

Sooner Portraits

In a new continuing feature Sooner Magazine spotlights three outstanding Sooner alums. These men are adding luster to the reputation of their University. They belong in the Cheering Section.

Bennett—Aggie Educator

Looking up from his desk as the photographer caught him, Henry Garland Bennett, '24ma, president of Oklahoma A&M College makes a superb *Sooner Portrait*.

Although he roots for the A&M team when the Aggies meet his alma mater, Bennett is a very widely loved administrator and respected locally, statewide and nationally.

He is the most often listed among America's top ten college presidents and holds seniority among Land-Grant College presidents for length of tenure of college presidency in America.



HENRY G. BENNETT

Who's Who in America lists him as a Mason, Shriner, Odd Fellow and Rotarian. He is a past president of the 12th District Rotary International, former chairman of the Oklahoma Educational Survey, past chairman of the State Soil Conservation Committee and a committee member of the Southern Baptist Conference.

Other activities include membership on the Industrial Mobilization Committee of the Oklahoma Planning and Resources Board, Public Director of the Oklahoma Cotton Co-operative Association and the author of several books including *On the High Road*, *Trail Breaking*, *English Literature* (an anthology), and *American Literature* (an anthology).

Dr. Bennett has found distinguished success in his program as an educator and college administrator that boils down to: long range planning, research, progressive educational facilities, pacing immediate needs, specialized training for college and sub-college levels and youth services.

He is known as the godfather of Oklahoma Flying Farmers, organized with his help and sponsorship on the A&M campus in 1944. This organization has now become the National Flying Farmers and is rapidly working world-wide changes in world farming.

He is the only American Agricultural College president selected to attend the International Foods and Agricultural Organization that met in Quebec, Canada, at the close of the war to plan food rehabilitation of Europe.

Dr. Bennett's many accomplishments and his high national prestige led to his induction into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 1938.

His hobbies, which would be a full-time job for an ordinary man, include many efforts at educational advancement for his college. He is responsible for locating the Oklahoma Power and Propulsion Laboratory on the A&M campus. Readers will remember that the nucleus of this laboratory was the former \$3,000,000 Klockner-Humboldt-Deutz diesel lab formerly located at Oberursel, Germany. This lab, incidentally, was a former hobby of Adolph Hitler and was purchased in competition with 114 major colleges and universities.

He has co-ordinated the educational services of the state through a Department of Public School Service and paved the way for broader college associational contacts with 4-H, FFA and other youth organizations.

The accomplishments of this man who, when he took office in 1928, vowed to keep A&M "out of politics" are actually countless.

He served as superintendent of Boswell schools from 1906 to 1907, superintendent of Choctaw county schools during 1907-08, superintendent of Hugo schools from 1909 to 1918 and president of Southeastern State Teachers College from 1918 to 1928. He received a Doctor of Philosophy Degree from Columbia University in 1926 and, at present, is looking forward to receiving a great Degree of Satisfaction from the O.U.-Aggie gridiron tilts of this season.

Garrison Receives Promotion

Earle E. Garrison, '36bus, has been promoted to sales promotion director of the Tulsa District for the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company. He was formerly district sales manager of the Muskogee district for the gas company.

In 1939 Garrison joined the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company in Norman. In 1940 he entered the army and served almost six years. He was discharged as a Lieutenant Colonel and returned to work for his old company in 1946.

His duties as sales promotion director will include sales work with gas appliance dealers, distributors, manufacturers' representatives, architects, builders and others in the Tulsa district.

Mason—Law Was His Forte

The thoughtful looking man with the fine grin (below) is well known to both students and faculty of the classes of 1929, 1931 and 1932.

Just looking at his picture can tell a lot about him. He's the kind of a fellow everybody likes—it's not hard to see that.

His name is Richard Dean Mason. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in electrical engineering in 1929, a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1931 and the very rare degree of a professional electrical engineer in 1932.

