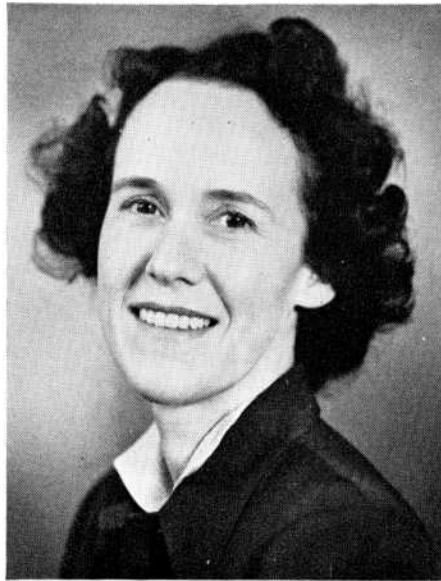
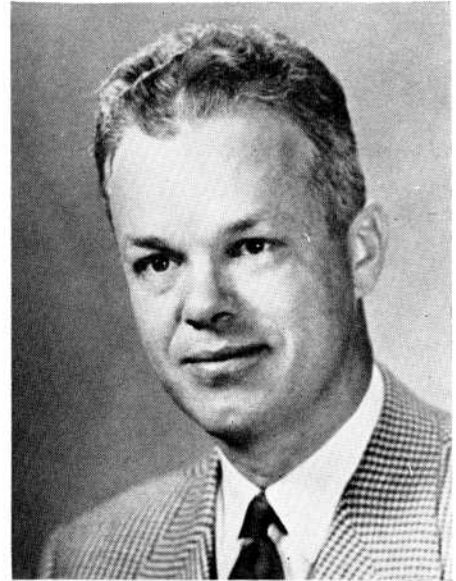




HERBERT L. BRANAN



MRS. RUTH S. FERRIS



CHARLES ENGLEMAN

Three Candidates . . . a Housewife, a Lawyer and a Newspaperman

Twelve former students of the University have been nominated for membership on the Executive Board of the Alumni Association. The Candidates

## Pass in Review

**Mrs. Ruth Smith Ferris**, '30ba, Altus, has had frequent association with the University since her graduation.

While attending the University, Mrs. Ferris served on the business and editorial staffs of the *Oklahoma Daily*. She was a member-at-large of the Board of Publications, keeper-of-archives of Theta Sigma Phi, professional journalism sorority, and served as recording secretary of Alpha Xi Delta.

Following her graduation she served as promotion director for Oklahoma Newspapers, Inc., was a member of the advertising staffs of the *Altus Times-Democrat* and the *Daily Oklahoman*, and was continuity director and later assistant commercial manager of radio station KOMA in Oklahoma City.

In 1944 Mrs. Ferris returned to the University as a journalism faculty member. She resigned in 1946 to return again during the summer of 1948 as a special instructor in speech and radio.

Husband Weldon C. Ferris, '29ba, '31 Law, is an Altus attorney.

**Herbert L. Branán**, '32ba, '38Law, Oklahoma City, is a full time attorney with the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company.

A former state representative from Muskogee County, Branán's University activities included the Indian Club, Congress Literary Society, University Religious Committee, Kappa Tau Pi, Y.M.C.A., Philosophy Club, Phi Delta Phi, Toga, Phi Beta Kappa and Delta Tau Delta social fraternity.

His civic memberships include the American Bar Association, American Judiciary Society and the Oklahoma Bar Association. Branán is a former member of the Board of Regents and of the Alumni Executive Board.

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On this and accompanying pages, thumbnail sketches of the nominees for membership on the Executive Board are presented. They are not designed to favor any candidate. They are designed to aid alumni in recalling faces, names, places and events. The ballot for the voters to use is located on page 1.

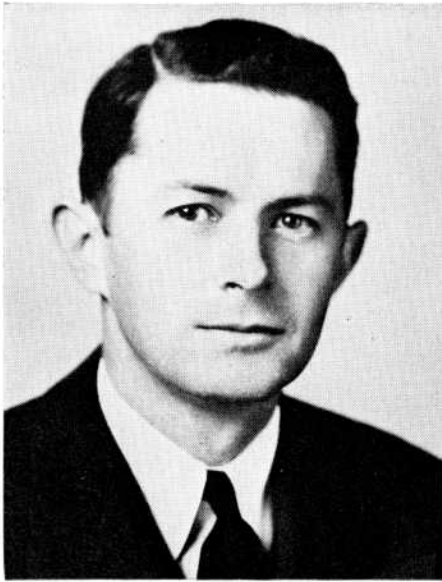
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**Charles Engleman**, '33ba, editor and publisher of the *Clinton Daily News* and one of the outstanding young journalists in the state, has a long list of newspaper experience to his credit.

