

ing room by Mrs. Fisher and enjoyed a very delightful tea. After the meal, Mrs. Fisher suggested that we might enjoy a tour of the entire palace, ending with a trip to the cupola, for the wonderful vista which it affords of the Thames and the city. Being by this time no stranger to the English climate, I said that perhaps I should go down to the ground floor and don my top-coat before the long climb to the palace roof, to which Mrs. Fisher replied: 'Never mind; the Archbishop has a coat in the closet nearby, and you may wear it.' So I revelled in the magnificent view of the Thames and St. Paul's from the roof of Lambeth Palace, wearing a coat belonging to the Archbishop of Canterbury."

His study of English literature has drawn Dr. Marshburn into numerous projects, but one he recalls as being among the most interesting was the year (1934) which he spent on sabbatical leave as a reader in the Folger Shakespeare Library. "The collection is so outstanding that even the English have to come to America to do their research on original Shakespeare documents," he points out.

Marshburn isn't the sort of academic scholar who hides his spark of genius under a molding sheaf of yellowing pages. His articles appear in the learned journals, and the oratorical ability which almost made him a member of the bar often places him on the speaker's stand at public meetings.

Dr. Marshburn is indirectly responsible for the University Library's Adams Collection of 3,000 volumes composed largely of seventeenth century books especially rich in English dramatic literature. He did his PhD dissertation under Joseph Adams at Cornell. When Adams was appointed director of the Folger Shakespeare Library, he told Marshburn that he was going to dispose of his book collection. Marshburn immediately wired the late Dr. Bizzell, then president of the University, telling him that the collection was available. "Are you interested?" Marshburn asked via telegram. Dr. Bizzell made his reply in person. After receiving the telegram he had boarded a train for Cornell to purchase the collection for the University.

Georgia-born and reared, Dr. Marshburn has completely identified himself with Oklahoma in the last three decades. "I think living in a state for a period of 30 years allows one to call it his home."

When the Marshburns' only child, Joseph, Jr., was ready for college, his parents suggested that he enrol at the University of Georgia where his father began his college career. Young Joe rebelled: "You are from Georgia, but I am an Oklahoman." He enrolled in the O.U. School of

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## John Barbour Dies

Death came October 5 to 76-year-old John Barbour, '97pharm, quiet spoken, gentle-mannered Norman druggist. His great support of Oklahoma football teams in the quarter century from 1897 through the early 1920's was totally unknown to the 1950 student body that so enthusiastically follows Bud Wilkinson's Sooners today.

A glance into Barbour's drug store on Norman's Main Street was like a look into the misty past. A pharmacy grad in '97, he founded the store more than 50 years ago, and it changed very little through the years.

Before a business district grew up around the campus Barbour's was a popular student hangout. There the long-haired college boys and the long-skirted college girls of '03 gathered to buy books or sit around in John's new wire-legged chairs and sip the ice cream sodas he concocted from the tomblike marble fountain while they listened to the popular airs of the day on the Edison phonograph kept for their enjoyment.

It was at Barbour's in 1903 that Tom Tribbey, '02, tackle and manager of Coach Mark McMahon's Oklahoma football team that year, called to borrow the \$300 necessary to transport the Oklahoma football team by rail to the Arkansas game in Fayetteville. Barbour willingly lent the sum but when the game, a nightmare of holding and slugging, was over, and for some reason that has been lost to posterity the host school refused to surrender the guarantee, Barbour good-humoredly waited three years before he was repaid by the poverty-stricken Oklahoma Athletic Association.

It was Barbour who was with Bennie Owen, Sooner coach 1905-1926, when an artery in Owen's arm was severed by an accidental shotgun discharge during a quail-hunt in the Chickasaw Nation south of Norman in 1907. Barbour probably saved the coach's life that day, fashioned a handkerchief tourniquet to stop the flow of blood and driving his horse-drawn phaeton several miles at a gallop to rush Owen to a surgeon who amputated the arm.

Barbour often traveled with early-day Oklahoma teams. In 1910, when the Oklahoma squad went by rail to Joplin, Mo., to meet Missouri, Center Cleve Thompson suffered from a bad carbuncle on his elbow.

It was Barbour who devised a way to reduce the swelling. Every time the train stopped to disembark passengers, Barbour went to the engineer and borrowed hot water with which to bathe the carbuncle. Thompson, only center the 1910 team had, played a terrific game but Oklahoma was licked anyhow 26-0.

There was no radio nor television in those days but Barbour always brought Oklahoma's road games to the stay-at-home students anyhow. He made arrangements with Western Union to furnish a telegraphed play-by-play account to be read by megaphone from Dr. Hirschfeld's upstairs office over the drug store to the student throngs on the street below.

Once when Owen's all-victorious Sooners of 1915 were scourging Missouri at Columbia, a violent rain storm set in midway of Barbour's broadcast, flooding the streets, stalling the jitney taxis and chasing the crowd indoors. But more than 100 students loyally stayed in the middle of the downpour, cheering the returns from Columbia where paradoxically the game was being played on a sunny field.

After 1920, the students began to patronize nearer campus stores. But Barbour's was still the hangout for oldtime players and fans who came back at Homecoming. C. E. McBride, sports edi-

tor of the Kansas City Star, always visited at Barbour's when he came to officiate Oklahoma games. And usually Sabe Hott, '14bs, the Sooners' 157-pound "thinking" tackle of 1911, would meet McBride's train and carry the sports editor's valise to Barbour's store where Sooner old-timers would gather for a gabfest.

In 1931 the University publicly recognized Barbour's friendship by presenting him an honorary "O" sweater.

## Top Posts for Harris

Kenneth Harris, '39ba, senior public relations assistant at the University, has been named to three important positions in the local, state and national Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Following a recent meeting of the board of directors of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce in Tulsa, Harris was appointed as national chairman of the USJCC publicity committee. He made a speech at the USJCC in Chicago in June on Jaycee use of radio, and has since completed a 25-page manual entitled *Getting on The Air*.

Harris also has been appointed editor of the *Sooner Jaycee*, official publication of the state organization. He has served as editor of the state paper on previous occasions.

Recently he was named state director of the Norman Junior Chamber of Commerce, and will represent that organization on the board of directors of the state group.

Harris has served on the board of directors of both the Oklahoma City and Tulsa Junior Chamber of Commerce, and has been editor of the *Tulsa Derrick* and Oklahoma City's *Jaycee Builder*, which he started and named.

He has been state publicity and public relations director for the Oklahoma organization since 1944.

## Rossman Authors Article

Parker Rossman, '41ba, is the author of an article, "Three Dimensions of Ecumenical Work," in the September issue of *The Christian Evangelist*, published by the Disciples of Christ.

Rossman was recently appointed executive director of Student Work for the organization. As director he will guide the national student program of the Disciples of Christ.

After receiving his BA degree at O.U., Rossman continued with a BD degree from the Disciples Divinity House in Chicago. He has completed all requirements for a Ph.D. from Yale University.

## Dr. Gettys Succumbs

Dr. P. L. Gettys, '19ba, '27ma, former head of the law department of Texas A.&M. College, died March 16 at the Veteran's Hospital in Waco, Texas.

Dr. Gettys received both BA and MA degrees from the University and was at one time a member of the O.U. government department faculty. He received his Ph.D. degree from Stanford University.

After his admittance to the Texas Bar, he practiced law for a time, then was elected county attorney of Wise County. When the law department was created at A.&M. College, he was made head, and he filled the position until two years before his death.

He was the author of numerous magazine articles and textbooks.