In spite of these degrees, Mason is not an engineer. He received a Master of Science Degree from



RICHARD D. MASON

Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1931 and, in 1935, was graduated from George Washington University with a Bachelor of Laws Degree.

Maybe that's why Mason has that grin of contentment on his face. Who wouldn't smile with five major degrees?

His professional career has been as varied as his degrees. But by following the order of his employment chronologically, one can easily ascertain the reason he changed from the electrical circuit to the legal one.

Mason began his career with the General Electric Company in 1929 when he was employed as a test engineer for the company in Lynn Massachusetts. In 1931, he was moved to the Washington scene and began four years of patent searching for General Electric.

With four years of patent experience behind him, Mason decided that a degree in law was of primary importance and, accordingly, he attended George Washington University in Washington,

D. C. After graduation he was again employed by General Electric as a patent attorney—this time in Schenectady, New York.

In 1936, Mason decided that law was his real forte. He became the patent lawyer for the Hazeltine Corporation of New York City and, in 1937, joined the firm of Davis, Lindsay, Smith and Shonts. After gaining six additional years of experience with that firm, Mason teamed up with three of his former law school friends and formed the firm of Mason, Kolchmainen, Rathburn & Wyss of Chicago.

He returned to the campus four times during the spring semester of 1949 to give an equal number of lectures on patent law.

His undergraduate record at the University testifies quite loudly as to the versatility and leadership of student Mason. He was a member of the varsity tennis team three years and captained it in 1928. He also has the distinction of being the Missouri Valley Doubles (Tennis) Champion. As a member and later president of Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity, he played on the fraternity basketball team. Mason, a member of Sigma Tau, Engineers Club and the Loyal Knights of Old Trusty, honorary engineering fraternities, also was elected to membership in Checkmate and Phi Delta Phi, honorary legal fraternities and the Jazz Hounds. A leader in student governmental affairs, Mason was elected to both the Student Council and the Athletic Council.

He has carried his love of activities over into civilian life as evidenced by his membership in the Legal Club of Chicago, the Chicago Bar Association, the Chicago Patent Law Association, the University Club and the Electric Club of Chicago. He is a member of the committee on Ethics and Grievances of the Chicago Bar Association, a member of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Tennis Association, Captain of the Indian Hill Club Tennis Team for 1949, a member of the Curling Club and of the West Side Tennis Club of Forest Hills, New York.

Richard Dean Mason has a right to smile. His picture is indeed the portrait of a Sooner.

George—Joke Study and Golf

The smiling Sooner educator with the bow tie air of distinction is Norvil Lester George, '26ed, '31m.ed.

Listing his hobbies as "joke study and golf," it is easy to see why George has that twinkle in his eye in the above photograph. It's also easy to see that his sense of humor makes him ideally suited for his profession.

Beginning his career as a teacher in Rural School 13 of Grant County in 1921, George decided to enter the University of Oklahoma in 1924. Here he became an assistant in business administration and also completed the necessary work for his first education degree.

Although he received his Bachelor of Science in the short period of two years, George had many extracurricular activities. Besides being a member of the YMCA and the Student Council, he belonged to Phi Delta Kappa (education fraternity), Pe-et, Kappa Tau Pi, Lambda Nu, Toga and Phi Beta Sigma. George also "belonged" to the former Ida Mae Jensen, '24, whom he married in August of 1929. The couple have one child, Gwendolyn Elaine, age 13.

In 1926, after leaving the University, he became superintendent of schools at Geary, Oklahoma—a position he held until 1935 when he transferred to the same position at Duncan. Super-



NORVIL L. GEORGE

vising the schools there for six years, George was promoted in 1941 to the Oklahoma City Board of Education where he still holds the position of assistant superintendent in charge of business management.

He has continued his study of education and in 1948 received a Doctor of Education Degree as a result of work done both at George Peabody College for Teachers and at the Teachers College of Columbia University.

In the summer of 1948 and 1949, George was listed as a special consultant to the University of Oklahoma school of education.

