

Dads Honored With Day

It was a great day for Dads at the University October 16. Yes, an entire day was dedicated to the comfort and entertainment of the greatest men on earth—the students' most esteemed and most revered fathers.

They had their fill of football movies, food, pre-game activities, and the Kansas State-Oklahoma game in which nearly 800 fathers witnessed an overwhelming Sooner victory.

The Dads registered early Saturday morning and approximately 100 prompt ones saw the moving pictures of the O.U.-Texas victory. Immediately following the movie, President Cross welcomed the Dads with a brief but inspiring speech. Stating that "We always look forward with a special kind of anticipation in having the Dad's together," he assured them that the University is making every effort to "develop self-reliant and responsible American citizens."

The fathers, under the leadership of their president, Charles B. Duffy, '22Law, then heard the reports of the various committees and held an election of officers.

George Hann, '36m.ed, Ardmore superintendent of schools, was elected president of the Dads' Association for the coming year. Other officers elected were Emil R. Kraettli, '18, Norman, secretary. He also serves as Secretary of the University and the Board of Regents. W. W. Hutto, '10ba, treasurer of the University for many years, was elected to serve as treasurer for the Dads.

This, the 23rd annual meeting of the University of Oklahoma Dad's Association, featured the awarding of trophies to the best all-round men and women students for each year since 1943. The awards had been made each year, but no trophies had been available since 1943.

Martha Meacham, arts and sciences senior, Norman, and Clee Fitzgerald, '40ba, '41Lib.Sci, Caddo, were selected this year's

winner. Fitzgerald is now a junior in the law school.

The fathers presented a few awards to themselves too. W. T. Lester, Norman, was the youngest father present and H. L. Muldrow, also of Norman, was the oldest. Lester is 38 years of age, Muldrow, 76.

K. Haddad, Mangum, took two prizes: the most sons, and the most sons and daughters attending the University. Three Haddad sons and one daughter are in school. They are Lee, arts and sciences freshman, Derwood and Edward, twins, arts and sciences and geology respectively, and Iva Nell, speech education.

The award for the father with the most daughters in O.U. went to two Norman residents. W. P. Miller and E. L. Lucas, professor of geology, tied with three each.

Charles H. Maguire, Seattle, Washington, and C. L. Roach, Texhoma, took honors for coming the farthest distance outside Oklahoma and within Oklahoma respectively.

Awards were also made to the men's and women's houses having the largest number of fathers present. The women's award went to Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, and the men's award went to Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

The Dad's transacted an entire year's business during this morning session. They passed resolutions in which they expressed their official approval of plans advocating co-op houses, a bigger infirmary, and Dad's Association scholarships.

The scholarships will consist of tuition only and will be administered by a committee composed of the president of the University, the president of the Dad's Association, and the counselors of men and women.

A revised constitution, as presented by the executive committee under the direction of J. C. Looney, '20ba, '22Law, was unanimously accepted.

Vice-presidents were also elected from each of the eight congressional districts to assist the president in organization and in getting out announcements. They are:

District 1—Guy Belt, Bartlesville, first; George M. Reeves, Vinita, second, W. L. Eagleton Jr., Tulsa, '14ba, '19Law, third.

District 2—Fred Beckman, Muskogee, first; Earl C. Russell, Henryetta, second; Dr. Halsell Fite, Muskogee, third.

District 3—Clarence Harris, Ardmore, first; O. T. Jennings, Healdton, '16, second; Dr. Carl C. Collier, McAlester, third.

District 4—Tom Phillips, Holdenville, first; Guy A. Meaders, Ada, second; C. A. Hope, Shawnee, third.

District 5—L. A. Wiedman, Norman, first; Earl Pruet, Oklahoma City, '27ba, second; John A. Brett, Oklahoma City, '28 Law, third.

District 6—Grady D. Harris, Alex, '18, first; Harry Garrett, El Reno, second; Ben Saye, Duncan, third.

District 7—Grover C. Wheeler, Clinton, first; W. C. Baker, Altus, second; Clyde L. Johnson, Carter, third.

