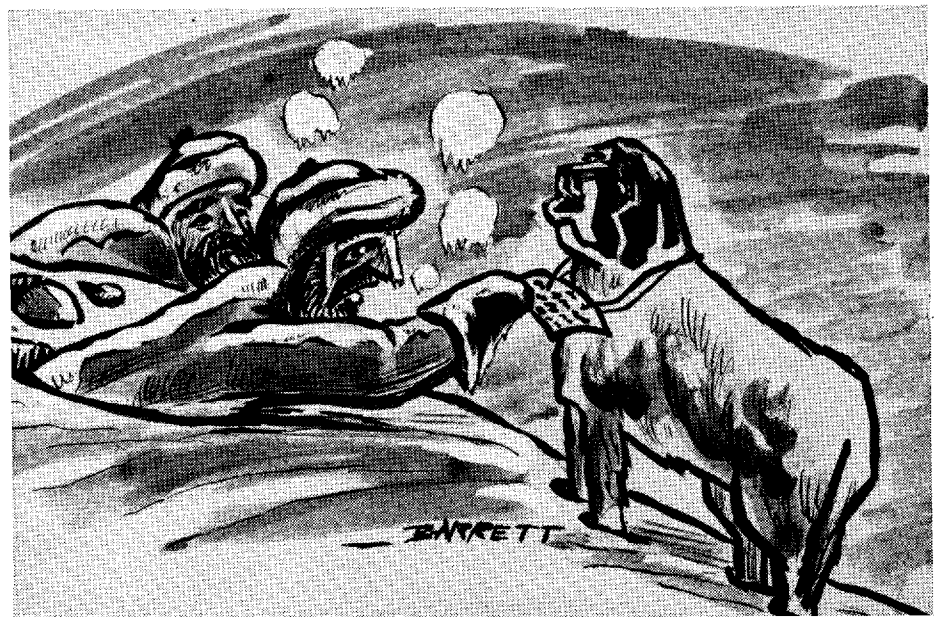
FORD, '23Law, is a practicing attorney at ALTUS. For the last two and a half years HERBERT H. SCOTT, '26ba, '26ma, has lived in ST. LOUIS, Missouri. Herb, following his discharge from the Navy, returned to his former position as dean of the Extension Division of the University of Oklahoma, but resigned and accepted the position of a "chief" in the St. Louis Branch Office of the Veterans Administration. He is president of the Oklahoma University Alumni Club of St. Louis. CHARLES W. SELBY, '37Law, is a practicing attorney in BARTLESVILLE. JACK D. SIDES, '26-'27, is a field manager for a life insurance company in DALLAS. He has held this position for more than twenty years. ARTHUR "PETE" SMITH, '34-'39, is the owner of Pete Smith's Cafe in MUSKOGEE.

For the past ten years, FRANK D. SMITH, '26-'27, has been owner of a shoe store in PAMPA, Texas. WALTER D. SNELL, '24bus, is a certified public accountant and is in the accounting business in OKLAHOMA CITY. Walter, after more than three years service, was discharged from the Army late in 1945 with the rank of major. MERLE A. SPARKS, '23-'28, is a petroleum engineer in DALLAS, Texas. STROUD P. STACY, '42 bus, is a special agent for a surety company in DALLAS, Texas. JOE STAMPER, '33ba, '35Law, being discharged from the Army with a rank of colonel after six years service, returned to elect Roy J. Turner, governor of Oklahoma, and then "stole silently away" to his law firm offices in ANTLERS, where he is now a practicing attorney. CLARENCE R. STEVENS, '28eng, is a petroleum engineer in GLADEWATER, Texas. Feature writer and roving reporter is the title given ROY P. STEWART, '31ba, who is working for the *Daily Oklahoman* in OKLAHOMA CITY. He has held this position for a number of years and returned to his position with the Oklahoma Publishing Company following his long tour of duty in the Army, most of the time being spent in the Pacific. EARL M. STILLEY, '22geol, is an independent petroleum geologist and producer in WICHITA FALLS, Texas. MAURICE STUART, '26ba, '38Law, is in the lumber business in WACO, Texas. ROSS M. STUNTZ, JR., '35eng, is a mechanical engineer living in TULSA. DELMAR STEINBOCK, '39ed, is in the insurance business and living at ARKANSAS CITY, Kansas. COL. RALPH STEVENSON, '42bus, has chosen the army as a career and at the present is stationed at SCOTT FIELD, Illinois. FLETCH SWANK, '37journ, lives in NORMAN. WILLIAM BURNYS THOMPSON, '28ba, is the owner and manager of a bottling company in

