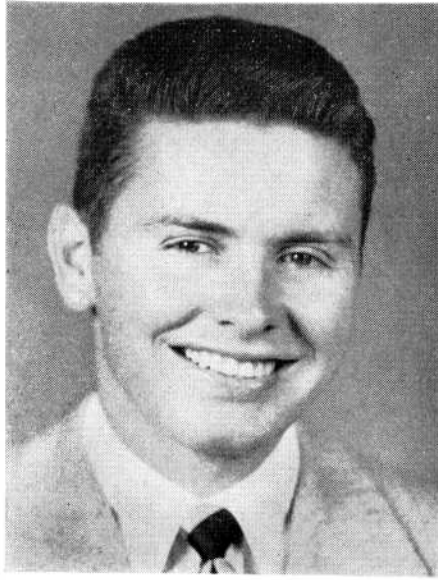
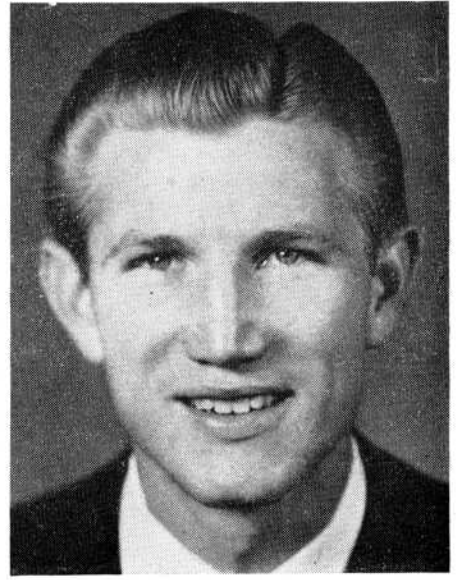




FRED JONES, JR.



EDDIE JOHNSON



ROY M. ALLEN

The plane exploded . . . these three were killed.

A Survey of Campus Happenings

Death Claims a Holiday

Sorrow and Strife

Berlin 1938. A recent German visitor at the University, Miss Isi Steir, took a look at student life and commented: "The situation on college campuses today is analogous to those in Berlin in 1938." What she saw was that the war and the threat of a worse war are undermining the morale of students.

Probably the best indication that students are jittery is a report that almost 4,000 students had one or more unsatisfactory grades at mid-semester. The fact that 46 per cent of the students enrolled had grades of "D" and "F" was blamed partly on war worry.

Withdrawals to join the Armed Forces from September to December 1 numbered 86 and more have left since the first of the year. Even the co-eds have been hit by the impact of the international situation. Miss Dorothy Truex, counselor of women, said several girls have withdrawn to be married to men expecting to be drafted.

Voluntary withdrawals to join the armed forces has been discouraged by University officials. President Cross issued a statement that the armed services need trained men, and that the University provides an ideal place for the training.

Ben R. Tankersley, co-ordinator of stu-

dent activities, voiced an opinion. "The longer men stay in school the more they will be able to offer, and they also will be better prepared to meet the situation," he said.

Dr. J. E. Fellows, dean of admissions and registrar, said experience in the last war indicate that the armed forces want college men. At that time they organized college training programs of all types and sent men back to school.

Meanwhile University officials and the students are watching to see what sort of draft legislation will be enacted by the 82nd congress.

Tragedy at Hope. On the day after Christmas a small private plane flying at low altitude hit a fog bank near Hope, Arkansas, circled back and then suddenly exploded. The two University students and one former O.U. student who were aboard the craft were killed.

The dead were Fred Jones, Jr., Roy M. Allen and Eddie B. Johnson. All three were members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity. They were on their way to Miami, Florida, for a holiday before flying to New Orleans for the Sugar Bowl game.

Jones, son of Fred Jones, Sr., who is a prominent Oklahoma City automobile dealer and civic leader, was piloting the plane.

A World War II veteran, he was a senior student at the University and president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Allen of Guthrie, was a senior in the University Law school. He would have graduated in January.

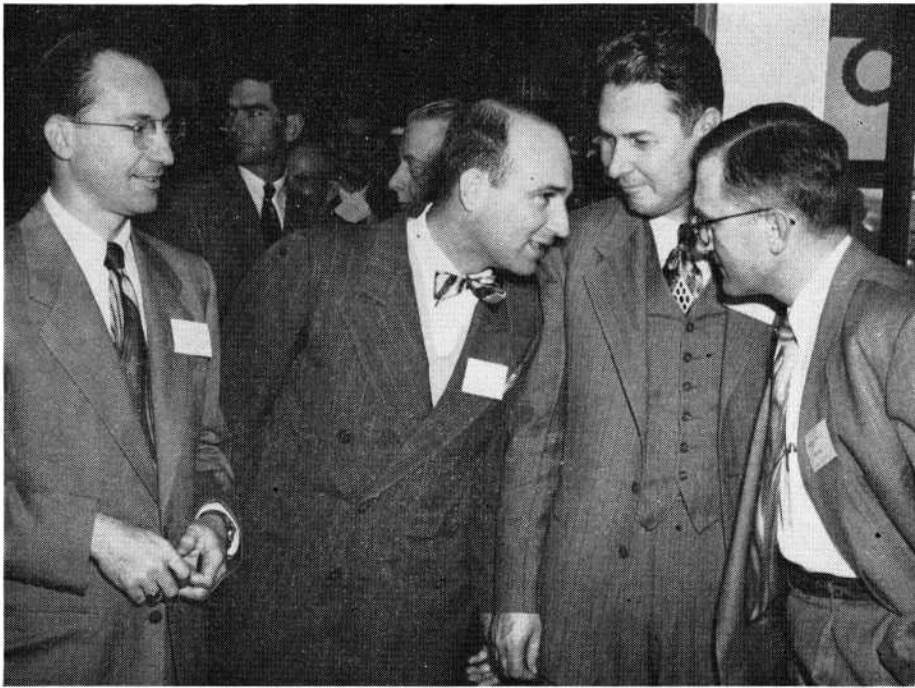
Johnson, son of E. B. Johnson, '24ba, and Mrs. Johnson of Amarillo, Texas, had attended O.U. until last year when he transferred to the University of Texas. He was a junior in the Texas law school.

