



These towering young gentlemen are members of the Phillips 66 basketball team. Looking rather dwarfed are Bud Baer, '47journ, and Mrs. Baer, the former Emily Ann Frew, '49ba. The Baers were on hand in Dayton, Ohio, January 29 to greet the four members of the Phillips team who are O.U. alumni and to console the one stray from

Oklahoma A.&M. From left to right they are Dick Reich, '47bs, Paul Courty, '49bs, Bob Kurland of A.&M., Gerald Tucker, '48bus, and Kenneth Pryor, '49bus, and the Baers in the center. The Baers are trying to start an alumni club in the Dayton region. Interested alumni should contact Bud, who is a staff writer for the *Dayton Daily News*.

Broken Men—His Business

Paul Darrough, '13ba, '15Law, knows all his cases have one thing in common—there's always a broke man involved.

Darrough is the only bankruptcy referee in the western federal district of Oklahoma and has refereed thousands of cases. Most of the cases appearing before him are "no asset" cases. Darrough explains that these are wage-earners who have gotten themselves over their ears in debt. Then someone starts garnishing their wages.

In his offices on the twenty-first floor of the Apco Tower in Oklahoma City, Darrough listens to the cases of businesses and individuals who have their finances in the red. He says the number of bankruptcy cases are on the increase and he takes this as a mirror of the nation's economy.

"I get quite a few businesses now and the number seems to be increasing. During the war prosperity years our cases fell off. We just didn't have any bankruptcy business at all," Darrough explains.

Darrough, who has been bankruptcy referee for 20 years, has a theory on what causes people to go bankrupt:

"It's mostly just over-extension of his credit. He buys more than he can pay for. Then he gets to borrowing money from finance companies to pay his other debts. Pretty soon he can't pay the finance company."

Ray Proves Consistent

How's this for consistency? Miss Grace Ray, '20ba, '23ma, University professor of journalism, has averaged selling an article a month for the past 13 years. That's in addition to handling a fulltime teaching job. Her features have appeared in national and many metropolitan dailies. Appropriately, one of her specialties is teaching feature writing.



B. G. MARTIN, '25-'32

Martin Moves Up

B. G. Martin, '25, '32, formerly Houston Division Geologist for Gulf Oil Corporation, has been appointed assistant to the vice president for producing operations.

Martin has been with Gulf since 1928, except for two leaves of absence, one to continue his geological studies at the University in 1932 and 1933. And later in 1942 and 1944 he was granted a second leave to join the Petroleum Administration

for War at Houston as production analyst and conservation engineer.

He is a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologist and the Houston Geological Society.

General Ledbetter Dies

Brig. Gen. Louis A. Ledbetter, '12Law, retired 45th infantry division officer, died February 19 in St. Edwards Hospital in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Ledbetter was state adjutant general when called into federal service in 1940 and had been an attorney at Wewoka. He served with the 45th division until 1942 when he became inspector general of the eighth service command, handling prisoners of war. Prior to that he had been in charge of Japanese and Italian prisoners of war at Lordsburg, New Mexico.

In 1944 he announced that he was being retired from the army because of ill health, and had been living recently on a ranch near McCurtain in Haskell County.



DORIS DOLMAN, '42-'43

Doris Sprouts Wings

Miss Doris Jeanne Dolman, '42-'43, of Oklahoma City has been awarded her wings as a stewardess for United Air Lines following a four-weeks training course at the company's stewardess training school in Cheyenne, Wyoming. She is now flying United Mainliners out of Los Angeles.

Cooper Named VA Manager

John T. Cooper, Jr., '36ba, has been named manager of the Veterans Administration center in Denver. Cooper was a former attorney in Wewoka and one of the heroes of the defense of Bastogne.

He came with the VA as chief of supply in Denver in January, 1946 and was promoted to director of construction and supply in March and appointed assistant deputy administrator for all VA activities in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico in July, 1946.