

# A Weekend of 'Days'

## Second Law Day Staged

University law students put out the welcome mat April 27 to approximately 350 judges, lawyers and alumni who came to Norman for the second annual Law Day.

The day featured a speech by John J. Parker, Charlotte, North Carolina chief judge of the U. S. court of appeals, and two moot court battles staged by eight outstanding law freshmen.

Nine law students received special awards at the Law Day dinner held in the Union lounge. Jack I. Gaither of Tulsa received the Nathan Scarritt prize; Judson S. Woodruff of Birmingham Alabama was awarded the S. T. Bledsoe Annual Third-Year Memorial prize; William R. DeVilliers of Quapaw received the James F. Hawes memorial cup; Ester L. Smith of Clovis, New Mexico was awarded the Callaghan and Company prize; Richard N. Sneed of Shawnee was the recipient of the Oklahoma Junior Bar conference prize.

William R. Horkey of Tulsa received the Maurice Merrill award; Edward R. Dick of Tulsa was awarded the Bureau of National Affairs prize; Robert M. Hart of Oklahoma City received the Harry Alley-Leroy Allen Annual Memorial prize; and George S. Wolbert, Jr., of Ann Arbor, Michigan was awarded the Vernon Law Book prize.

Edgar S. Vaught, chief judge of the U. S. western court, spoke at the banquet. Other speakers during the day included William S. Hamilton of Pawhuska, former Oklahoma Bar Association president and County Attorney David L. Field of Enid.

Those elected to the Order of the Coif for 1950 are John Emmett Barry, Guthrie; Ross N. Bussard, Pampa, Texas; Harry Carver, Wewoka; Jack I. Gaither, Tulsa; David A. Kline, Jr., Oklahoma City; Howard D. McCloud, Tulsa; Dwight Morgan, Kendrick; James Mullen, McAlester; Joseph A. Sharp, Tulsa; Robert G. Williams, Oklahoma City; John Wimbish, Ada; George S. Wolbert, William Horkey, Robert Hart and Judson Woodruff.

## First J-Day Is History

Journalism students at the University staged the first annual J-Day April 28. It was replete with national speakers, luncheons, panels and banquets—and a gridiron of the journalism school faculty.

Journalism Day began with a coffee hour. Students and faculty held an informal discussion of problems arising in the school. At this session fake awards were given individual faculty members. The awards ranged from a length of rubber hose to a bottle of aspirin.

At a noon luncheon Benton Ferguson, '31ba, advertising manager of the *Fort Worth Press* spoke on "Advertising Department versus Editorial Department." Mr. Ferguson expressed the belief that the editorial department should hold the balance of power on a newspaper. He pointed out that editorial men should realize that advertising is news in itself. Sometimes, he said, it has more news value than stories of non-local origin.

Highlighting the afternoon's events was a panel discussion featuring three weekly newspaper editors. Merle Woods, '17ba, of the *El Reno American*, Clarence Frost, '31ba, of the *Kiowa County Star-Review* and Gerald "Cowboy" Curtin of the *Watonga Republican* discussed general problems of the weekly newspapers. They advised journalism graduates to start out in the weekly field so they could get to know people better and write in a more personal style.

Climaxing the day's events was an address by Ralph Coghlan, columnist, for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Coghlan, who attended the University of Wisconsin, is chairman of the National Conference of Editorial Writers and was director of *Post-Dispatch* campaigns which won Pulitzer prizes for public services.

In his address, Mr. Coghlan blasted the commercialism of the American press. He said:

"The misuse of the freedom of the press by business minded publishers has my contempt. The

people must compel papers to use their rights of free press in the public interest."

After his address a student skit was presented which panned the faculty. The frolic, titled "The South Canadian Caper," took the form of a radio mystery show. The mystery in the case was revealed to be "Why does O.U. have a journalism school." The mystery went unsolved.

## Mother's Day Observed

Mother's Day 1950 was an event packed day including the All University Sing, openhouse, quadrangle dedication, a speech by one of the state's outstanding women, and Mother's Association election.

The day's activities began quietly enough with registration of mothers in the individual houses. But the tempo increased when the mothers gathered in the amphitheater near Homberg Hall for the All University Sing competition.

This event, since its inauguration in 1946, has grown until approximately 1,200 University students participate in it. Each group entering the competition is required to sing one selected song and two others of its choice. Each chorus is limited to eight minutes on the stage including getting on and off. No professionals are allowed to help any group in arranging numbers or in rehearsing.

This year there were three traveling trophies awarded to winners in the sorority, independent women's and fraternity divisions. Delta Delta Delta sorority won the sorority division. Quadrangle Unit III won the independent women's division and Delta Tau Delta won the fraternity division.

Other events crowded into the mothers' schedule included an openhouse in the Old Science hall held by the home economics department. From 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Delta Phi Delta, national honorary art fraternity, sponsored an open-air art exhibit in the sunken garden north of the library. And from 7 to 8:30 p. m. the individual houses at the Women's Quadrangle held openhouse for the public.

The official meeting of the Oklahoma State University Mother's Association was held at the Center Lounge of the Quadrangle at 8 p. m. After the meeting the official dedication of the quadrangle was held. Mrs. Walter Ferguson, '07, syndicated columnist, was principal speaker.

