

Boulder Sooners Meet

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Hasty telephone work on the part of Frank Potts, '27ba, who starred for the Sooners in football and track, brought a group of O.U. alumni together September 1 in Boulder, Colorado, to reminisce about college days.

Potts, now track coach at the University of Colorado, received an able assist for the impromptu reunion from Walter C. Toepelman, '16geol, who handles veterans affairs for C.U. and is regularly a geology faculty member. The group met in a basement room of the spacious library on the shady Colorado campus.

Also attending were Mrs. Helen (Stewart) McInnes, '23ba, who rushed from a wedding—the second of the day for her—to join the former Oklahomans; Mrs. Lucy L. (Lawton) Johnston, '22ba, whose father founded the *Arapaho Bee* newspaper, and C. Joe Holland, '37journ, O.U. journalism faculty member who was attending a convention of the American Association of Teachers of Journalism on the C.U. campus.

Two other A.A.T.J. participants, John H. Casey, O.U. professor, and Charles H. Brown, '33ba, '34ma, now a Pennsylvania State professor, spent 30 minutes wandering about the campus in a fruitless search for the meeting place. Unknowingly, C.U. employes had conspired against the Oklahomans by locking the outer library doors at the 5 p.m. closing time.

The Boulder Sooners talked about old profs and wondered how the University could have spread beyond the north oval which they knew. They were interested in the future Colorado-Oklahoma athletic relations. Potts sighed with relief that the Buffaloes were not playing the Sooners this year. He opined that Colorado would look better in basketball, track and baseball against the older members of the Big Seven conference.

In arranging the meeting Potts and Toepelman discovered that the Sooners in Boulder number about 20, many of whom were out of town during the lull in late summer campus activities. As the Boulder residents checked names of other Sooners living in their community, they found several acquaintances whom they did not know as former O.U. students. They immediately declared for a future meeting when the entire Sooner colony could be reached.

Miss Herrin Practices Law

Bessie Herrin, '22ba, '29ma, for 25 years an instructor in foreign languages in various schools throughout the state has opened law offices in Oklahoma City with a former student, Paul Comstock, '43ba, '48Law.

Miss Herrin received her LLD from Oklahoma City Law College in 1945. She attributes her interest in law to visits to law classes attended by her former students. Miss Herrin encouraged high school students to seek employment with law firms preparatory to college entrance to determine if their aptitude for law was of a quality to make further studies practical. When some of the students continued with law studies in Oklahoma City Law College, Miss Herrin visited several law classes and that's what started her on her career as an attorney. She completed the work for her degree in four years of night courses.

Planning to teach for a few more years, Miss Herrin is currently instructing at Classen High School, Oklahoma City. Two brothers and a sister of Miss Herrin also have degrees from the University of Oklahoma. Birney D. Herrin, '21ba, Sapulpa, Creek County Superintendent of Schools also has developed an interest in law and received a law degree from Tulsa Law College last Spring. Babe Herrin, '26bs, Oklahoma City, and Smiley Herrin, '20ba, Columbia, Missouri, are both active in the teaching profession.



The five alumni pictured above met in Boulder, Colorado, early in September to discuss former days at the University. They are Frank Potts, '27ba; Mrs. Lucy L. (Lawton) Johnston, '22ba; Walter C. Toepelman, '16geol; Mrs. Helen (Stewart) McInnes, '23ba, and C. Joe Holland, '37ba, '47ma, supervisor of student publications at the University.

Dan Procter The Rotarian

Dr. Dan Procter, president of the Oklahoma College for Women, whose record in civic, educational, and religious activities is well known throughout Oklahoma, received another reward last May when he was elected Governor of the 124th District of the Rotary International—68 Oklahoma clubs are included in district 124—at the Rio de Janeiro International Convention. Dr. Procter was the unanimous choice of his district's clubs.

