

Hugo's Queen of the May

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Tribute to one who has given years of service unselfishly to the teaching profession in Choctaw County, Oklahoma, and has "communicated her own joy in learning" was given to Miss Fannie Glenn, '20bs, '29ma, May 1. On that day, former grade and high school students held an appreciation day celebration in her honor.

More than 2,000 boys and girls of two decades ago and those from the more recent classes, including the present ones, answered the call of the school bells and in an impressive May Day ceremony brought offerings of love and appreciation for a pioneer educator who has taught school through historic years in Oklahoma and the nation.

A fourth-grade pupil of forty years ago returned to make the appreciation address and brought along personal letters of commendation from President Truman, Senator Robert S. Kerr, '16, Senator Elmer Thomas and Congressman Carl Albert, '31ba. Cecil Dickson, former Hugoan, who is director of the Office of Co-ordinator of Information, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., described his former school teacher as "the grandest lady that ever held a wooden wand to a blackboard to pinpoint knowledge in a classroom and one I'll appreciate until my dying day." He presented Miss Glenn with a little black book—a bank deposit book compiled by today's and yesterday's students who, in a small way, were paying interest on unforgotten notes of indebtedness to a favorite teacher.

School bells rang at Ansley Park, Hugo, scene of the celebration, to announce the arrival of the honoree. Colonel Ed Ansley, longtime friend of Miss Glenn's, drove her from her home to the park in a horse-drawn buggy similar to the one he had often driven her to school and back in pre-statehood days. The local highway patrol car led the procession, which included two former students, ex-mayor Ennis M. DeWeese, '21ba, and Mayor Pat Paterson.

Weldon Webb, '34Law, Oklahoma City, member of the high school class of 1930 served as master of ceremonies at the park where students were assembled by classes of each year back to 1920. Those in high school "under 1920" and as far back as the grades were seated together.

Long-stemmed red roses, favorites of the Hugo teacher, were presented by a representative of each class. The Hugo Business and Professional Women's club presented Miss Glenn with their "woman of the year" award. Simon Parker, Jr., son of the high school athletic coach, represented future students with the gift of a "red apple for the teacher."

Among hundreds of messages, cards and letters from her friends and students all over the world was the letter from the White House which reads in part:

"You are, I am told, a pioneer teacher of the Indian Territory days, with a record of nearly half a century of service in the schools of Choctaw County. It is a wonderful record. This reunion is evidence of the high regard and affection of your many pupils and the influence you have had on their lives.

"May I add my congratulations and best wishes for many more years of active endeavor. Very Sincerely yours, Harry Truman."

Experiences encountered down through the years would have deterred others, unlike this veteran, who had a great inspiration to teach, not as she

says, "for financial gain but for the satisfaction in dealing with young people."

From a transient book salesman of Territorial days, she learned that Jones Academy, a school for Indian boys, was open to coeds during summer terms. It was from that school that Fannie Glenn received her first certificate to teach. Her first assignment was a one-room school a mile north of Hugo. Later after being transferred to Goodland Indian Orphanage, she bought a horse and buggy to drive the four mile distance. Because of its remote location and unsettled times, she also purchased a .45 Colts for protection.

In 1908 she joined the Hugo school system and taught in its ward schools and later served for three years as fourth ward principal before becoming head of the high school history department, a position she has held since 1918.



FANNIE GLENN

The Whitehouse sent regards

In her collection of mementoes, there is evidence of respect and affection of her present and former students. Proof, too, of her success in her career is revealed in the hundreds of letters Miss Glenn received from service men during the recent war.

In looking back over the years, Fannie Glenn declares that were the choice to be made again, she'd still be a teacher. Girls in her classes are advised to go to college, get a degree and a man. To the boys, she's been known to say, "Don't be in too big a hurry to marry." And, as to her own spinsterhood, she laughingly declares, "I was too in debt to go romancing during the first World War, and hts last one caught me when I'd crossed the deadline." Then she adds, "My world of men has consisted of two classes: The men I loved and the men who loved me, and they were never the same."

Miss Glenn's activities have not been confined to the school room and her membership in local, state and national organizations reads like a listing in "Who's Who." She has been a life-long

member of the Methodist church and holds a life membership in its Women's Society for Christian Service. She is a member of the state and national educational associations, is a past president of the Southeast Oklahoma district of the state association, past president of the Hugo P.E.O. chapter and of Alpha Gamma chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma society, past matron of Eastern Star, belongs to the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Oklahoma Historical Society and the Shakespeare and Twentieth Century clubs in Hugo.

They Met in a Cloud

In a cloud 10,000 feet over Oregon's flooded Willamette Valley, two Sooners met in May for the first time in 18 years—and discovered that both live in Washington, D.C., and have government positions with much in common.

Sam Alexander, '31ba, '31bs, now a Bureau of Standards employee, was sitting across the aisle of a southbound United Airlines plane from Arnold Court, '34ba. After studying his companion for 10 minutes, he asked, "Aren't you from Oklahoma?" A two-hour conversation ensued.

Both men were on business trips to the west coast, and both planned to break those trips with stops on the O.U. campus. Alexander hadn't seen the campus since his graduation, when he left for MIT to do graduate work. Court, whose father, N. A. Court, has been professor of mathematics for 33 years, has returned to Norman frequently, the last time two years ago.

Alexander's section in the Bureau of Standards is taking a leading part in the design of electronic computing machines for the government. Court's climatology unit in the Research and Development Branch of the Army's Quartermaster Corps is considering the use of such equipment, when available, for some of its research in establishing the military requirements for clothing and other equipment from climatic data.

For ten years, Alexander has lived in Arlington, Virginia. He is married and has two daughters. For a brief period in 1941, Court and Mrs. Court lived within a block of them, and now, with their son and new-born daughter live in southeastern Washington.

On their coincident trips, Court and Alexander visited the Berkeley and Los Angeles campuses of the University of California together, but were in Norman on different days.

Court, who also has an M.S. in climatology from the University of Washington recently was elected to the University of Maryland chapter of Sigma Xi. He is the author of several scientific articles appearing this year in the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society, Weatherwise, the (British) Journal of Glaciology, the Journal of the Franklin Institute, and Arctic.

▶ Charles N. Hockman, '49ed, has been named motion picture producer for the University extension division. He has been an assistant in the University photographic service since 1946.

▶ John E. Mertes, '35bs, chairman of the department of marketing, attended the semi-annual Convention of the American Marketing Association in St. Louis, Missouri, June 5-8.

▶ Gilbert C. Fite, assistant professor of history, was in Dallas April 30 to attend the faculty consultation on Religion in Higher Education.