

## Five Will be Honored

But only four will be present. The selection committee named the honorees in late December. Since that time, destiny has played its part.



The Engineers queen ten years ago was Miss Buena Huskey, '38-'40 (Mrs. Ben Young, Ocean-side, California). Below, St. Pat of fifteen years ago was J. Bruce Wiley, '35eng, '41m.eng, now associate professor of engineering.



Five outstanding Oklahomans have been named to receive achievement awards at the Third Annual Achievement Day which will be held in the Memorial Union building in Norman April 19.

They are: Miss Alice L. Marriott, '35ba, anthropologist and writer; O. H. P. Brewer, district judge; Rev. John R. Abernathy, associate minister of St. Luke's Methodist Church in Oklahoma City; Lloyd Noble, '23, the late Ardmore oil man-philanthropist; and Dr. D. W. Griffin, superintendent of the Central State Hospital in Norman.

All five were selected by a committee which considered nominations on the basis of the contribution the individual had made in advancing a better contemporary society and in making Oklahoma a better-known state.

Four of the honorees will be present to receive awards. But the award intended for the late Lloyd Noble will be presented posthumously. He died of heart disease February 14.

Lloyd Noble was a modest man. Last January, Stewart Harral, '36ma, director of public relations at the University, received a letter from Margaret Thomas, Noble's secretary. It began:

"Mr. Noble wrote you yesterday giving you a short sketch of his life for use in the Achievement Day program. I thought perhaps I might take the liberty of calling a few items about which he was very modest to your attention . . . those of us who work for and with him are very proud of the things he has done. In other words, we feel that this award couldn't have happened to a nicer guy."

Born in Ardmore, Indian Territory, Noble was educated in the Ardmore school system. He served in the Navy in World War I, and enrolled in the University of Oklahoma in the fall of 1919.

Noble recalled that he "spent a couple of very pleasant years on the campus of the University."

"As I belonged to more campus organizations than the number of classes in which I was enrolled, my major field, if I had one, was campus-ology," he wrote in his autobiographical sketch.

While at the University he met A. O. Olson, with whom he formed a partnership in the drilling contracting business. This association was dissolved in 1930 when Noble Drilling Co. was organized. At the time of his death he had been engaged in the oil drilling business for 29 years. His company's activities extended to 21 states and Canada.

Noble served for nearly 15 years as a regent for the University of Oklahoma, and represented the state in the 10th legislature. His work and financial aid were instrumental in the development of the University.

In 1945 he created the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation. The organization's principal activities are now devoted to the improvement of soil and crop productivity in southern Oklahoma.

When informed last December that he had been selected for an achievement award, Noble commented:

"The occasion of this award will unquestionably be one of the most gratifying ones of my life."

Miss Alice L. Marriott, of Oklahoma City, but temporarily a member of the Division of Manuscripts staff of the University of Oklahoma, is the only woman on the 1950 list of honorees. She is one of the best-known writers of Oklahoma.

Born at Willmetts, Illinois, she attended Oklahoma City University and later was graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1935 with a B. A. degree. Since then she has been writing about the southwest.

She is primarily an anthropologist and a nationally recognized authority on Indian arts and crafts, but she is known throughout the country for her books on Indian subjects. *Maria: The Potter of San Ildefonso*, *The Ten Grandmothers*, and *The Valley Below* are proof that she can tell a story as few people can.

She is also the author of two volumes of children's stories and has written many articles for popular and technical publications.

Miss Marriott has a well-developed sense of duty to her fellow man. She quit an excellent job during World War II to do Red Cross service. At the present time she has almost given up her writing in order to help the University build its collection of Oklahoma historical records and documents.

Her greatest single contribution has been to make the Indian of the southwest understandable as a human being.

John R. Abernathy, Oklahoma City, was licensed to preach at the age of 19, and walked circuit in the Ozark Hill Conference.

Born 70 years ago in Texas the Reverend Abernathy absorbed all the education he could from the state and "cotton" schools around Proctor, Texas. He attended Scarritt College at Neosho, Missouri, and later studied at Vanderbilt University. His degrees are Ph. D. from Scarritt College and D. D. from Oklahoma City University.