He is a member of Rotary International, a Shriner and a thirty-second degree Mason.

George's interest and prominence in the field of education is evidenced by his membership in many teachers associations. He is a life member of the National Education Association, a life member of the Oklahoma Parent-Teacher Association, a member of the World Federation of Teachers, the Association of School Business Officials, the National Council of Schoolhouse Construction and the Talk of the Month Club sponsored by the National Education Association.

In addition to having the distinction of being listed in *Leaders in Education* and *Who's Who in American Education*, George has published various articles in *Oklahoma Teacher*, the *School Board Journal*, *Nation's Schools*, *School Executive* and *School Management*—all trade journals of the teaching profession.

It is with pride that the University of Oklahoma Association lists this distinguished educator as one of its life members.

Vinson Is G.O.P. Committeeman

The state Republican party has elected Bailey W. Vinson, '21bs, Tulsa, to succeed the late Lew Wentz, Ponca City, as national committeeman. The election was held in the Skirvin hotel in Oklahoma City.

Vinson is a managing partner of Exploration Drilling Company which operates drilling rigs in Texas, Oklahoma and Illinois. He is a partner in National Associated Petroleum Company.

► Dr. Carl Mason Franklin, executive vice president, attended a conference on religion in state universities at the University of Minnesota October 26-28.

Jeanne—One in a Million

Pretty Jeanne Williams, '49ed, is one of those rare individuals who can overcome a physical handicap and lead a normal, happy life. Jeanne, who has been deaf since she was two-months old, mingles with other people freely. And few of the people ever guess she is deaf until they are told.

Her ability to overcome her handicap is due to her ability to lip-read and her ability to control her voice, giving it normal inflections and volume. She has spent years in special training for the deaf, attending the Brooks' school for deaf children in Oklahoma City and the University of Southern California at Los Angeles. At UCLA she took special lip reading classes, arranged primarily for war veterans.

To one of her best friends, Jean Carter, '48ed, '49 m.ed, Norman, Jeanne gives much of the credit for her success in leading a normal life. Miss Carter was with her during high school and university days. Now Miss Carter's interest in the problems of the deaf has caused her to accept a position in a school for the deaf in Ohio.

Jeanne will show you proudly a ring on the left hand. The man responsible is Jack Mead, Norman, now attending the University. He, too, hopes to teach in a school for the deaf upon being graduated.

Governor Picks Alumni

Gov. Roy J. Turner picked three University alumni to serve on the newly-created commission on uniform state laws.

Alumni named were Dr. M. H. Merrill, '19ba, '22Law, law school instructor at the University, and attorneys Hicks Epton, '32Law, Wewoka, and Matthew J. Kane, '32Law, Pawhuska.

The commission, created by the 22nd legislature, will co-operate with the council of state governments to work out uniformity in state statutes.

New Law Firm Formed

The law firm of Butler and Montgomery has been formed in Fairview by John Butler, '22Law, a Fairview attorney for the past 25 years, and Edward C. Montgomery, '49Law, a graduate of the University Law school.

Girls Help House the Boys

This fall sees the men students with more housing accommodations, thanks to the girls. The South Campus BOQ dormitory, which housed women last year has been made available for men.

The girl's evacuation was made possible by the completion of the Women's Quadrangle, with facilities for 848 coeds. The BOQ dormitory will accommodate 400 men with two to a room. In addition, an adjoining dormitory will house about 160 men.

Students Hurry to School?

Not all students hate to come back to school. Three University students were in such a hurry to return that they claimed a possible record-breaking automobile trip from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Edmonton, Canada.

They arrived in Edmonton after traveling the 2,162 miles in 59 hours. This included a four-hour stop waiting on a gas station to open.

The students are John Arlen McGee, Frank Gietzantner and Leo C. Anderson.



