



Father and Son. Martin Jackson and son, Don Jackson, Henryetta graduating senior.



A portion of the receiving line, Mrs. Carlton Smith, Mrs. George L. Cross, and Mrs. Ed Battles, greets some young guests.



Chairmen in Charge. Reception planners Alice Dean Booth, '49ed, and Ann Sullins, '49ed.

Father and Daughter. R. B. Patton and Patti Patton, Henryetta High valedictorian.



John Seymour, president of the Henryetta High student body, is flanked by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. William Seymour. At the extreme left is Mrs. Minton Payne.

## Henryetta Leads the Way

Members of the Henryetta Alumni Chapter added a special touch to commencement night at Henryetta when they entertained graduating high-school seniors, their parents and friends of the University at a reception following graduation exercises May 25.

Honored guests at the reception and dance were President Cross, who addressed the graduating class, and Mrs. Cross.

Held in Henryetta's Teen Town building, the reception was attended by more than 300 persons during the evening. The rooms were decorated in red and white, University colors.

In the receiving line were Dr. Carlton E. Smith, '30bs, '34med, president of the Henryetta Chapter, Dr. Ed Battles, '26ba, '39m.ed, superintendent of

Henryetta schools, Dr. Cross, Mrs. Battles, Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Smith.

Serving as hostesses were Mrs. J. Leland Gourley, Mrs. T. A. Throw, Mrs. Ernest W. Smith and Mrs. M. S. Douglass, Jr.

The reception was arranged by Alice Dean Booth, '49bs, and Ann Sullins, '49bs, who served as general chairmen. Mrs. Gourley supervised decorations.

The event represented the first time any entertainment feature has been provided on commencement night for graduating Henryetta seniors. Chapter members expressed their desire that the occasion be made an annual event in which Henryetta Sooners provide special entertainment following each commencement.

**Washington, D. C., Alumni** Club held a luncheon meeting April 14 in honor of President and Mrs. George L. Cross. The meeting was held in the Vandenberg Dining Room of the Senate.

A night meeting was also held and George Cummings, '49bus, assistant executive secretary of the Association, unreeled the 1950 Sugar Bowl film.

Some of the participants are pictured. 1) Bert Thurber, Jr., '30bs, and Major Herber C. Lency, '34Law. 2) Lt. Col. James Carter Todd, '31Law, Mrs. Ernest Baker, Lt. Col. Franklin Nichols and Mrs. Nichols, Lt. Col. Earnest Baker, '32ba, '37med, Congressman Toby Morris, and Lt. Col. Merton Munson. 3) Mrs. Russell Chapin, Russell Chapin, '48 Law, and Mary Wingate, '48ba.



**Muskogee Alumni** Club met May 23 in the Severs Hotel ballroom to elect officers and to hear assistant football coach George Lynn narrate the Sugar Bowl film.

George Cummings, '49bus, assistant executive secretary of the Alumni Association, was on hand as was Guy Brown, '42ba, '48ma, field representative of the Alumni Development Fund.

New officers elected included Pete Smith, '34-'39, president, and Bill Hays, '37-'42, vice president. Pictured at the meeting are 1) Smith and Hays; 2) Jewell Risinger Ditmars, '19ba, S. F. Ditmars, '17, Mrs. Robert Risinger, Chrystal Risinger, '27ba, and Golda Risinger Unkefer, '30ed; 3) Phil K. Oldham, '22, Randolph Kizzire, '34, Glenn Reuben Davis, '35Law, and Charles Shreve, '48bus.



**Okmulgee Alumni** Club held an April 27 meeting at the Ranch Coffee Shop. Gomer Jones, line coach, showed the O.U.-Texas football film and narrated the play. Present officers were re-elected at the business meeting. Some

of the participants are pictured above. In the photo at left are Mrs. James Frazier, Ernest Lambert, '10, Mrs. Lambert, James Frazier, '24 ba, '32m.ed, Jewel Rone, '33fa, George English, '38Law, club president, A. N. Boatman, '14ba,

'16Law, Mrs. English. At right are Richard Bailey, '46-'48, Ed Boaman, Mary Lou McCullough Bailey, '48-'50, and Ben Harned, Jr., '36ba.



**Custer County Alumni** Club held a dinner meeting May 31. Following dinner the meeting adjourned to the Clinton highschool auditorium for a screening of the Sugar Bowl film. New officers were elected at a business meeting. Vic M. Thompson, '48bus, Thomas,

was elected president. Arch R. Gilchrist, '48eng, and Paul Flick, Jr., '39-42, were selected vice president and secretary-treasurer. Both are from Clinton. Pictured above are Gilchrist, Dr. Ralph Simon, '44med, F. A. Luke Sewell, Jr., '47bs, and Thompson.



**San Francisco Bay Alumni** Club turned out 75 strong for a buffet supper May 31. Meeting at the Fox Hostess House the group saw the technicolor Sugar Bowl film. Pictured above is club president George Penney, '28-'30, as he bids farewell to active clubber Belle Gough, '26 ba, '31ma, who sailed to teach in the Philippines.

## -CORRESPONDENCE-

### Far Eastern Observer

Rangoon, Burma

Executive Secretary, Alumni Association:

I received your letter yesterday and was very glad to know that the Association is progressing so well. The letter was dated December 19, 1949, and arrived at an address where it had been kept for several months and then sent on to me.

I appreciated the independent organization when I was attending the University, but I couldn't afford to share much of my time during my studying. Although I am 12,000 miles away from Norman, I still remember my many friends and the hospitality extended me during the period of years I studied at the University of Oklahoma. I long to

hear news of the progress that is taking place at the University now.

As I am staying in a part of the world which is very much different from the part in which you live, it is hard to send money for membership at the present time. There is restriction in exchange. However, I'll do my best to get an exchange and send it just as soon as possible. I sincerely hope the organization will be successful and will keep in contact with its members all over the world.

Sincerely yours, McCarthy Gyaw, '49ma.

### Funderburg Promoted

Davis Funderburk, '32, has become news editor of the *Daily Oklahoman*, replacing Carl Jenkins, who resigned to take a job on the *Miami* (Florida) *Herald*.

Funderburk has been employed by the *Daily Oklahoman* and *Times* for several years. He has

worked as a reporter for the *Mangum Daily Star* and news editor and business manager for the *Clinton Daily News*.

### Biology Building Named

June 13 the structure was known as the Biology Building. But not for long thereafter. When the Regents met June 14, they approved a recommendation by President Cross and the Campus Planning Committee to change the name to Richards Hall.

The name switch was made as a tribute to Dr. Aute Richards, former head of the department of zoology. He retired from the University staff June 4.

Richards Hall was completed in 1936. Dr. Richards helped lay the preliminary groundwork for the project. Now it bears his name. He retired with the title of professor of zoology after 30 years service.