

Lottinville's See New York



With the New York skyline as their background, Savoie Lottinville, '29ba, director of the University Press and his wife, the former Rita Higgins, '28ba, pose for a picture. Their trip to New York was highlighted by a meeting of the New York alumni club.

Savoie Lottinville, '29ba, director of the University Press, and his wife, the former Rita Higgins, '28ba, recently returned from New York City where they met with the Alumni group then headed by Maurice L. Clancy, '37ba, now of Philadelphia.

Lottinville, who was on a business trip, spent a week in New York City and described the alumni meeting as "the highlight of our trip."

"I was particularly impressed by the loyal alumni spirit of the older graduates and also the eagerness of the recent graduates to participate in Oklahoma alumni work."

The meeting was held in the Beekman Tower Hotel and approximately 30 people were in attendance. "They all seemed very happy to meet me and extremely glad to get together, themselves."

As evidence of their spirit, University graduates who had lived in New York and are living there still "were unusually anxious to identify themselves with the Oklahoma group. They're all very proud to have graduated from O.U., and especially to call it their alma mater."

A recent letter from Maurice L. Clancy, '37ba indicates that he has had to resign his position as president of the New York alumni group. The reason is that his company, the Wyeth International Company, has moved to Philadelphia. He has taken up residence there. Clancy is also leaving on a business trip to the Philippine Islands, China, Siam, Paris and London. He will be gone for the rest of 1948.

The evening meeting of the New Yorkers which took place September 16 was attended by both old and new alumni. Even members of the recently graduated June and August classes were at the get-together.

Among the Oklahoma people present were: Lucille MacKenzie Clancy, '37ba; Jessie Bloodworth, '20ba; Grady Harry Nunn, '39ba, '41ma; John L. Fortson, '34ba; Allen E. Amgott, '48; Howard L. Fitts, '38ba, '41Law; Carolyn Kinney Fitts, '41bm; Frank W. Binckley, '41ba, '41bs; and Vivian Vanderpool Cole, '39bs.

Oklahoma's State Congress of Parents and Teachers has more than 87,000 members enrolled, according to Mrs. Dorothy Whittlesey, state secretary with offices on the University North Campus.

Correspondence . . .

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Beard:

In a recent issue of the *Sooner Magazine* I saw an article on my trip to the Olympics as a member of the U. S. Shooting team. There were several errors in the story but since it was my own fault I'll try to fill in the correct story.

First of all, while it is true that I did my earliest serious shooting at Pauls Valley, it was a rifle and not a pistol. I learned to shoot a pistol at Oklahoma University as a member of the R.O.T.C. pistol team. Capt. L. L. Hittle was coach and some of the team members were Tom Kelly, '46bs, now a lieutenant colonel in the Air Corps in Alaska, and Tom Sharpe, '40eng, whom I haven't run across since. I'm sorry I can't give you the others first names but it was the 1938 team and the last names were Johnson, Jackson and Corwin. That year (my freshman year) we won third in the National R.O.T.C. team match.

If you check the records you will find that the O.U. Pistol Team was well known to shooters in Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma as well as the headquarters of the National Rifle Association in Washington, D. C.

The rest of my time in college I was a member of the O.U. team, being captain and for three years the outstanding pistol shot at the University. In 1940 and 1941 I won the state championship and in 1942 I won the National Intercollegiate Championship. In 1946 I had the opportunity to shoot in organized competition again and won the Southeastern Regional Championship at Tampa, Florida. In 1947, while attending the University of California to complete my pre-med work, I won the Northern California championship at Oakland and the San Francisco Aggregate Trophy for 1947, as well as being runner-up in the Far Western Regional Tournament at Los Angeles. At the final tryouts in Quantico, Virginia, for the Olympic Squad, I placed first in my event. At the Olympics themselves, I placed 17th with a rather poor score, so no fanfares and no apologies. At present I hold ten Civilian National Records covering all calibers we use in this country. That is not by any means all there are to make if only I could shoot

well enough.

I was accepted on my return from England to be a member of the medical class starting this year in Oklahoma City. Once in a while I miss my regular Sunday morning shoot because you know it was a lot of fun and it gets in your blood.