District 8—Fred Denner, Enid, '20eng, first; Dr. Laile Neal, Ponca City, '23bs, '25 med, second, and J. D. Houck, Fairview, third.

Nance Proposes Program

Sen. James C. Nance, Purcell, chairman of the Oklahoma Legislative Council, outlined a four-point program to improve educational services in Oklahoma at a meeting of the council October 15 and 16 in Norman.

The four-points proposed were:

1. Expansion of the principle of centralized purchasing to include the state's public schools.

2. Using prison labor at Granite and McAlester to make bricks and crush rock to be used in expanding school building facilities.

3. Developing a formula for state and county road building agencies for a sound school bus route program, also including rural free delivery mail routes and farm-to-market roads.

4. Establishing courses in public school administration at the University of Oklahoma and at Oklahoma A. and M. applicable to Oklahoma schools.

Nance asserted that a centralized purchasing program for state schools in which state funds are used would cut down costs because the state on an overall basis could secure lower prices for school equipment.

He said he believed the proposal to use prison labor would meet the approval of the people and that the union would support the plan.

Regarding the proposed course in school administration applicable to Oklahoma schools, Nance said he had been informed by one school official that he was surprised to find that the course now offered in no way applies to Oklahoma schools.

Four appointments to council committees were announced by Nance, including Paul Harkey, '39, Idabel; Perry Porter, Miami, and Everett Collins, Sapulpa, judiciary, and W. T. Gooldy, Pryor, roads and highways, state and local government, and agriculture.

Central State President Dies

Dr. Roscoe R. Robinson, '18ma, president of Central State College at Edmond, died October 1 in Wesley Hospital, Oklahoma City. He had entered the hospital September 25 for treatment of a heart ailment. He was 63 years of age.

Dr. Robinson came to Oklahoma in 1911 from Ohio and built an outstanding educational record. He took up duties as principal of Perry High School upon his arrival in the state and began the career that led him to the position he held at his death. He assumed the presidency of Central State in 1939.

He was a member of the Edmond Kiwanis Club, a Mason, and a member of Phi Delta Kappa and Kappa Delta Phi fraternities.

4. O.U. Dad K. Haddad, Mangum, received the award for having the most sons and daughters attending the University. His children, three boys and one girl, are: Lee, 30, University College; Edward, 26, University College; Derwood, '26, business administration sophomore, and Iva Nell, 23, Arts and Sciences senior.

5. Winners of the Dad's Day awards dating back to the early thirties are, left to right, front row, Carl Albert, '31ba, McAlester; Stewart Mark, '37ba, '39Law, Oklahoma City; Ben Burdick, '40ba, Oklahoma City, and Charles Nesbitt, '42ba, Oklahoma City. Back row: Ed Patterson, '30bs, '32ms, Midland, Texas; A. M. Muldrow, '33Law, Brownsville, Texas; Arthur Ellsworth, '38ba, '41Law, Oklahoma City, and G. T. Montgomery, '39ba, '41Law, Oklahoma City.

Radio No Secret For Hoyt Allen

Hoyt Allen's life is as interesting and varied as radio itself, and it reads like a chapter out of an adventure novel.

During his earlier years in big-time radio, Hoyt did acting bits around Chicago in such shows as *Little Orphan Annie*, *Backstage Wife*, *Camera Cavalcade*, *Lightnin Jim*, *Caroline's Golden Store* and *The Romance of Helen Trent*. About that same time he was writing a quiz show for NBC called *We The Wives*. He was also writing an interview show for CBS called *The Wife's Night Out* and on the side, to pick up a little pocket change, he found time to do the philosophical lead-ins for Scattergood Bain's commercial.

After acquiring two years experience at WNAD and a degree from the School of Journalism in 1936, with thirteen dollars in his pocket (eight of which he had borrowed from his fraternity roommate), Hoyt left school and headed for Chicago looking for a job. Originally he was signed up by Station WLS as an idea man, writer-director, and featured comedian. His radio name became "Pokey Martin," spinner of tall tales and teller of philosophical yarns. Many of his friends around Radio City still call him "Pokey" and any one of the information girls at Benton & Bowles, Inc., where he currently hangs out his shingle, will tell you he is still a teller of tales and a spinner of yarns.

