

The Sooner Salutes



Hillyer Freeland

One man who has a Union on his hands is Hillyer Freeland, '38fa. Freeland, who was operational manager of the Union under the former joint University Association and Union operation program, assumed the Union managership in 1950.

Apparently the Norman neck-of-the-woods appeals to Freeland. He was a Norman resident before enrolling in the University and since then hasn't strayed much from his old stomping grounds.

World War II however did bring about a departure for Freeland, as it did for many others. He served as an artillery liaison of-

ficer in the Pacific Theater of War, serving in New Guinea and later in the Philippines. While in New Guinea he was wounded by a shell fragment when his command post was subjected to friendly artillery fire. He crawled to a radio transmitter and sent cease fire orders until the firing stopped. Consequently he was awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star medal for gallantry in action.

Ever since he has been in action with the Union. And the *Sooner* salutes the C.O. of Oklahoma's Memorial Student Union.

Dean E. D. Meacham

You might just say that Dean Edgar D. Meacham, '14ba, is one out of 17 Meachams, male and otherwise, who have attended the University of Oklahoma. But here in Soonerland Dean Meacham is rated one-in-a-million.

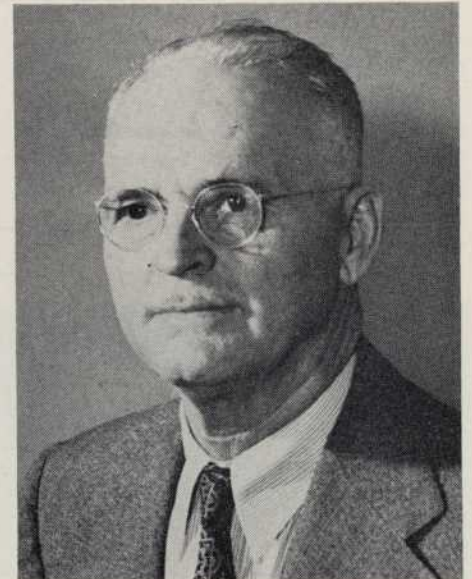
When the college was still in its infancy Dean Meacham and five of his brothers enrolled. During his undergraduate period at O.U. he managed to snag several student honors. He lettered in varsity football and track in 1911-12-13, was active in "Y" work in 1914 and still kept his grades up enough to be selected for Phi Beta Kappa.

Continuing to climb the educational ladder after his undergraduate days, he ac-

quired the title of teacher, later doctor and then dean. In 1927 he was awarded the merit prize for the alumnus who had given the most service to the University during the year.

From the start, Meacham played a starring role in promoting the Union. Serving continuously on the Union's Board of Governors he was elected by them to serve on the Union's 5-member managing board.

Meacham's sincere spirit to aid others has broken down all barriers of position and is why many of his friends call him by his undergraduate title of "Meach." For his Union work as well as his many other top performances, the *Sooner* fires a salvo.



A. N. "Jack" Boatman

A. N. "Jack" Boatman's, '14ba, '16Law, career exemplifies the struggle of many a modern day fiction hero. Proving beyond all doubt that a man can make a place for himself in the world if he works for it, Boatman's experiences would probably be disregarded as poor material for most writers on the grounds that it's too amazing for people to swallow.

Arriving in Norman in 1908 when he was 19, Young Boatman was just starting to learn how to read and write. Eight years later he had succeeded in completing his highschool education and had also ob-

tained a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Law degree.

He was an outstanding student while at the University achieving grades of merit and serving in several positions of student leadership while working his way through O.U. Continuing to be of service to his alma mater after graduation, he served as president of the Alumni Association in 1924-25 and conducted special campaigns for alumni membership. Boatman has served on the Union's Board of Governors since its inception and as its president for the past several years. The *Sooner* bows low.