Rewards received for service rendered are nothing new to the energetic, able Dr. Procter. He was a charter member and past president of the Ada Rotary Club and is presently a member of the Chickasha Ro-

tary Club. He has distinguished himself by outstanding achievements in civic enterprises, through contributions to the development and growth of worthy youth organizations and in the support of the Christian Church. At present, a past president of the Oklahoma Education Association, Dr. Procter has been honored by being selected to serve on many educational boards and commissions. He is particularly interested in the Black Beaver Council, Boy Scouts of America, and was decorated by the National Council with the Silver Beaver Award made to adult leaders on recommendation of the local council. Governor Turner has recently appointed him to serve a second term on the Oklahoma State Teachers Retirement Board. Reported here are merely the highlights of a career which has never moved out of the rarified regions.

Chosen president of the Oklahoma College for Women in 1943, Dr. Procter has broadened the educational and social programs of the college by adding a Student Union Building and a new library building. These physical changes plus a progressive school administration are putting O.C.W. on the educational map.

Dr. Procter is not the only member of the Oklahoma College for Women staff that calls the University of Oklahoma their alma mater. In all, 18 faculty members were former Sooners. Joe J. Miller, '22ma; John Eischeid, '14ba; Mrs. Edith Hammond, '15ba; Caroline Laird, '36ed; Anna Lewis, '30ph.d; Mildred McCracken, '34ma; Derald Swineford, '46fa, '46m.fa; Dorothy Tulloss, '32fa; Burl Abel, '29bus, '31m.bus; Helen Collar, '40m.fa; Dot Jeannette Gifford, '34



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ba, '36ma; Margaret Baird, '46ba; Virginia Donoghue, '47bs; Elizabeth Lees, '45ba; Mrs. Frances Frey Norton, '26ba; and Evelyn Hassebroek, '26bs. Two new Sooner Alumni have recently received appointments to the O.C.W. staff. They are William F. Cope, '34fa, and Lowell Emerson, '31fa.

Nor are the 124th District Rotary Club officials without representation on the rolls of former Sooners. The Ada club president is Trice L. Broadrick, '43m.ed, and Finis Morrison, '39ma, who serves as the Ada secretary. Johnny K. Youngheim, '31, is the current president of the Anadarko group, and Jess C. Wesner, '27Law, Cordell, holds a like position with his club. Wayne Allen, '38bus, Erick; Ben Langdon, '36-'37, Mangum; J. M. Maddox, '41m.ed; Paul B. Allen, '36ma, Pauls Valley; Joe F. Wood, '32, Pawhuska; Charles Cunning, '26ba, '45m.ed; Hardin Ballard, '27ba, '27 Law, Purcell; Aubrey E. Stowers, '35bs, Sentinel; Ferris Willingham, '37m.ed, Tecumseh; and Ed Berrong, '37-38, Weatherford, all serve as presidents of their local Rotary organizations.

Charles H. McCowan, '32-33, is secretary of the Chickasha club and the following Sooners serve in a like capacity in their respective clubs. Don Grantham, '43bus, Duncan; Hugh D. Southwick, '21pharm, Garber; R. F. (Bob) Long, '35bs, Oklahoma City; Warren L. Gibson, '46bs, Pauls Valley; Stratford Tolson, '47bus, Pawhuska; F. W. (Doc) Pendleton, '31-32, Purcell; Frank L. Killingsworth, '30-35, Seminole; Luther Eubanks, '41ba, Walters; and Carl Kniffen, '41m.ed, Weatherford.

The Norman Rotary Club is headed by Paul Keen, associate professor of physical education and assistant director of intramural athletics at the University.

Retirement After 39 Years

Dr. Dora Stewart, '21ma, '32ph.d, for 39 years an instructor in history at Southwestern Institute of Technology at Weatherford, and for 38 years head of the history department there, has announced her retirement.

Dr. Stewart has had a long and distinguished teaching career. She began instructing students at Baird, Texas. Moving to old Greer County in southwest Oklahoma, she filed a claim for a homestead near Hollis where she continued teaching, and later taught at Mangum while she proved up on her claim. She joined the teaching staff of Southwestern in 1909.