"Pokey" originated, wrote and starred in the old half-hour weekly program *The Tall Story Club* for the Penn Tobacco Company, makers of Kentucky Club Pipe Tobacco. A lot of old radio fans remember this one. During this time many people may also remember Pokey Martin as a frequent guest on the Alka Seltzer National Barn Dance. Hoyt's whole manner and personality seem to bear out this role he played on the air so long, despite his youthful appearance and fastidiousness. He is slow of speech, democratic of manner, never turns down a chance for a good confab and manages to brush off most of his troubles with a philosophical outlook.

Two years after Hoyt left college he was doing seventeen programs weekly around Chicago. He was not only starring in these shows, but was writing them as well, and most of them he was directing. It was a great life and he enjoyed it, but he couldn't take it indefinitely. So in 1938, worked down to the proverbial nub, he left radio and toured Europe for eight months. He traveled in England, Ireland, Scotland, Holland, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, It-



Hoyt Allen, '36journ, has come a long way since his last appearance on WNAD. Today Allen is a member of Benton and Bowles Advertising Agency with such duties as the direction of the radio show, Portia Faces Life, and many others.

aly and France. A lot of things happened on that trip, all the way from swimming in the forbidden Seine in front of the Palais de Justice to climbing the Matterhorn (part way). Hoyt got himself employed as the hospital steward on a ship returning to America (that was quite a story) just in time to miss Hitler's move across Europe. He left Le Havre with just nine dollars left in his jeans but with his skin intact.

Back in Chicago, Hoyt was radioing again all during 1939. In '40 he took off for Central America and this time spent several months seeing Cuba, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Honduras. Why? No reason, he says, just lookin' and storing up a few memories.

The latter part of '40 he went to New England. Here for a year he was the casting director and advance publicity man and assistant producer on Wrigley's Yankee Network series, *Spreading New England's Fame*. From the Yankee Network he went to Benton & Bowles Advertising Agency in New York where he directed *Portia Faces Life* and *Don Winslow of the Navy*. In addition, he was script editor on several other programs, and in charge of all submitted radio material at the agency. He is still editor-director of "Portia" as well as agency producer on Mutual's *Juvenile Jury*.

In 1941, he took unto himself a wife. He married Miss Jane Biddle of Old Deerfield,

Massachusetts, whom he had met while working with the Yankee Network in New England. Not long after his marriage, he entered the service and was shipped overseas in an anti-aircraft outfit. He went through the campaigns in Africa, Sicily and Italy and was decorated with the Legion of Merit. He was in charge of the radar and searchlight operations center for the air defense of Tellerghma, Palermo, Naples and Foggia. The Foggia airfields were servicing what was reputedly the largest concentration of aircraft in the history of warfare.

After Hitler's Luftwaffe was defeated, Hoyt was transferred to the combat engineers and finally to the infantry. He served in Italy with the famous 88th "Blue Devil Division" until he was sent home in October '45.

Hoyt resumed his old desk at Benton & Bowles and is gradually taking on something resembling his former load of work. Somehow, with a wife now, and a war behind him, we don't expect Hoyt to go jumping off looking for adventure with the regularity he once did. Still . . . Hoyt isn't one to let things get static, so last April 15, his wife presented him with a real "spittin' image" son whom they named Hoyt "just to simplify the call to meals." Our guess is that Hoyt, the Father, will be finding more and more adventure in his home and his work, and in Hoyt, the Son!

Emperor Interviews Hoberecht

For three years a University of Oklahoma graduate tried to get in to see Emperor Hirohito. Finally, Hirohito came to see him.

The O.U. graduate is Earnest Hoberecht, '41 journ, who is United Press chief correspondent and manager for Japan.

Since Hoberecht's business is getting news, he naturally was working to get an interview with the emperor of Japan. He knew he would have a good story if he could talk with the little ruler. But all of Hoberecht's efforts were fruitless.

Then Hirohito came to see Hoberecht.

