Alumni



MARGARET ANN HAMILTON She suggested Spirit of America

She Saw A Sweep of Color

Early in April, Margaret Ann Hamilton, '38, alighted from her plane at Roosevelt Field, Long Island, New York.

Photographer David Peskin snapped his camera's shutter and before Miss Hamilton could say "Collier's—The National Weekly," that magazine had put her pic on thousands of newsstands and into millions of homes as its cover shot.

Collier's cover story said: "This week's cover: . . . as she (Miss Hamilton) strode away from her plane, he (photographer Peskin) saw in the combination of space, strength and freedom, a suggestion of the spirit of America. And when he brought the picture to Collier's, we saw the same quality. We asked Miss Hamilton what America meant to her. This is what she told us:

'Say America to me and I see a great sweep of wonderful color that seems to fill the world. I was born in Enid, Oklahoma. Out there, everywhere a child turned he faced the United States. For me there was never any end to America. There still isn't.

'I'm a flier. As a Wasp during the war, I flew just about everything they'd let a woman handle. I know what it is to sit in the sky feeling the thrill of power in your hands. By the time you read this, I'll be in Japan with the military government helping to get the idea of democracy across to people who were once our enemies.

'For America, this job is something like sitting in the sky with tremendous power at your command. The U. S. could take advantage of its strength, but it doesn't—for all of us have grown up with respect for the liberties of groups and individuals. If there are going to be storms ahead, it will be our duty to stay on the beam, to keep our sights on basic human rights. If we do that, we'll continue to be what I call the best bunch of people under God's blue sky'."

Miss Hamilton was employed as a student helper in the Alumni Association during 1938. After she left the University she worked for several years for the Pure Oil Company and for the Douglas Aircraft Company of Tulsa prior to her participation in World War II. During the war she served with the Ferrying Division of the Air Transport Command. She was discharged in 1944 after completing two year's service. She returned to the full time administrative assistantship with the Alumni Association.

In recent months Miss Hamilton has been connected with the Veterans Service Bureau of Columbia University but recently left for Tokyo where she is a member of General Douglas MacArthur's staff.

Prior to her entry in the University she spent three semesters at the Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha. She is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

Garber Collection Received

Over 1,500 printed volumes of official government publications and other items totaling some 2,000 pieces—a huge personal and public documentary record collection accumulated by the late Judge M. C. Garber of Enid—has been given to the University library, J. L. Rader, '08ba, '13ma, librarian, has revealed.

The Garber material, on familiar ground in its O.U. depository since four of the former eighth district congressman's children attended school here, will be absorbed for safekeeping into the general book collection of the library and into the new division of manuscripts.

Garber children who attended the University are Martin, '26, Milton, '33, both members of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity; Ruth, '24ba, now Mrs. Howard Waldo of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Martha, '31ba, the present Mrs. Robert Earle of Essex Falls, New Jersey. Both daughters were members of Delta Delta Delta sorority at the University.

Donated to the library were government bureau reports, congressional committee hearings, surveys, statutes, a limited amount of official correspondence reports and editorial reference constituting a large portion of the official library of the prominent onetime merchant, judge, mayor, legislator, and newspaperman.

Judge Garber was a well known figure in northern Oklahoma politics for nearly half a century. He studied law at Iowa State, made the 1893 Cherokee Strip run, and settled near Garber, Oklahoma, the town named for his family.

He served in several territorial and state judicial offices from 1902 to 1912 when he returned to private practice and was elected mayor of Enid, serving for nine years. Elected to congress in 1922, Judge Garber served five consecutive terms before his retirement.

Alumni Novel is Published

"Murder Is Dangerous", a murder mystery set in the oilfields of Texas, by Saul Levinson, '42ba, was released in March by Phoenix Publishing Co., New York City. Levison is a former student of Walter S. Campbell and Foster Harris, directors of professional writing courses at the University and the book is dedicated to Mr. Campbell.

State high school seniors may make application next spring for the \$450 Delta Tau Delta scholarship at the University of Oklahoma. Selection will be based on need, scholarship, citizenry and activities without regard to interest in fraternities, Boyd Gunning, secretary of the O.U. Foundation said. The first scholarship will be awarded for the 1949-50 term,