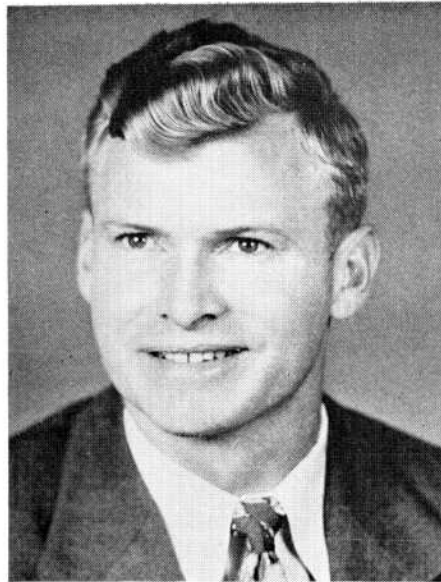
Since his graduation from the University, where he held various staff positions on the *Oklahoma Daily*, Engleman has served as reporter for the *Altus Times-Democrat*, news editor of the *Hobart Democrat Chief*, advertising manager of the *Elk City Daily News* and editor and publisher of the *Walters Herald*. With his brother, Allan Engleman, '36bs, he owns the Edinburg, Texas, *Valley Review*.

University activities included University band and symphony orchestra, Scabbard and Blade, Bombardiers, president of Pe-et, Blue Key, Skeleton Key and Kappa Kappa Psi and treasurer of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity.

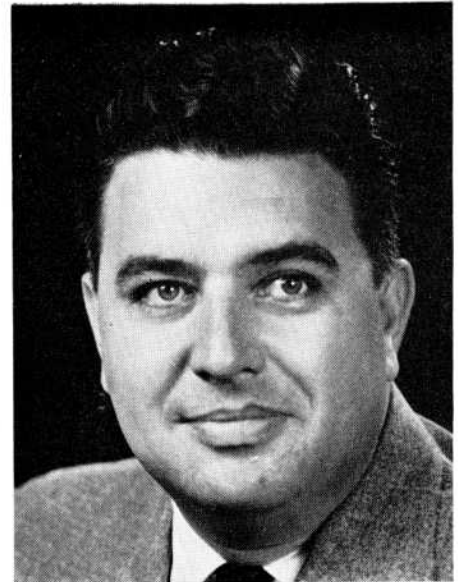
Proof positive of Engleman's journalistic abilities came in 1949 when he led the *Daily News* to gold trophy victory for sweepstake awards for newspapers in their circulation group in the Oklahoma State Fair.



**RHYS EVANS**



**NORMAN McNABB**



**HOWARD COWAN**

**Three Candidates . . . a State Representative, a Football Star, and an Editor**

**Rhys Evans**, '36ba, '39Law, is a state representative, an Ardmore attorney and a member of the Otey, Johnson and Evans law firm.

Named to the President's Class in 1935, Evans' college record was outstanding throughout his stay at the University. He was also a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Sigma Alpha, Phi Delta Phi, Scabbard and Blade, Y.M.C.A., of which he served as secretary, Sigma Chi social fraternity and of the Interfraternity Council.

Evans' initial political conquest came in 1943 when he was named to the 19th legislature. Since then he served as majority floor leader for the 21st legislature.

In Ardmore, Evans is a member of the Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge and of the

First Methodist Church. He is also a member of the state and local bar associations.

**Norman McNabb** is a January, 1951, graduate of the University in business management.

A native of Norman, McNabb was graduated from the Norman highschool where he was a Junior Rotarian, president of his junior class and vice-president of his senior class.

McNabb's athletic record at the University (he was co-captain of the 1950 football team) didn't overshadow his other activities. He helped to organize and served as president of the Pre-Dental Club during his freshman year. In 1950 he was named one of the 10 top men on the campus.

He now owns and operates the McNabb Sports Center in Norman.

**Howard Cowan**, '31-'32, editor of the *McAlester News-Capital*, has had wide and varied experience since his University days.

A former *Shawnee News-Star* advertising manager, night editor and city editor, Cowan left Shawnee in 1940 to join the Associated Press in Kansas City. He later served in the Jefferson City bureau before he was appointed AP war correspondent.

Cowan was stationed in the London bureau of the Associated Press before the Normandy invasion and covered airborne landings behind enemy lines in France on D-Day. He followed allied troops to Germany.

In 1945 Cowan went into the Arctic with a Canadian Army expedition. He accompanied a group of 45 army men to a place 500 miles north of Winnipeg where experiments involving the use of snowmobiles and other motorized equipment were being made.

**Omar "Bud" Browning**, '37bs, was a mainstay on the University basketball squad during his last three years in school—being named to the All-American collegiate team during his senior year.

Following graduation Browning made basketball his career for several years by playing with the Phillips 66 team where he was named to the All-American AAU team. He later coached the 66'ers in some of their most successful years and was head coach of the World Champion Olympic team in 1948.

His other collegiate activities were numerous. Browning received the Letzeiser Award in 1935, was affiliated with Phi Delta Theta social fraternity and was a member of Blue Key and of the Ruf Neks.