Plans for the future are indefinite for Dr. Stewart. She had planned to write a history of Oklahoma but feels that the need for such a history text has been filled by Dr. E. E. Dale, '11ba, and by Dr. M. L. Wardell, '19ba, both of the University of Oklahoma.

She has written a contemporary history of the world, taking the period 1932 to V-J Day in 1945. It is still in manuscript form, but has been mimeographed for use in classes at Southwestern.

Lindsey Returns From Palestine

Among the most interesting and best informed men in the world today are the missionaries. Reverend Robert L. Lindsey, '39ba, is no exception.

The 31-year-old minister serving under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board arrived back in the United States about six weeks ago from war-torn Palestine. He was full of stories concerning the various incidents that happened and a few of the narrow escapes he experienced.

Among the first missionaries to re-enter the Holy land after the war, Lindsey stated when queried concerning church property in Palestine that "It was the congregation I had to build, not the church."

His congregation was indeed varied. Regular attendance averaged about 20 persons, but in it were found as many as nine to ten different nationalities. The missionary staff consisted of four persons, including Mrs. Lindsey. Soon after his arrival, Lindsey conducted services in English on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. Soon he became proficient enough in Hebrew to deliver sermons and conduct prayer services on Fridays and to conduct special services on Saturdays, which is the official Jewish holiday.

Lindsey, who had previously spent a year in Palestine in 1939, returned to set up the present mission three years ago. He was there until May of this year and assures you that when he left, it was not his intention of doing so. Because of the war situation, Mrs. Lindsey and the three children left in March to return to the United States. Reverend Lindsey was forced to leave in May in order to escort a member of his missionary staff to safety in Egypt.

At the time he was in the Jewish sector and had to go through the British neutrality corridors and the Arab sector in order to get out of Palestine. His trip took him from Palestine through Jericho and Trans-Jordan and finally to Egypt. He relates how he had to take such a roundabout route that he traveled 1,000 miles in order to get 35 miles from where he started. From Egypt, he went to Cyprus, Haifa, and then to Tel Aviv. When the new state of Israel was announced, he was in Tel Aviv and witnessed the six and seven air-raids a day that the Egyptians inflicted upon the city.

The entire mission was broken up as well as his congregation which was scattered throughout the countryside. In Jerusalem, no food, water, nor fuel in any amounts was available. They were able to get small rations of cheese, and water was obtained only through the cisterns, of which there are a lot in Jerusalem. The Arabs cut the electricity completely off and fuel for cooking was only available in small amounts of kerosene which later also became unavailable.

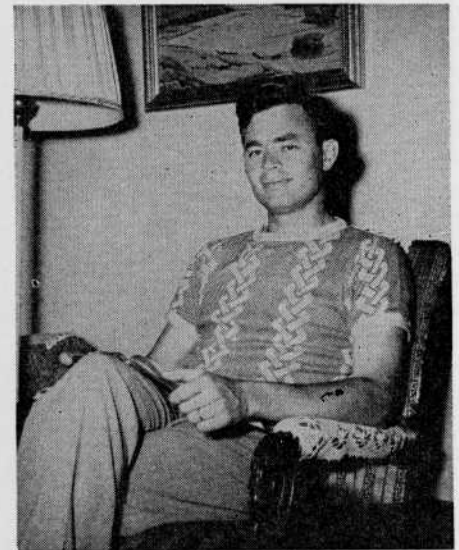
Lindsey, who both reads and writes Hebrew fluently, described the Palestine area as "interesting country." He said there was no resentment by the Jews of his gentile nationality, but there was a certain amount of feeling against American high-pressure politics.

The people, as a whole, are very highly developed. There are many cars in evidence, mostly of American and French origin, and industry is progressing rapidly. The foremost product is the citrus industry, which, together with electrical appliances and the up-and-coming petroleum industry, is helping the economy of the area tremendously. Lindsey stated that their candy industry "is the best I have seen anywhere."