PONCA CITY. JAMES DALE THOMPSON, '26 ba, is in the real estate and loan business in OKLAHOMA CITY. WHITNEY THROWER, '28-'29, has a printing business in KENNETT, Missouri.

For more than 20 years, WILLIAM G. (GRANVILLE) TIERNEY, '24ba, was the land manager for an oil company, residing in JACKSON, Mississippi. Moved "back home" to WICHITA, Kansas, some months ago. SUBERT TURBYFILL, '32 ma, has, for a number of years, been director of the Little Theater, BALBOA, CANAL ZONE. HURSHEL UNDERHILL, '27bus, is a government official and works in WASHINGTON, D. C. Hurshel is the current president of the Oklahoma Club in the nation's capital. JAMES HARVEY (ZEKE) VAN ZANT, '26ms, is an oil geologist and oil operator residing in FORT WORTH, Texas. R. DALE VLIET, '38Law, is a professor of law on the Oklahoma University Law School faculty in NORMAN. JOE S. WALLACE, '41ba, '43Law, is an attorney with the regional office of the Veterans Administration in Muskogee. JOHN F. WILKINSON, '23ba, is one of the top-flight officials of the Mercantile Commerce Bank and Trust Company in ST. LOUIS, Missouri. ROBERT F. J. (JACK) WILLIAMS, JR., '34bs, is the president of the Oklahoma Operating Company in OKLAHOMA CITY. WILLIAM W. WILSON, '30-'32, is superintendent of the Lane-Wells Company at McALLEN, Texas. DR. PRICE M. WALKER, '20ba, '22med, is still practicing medicine in DALLAS, Texas. VICTOR F. WASIELEWSKI, '22pharm, is still a prominent contractor in KANSAS CITY, Missouri. DOYLE WATSON, '37bus, '40Law, is in the automobile business at DRUMRIGHT. THURMAN J. WHITE, '41ms, returned from his service with the Marines to his old position with the Extension Division of the University, but for the past several months has been in CHICAGO completing his Doctor's Degree. JOHN WILCOX, '26, was last reported to us as living at LEONARD. DR. DELBERT G. "MIKE" WILLARD, '27ba, '29med, returned to the private practice of medicine here in NORMAN following a long tour of duty with the rank of captain in the U. S. Navy. VICTOR WOLVERTON, '22-'23, is a resident of CLINTON. CHARLES S. WORLEY, '36bs, lives in BLACKBURG, Virginia. J. Lee YOUNGBLOOD, '26-'27, is in business and lives in OKLAHOMA CITY.

So it goes in the gold rush, whether it be seeking "nuggets of gold of knowledge" or seeking the nuggets of gold in business and professional life—always these Sooners continue active participation we find while Riding the Sooner Range.



"It's from Ted Beard. Says they're planning a 'hot time' in Norman at the June 5 reunion."

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FRANCIS L. STILLEY—VICE-PRESIDENT

Doctor Turns Carpenter

Jack of all trades, master of two might be the appropriate label for Dr. Ronald Garst, '43ba, '48 med, Wesley Hospital interne of Oklahoma City.