Sincerely, Quentin T. Brooks, '42geol.

Editor's note: Sorry, Mr. Brooks, for the errors in our September issue concerning your Olympics competition. Our story was taken from a newspaper article sent to us. This newspaper article, too, was in error.

Caracas, Venezuela

Dear Ted:

The University of Oklahoma Association's letter of September 3 arrived today, which allows me very little time to send in my request for your Newsletter. I hope my letter is not too late.

For the past two and one-half years, I have been in Caracas, Venezuela, with the Phillips Petroleum Company in the capacity of assistant chief accountant. Caracas truly has the climate as advertised, i.e., "The City of Eternal Spring." That, and many other attractions, have made my stay here very interesting. Of course the experience of being in Foreign Service has been of rare value to my wife and me, but we are happy with the fact that we are returning to good "ole" Oklahoma again soon. We are transferring back to Phillips home office (sales department) in Bartlesville, as of November 1.

If possible, I would like for you to procure two football tickets for me, (on the west side—any of the three midsections 20 to 35th row) for the Missouri game, November 6; also two tickets, in the same locale, for the Nebraska game November 13, and six tickets for the O.U.-Aggie game November 27 at Stillwater. I realize that you are not in the "ticket business," but would appreciate your efforts.

I am enclosing two personal checks, one in the amount of \$3.00 for the *Sooner Magazine*, and the other, with no amount specified, for payment of the football tickets.

Thanks a million for the favors. Hope to see you this fall to renew acquaintances. I am sure that you fail to recall having met me, but I am just as sure that you remember my brother, Jack A. Kirton, '29-'36, Pi Kappa Alpha.

Sincerely, H. A. Kirton, '31-'35.



The Los Angeles O.U. Alumni Club met at Plummer Park for a November 15 square dance and barbecue. The shindig initiated the duties of the newly elected club officers. Glenn R. Watson, '39Law, president; Hiawatha Estes, '40eng, vice-president; Winifred Keys, '43bs, secretary, and Fred Tibbits, '16ba, '19ma, past-president, are pictured shortly after their election at the September meeting of the group. Leat Hendrex, '40mus.ed, treasurer, is not pictured.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Ted:

After 20 years in missionary service I have lost track of most of my former classmates, and have lost touch with them. At this late date I even have difficulty remembering which ones I knew in high school and which at the University, or somewhere else. What little news I have will have to be about myself.

About the middle of June my wife and I left Oklahoma City and went out to the University of California at Berkeley where we attended an intensive course in the Training Center for Family Life, Health and Social Relations. We also attended the Institute on Youth and Marriage Today, and audited classes in Mental Hygiene and in Psychology of Adolescence. After completing that, we went to Los Angeles where we had a week in a workshop with Dr. Paul Popenoe and his staff—a total of seven weeks. This is in addition to rather extensive reading and study prior to this summer.

I have now left the practice of medicine and am devoting myself to the field of premarital education and premarital counselling. In a county where the divorce rate has, for years, been higher than the marriage rate, I feel that I can be of more service in this new field than in the practice of medicine.

My wife and I will be working together in this new venture.

Sincerely yours, Virgil F. Dougherty, '20ba, '22bs, '24med.

Los Angeles, California

Dear Ted:

Enclosed please find postoffice money order for \$3.00 for annual dues and subscription to *Sooner Magazine*. Thank you very much for the *Sooner Magazine* sample copies which your association has forwarded to me. After receiving, reading and examining these copies, I don't see how I have gotten along without the magazine as long as I have.

Being a graduate of four large, prominent universities and colleges, I consider the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association *Sooner Magazine* tops and the most interesting.