The Theta Xi fraternity representatives add to the merriment at the College of Unionology September 16. The college is an annual fixture of university life. It is designed to quickly acquaint students with their Union facilities.

the opponents, or an average of 7 touchdowns per each Norman game.

The same ratio goes for fans who sat in the east stadium—the ones in the two goal areas saw the most scoring action, the ones in the two 20-40-yard line areas saw by far the most plays, while the peasants seated in the middle took what was left.

Apparently, very little important action occurs in the middle of a football field and yet that's where the spectator traffic is thickest in all the advance sales. Wonder why?

New Scholarship Is Founded

A new journalism scholarship in honor of the late Gerald V. Underwood, former state publisher, has been founded at the University.

Announcement of the \$200 annual scholarship was made by Mrs. Anita N. Rousek, the former Anita N. Underwood, '44ed, of Fresno, California. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of scholarship and leadership.

Dr. Fayette Copeland, '19ba, director of the school of journalism said men and women graduates are eligible for the honor.

Underwood began his journalism career in Oklahoma with the El Reno American and later worked for the Calumet Chieftain and the Butler Herald. He was managing editor of the *Oklahoma Legionnaire*, and publisher of the *Minco Minstrel*, *Medford Patriot-Star* and *Fairview Republican*. He was active in Oklahoma journalism for more than 20 years.

UNIVERSITY

Spectators Amiss on Seating

The poorest seats in the Oklahoma football stadium last year were on the 50-yard line.

Fans seated between the 20 and 40-yard lines saw the greatest number of plays.

Fans seated between the goal line and the 20, both south and north, had the best view of all the touchdowns and also all the conversions.

But spectators forted up on the exclusive 50, where seats are so heavily in demand, saw fewer plays than in either flanking area and had no close-up view of any scoring.

A play-by-play survey of the Missouri-Oklahoma Homecoming battle here last fall reveals that fans seated between the north goal and the north 20-yard line saw six touchdowns scored and 31 thrilling plays that led up to touchdowns, while fans seated between the south goal and the south 20 saw one touchdown scored and seven plays run.

In the other 1948 Norman games, most of the scoring occurred at the south goal since the wind was in the north all four games. There were 17 touchdowns scored at the south goal, 12 at the north. This year the scoring should be more evenly divided at both goals since the new north wing should break the north wind.

There were 50 plays in the Missouri game between the north 20 and 40, 48 plays between the south 20 and 40, and only 39 plays in the middle of the field between the two 40-yard lines, the territory the public clamors for. No touchdowns were scored in any of these three zones.

But Sooner fans seated on the two goal lines got a lot of touchdowns for their money in the four home games, 24 scored by Oklahoma and 5 by



Seven acres from the Fourth Estate are: (back row) Mort Glassner, Irvington, New Jersey, managing editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*; Franklin Talley, Tecumseh, editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*; Wayne Barrett, Norman, editor of the *Smoke Signal*, independent men's magazine, and Bob Kumler, Shawnee, managing editor of the *Covered Wagon*, student humor magazine. On the front row are David Burr, Riverton, Kansas, editor of *Sooner Magazine*; Jack Cuthbert, Elk City, editor of the 1950 *Sooner Yearbook*, and Morgan Hunter, Elk City, editor of the *Covered Wagon*.

Game Hazard Lessened

A new plan to lessen the hazard of attending football games in Norman has been formulated by the highway department. State highway No. 74, the football road to Norman, possibly will be made a one-way traffic highway on Saturday afternoons when football games are being played in Norman.

A conference will be held soon between representatives of the University and the highway patrol to determine whether the idea can be carried out. The idea will be to enforce one-way traffic regulations from north to south before game time and enforce from south to north after the game.

The highway has been repaired and is ready for the first influx of spectators to the home games.

Campus Renovating Begins

University Regents took the first steps toward renovating several campus structures September 14.