In discussing the new state of Israel from the religious standpoint, Lindsey said, "There is strong probability that the new constitution will make a point of separating church and state, which means that any church will then have as much official recognition as any other, including the synagogue.

"We believe that Baptists, and other denominations, will have the best possibilities they have ever had for building an Israeli church."

In describing the Palestine Jew, he told how they were not much concerned about faith of any kind.



REV. ROBERT L. LINDSEY, '39BA

"They are mostly atheists, but some have created a certain faith in socialism."

An interesting point that Lindsey brought out was that the theories of Marx were much better portrayed in Palestine than in Russia. Co-operative operations of all kinds were purely voluntary and the emphasis was placed upon community welfare rather than upon anything else.

Lindsey described the young Jew as active, uninhibited, and psychologically different. "He is just like the average Oklahoman—young, tough, and very idealistic."

Reverend Lindsey, who is the son of J. L. Lindsey, for 36 years University comptroller, plans to return to the Holy land in October or November. He and Mrs. Lindsey are the parents of three children, David 5, Margaret 3, and Barbara 2. The last child, Barbara, was born in Palestine.

After leaving the University in 1939, Lindsey attended three other colleges. Among them was the Hebrew University in Jerusalem where he studied archeology, topography, the Bible, and of course Hebrew. He spent four years at Southern Baptist University, Louisville, Kentucky, and one year at Princeton. Lindsey's sister, Mrs. Mary Virginia Beson, '41bfa, is married to Mr. William Clyde Beson, Jr., '41eng, of Claremore.

Mrs. Lindsey, the former Margaret Lutz of Ohio, attended Beaver College of Pennsylvania and received a B.A. Degree. The couple met aboard ship as Reverend Lindsey was returning from Korea and were married July 12, 1941. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lutz are also missionaries.

Markley Is Director Of Culver Dramatics

The philosophy of James G. Markley, '39ma, revolves around the theory that "the show must go on." In his duties at Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana, Markley has, for the past five years, been seeing to it that the shows do go on and that the cadets are presented with some of the best productions ever to appear on Broadway.

In the last few years, he has directed and presented such well-known successes as *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *The Hasty Heart*, *You Can't Take It With You*, *On Borrowed Time*, and *Thunder Rock*. He can relate countless experiences and sudden misfortunes that he has had just before "curtain time," but he can tell few if any stories of theatrical failures.



Capt. James G. Markley, '39ma, (left) assists his student actors in make-up before final curtain call. He is an instructor in dramatics, Latin and Spanish at Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana.

Markley received the M.A. Degree from the University in Latin and Spanish, and in conjunction with his present dramatic work, he serves as instructor in these two fields. He was recently offered a teaching fellowship in the classical department at the University of Illinois where he plans to get his doctorate in Latin and Greek if housing is available.

Although having been away from Oklahoma for a number of years, Markley remains loyal to his native state. He once wrote and produced at Culver a one-act play entitled *Duststorms of Adversity* or *The Rains Never Came*. The play was an old-fashioned melodrama of the cotton-country of Southwestern Oklahoma.

Markley is noted as having reviewed several books for *Books Abroad*, the famed multi-language publication of the University of Oklahoma Press that has brought international recognition. He is also a member of the American Educational Theater Association and the American Classical League—two of the foremost societies in their fields.

Markley holds the military rank of Captain and is, at present, in charge of constructing a playhouse on the Culver campus.

He is married to the former Alice Virginia Devereaux of Edmond, and the couple have two children, Marilyn, age 5, and Carol Ann, age 3. His wife is a familiar figure around the campus and the true Oklahoma charm that she displays undoubtedly has been instrumental in seeing that the shows do go on. Her home is always open for the young actors and is often the scene for those long-remembered "after the theater" snacks.

Proposed Divorce Act Drafted

A proposed uniform divorce act has been approved by the National Commissioners of Uniform State Laws at their meeting in Seattle early in September.