After serving as pastor of the Washington Street Methodist Church in Kansas City, and later as pastor of churches in Missouri, he came to Oklahoma in 1908. He was pastor at Guthrie for six years and at Okmulgee for seven years. During this time he was Presiding Elder of the Tulsa district and Secretary of Christian Education for the East and West Oklahoma Methodist Conferences.

He became associate minister of St. Luke's Methodist Church in Oklahoma City in 1948, the position he now holds.

He is chairman of Governor Turner's State Personnel Board, regent of the Oklahoma College for Women, member of the Board of Trustees of Southern Methodist University and Oklahoma City University, and a member of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

A 33rd degree Mason, he is a Knight Templar and a past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

Among his other activities, the Rev. Abernathy has served as toastmaster at the weekly meetings of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce for the past 15 years. He has delivered the baccalaureate or commencement address in many state schools.

One of the oldest Boy Scout leaders in the state, he organized the first Oklahoma group of Boy Scouts in 1910, and is still active in Boy Scout and Cub Scout work.

As an active advisor he regularly attends meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous. He helped to incorporate the Oklahoma group of the national organization, and is credited with bringing six per-

sons to AA to every one brought by others interested in the state group.

Through actual contact work he is credited with saving the lives of persons who were contemplating suicide.

An influential citizen in the formation of Oklahoma, Judge O. H. P. Brewer was born in 1871 at Webbers Falls, Oklahoma. After his graduation from the University of Arkansas in 1891, he returned to his home near Webber Falls and became active in educational matters in the Cherokee Nation. In 1899 he was elected to the Cherokee National Senate.

He advocated the largest appropriation for educational purposes in the history of the Cherokee National Legislature. When he retired from the senate, he has elected to the Cherokee National Board of Education and served six years as its president. He became one of the pioneers of the establishment of free public school systems in Indian Territory and in the Cherokee Nation.

In 1906 he was elected to the Constitutional Convention of the State of Oklahoma. He was chairman of the convention committee on education, and served as a member of the committees on public buildings, state school lands and engrossments.

As chairman of the committee on education, he was largely instrumental in writing into the constitution the present provisions on compulsory education and the establishment of free public schools.

In 1908 he was assigned charge of the appraisal of state school lands which were given to Oklahoma by the federal government. He studied law and was admitted to practice in 1913, the year he was appointed postmaster of the city of Muskogee.

In 1926 he was elected county judge of Muskogee County, and in 1934 he was elected judge of the District Court. This is the office he now holds.

Dr. D. W. Griffin, superintendent of Central State Hospital for the insane, has given 51 years of service to the institution.

When he came to the Norman hospital in 1899, it was still a private sanitarium caring for the state's mentally ill on a contract basis. He was 25, and received \$75 a month plus room and board for his services as resident physician.

As administrator of the state hospital he has served under every governor of the state. He recalls that he "used to kid the late Dr. David Ross Boyd (first president of O.U.) about his hospital having more patients than there were students in the young University."

He is an author and counsellor on laws pertaining to care and treatment of the mentally ill of the state. And through the years he has encouraged the state's attention on care of the mentally sick. He advocated calling the state hospitals "institutions for the mentally ill" and not asylums.

For his contributions, Griffin has been made a member of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. On the occasion of his 50th anniversary at the hospital Governor Turner said:

"The people of Oklahoma will forever be grateful to him."

Achievement Day is sponsored jointly by the University Regents and the University of Oklahoma Association.

Those previously honored were A. S. "Mike" Monroney, '24ba; Gen. R. S. McLain, Gen. William S. Key, Dr. E. L. DeGolyer, '11ba; Lynn Riggs, '23; Dr. F. P. Baker, Lew Wentz, Bennie Owen, professor of physical education, Muriel Wright, '20, and Frank Phillips.

## McBride Regents President

On March 9 the board of regents elected Joe McBride, '28bus, as president to succeed Don Emery, '20ba, '21Law, of Bartlesville. For McBride, serving as president of the regents is no novelty having served once before as president in 1943.