They authorized University officials to advertise for bids on improving Woodrow Wilson Center, men's housing project. Also included in the authorization was the acceptance of an \$8,000 offer of federal aid by the civil aeronautics administration for improving Westheimer airfield and the use of part of a \$240,000 tornado and restoration fund for construction of a permanent building for use as an aeronautical engineer laboratory replacing two frame buildings partially destroyed by the tornado of last spring.

Dallas Contract Renewed

O.U. will play Texas in Dallas through 1953.

A contract has been signed to play the annual game in the Cotton Bowl until then, Bud Wilkinson, athletic director, said October 12. The previous contract expires in 1950. A home-and-home series had been scheduled to start between the two teams in 1951, the first game to be played in Norman.

This decision was announced with the reminder that the conference has a ruling against member teams playing any team on a neutral field.

Plans for starting the home-and-home series were changed when Dana X. Bible, Texas University athletic director, asked Wilkinson to continue the Dallas game until 1951. Bible said Texas would have scheduling difficulties otherwise.

Following the advisement of Wilkinson and the Athletic Council, it was then decided to play the game in Dallas until conference permission expired in 1953.

"I am still of the opinion that the series ought to be on a home-and-home basis," President Cross said recently. "My experience at this game confirmed what I have thought—that football is a college activity and should be played on a college campus."

Approval to hold the game in the Cotton Bowl after 1953 will have to come not only from the conference, but also from President Cross and the Board of Regents.

O.U. and Texas began their rivalry in 1900, and first played in Dallas in 1904. Since 1929 the game has been played annually in the Cotton Bowl.

► Miss Frances Seeds, home economics, associate professor of home economics, attended a meeting of Textiles and Clothing College Teachers in Chicago, October 11-17.

FACULTY



The lovely lady with the harp is Miss Julia Louise Herrman. She's the first harp instructor for the University faculty.

She's a Beautiful Addition

Julia Louise Herrmann, '44bm, not only holds the distinction of being the first harp instructor on the University faculty, but she is probably the prettiest addition to any university's faculty in many a moon.

If the male students can keep their minds on the harp the results should be fine. Because Julia has spent some nine years learning the ins and outs of the harp. She went on to the Juilliard School of Music in New York City shortly after graduating from the University and received a diploma in harp. Then she stayed on at the school and received her post graduate diploma in harp.

But that isn't a complete list of her studies. She has taken private studies from Marie Ludwig, harpist in Chicago. And she has studied under Marcel Grandjony, considered by many to be the outstanding harp teacher in this country.

Even if she didn't pluck a string, Julia would be a valuable addition to any orchestra. She has enlivened a few ensembles and orchestras with her beauty and ability as a harpist. In 1948 she played with a summer ensemble at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas and has had various single engagements as soloist or in group work in Oklahoma City, Chicago, and New York. Also she has played for churches and appeared on television.

Dr. Bernard O. Heston, professor of chemistry, attended a meeting of the Electro Chemical Society in Chicago, October 12-15.

Planning Committee Appointed

A three-man planning committee to work with architects on the permanent biological experiment station at Lake Texoma has been appointed by University President George L. Cross.

The members are Laurence H. Snyder, dean of the graduate college; Howard W. Larsh, chairman of the department of plant sciences, and J. Teague Self, chairman of the department of zoological sciences.

The 1949 legislature appropriated \$110,000 to finance the over-all program.

Faculty Briefs . . .

► Leonard Logan, '14ba, director of the Institute of Community Development, and John W. Morris, '30bs, associate professor of geography, attended the meeting of Texoma Development Association held in Sherman, Texas, on September 28.

► R. L. Huntington, '17ba, school of chemical engineering, went to San Antonio, Texas, to attend the annual meeting of Petroleum Division of American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers October 4.

► Four members of the psychology department travelled to Denver, Colorado, to attend meetings of the American Psychological Association, Research Associates of Psychological Corporation, Clinical and Abnormal Divisions of A.P.A. held September 2-11. They were M. O. Wilson, Donald H. Dietrich, William B. Lemmon, and G. Raymond Stone.