With the best of success and welfare to your Association, I am

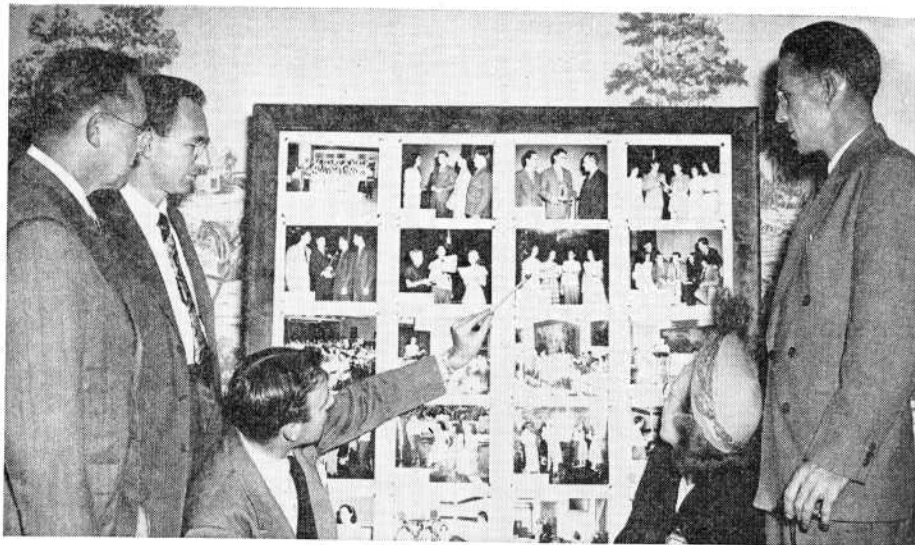
Yours sincerely, Capt. C. R. Shiffler, '22ba, '24ma, president, Crystal Cave Mining Company.

A Dinner for Monnet

Dean Julien C. Monnet, dean of the Law School from 1909 until 1941 and now dean emeritus, will be the recipient of a Julien C. Monnet Appreciation Dinner in the Union ballroom at 5:15 p.m. December 11.

At the dinner a portrait of Dean Monnet will be presented the University and the Law School and will be accepted by Dr. George L. Cross. The painting is the result of an idea by John F. Butler, '22Law, Oklahoma City, and David R. Milsten, '25ba, '28Law, Tulsa. These two attorneys decided that future law students should have some reminder of the man who was and is Mr. Law to a host of Sooners. Contributions were collected from willing alumni and the portrait was painted.

Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Alfred P. Murrah, '28Law, will serve as toastmaster at the dinner. Reservations should be sent to Maurice H. Merrill, '19ba, '22Law. The cost per plate will be \$2.50. Checks should be made payable to Maurice H. Merrill, Trustee.



Members of the Oklahoma Debate and discussion Institute, meeting on the North Campus, October 21-23, pause during one of their few spare moments to view a panel of photographs taken of speech conference activities. Left to right they are: William Norwood Brigance, noted author, educator, editor and lecturer, director of speech activities at Wabash College and the principal speaker at the three-day conference; John B. Freeman, '42bs, director of the department of short courses and conferences; Guy H. Brown, '42ba, '48ma, instructor in speech and acting director of interschool speech activities; Ruth Hanthorne, '43m.ed, Seminole teacher; and Gerald Williams, '34bs, speech instructor, Oklahoma Eastern A. and M.

Young Debaters Attend Institute

Young orators from Oklahoma high schools and colleges had their opportunity to expound October 21 to 23. The occasion was the annual debate and discussion institute held on the North Campus.

Guy H. Brown, '42ba, '48ma, acting director of Inter-school speech activities, said approximately 500 students participated in the three-day event.

The feature attraction of the large gathering was the address by Dr. William Norwood Brigance, pro-

fessor of speech at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana. He is a noted educator, author and lecturer, and his speeches have been reprinted in the *Congressional Record*, *Vital Speeches of the Day*, and *Representative American Speeches*, an annual which publishes 25 of the outstanding speeches of the year. Many of Dr. Brigance's books are in use in Oklahoma schools.

Additional features of the institute included a film clinic, demonstration and panel discussions, debates, a symposium on debate techniques, and a coaches' and teachers' meeting.

One of the highlights of the program was the debate between Harry McMillan, petroleum engineering freshman from Bristow, Howard Borden, a junior in arts and sciences, and the University of Missouri debating team. It was a non-decision debate, but so hotly-contested that it might remind spectators of the Missouri-Oklahoma football game. The subject of the debate was Resolved: "That the United Nations Now Be Revised into a Federal World Government."

