

# Signs of the Times

Lt. Elmer O. Gregory, '48, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Air Medal in Korea for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over the Korean front. Gregory is assigned to the 3rd Division's 58th Field Artillery Battalion.

Paul W. Reed, Jr., '50geol, Sulphur, was recently promoted to the rank of first lieutenant while serving with the 45th Division in Korea.

James R. Jack, '45-'49, Sulphur, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. Jack is a platoon leader in the 180th Regiment with the 45th Division in Korea.

John A. Burks, '40-'41, Junction City, Kansas, has been promoted to the rank of captain while serving in Korea with the 555th Field Artillery Battalion of the 5th Regimental Combat Team.

Lt. Billie Charles Hartront, '50bs, Oklahoma City, recently arrived in Pusan, Korea, and has been assigned to the 159th Field Artillery Battalion.

Joe Allen Bradley, '51geol, Norman, has



Ensign Roger M. Scott, '50ba, is now serving on the staff of the Pacific Fleet command in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. His wife and son will soon join him.



A pair of Sooners in Korea hash things over in front of a jet fighter. Lt. Charles Hockman, '49ed, (left) a member of the Air Pictorial Service, talks to hand wringing Ernie Hoberecht, '41ba, who is the general manager of the United Press for Asia.

been commissioned an ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve following his graduation from Officer's Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island.

Denney Garrison, '45, Norman, who is stationed with the 45th Division in Korea, was recently promoted to the rank of captain.

James D. Foliart, '49Law, Oklahoma City, has been assigned to the Office of Judge Advocate General, Caribbean Air Command, Albrook Airforce Base, Panama Canal Zone.

Lt. Col. H. C. Leney, '34Law, is on duty in the Judge Advocate General Corps in Stuttgart, Germany.

Maj. Conner O. Montgomery, '49Law, Atoka, has been named wing legal officer at Vance Airforce Base, Enid.

Leon G. Keys, '34ba, Commander of the 8th Naval District Headquarters, New Orleans, Louisiana, is currently attending the seven weeks course in the School of Military Justice, Newport, Rhode Island.

Maj. Mark Jones, '40-'42, Marine Air Corps, is specializing in guided missiles at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Massachusetts, and will receive a masters degree this spring.

Lt. Harriet E. Hicks, '36journ, was recalled to active duty with the navy in November. She is serving as administrative officer for women at the Naval Receiving Station, Washington, D. C.

William M. "Bill" Simpson, '36eng, was recently added to the staff of the U. S. Naval Civil Engineering Research and Evaluation Laboratory, Port Hueneme, California. Prior to accepting this position, Simpson was chairman of the department of aeronautical engineering at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

Lt. Robert L. Hazel, '51journ, U. S. Airforce, is on duty as Squadron Intelligence Officer with the 6th Bomb Wing, Strategic Air Command, Roswell, New Mexico.

Lt. Jack E. Hubbell, '51eng, has been appointed project officer in the quality control division of Eastern Air Procurement District, New York City.

Lt. Fred W. Southerland, '50bus, Blue Jacket, Oklahoma, is now stationed with the 1st Cavalry Division in Japan after completing twelve months duty in Korea. Lt. Southerland was assistant battalion surgeon in Medical Company, 7th Cavalry Regiment. He wears the Combat Medical Badge, the Korean Service Ribbon with three campaign stars, and the Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster for wounds received in action.

Edward D. Paulsen, '50, Canton, has been promoted to sergeant first class while serving in Korea with the 45th Infantry Division. SFC Paulsen is an anti-mechanized section leader in defense platoon of the division's Headquarters Company.

Lt. Ross W. Bruner, '48-'50, Oklahoma

City, is on duty as a Thunderjet pilot with the veteran 136th Fighter-Bomber Wing in Korea.

R. Y. Bandy, Jr., '45ba, '48Law, Bartlesville, is now on duty with the U. S. Navy. Formerly he was employed by Phillips Petroleum Company.

Lt. Donald F. Smith, '50bus, has been awarded the Silver Star for heroic action in Korea. Lt. Smith was a forward artillery observer with the 3rd Infantry Division. When an enemy counter-attack stopped the forces and killed several platoon leaders and non-commissioned officers, Lt. Smith took charge of the advance platoon and aided in successfully containing the counter-attack.

Lt. Col. Max R. Wiecks, '36ba, '39Law, assistant professor of air science and tactics at the University, has received orders to report for duty with the Fifth Airforce Headquarters for the Far Eastern Air Forces. He will be an administrative officer in his new assignment.

Lt. Lloyd Lyle Smith, Jr., '49bus, is on duty with the Engineer Corps stationed with the 5th Airforce in Wonju, Korea.

Lt. Warren G. Shimeall, '50Law, formerly of Woodward, was recalled to active duty in the judge advocate corps of the army last May. He is assigned to the Far Eastern Command. Mrs. Shimeall, a son, Bill, 2½, and an infant daughter are living in Oklahoma City during his overseas assignment.

Lt. John M. Luttrell, '38ba, '41Law, former Norman attorney, has been assigned as disbursing officer for the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Norman, which was recommissioned February 1.

Lt. Bob L. Gregory, '50ed, Oklahoma City, is stationed with the army in Frankfurt, Germany. Mrs. Gregory, the former Yvonne White, '51mus, sailed February 29 aboard the USS America and will join Lt. Gregory in Germany to establish their home.

Lt. Peggy M. Devin, '50h.ec, formerly of Duncan, is on duty as Food Service Officer with the 78th Food Service Squadron at Hamilton Airforce Base, Hamilton, California.