Maurice H. Merrill, '22Law, assistant dean of the University school of law, chaired the committee that drew up the proposed law that would put an end to tourist traffic to the easy divorce states—Nevada, Idaho, Florida and Arkansas.

The divorce act provides that a divorce obtained in another state "shall be of no force or effect in this state" if both parties were domiciled in this state when the divorce action was commenced.

To become law, the act must be adopted by individual state legislatures.

Merrill and Hicks Epton, '32Law, Wewoka, served as Commissioners from Oklahoma. Mrs. Merrill (Orpha Roberts, '21ba) and Mrs. Hicks (Thelma Pate, '32ed) and family accompanied the commissioners on the trip.

Whitney Studies Stars

Balfour S. Whitney, '32ba, '33ma, assistant professor of astronomy and mathematics, may have a job that few other people would find glamorous or exciting, but he's happy with it.

Whitney is in charge of the Astronomy Observatory here at the University. The O.U. Observatory is one of less than 20 similar units carrying on active research work.

Most of the work at O.U.'s Observatory is done with a camera and a computing machine. Whitney, who spends most nights studying the stars as well as carrying a full teaching load during the day, has taken more than 4,850 photographs in the last seven years.

His chief problem at the present time is civilization. Old grads may recall when the University Observatory was "way out in the country." Not so today, for it is surrounded by dormitories and prefabricated homes. The lights from the various buildings and the dust from nearby streets make Whitney's present work more difficult.

That troublesome problems of light and dust is Whitney's main concern right now, and he's looking for someone who has \$100,000 lying idle.

If they're not insistent upon immediate results, the astronomer good-naturedly suggests that he knows of a fine investment—a new observatory for the University that would be placed "40 miles out in the country somewhere," far from the nearest house.

Collums Is Whip Over O.U. Housing

Housing may be a big headache for the national government and a red-hot potato for the politicians, but at the University of Oklahoma the housing situation is definitely on the upgrade according to Garner Collums, '19ba, director of housing.

The Old Woman who lived in the shoe would have blanched at the prospect of finding living accommodations for the multitude of individuals and organizations who converge onto the campus every year without worrying about the students. But Garner Collums handles the job and likes it.

In all, 19,572 individuals registered with the Extension Division last year for special courses, tournaments, and organizational conclaves. Of this number, 7,355 visitors were billeted at the North Campus headquarters which is operated by the Extension Division, and the overflow received living quarters on the South Campus which operates under Collums and the housing office. The complexity of the task was abetted by offering the visitors food service.

In June, the housing office was confronted with enough worries to age Methuselah. The Presbyterian Synod was meeting in the Extension Division's accommodations on the North Campus. Boy's State delegates were quartered in the men's dorms on the South Campus. The writer's short course get-together was billeted in dormitories for women on the South Campus. A Methodist Youth delegation found quarters in the naval barracks on the South Base. Through it all the daily lives of the students of the University continued uninterrupted. Nobody seemed upset, unless it was Collums and John Freeman, '42bus, director of short courses and conferences for the Extension Division. Nobody acted as though the influx of various groups had upset the general tenor of life on the campus.

What is the reason for the interest of the University in housing, feeding, holding, and arranging such gatherings?

"The accommodations are made available by the University in accordance with its program of offering a greater service to the citizens and organizations throughout the state," said Collums at a recent interview.

Special housing problems seem almost insurmountable, but the housing office is also

charged with the responsibility of quartering and feeding a huge number of married couples, single men and women who attend O.U.

As the fall semester moves underway, the housing offices are besieged with demands, requests, and suggestions from students who live in the University controlled residences. The enormity of the work carried on by Collums and his staff becomes apparent with a close look at the student housing situation.

Married veterans and non-veterans are housed in 290 units on the North Campus, 220 units on the South Campus, and 696 units on the Main Campus—a total of 1,206 units. A married couple with no dependents or a couple with three or four children can be adequately housed in the different sized apartments.