Dr. Garst, a native of Cordell, has a full time medical career now, but his most profitable "hobby" during school years was house construction. As a matter of fact, Dr. Garst and his wife are still engaged in building work but not as actively as in the past.

To date five "hobby" houses have been completed and work is under way on number six. The doctor's interest in house building has helped solve his financial problems to a large extent while still in college, and although he has little time for his avocation now, he and his wife are planning number seven.

Son Replaces Father in Politics

Streeter Speakman, Jr., '40Law, has replaced his late father, Streeter Speakman, '12Law, as Democratic candidate for State Representative from Creek County.

The State Central Committee's formal appointment of the younger Speakman, a Sapulpa attorney, was announced by J. H. Arrington, state party chairman, following the State Election Board's declaration of the vacancy on the ballot.

Since his late father had no Republican opposition for re-election to the House, young Speakman's selection for the vacancy makes him a sure bet for a seat in the Legislature.

The elder Speakman, legislative leader during the last three administrations, died July 31 of a heart attack.

Mothers Present Scholarship

The road to education will be easier for 11 state women students as a result of scholarships given for the first time this year by the University of Oklahoma Mother's Association.

The cash scholarships of \$100 were planned last spring at the annual meeting of the Mother's Association. Made up by contributions from the various state districts, the awards are based on scholastic records, activities and likelihood of success. They are designated for the 1948-49 school year.

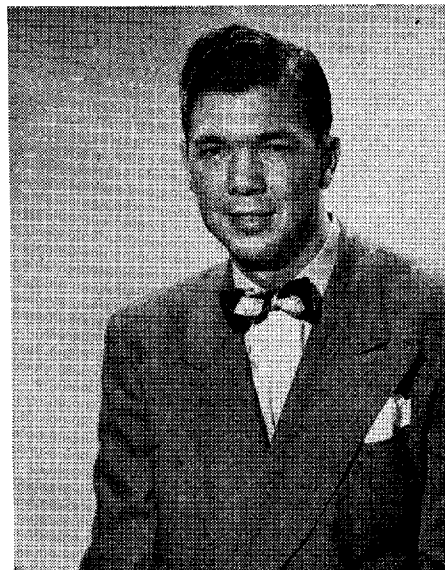
In the past the association has supported Rochdale Hall, women's dormitory. Selection committee members include Mrs. S. F. Ditmars, (Jewell Risinger, '19ba), Muskogee, president; Miss Dorothy Truex, counselor of women; O. D. Roberts, counselor of men; Mrs. Roberta D. Ortenburger and Dr. Glenn C. Couch, '31ba, '37ma, both of the O.U. faculty, and Mrs. Norman Brillhart, (Mildred Colby, '22fa), Madiill, past-president of the group.

New Yorkers Plan Party

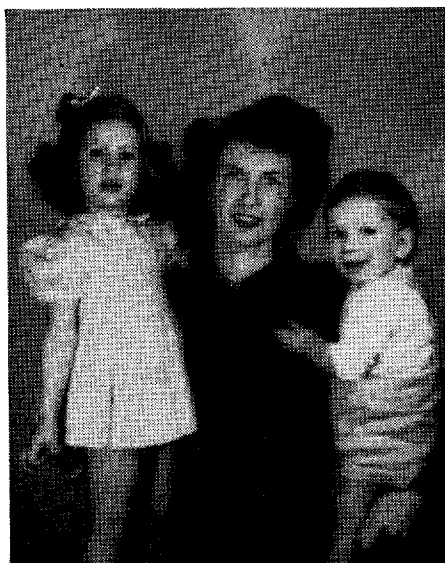
The New York City Alumni Club members are making big plans for their next get-together which is slated for October 29 at the Roofgarden of the Beekman Towers Hotel in New York City. Many of the former Sooners who were out of town during the summer and were unable to attend the July 30 shindig are expected at the meeting. The time of the meeting has been set for 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Plans will be drawn up for the fall activity of the club as well as completion of the organization. Maurice L. Clancy, '37ba, is president of the New York City group, Francis L. Stilley, '42journ, and Mrs. Sylvan Cole, Jr., (Vivian Vanderpool, '39bs), serve as vice-president and secretary, respectively. President Clancy has named Howard Fitts, '38ba, and Mrs. Fitts (Carolyn Kinney, '41fa) to the reception committee for the October meeting.