Officers for the 1950-51 Mother's Association also were chosen. Chosen as president was Mrs. Florence Monnet McKowan, '22ba, of Oklahoma City. Vice-presidents were elected from the congressional districts of the state. Elected were:

- District 1—Mrs. Walter J. Philp, Tulsa
- District 2—Mrs. A. N. Boatman, Okmulgee
- District 3—Mrs. Irene Argabright Hann, '26, Ardmore
- District 4—Mrs. Marion Grant Patrick, '21ba, Shawnee
- District 5—Mrs. Homer Paul, Pauls Valley
- District 6—Mrs. John D. Brown, Chickasha
- District 7—Mrs. Claude Wheeler, Clinton
- District 8—Mrs. R. M. Wimons, Enid
- Out of state—Mrs. Juanita Willis Johnson, '25, Amarillo, Texas
- Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Helen Draper Hill, '22ba, Norman; Parliamentarian—Mrs. Elsie Kelley Beard, '39ed, Norman.

## Cancer Grants Given

Grants-in-aid have been given two University school of medicine by the American Cancer Society. Dr. Howard C. Hopps, professor of pathology, will direct a \$5,000 research program and Dr. Kenneth M. Richter, associate professor of histology and embryology, will supervise a \$3,134 study.



A highlight of Law Day was the two trials by moot courts. In the back row above are the students who tried the criminal case. They are Carl A. Finke, William B. Jones, Doris Faye Stewart and William G. Catts. In front are judges John C. Powell, '22Law, Oklahoma City; Dick Jones, and John Brett, '28Law, Oklahoma City.



Old and new officers of the Mother's Association talk over next year's plans for the association. On the left is Mrs. Dave McKowen, '22ba, the new president. Standing next to her is Mrs. W. L. Eagleton, '19, the outgoing president. Pleased about their election are Mrs. Hartwell Hill, '22ba, new secretary-treasurer; Mrs. George D. Hann, '26, vice-president from District 3; and Mrs. Walter J. Philp, vice-president from District 1.

## Outstanding State Woman Chosen

Mrs. Louise D. McMahon, Lawton, was honored as the outstanding state woman at the University Matrix Table banquet April 4. The award was presented by the University chapter of Theta Sigma Phi, national honorary and professional journalism fraternity for women.

Miss Nell Snead, fashion editor of the *Kansas City Star*, was the guest speaker at the banquet which attracted more than 400 state women.

Mrs. McMahon is managing trustee and co-founder of the McMahon Foundation at Lawton. She is past president of the Oklahoma Federation of Music Clubs and was selected Oklahoma mother of 1949 by the Golden Rule Foundation.

Scholarships totaling \$7,000 were established last year by the McMahon Foundation for men students in the University school of journalism. The organization was founded 10 years ago by Mrs. McMahon and her son, the late Eugene D. McMahon, in memory of her husband. Since the death of her son, Mrs. McMahon has carried on the project in memory of both.

Eugene D. McMahon, '15ba, was business manager and managing editor of the *Lawton News* for a time. Later he entered the oil business in San Antonio where he lived until his death.

Chosen as the outstanding faculty was Dr. Besse Alberta Clement, '25ba, '28ma, associate professor of romance languages at the University. Rose Marie Pratt, Wichita, Kansas, senior, was honored as the outstanding student.

## Regents Map Out Program

In April the University board of regents at their monthly meeting mapped out a \$4,634,000 building program.

The money appropriated from the \$36 millions bond issue will be spent on the campus at Norman and the medical school in Oklahoma City. Construction on the campus will total \$3,250,000.

Buildings which will be built on the campus are geology-mineral industries, graduate education, home economics, journalism, classroom and chem-

istry. Expansion to the present public health and biology facilities and biology facilities will cost \$150,000. Law library addition will cost \$200,000 and classrooms under the stadium, \$100,000.

Total cost of the construction on the campus was estimated at \$100,000 more than the money appropriated for campus but Dr. George L. Cross was authorized to trim the cost to fit funds.

Cost of the journalism building is expected to be approximately \$500,000. The additional \$100,000 is now being raised by the Oklahoma Press Association.

The building program will be submitted to the state regents of higher education for approval before the University regents advertise for construc-

tion bids. Work will probably begin in autumn.

The University medical school got all it asked for from the \$36 millions state building fund. The regents awarded the \$1,284,000 to start a long-range expansion program. The school will use the money to build a neuropsychiatric center and to enlarge Crippled Children's Hospital and the medical school building. Plans also call for new laundry, shop and food facilities.

## Mrs. A. Grant Evans Dies

Mrs. A. Grant Evans, widow of the second president of the University, died March 27 in Los Angeles.

She was born Katharine Robb at Baxter Springs, Kansas, on September 29, 1870, and was taken to the Indian Territory in 1871 by her parents. Her parents built the first home on the present site of Muskogee.

She and Mr. Evans, then a missionary teacher in the old Cherokee Nation, were married in 1891. He was president of Henry Kendall College, then at Muskogee, but now the University of Tulsa, from 1900 to 1908. Then he became president of the University of Oklahoma until 1911, in which year they moved to California.

## Stanolind Establishes Fellowship

Stanolind Oil and Gas Company has established a fellowship in petroleum engineering at the University beginning September 1, 1950.

Stipend of the fellowship is \$1,250 each academic year. The holder must be a candidate for the master's degree in petroleum engineering with graduate research to be carried on in the field of displacement of oil from reservoir material.

## Two Planes Added

Two new Aeronca airplanes were delivered March 30 for the University flight training program. These planes make a total of five replacements for the seven planes lost in the tornado last year.



New officers of the Board of Regents for 1950 take office from the outgoing president. Seated at the table are Ned Shepler, '18, Lawton, new vice-president; Don Emery, '20ba, '21Law, Bartlesville, outgoing president; and Joe McBride, '28bus, Anadarko. Standing are Emil Kraetli, '18 secretary of the board and Dr. George Cross.