It happened during Japan's National Newspaper Week. The United Press had a display in one of Japan's biggest department stores in downtown Tokyo. Hoberecht was there explaining the exhibit to the various Japanese editors and publishers.

And then up walked the emperor and empress.

The royal couple shook hands with Hoberecht and then listened closely while he explained the world-wide activities of the news organization for which he works. The Emperor was extremely interested and asked a number of questions.

After the Emperor had left, somebody asked Hoberecht what news he got from Hirohito during the conversation.

"News!" exclaimed Hoberecht. "I didn't get a bit. He interviewed me!"

A citizenship course for aliens to take their naturalization examinations is offered by the correspondence study department of the University of Oklahoma.

Litton Handles Archives

BY GRACE PENNEY, '40ED

Right back where he started from! Gaston Litton, '34bs, '40ma, thought that blistering hot day back in 1935 when he was a student that if he ever finished moving all those government documents from one tier of stacks to another, he'd take good care not to get mixed up in anything like that again. But here he is, back in the University of Oklahoma Library. And what is he doing? Why, hauling records around, and asking for more. As archivist of the University, he is assembling all sorts of records and mementoes of the University and the state in general. When the Board of Regents authorized the creation of the University Archives last October 1947, and cast about for a man to direct them, it was only natural that Dr. Litton should be the one selected. He had majored in library science as an undergraduate, in economics and history when taking his M.A., and took his Ph.D. in 1942 at Georgetown University with history and international relations as his major interests.

"When Gaston was a student in the University of Southern California, he ferreted out a family where only Spanish was spoken, and lived in their home for a year," says Dr. Dale. "He had studied Spanish in school, but this gave him a command of the language which was invaluable to him in his work. And he did the same thing with a French-speaking family, in Washington, D. C."

A native Oklahoman, born in the short grass country that was old Greer County, and son of a homesteader and grandson of two men who were pioneer settlers of the state, Gaston Litton grew up among the sons and daughters of the Chickasaw tribe. This association explains his interest in the history of that tribe. He is working on a social and cultural history of the Chickasaws, doing research for which he received a grant-in-aid from a national foundation.

The American Library Association selected Dr. Litton to serve on a commission headed by Dr. Harvie Branscomb, formerly director of libraries at



Dr. Gaston Litton, '34bs, '40ma, and Mrs. Grace Jackson Penney, '40ed, inspect the valuable collection of records and memorabilia of more than 30 years of Y.M.C.A.-Y.W.C.A. activity on the campus, recently presented to the University Archives by Theodore J. Ledeen, secretary of the University Y.M.C.A.

A charter member of the Society of American Archivists, he joined the staff of the National Archives soon after the handsome new building in Washington, D. C. was occupied. He participated in pioneer archival work at the national level. During the war, he served in the Caribbean as special representative, and in the United States as field representative. He performed confidential errands of a professional nature for the Archivist of the United States. These activities were directly related to the prosecution of the war effort.

Young, still in his early thirties, and extremely modest, Dr. Litton is regarded by his colleagues on the faculty as one of the outstanding men in his field. Dr. E. E. Dale, '11ba, with whom he collaborated on the book *Cherokee Cavaliers*, and in the assembling of the most complete collection of the messages and papers of the chiefs of the Five Civilized Tribes, describes Litton as scholarly, resourceful and hard-working.

Duke and now chancellor of Vanderbilt University. The other member of the commission was Professor William A. Jackson, assistant librarian of Harvard University in charge of the rare book collection. On request of the Brazilian government, these three surveyed the resources of the National Library of Brazil. Dr. Litton was responsible for a study of technical processes, cataloging and classification and care of the rich manuscript collections which are a part of that library.

The government of Panama called him to its National University to reorganize its library and to initiate the first formal instruction to be given there in library service. A graduate of this course is now director of the National Library of Panama.

His final service at the National Archives was as assistant chief of the division having custody of court records and the non-current records of the Department of Justice. From this position, Dr. Litton was loaned to the State Department to assume

the directorship of the American Library in Managua, Nicaragua.