Countless alumni from all over the state were present. Ted Beard, '21ba, executive secretary of the alumni association, presided over an afternoon symposium on debate techniques which included addresses by Dorothy Friend, director of forensics at the University; Joe Jackson, '34bs, '40m.ed; Earl Bradley, '39m.ed, and Dr. Brigance.

Southeastern State also brought a debating team to do battle with East Central State over the subject of "Federal Aid to Education." This, too, was a non-decision debate.

Two outstanding University professors and alumni who addressed the institute were Dr. M. L. Wardell, '19ba, David Ross Boyd professor of history, and Oliver Benson, '32ba, '33ma, chairman of the department of government.

The three-day meeting closed Saturday afternoon with interpretations of poetry, dramatic literature, humorous literature, and various critiques presented by University speech instructors.

Trustees Meet

The Board of Trustees of the University of Oklahoma Foundation held their regular quarterly meeting October 15, 1948, in the office of the President. Trustees present were Dr. George L. Cross, chairman; Tom F. Carey, '38bus, '40Law, Oklahoma City; Charles B. Duffy, '22Law, Ponca City; Grady D. Harris, '18, Alex; Dawson Houk, '14ba, '14bs, '21Law, Fairview; Ward S. Merrick, Ardmore; O. C. Schorp, Tulsa; Fred E. Tarman, '10ba, Norman. Others present were J. L. Lindsey, '15, treasurer of the Foundation and R. Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law, secretary.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as was the report of the treasurer. The Board approved the establishment of a fund to be known as the School of Journalism Building and Equipment Fund. Collections for the fund are under the direction of Tom R. Phillips, editor and publisher of the *Holdenville Daily News*, for the School of Journalism Building Committee of the Oklahoma Press Association.

The Board received and accepted a check for the establishment of the Sooner Scholarship Fund from the Athletic Council. They also approved the Harry Alley-Leroy Allen Memorial Fund.

Chairman Cross explained the need for co-operative housing for University students. The Trustees unanimously expressed their appreciation to Duffy for his interest and service as a member of the Board of Trustees during the past year.

Press Holds Openhouse

The presses weren't silent on the afternoon of October 29 at the new University of Oklahoma Press Building. A new sound was heard, however, over the din of linotypes and presses. It was the buzz and excited chatter of faculty, staff members of the University, students, and guests as they browsed through the recently completed building. The occasion was open house.

The open house coincided with the completion of the 20th year of operation of the Press as the publishing division of the University. Among an estimated 2,000 guests who toured the editing, designing, sales, promotion, accounting and manufacturing departments were delegates to the meeting of the South-Central Modern Language Association in Norman and Oklahoma City.

The newly completed building is one of the large fruits of the extensive building program planned by President George L. Cross and the University Regents for a rapidly expanding University. The Press, which is functional in design, is one of five new buildings already completed on the campus.

The University Press has had an exciting history since its conception. It was the dream of President William B. Bizzell, who came to the University in 1925 after an 11-year tenure as president of Texas A. & M. From the moment of his arrival, he visualized the Press as a clearing-house for publications throughout the Southwest. In his inaugural address, he mentioned his intention of establishing a University publication plant, but it was not until the autumn of 1928 that he was able to start. At that time, he invited Joseph A. Brandt, '21ba, then city editor of the *Tulsa Tribune*, to come to Norman and take over what was then called the Print Shop. It was located in the north wing of the old University Press Building which now belongs to the School of Journalism.

The first book issued by the rechristened University of Oklahoma Press was *Folk Say: A Regional Miscellany* edited by B. A. Botkin, then a member of the English department. The book first appeared in the spring of 1929.

In November of 1932, the University Press received national recognition when the Book of the Month Club selected John Joseph Mathews' book *Wah'Kon-Tah: the Osage and the White Man's Road*. Mathews, who is from Pawhuska, graduated in 1920 with a B. A. Degree.

The founders of the University of Oklahoma Press did not foresee that their dream

was to bring international recognition to the state, to the University and to its publishing division.

The Press, which is directed by Savoie Lottinville, '29ba, is best known for its series on Western Americana. Since its early beginnings it has published a series on the civilization of the American Indian and also much Southwestern folklore concerning the cattle and oil industries.