According to Mrs. M. L. Clancy (Lucy MacKinzie, '37journ) the July 30 party boosted enthusiasm in the re-vitalized alumni club. She writes, "About 25 loyal Sooners and their guests escaped the heat of New York streets and gathered together for



MAURICE L. CLANCY—PRESIDENT



Mrs. Vivian Vanderpool Cole—secretary, and her two children, Nancy and Bobby.

cocktails on the Roofgarden of the Beekman Towers Hotel.

"Many New Yorkers were out of town on vacation, including Mrs. Vivian Vanderpool Cole, secretary of the club, who was in Maine with her husband and family.

"President Clancy was on hand to welcome the group, but left the next day for Cuba and Puerto Rico on business. Kenneth Robinson, '38ba, '38Law, and Betty (Jones) Robinson, '36-'38, told of plans for a September vacation in Brussels and Paris. Dorothy Ann Perkins, '37ba, expected to spend part of August in Texas."

Bay Area Chapter Picnics

Thirty-three members of the Bay Area Alumni Association, their friends and families held a picnic at the Marin Town and Country Club in Fairfax, California, August 29.

Subject of much conversation was the impending O.U.-Santa Clara football game. To celebrate that occasion a dinner was to be held in the Marine Memorial September 24, and another get-together was scheduled in the Oklahoma Alumni section of Kezar Stadium the day of the game.

Among the members and guests that attended the August picnic were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Warne (Rhoda Foster, '13ba) and Mrs. Warne's mother, Belle Gough, '26ba, '31ma, and her sister Mrs. Mark Oscar Joachim (Mary Gough, '23).

Brooks Shoots for Trophies

Quentin T. Brooks, '42geol, Pauls Valley, is one Sooner who knows what he is shooting for. Five hundred trophies and prizes will bear witness to the fact. His trophy collection springs from his prowess as a pistol and rifle shot.

Brooks' shooting ways began with the Pauls Valley police department, whose members directed the Eagle Scout's education in marksmanship. He enrolled at the University in 1937 and decided to try for the O.U. pistol team which he made and was named team captain.

Following graduation, Brooks has been working in San Francisco to save money for further educational work. He was not too busy, however, to make the United States Olympic team by qualifying at Quantico, Virginia, for the pistol squad.

While in California, Brooks has completed two years of pre-med work at the University of California and has applied for entry into O.U.'s medical school.

Amzie Strickland Stars on NBC

Radio actress Amzie Strickland, '40drama, portrayed Ella Fleishman, reporter on the *Omaha World-Herald* and ninth woman to win the \$500 Pall Mall journalism award, on "The Big Story" August 25 over NBC.

Miss Fleishman, now Mrs. Herman Auerbach, helped solve a \$1 million robbery—the largest train hold-up in history—to win a long-standing reputation as one of the Middle West's best reporters.

Shipleys Sail for England

Vergil Shipley, '47ba, '48ma, and his wife, Mrs. Zannie (Manning) Shipley, '47ba, sailed for England during the early portion of September for a two year stay at the University of London.

Shipley received a Master's Degree in government at the University this past summer and is a Phi Beta Kappa member. He has been accepted as a candidate for a higher degree at the London school and will study under such prominent political theorists at Toynbee, Popper, Laski, Hayek and Tawney.

Shipley plans to study comparative central government and economic planning at the University of London. Since there is only a seven months' school year, the two plan to take a three months' tour of Scandinavian countries and spend three months on the continent.

Mrs. Shipley is "just going along to see that Vergil gets something to eat."