During his two years in Managua, Dr. Litton did yeoman service to the cause of "good neighborliness," by extending library service throughout the country. He took books and films and exhibits as far as the railroad would take him, by bus to the end of the line, by plane to more isolated spots, and by river boat to regions which could be reached by no other means. That was when his fluent idiomatic Spanish really proved its value. He quickly picked up the Latin American custom of using his hands in talking.

"A Nicaraguan expresses more with a shrug and a wave of the hand than he does with his words," says Dr. Litton. "I found them a friendly people, fond of fiestas. A wedding or christening is always the occasion for a gay celebration, often lasting all night. But their custom of a midday siesta takes care of that."

Dr. Litton came home from Nicaragua in January, this year, and after serving as the delegate from Nicaragua to the Assembly of Libraries of the Americas, held in Washington, D. C., last year, came on to Norman to set up the archives of the University. It is the purpose of the Board of Regents, and the archivist, to assemble and preserve as source material as much as may be of the records of the life and development of the University and the State in general. Too much of this invaluable material has already been irrecoverably lost. It is hoped that the alumni will rally 'round and help in this worthy endeavor.

Administrators Convene

The fall conference of the Association of School Administrators of the Oklahoma Education Association met October 16 on the University campus. Presiding over the session was Bryan Waid, Frederick, president of the O.A.S.A.

Dr. Carl Mason Franklin, vice-president of the University welcomed the school administrators to the campus for their annual conference. A report of the Okmulgee Workshop was given by C. M. Howell, '15ba, '36m.ed, secretary of O. E. A.

Dr. Ross Pugmire, professor of school administration, gave a progress report of education research of the Legislative Council. The two main addresses of the session were given by Dr. Oliver Hodge, '33 m.ed, '37Ph.D, state superintendent of public instruction, and Dr. Ray C. Maul, dean of Kansas State College, Emporia. The subject of Dr. Hodge's address was "Education at the State Level," and "Personnel for Staffing the Public Schools" was the theme of Dr. Maul's speech.

The immediate and long-term objectives of O.A.S.A. were discussed by Waid. These objectives are development of educational leadership, improved school-community relations, strengthening the Schools of Education in the colleges of our state, strengthening the State Department of Education, and full co-operation with the Oklahoma Educational Association in the accomplishment of its legislative program.

Two other school organizations, Secondary School Principals Association and Elementary School Principals Association, joined the school administrators for the noon session. Dr. Fred W. Hosler, superintendent of schools in Oklahoma City, gave the main address of the meeting. His topic was "Education Looks Ahead."

Trice Broadrick, '43m.ed, Ada, is president, and F. R. Born, Oklahoma City, is secretary of the S. S. P. A. President of the E. S. P. A. is George Hooper, Tulsa.

The committee arranging the program and activities for the day on the campus was chairmand

by H. E. Wrinkle, '22ba, '31m.ed, director of field relations, College of Education. Other members of the committee were J. Don Garrison, '29bs, '36 m.ed, superintendent of schools, Norman; Jack Riley, '46bs, superintendent of schools, Purcell, and James R. Frazier, '24ba, '32m.ed, superintendent of schools, Wewoka.

Officers of the O.A.S.A. are Bryan Waid, Frederick, president; Bruce Myers, '22ba, '34m.ed, Chickasha, vice-president, and James F. Frazier, '24ba, '32m.ed, Wewoka, secretary-treasurer. Members of the executive committee are A. L. Pool, '31 m.ed, '42Ph.D, Durant; Ray Claiborne, '41m.ed, Hollis; Frank Hess, '25bs, Drumright; O. D. Johns, '33m.ed, Seminole; G. G. Morgan, Muskogee; Hal Buchannan, Cherokee; Paul Allen, '36ma, Pauls Valley, and Oliver Hodge, '33m.ed, '37Ph.D, Oklahoma City.

Faculty Briefs

▶ Dr. Roy Gittinger, '02ba, regents professor of history, is teaching a course in the history of the Hebrew people. The course was more recently taught in the Oklahoma School of Religion, now defunct. However, Dr. Gittinger's course will stress history rather than religious phases.