Maj. Ryan M. Moon, '49bus, has been appointed new Deputy for Operations at headquarters of the 6208th Depot Wing, Clark Airforce Base near Manila, Philippine Islands. His wife and two children are living in Olympia, Washington.

Lt. Col. Kenneth M. Taylor, '40, formerly of Hominy, has been assigned to the office of the inspector general of the U. S. Airforces in Europe, Wiesbaden, Germany. His wife and son are with him in Wiesbaden.

## Alumnus Scores High in Race for Outstanding Young Government Man

Ted B. Westfall, '40bus, a Sooner accounting graduate holds new-won recognition as one of the foremost young men in U. S. government.

Westfall was recently named second-place winner of awards for the "Outstanding Young Government Man of the Year," according to notices received by his brother, Othel D. Westfall, '31bus, associate professor of accounting at the University.

The former Sooner student now lives in Arlington, Virginia, and is director of audits for the General Accounting office, congressional "watchdog" agency. Westfall was nominated for the award, made by the Washington Junior Chamber of Commerce, by U. S. Controller General Lindsay Warren, who cited Westfall for his part in development of the government's streamlined auditing program which, Warren said, will result in great savings in government.

Westfall played an important part in the General Accounting Office study of the old U. S. Maritime Commission that resulted in the congressional investigation. A committee wound up hearings by saying "That Mr. Westfall knew more about the Maritime Commission than any of its members or officials," Warren said in a recent interview with *U. S. News*.

After graduating from the University,



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Westfall worked for a public accounting firm in Houston, Texas. Commissioned in the navy, he worked as a navy cost inspector from 1944-1946, then went to the General Accounting Office. Before being leap-frogged to the new director of audits post, Westfall was an assistant director of GAO's corporating audits divisions.

In his present post, he is responsible for the overall planning, programming and correlation of GAO audits, including determination of the type of audit to be applied to each agency and the general pattern of the audits.

Since going to Washington, the Sooner alumnus has earned a bachelor of law degree by attending night classes at George Washington University's Law School. He is a certified public accountant, a member of the Texas Society of CPA's, a member of the American Institute of Accountants and of the District of Columbia bar.

### Another Was Outstanding

**For Oklahoma City.** A tall, red-headed legislator from Oklahoma County's sixth district, was named Oklahoma City's "Outstanding Young Man for 1951." He is Norman E. Reynolds, '41ba, '47Law.

Reynolds was presented with the Junior Chamber of Commerce award by Governor Murray at the annual "Bosses luncheon" in Oklahoma City.

The 200-pound, 6-foot 5-inch legislator has piled up an activity list in keeping with his frame. In the legislative line, he served his second term in the state legislature in the early 1951 season. During the legislative session he sponsored bills to put controls on county commissioners, a legislative apportionment measure and an old-age pension lien and recovery act.

Reynolds was assistant to the co-chairman of the Heart Fund drive, served as a member of the general program committee for the YMCA, was a board member of the Chamber of Commerce, alumni advisor of the O.U. chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and was president of the Oklahoma City chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Reynolds started compiling outstanding

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## Switchboard Operator . . .

talking point now is stories about each other's grandchildren.

All the physical plant people got together upon the occasion of the president's open house last fall. Mrs. Cross invited every one who had anything to do with remodeling the house. Possessed of an unusual voice herself, she assured Mrs. McNatt that the party would not be complete without her.

Letters accumulated over the years show that other high ranking University people appreciate Mrs. McNatt's courteous manner and helpfulness. Hugh McDermott, '20ba, coach of the "Boy Scats" cited her for meritorious duty in 1938.

W. H. Carson, engineering college dean, commended her for "the excellent manner in which she took care of the numerous long distance calls which came in during the Southwestern Gas Measurement Short Course in 1950."

Thurman White, '40ma, extension service dean, in writing to Mr. Kraft about her stated, "As long as we have McNatt, you can have the dials."

Every Christmas, her mail is loaded with cards from her "telephone friends." The

late Dr. Alma J. Neill never forgot to send her a card.

One of her treasured letters is written in a boyish scrawl and signed "Graham B." (Johnson) whose tragic at Christmas last year grieved the entire campus.

But the one which brings sparkles to her eyes, over the tears underneath, says this, "I don't believe I'd be bragging too much when I say I've got two of the best people for Mom and Dad that anyone ever had."

"If I have any regrets," said this woman who never forgets a voice, "It's that I did not get to see Jimmy play in every basketball game in his life."

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accomplishments while at the University. He passed the state bar exam in 1942 with only two years of law school behind him. He made the second highest score in his law class. He was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa while a college junior.

Oklahoma City's outstanding young man is a vestryman of St. Paul's Episcopal church and is a delegate to the church's state convention.

## Pearson Is Dead

**Prominent Alumnus Dies.** An active

member of the Alumni Association and friend of the University died last December.

John R. Pearson, '29ba, '29Law, Pawhuska attorney was preparing for a trip to Tulsa to meet his two sons, John and James, both students at Amherst College. Resting before the trip, when he arose he was stricken with a heart attack and died.

Pearson was a member of Beta Theta Phi and Phi Delta Phi at the University. In 1950 Pearson was listed in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest." He was active in Boy Scout work, a member of the county draft board at the time of his death; had served as president of the Rotary Club; president of the Osage County Bar Association, and had been active in Republican political activities in his area.

## Foreign Students . . .

gears of industry in their home nations whether it be a war or peace economy to which they return.

Africa, Asia, South America, Canada . . . these are the places from which they come. They are all studying engineering, but each has his own story, his own reason for selecting the University, his self-styled ideals and hopes for the future.

Listen to Kamal, the Iranian, who

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