Single men have unlimited housing space. Whitehand Hall, remembered by some grads as the old Masonic Building, now serves as home for 176 men. Wilson Center accommodates an additional 768 in its six dorms and provides a recreational and dining hall. The F.P.H.A. dorms on the South Campus serve as a shelter for 300 more men, and Jefferson House houses 82. In all, 1,326 single men can be housed in permanent type dwellings and dormitories with the overflow competently handled in the naval barracks while they await permanent type housing.

Single women, also, have space aplenty. Hester and Robertson Halls have undergone extensive face lifting operations throughout their interiors prior to the beginning of school. Seventy-six upperclass women are quartered in Franklin House

From Shoe Black to Academy Prexy

It's quite a climb from shoe shine boy to president of the "West Point of the West"—Oklahoma Military Academy at Claremore—but Capt. Homer M. Ledbetter, '35-'36, handled the transition with an all-American's competence.

Captain Ledbetter's career sounds like and until completion of four new dormitories located just south of the South Oval, some women are at home in the women's dorms on the South Campus.

A special series of beautifully constructed and modeled buildings are being erected for use by single women. The buildings are to form a residential quadrangle of four large units complete with central dining hall, and will accommodate 848 women students—212 per house.

Collums was queried as to the housing prospect for the future. To this question Collums remarked, "We have and will have accommodations for all single students, men or women, but the housing for married couples is still critical. We are bending every effort to alleviate this shortage and hope to be able to place all applicants within a very short time."

If a further clincher is needed to prove the argument that the housing office has quite a row to hoe, approximately \$220,000 for raw food was expended to stock the six university controlled cafeterias throughout the past year, which does not include the food purchased for use in the Memorial Union Building dining hall. Room and board has become Big Business.

the great American success story. Born in Collingsville in 1914, he started work as a shoe shine boy when he was ten years old, graduating to the status of news boy for the *Muskogee Phoenix* two years later. He then held successive jobs as a "soda jerk," manager of a drug store in Allen, student at East Central State College at Ada, store owner in Ada, then back to East Central. In 1934 he was an instructor in the Vanoss Consolidated Grade and High School, but was quickly "kicked upstairs" to the principalship of Byars High School the following year. Then came a period of study at the University of Oklahoma followed by a teaching position with Drumright Junior College.

Nineteen hundred and thirty-seven saw Ledbetter emerge as head of the English and speech departments at Drumright High School and Junior College. Next came the opportunity to teach in Central High School, Tulsa, where he was "stationed" for three years prior to his entry into the Army.

Captain Ledbetter was a member of General Patton's Third Army and was released from active duty in 1945. He returned to Central High where he remained until he took office as president of O.M.A., July 1. Ledbetter secured his Master's Degree from Oklahoma A. & M. College in 1938 and is currently working on his Doctor's Degree which he expects to gain in 1949 from the same institution.

The personal record of Captain Ledbetter's achievements fits perfectly with the progressive record of O.M.A. Familiar to all Sooners is the Academy's band and precision drill team, but the training which equips these young men for military duty either in time of emergency or in time of peace can not be fully realized by the layman until he is informed of the work being carried on by the Academy.

O.M.A. offers four years of R.O.T.C. training—two years of basic to high school cadets and two years of advanced to junior college students—under direct supervision of the department of the Army. Cadets become eligible for second lieutenant's commissions in the reserve corps upon successfully completing their final two years in a senior college, with no further military training.

The military department is fully equipped as an armored cavalry platoon. Its armored equipment includes light tanks, self-propelled assault gun, armored car, half-track personnel carrier, trucks and jeeps. Most of these vehicles have two-way radios. The



Here's where a part of the \$220,000 worth of food was dished out last school year by University dining halls. This amount excludes the thousands of dollars worth of food served in the Oklahoma Memorial Union cafeterias. The above picture was made at a South Campus dining hall during enrollment week.