Young Johnson was killed on the birthday of his father, who is a prominent west Texas cattleman and rancher. He is survived by three uncles who are O.U. graduates: Neil Johnson, '15ba, '17Law, Norman; Graham B. Johnson, '19ba, Norman; and M. T. Johnson, '17ba, Amarillo. Three surviving aunts, Arlene Johnson LeFlore, '22ba, Tulsa; Mrs. Phil Kidd, '12, Norman; and Mrs. Froma Updegraff, '21fa, San Francisco, also attended the University.

Affairs of State

Economy for a Giant. Oklahoma is a sleeping giant just now awakening to its possibilities, Gov. Johnston Murray, told Oklahoma legislators at the annual 1-day conference on legislative procedure held at the University December 18.

Speaking at the banquet session of the



John Freeman, '42bus, director of short courses and conferences, Paul Harkey, '39, state representative from Idabel, Raymond Gary, state senator from Madill, and Jim Hanning, '36ba, '39Law, representative from Wewoka, talk things over in the North Campus Study Center before the 1-day (Dec. 18) State Legislators Conference begins.

conference on legislative procedure held at the extension study center on the north campus, Murray pledged his party to rigid economy during the national emergency.

The conference on legislative procedure is conducted prior to the legislative session in order to give new members of both houses of the legislature an opportunity to study rules of order.

Joe McBride, '28bus, president of the University board of regents, presided at the banquet, sponsored by the Norman chamber of commerce in co-operation with the University.

Dr. H. V. Thornton, director of the University bureau of government research, discussed the historical background of Oklahoma in a talk in the afternoon.

Homestead exemptions have severely handicapped the revenue raising capacity of local governments, Dr. Thornton said. He also opposed earmarking state funds "because the practice interferes with the preparation of comprehensive programs."

Frank Bane, executive director of the council of state government, Chicago, spoke on "State Government in 1951." Bane said he believed that the extended social security act and its insurance provisions will, if administered properly, save states of two and a half million population some \$200,000 annually in welfare expenditures.

Legislators divided into two sessions during the afternoon, one for house members and one for senate members, to discuss leg-

islative organization, and procedure and to hold practice legislative sessions.

Inauguration. In the brisk, overcoat weather Stewart Harral, '36ma, presided as master of ceremonies when Oklahoma inaugurated Johnston Murray as it's 14th

governor. Harral, who is director of public relations at the University, was in charge of the November 8 ceremony which was conducted on the steps of the capitol building in Oklahoma City.

Also appearing on the inauguration program was Mildred Andrews, '37fa, associate professor of music. She was organist for the program.

A Gift of Note. Office files of Senator Elmer Thomas, including correspondence, scrapbooks and mementos, have been transferred to the University library's archives.

Files include papers and photographs collected by Thomas during his 28 years in congress. The files were given to the University by the former senator "because of a long interest in the institution."

Few biographies of state leaders have been attempted and only a few studies of social and economic movements within the state have been completed, Dr. Gaston Liton, '34ba, '40ma, University archivist, pointed out at the time the collection was received. Thomas' records will be of value to biographers and historians as well as to sociologists and economises who are studying the development of Oklahoma in relation to their fields.

Privilege With Condition

Conclusion. The University can force a student to live in campus housing. The

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Stewart Harral, '36ma, and Mildred Andrews, '37fa, chat with Governor Johnston Murray before the inauguration ceremony. Harral was master of ceremonies for the program on the capitol steps. Miss Andrews, O.U. faculty member, was organist.

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Issue; and a need for \$11,575,990 to complete the capital improvements program presented to the Special Session of the Twenty-Second Legislature and partially financed by appropriations from the State Building Bond Issue.

As the University faces the critical 1951-53 biennium, which at best will be a period of preparation for possible all-out war, the institution's basic problems might be summarized briefly as follows:

(1) To obtain adequate financial support from the State to maintain its staff and facilities during the transition between declining enrolment and the build-up of defense training programs on college campuses;

(2) Provide adequate salary scales to meet rising costs of living (virtually no salary increases have been possible since the Fall of 1949); and

(3) Prepare for the great increase in college enrolments expected by 1956 or 1957 because of the accelerated birth rate that started in the early '40's.

University . . .

housing tiff which has been seething since last September was brought to an abrupt end December 20 when Federal Judge Stephen S. Chandler, '18, ruled in favor of the University.

Chandler dismissed a student's suit challenging the University's right to force him to live in a college housing project.

John Gayle Pettus, 23-year-old student from Searcy, Arkansas, charged the University's order for him to move into campus housing violates his constitutional rights.

Judge Chandler, in upholding the University, said "the sole question is whether the board of regents, in requiring students to live in its dormitories, is depriving them of any rights guaranteed them by the fourteenth amendment."

"It is," Chandler ruled, "a privilege offered upon condition."

He cited U. S. Supreme Court rulings involving the Universities of Mississippi and California to show such housing orders do not violate the U. S. constitution.

The fight stemmed from a 1946 order by the regents ordering University officials to keep campus housing as nearly full as possible. Purpose of the order was to protect bondholders who financed construction of the new dormitories.

At the beginning of the spring semester the University announced that senior men, who were previously exempt from the housing order, must live in campus housing if space is available.