McBride is currently serving his second term as a regent. In 1936 he was first named to the board. And when he was named president in 1943 he was the youngest man ever to hold that office. His term expired in 1944 and he was reappointed to serve another term which will expire in 1951. Besides his work as a regent, he has also served as acting president of the University. In 1943 he served that post until a permanent president could be chosen.

McBride, who is publisher of the *Anadarko Daily News* and partner in the Nance-McBride newspapers, came to the University as a student over twenty-five years ago. He arrived on the campus with \$1.15 in the pockets of trousers which did not match his coat, several pairs of extra socks, a banjo and a cornet slung over his shoulder and a lot of ambition.



JOE MCBRIDE, '28BUS

As a student he worked his entire way through school. He washed dishes for his room and board, delivered newspapers on a bicycle, held a concession for an electric slide machine carrying advertising, collected for a cleaning shop, cornered the market on roller skates during a skating craze and worked part-time in a shoe store.

He became interested in the business aspects of publishing as a student and served as advertising and business manager of the *Oklahoma Daily* and the *Sooner Yearbook* and as circulation manager of the *Whirlwind*, humor magazine. After leaving the University, McBride continued his work as a newspaperman.

He held newspaper positions at Oklahoma City, Clinton, Hobart, Elk City and Walters. He served as advertising salesman on the now defunct *Oklahoma News*, advertising manager and publisher of the Pulliam newspapers in Clinton, Hobart and Elk City, and in 1935 became a partner in the Nance-McBride newspapers with newspapers in 14 Oklahoma cities.

A flair for leadership has always been evident in McBride. He is past district governor of Rotary International and was two times Rotary Club president and twice president of the Anadarko

Chamber of Commerce. Now he is president of the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Health and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Press Association.

A number of other organizations carry McBride on their rolls. He is a member of the Masons and Shriners, Anadarko Country Club, Riding Club, Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity. And on the sports side he enjoys golfing and fishing and an occasional hand of bridge.

On March 9 when he was chosen as president, McBride could look back some twenty-five years ago when he was an unknown working student, and consider that today he holds the highest office of the institution's governing body.

McBride is married to the former Celella Murita LeMarr, '27ba, and they have two children. Joe McBride, Jr., is attending the University and majoring in journalism. LeMarr is a student in the Anadarko highschool.

## Oklahoma Industry Analyzed

How can science teachers help develop Oklahoma industry? In turn, how can Oklahoma industry assist in science education?

These mutual problems of teachers and industrial leaders drew top billing at a University conference March 3-4. Speakers in both fields discussed specific needs and co-ordinated programs.

Among the principal speakers were Philip G. Johnson, science specialist from the U. S. Office of Education, and Dr. Thomas J. Sinclair, manager of the school and college service of the Association of American Railroads, both of Washington, D. C. Sponsors, besides the University, included the National Science Teachers Association and the Oklahoma Industrial Development Conference.

## Vet Ranks Thin

Veterans' ranks at the University are beginning to thin. The spring semester enrolment shows a 15 percent drop in veteran enrolment from the autumn term.

But the ratio of men to women is still largely unchanged. Men outnumber women more than three to one. Total enrolment is 10,465 as compared to 11,502 for the first semester.

The second semester enrolment figures show 8,063 men and 2,402 women. The number of war veterans on the campus fell off from 4,826 last semester to 4,008.

## Home Ec School Lauded

The school of home economics was featured in the February issue of "Forecast of Home Economics," national homemaking magazine.

Pictures included Science Hall, which houses home economics, and several views of the school's activities including the nursery school, home management house and clothing construction class.

Miss Mary Warren, chairman of the school of home economics, also was listed as one of the national personalities for the month.

## Prof Edits Supplement

Kenneth Baker Horning, associate professor of business communications, is the editor of a 31-page supplement to the ABWA Bulletin for February.

The ABWA is a monthly publication of the American Business Writing Association, an organization of teachers of business writing from over the country. Horning's supplement is entitled "Tested Letter Problems," and is a compilation of business letter writing problems which have been successfully used by teachers.