▶ Oscar W. Davison, former Durant schools superintendent, became assistant director of Adult Education September 1. His work is connected with broadening the scope of adult education in Oklahoma.

▶ Dr. M. O. Wilson, chairman of the department of psychology at the University, has been awarded diplomat status by the American Board of Examiners in Professional Psychology. This is a new diploma in the field of professional psychology, somewhat similar to that now awarded in the medical profession. Psychologists selected for the award must have their Ph.D. Degrees, must have at least five years practical experience with general recognition of their professional ability.

▶ Ida Z. Kirk, long-time University professor of drama and now professor emeritus of drama, is improving slowly from a stroke suffered several weeks ago. Miss Kirk counts Van Heflin among her outstanding students.

▶ Dr. Ralph Bienfang, professor of pharmacy, has been named assistant to the dean of the School of Pharmacy.

▶ Laura A. Miller, associate professor of home economics in the University, left October 16 to attend the meeting of the American Dietetic Association in Boston, Massachusetts. She represented the Oklahoma Dietetic Association at the vocational guidance and public relations sessions.

▶ William H. Thompson, former keeper at the Tulsa Zoological Gardens, is now supervisor of the co-operative fisheries experiment station for the University of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Game and Fish Commission.

▶ Dr. J. Teague Self, chairman of the O.U. department of zoological sciences, has conducted extensive research on malaria control. He is a member of the Oklahoma Academy of Science and the American Association for the advancement of Science.

▶ Randall Stewart, professor of English at Brown University, is the author of *Nathaniel Hawthorne; A Biography*, published recently by the Yale University Press. He began an extensive study of Hawthorne 20 years ago. Stewart was an instructor in the department of English at the University of Oklahoma in 1917 to 1920 and 1922 to 1923. Mrs. Stewart is the former Cleone Odell, '20ba.

Regents Approve Resolutions

The following resolutions were approved by the University Board of Regents at their November 10 meeting.

(1). Whereas, it is recognized as a fundamental principle that the full-time members of the faculty and administrative staff of the University are employed to serve the interests of the State:

And whereas, the President of the University and the Board of Regents should be apprised of the extent and nature of the professional services rendered by the full-time faculty and administrative staff, other than that covered by the salary paid by the University.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the University be empowered to grant permission to the full-time members of the University staff to engage in outside employment as defined below whenever in the President's opinion such outside employment is of a professional nature, and does not interfere substantially with their regular University duties, or contravene the obligation of the University to furnish expert knowledge and counsel to the people of Oklahoma without charge. No full-time members of the University staff may engage in such outside employment without prior approval by the President.

Outside employment includes (a) work of a continuing nature, such as supervising, consulting or advisory services or other regular continuing employment for which compensation, regular or occasional, is received, and (b) specific work, usually of limited duration, for which compensation is received. It does not include honoraria for lectures or for literary articles, private income from real estate or investments, and royalties from books or patents. Payments for services performed by a member of the staff in any period during which the staff member is not on the University payroll are excluded.

RESOLVED: That the President of the University be authorized to designate a member of the faculty to supervise the holding of political meetings on the University campus and to co-operate with the heads of the various political parties in permitting the use of any auditorium of the University upon proper authentication and upon the following conditions:

- (a) That all political meetings be conducted so as to avoid interference with the routine affairs of the University;
- (b) That any expense incurred by the University as a result of such meetings be defrayed by the candidate in whose interest the meeting is held;
- (c) That neither the campaign of any political party or any candidate be opened or initiated upon the University campus;
- (d) That the use of such auditorium for political meetings be limited to candidates for state and national offices or persons speaking in the interests of such candidates;
- (e) That there occur only one political meeting at one time.

This resolution was passed by the regents in 1944. Last September it was amended with the provision that meetings could be held on the campus only by parties "legally recognized in Oklahoma." Then the regents rescinded the amendment at the November 10, 1948 meeting, so the original resolution stands now.

Dr. Stephen Scatori and Dr. W. A. Willibrand, both University modern languages professors, serve as faculty sponsors for students from other countries.