Lottinville became an assistant to Brandt in 1933. In 1938, when Brandt resigned to go to Princeton University to serve as director of its University Press, Lottinville succeeded him as director.

Van Endicott, superintendent of the printing division, is the only member of the original force of 20 years ago still employed by the Press.

In addition to Joseph Brandt, who at present is the head of the Henry Holt Publishing Company in New York, another former staff member who has achieved distinction is P. J. Conkwright, '38ma. Conkwright had four of the books he designed chosen in the top 50 of the nation last year. He was a designer for the University Press for ten years from 1928 to 1938. He is now with the Princeton University Press.

During the recent open house, a feature attraction was the publication of an important new cultural interpretation of this area, *America's Heartland: The Southwest*, by Green Peyton, San Antonio author. The book was written as part of the Rockefeller program of research and writing on the Southwest which has been administered by the University since early 1944.

A book to be released during November of this year is entitled *Mineral Nutrition for Plants and Animals*. A large edition of this book will appear under the joint imprint

of the University of Oklahoma Press and the American Petroleum Institute.

The press is the publisher of the now internationally known *Civilization of the American Indian Series* of 27 volumes. The American Exploration and Travel Series, which was started by Lottinville in 1938, has now reached 12 volumes. To date, the Press has printed 200 books.

For many years the University Press has been noted for its regional program. According to Lottinville, its publication outlook, as reflected in the range of books that are published, is "as wide as the scholarship represented by the University in all its departments of activity."

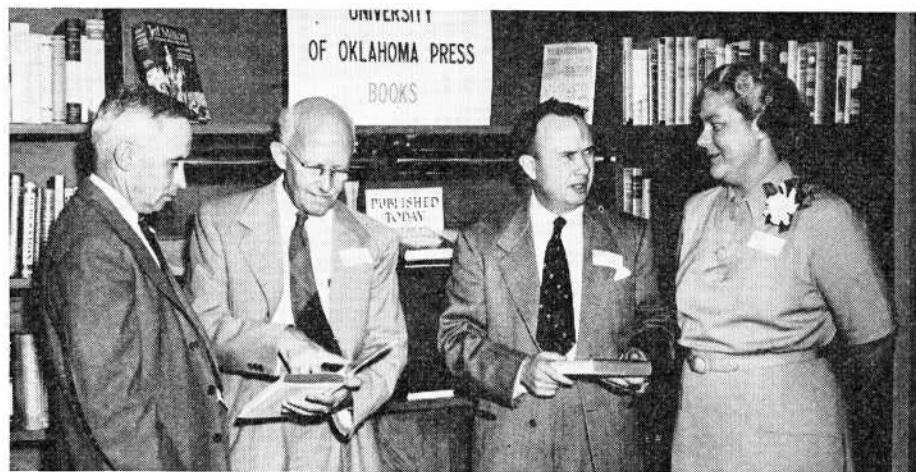
The greatest selling book in the Press' history was *Plowman's Folly*, by Edward H. Faulkner. This book, which was reproduced in flowers at the open house, has sold the amazing total of 340,000 copies.

Two publications of the Press were chosen during 1948 by national book clubs. The first, *María: The Potter of San Ildefonso*, was written by Alice Marriott, '35ba, and chosen by the Natural History Book Club for its July issue. The second book was an archeological study written by Victor von Hagen and entitled *Maya Explorer*. It was chosen by the History Book Club for April.

The most recent success has been *Persimmon Hill: A Narrative of Old St. Louis and the Far West*. Six weeks ago, one book store in St. Louis alone had sold over 750 copies. The book is by William Clark Kennerly as told to Elizabeth Russell.

The printing facilities of the Press have almost doubled in the last two years. With the exception of binding, the book goes through all stages of production here.

In 20 years, the Press has developed into an active printing and publishing arm with an international reputation.



One of the features of the new University Press building is the beautiful paneled library seen above. Pictured viewing fresh copies of *America's Heartland: The Southwest* by Green Peyton are left to right: Van Endicott, superintendent of the University Press; Will Ransom, art editor; Savoie Lottinville, '29ba, director of the Press, and Mary Stith, '30ba, '39ma, assistant editor. The book was published in connection with the 20th anniversary of the Press.