Browning is now serving as recreation



**BUD BROWNING**  
... Basketball Great



**MRS. JEWELL R. DITMARS**  
... Schoolmarm Turned Housewife

director for Phillips Petroleum Company in Bartlesville.

**Mrs. Jewell Risinger Ditmars**, '19ba, widow of the late Sidney F. Ditmars, '17, president of Ditmars, Dickman and Pickens Construction Company, Muskogee, is a former schoolmarm turned housewife.

Her scholastic capabilities were recognized while at the University when she completed work for the bachelor of arts degree in three years.

The former teacher's career included positions at Muskogee, Frederick, El Reno and Fairland.

In Muskogee, Mrs. Ditmars has been active in alumni affairs and is a charter member of the Muskogee American Association of University Women. She served as president of the local chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy for two years and as vice president of the state organization. She is also a member of the New Century Club and of the Muskogee Garden Club. She is a past president of the University Mom's Association.

**John H. Pearson**, '29bs, '29Law, is a member of the McCoy, Craig and Pearson Law firm in Pawhuska where he has practiced law since his graduation from the University.

President of the University chapter of Beta Theta Pi social fraternity, Pearson also served as president of Pe-et, Mystic Keys, Inter-fraternity Council and of the all-sophomore class of 1924. He was a member of the Publication Board, Student Council Representative, Stadium-Union Committee and received the Letzeiser Medal in 1927.

The Pawhuskan was business manager of the *Sooner Yearbook* in 1928 and assist-



**JOHN H. PEARSON**  
... Several Presidencies

ant manager in 1925 and 1927. Musically, he participated in the Junior Burlesque of 1924 and 1925, the Follies in 1926 and the Stunt Nite of 1927 and 1928.

**Preston J. Moore**, '49Law, Stillwater, is a former resident of Bartlesville where he was graduated from highschool in 1937.

Following four years of duty in the Army Airforce in which he served as a lieutenant in the Pacific Theater of operations during World War II, Moore enrolled at the University. He served as commander of the local American Legion Post and was named a Big Man on Campus.

Now an attorney in Stillwater, Moore was named state commander of the American Legion in 1949. He is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and of the Masonic Lodge.



**ELEANOR TRACY**

**Reuben K. Sparks**, '32Law, has been engaged in the practice of law in Woodward since his graduation from the University.

A member of Kappa Sigma social fraternity while in school, Sparks also served as president of Phi Delta Phi, honorary legal fraternity, Senate Forensic Society and of Checkmate.

He was also a member of Toga and was secretary of the YMCA.

**Eleanor Tracy**, '29ba, an active member of the Beaver Alumni Club, is a native of Beaver. She was graduated from highschool there in 1925 where she was a member of the school debate team.

At the University, Miss Tracy was affiliated with Gamma Phi Beta social sorority and was a member of the Spanish Club.

Having a high scholastic record, she was a member of Junior Phi Beta Kappa with the second highest grade average during her junior year of any student enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences. She was later named to Phi Beta Kappa.

In Beaver, Miss Tracy is assistant manager of the F. C. Tracy Dry Goods store. She is a member of the First Families of Virginia, Daughters of Colonial Wars and of the First Christian Church.

### Film Shows Personalities

A motion picture featuring University of Oklahoma personalities from the administration of President Stratton Brooks to the present time has been released by the O.U. Motion Picture Production Unit.

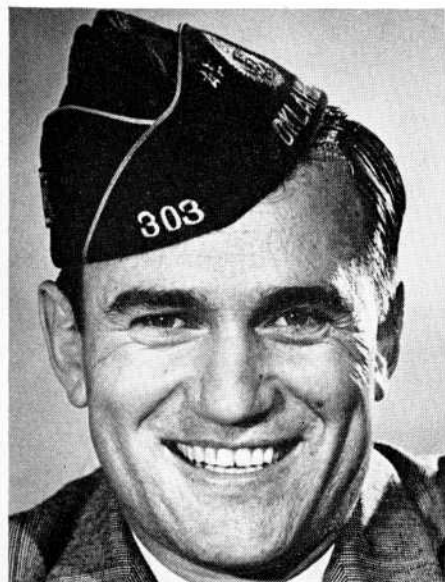
Now available to Association Clubs, the 1-reel sound film may be secured by writing to the Alumni Association, Union Building, Norman.

Produced in technicolor by the University Motion Picture Production Unit, the movie presents many old-time University personalities, including Bennie Owen, Dean Julien C. Monnet, Dr. W. B. Bizzell, Guy Y. Williams, Dr. Edwin DeBarr, and Dean Felgar.

All present deans of the University's colleges are shown in the 22-minute strip.

A graphic sketch of the men who have built the University to the position it now occupies, the film features several men who have died since production on the movie was begun.

It is available to Association Clubs for meetings and special activities.



**PRESTON J. MOORE**

... First Families and the Legion