

# The Sooner Salutes



Mrs. Beth Campbell Short  
... Success in Three Careers

Newspaper woman—mother—and secretary to the President of the United States. A short summation of the successful careers of Mrs. Beth Campbell Short, '29ba.

When President Truman appointed Mrs. Short, widow of his late press secretary—Joseph Short, who died the week previous to Mrs. Short's appointment—she became the first woman to hold such a high White House position.

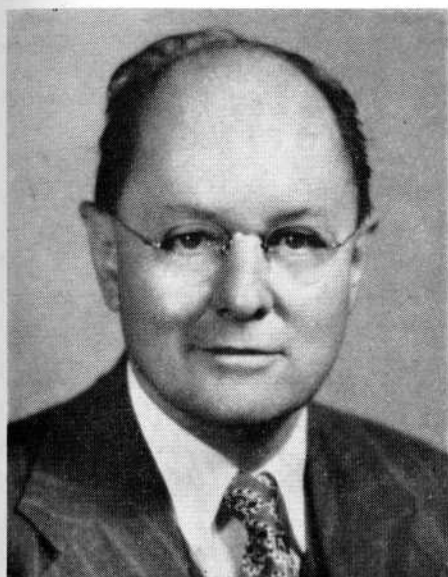
Born near Alluwe August 6, 1908, she attended highschool in Bartlesville. Here she received her first taste of newspaper work as a result of being co-editor of her highschool paper. Her work on college publications at the University included service on the staffs of the *Sooner Yearbook*; *Whirlwind*, humor magazine, and the *Oklahoma Daily*.

She began her professional pursuit of the fourth estate reporting for the Springfield Missouri *Leader*. She transferred to the *Daily Oklahoman* in 1924. Two years later she was employed by the Associated Press to join its Washington staff. In the nation's political hub, she covered the activities of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and other top assignments.

During that period she met and was married to another Associated Press reporter, Joseph Short. She quit work after the birth of their first child. She now has three children. From that time on she did free lance writing, sandwiching it in between family duties.

For success in three fields—a *Sooner Salute*.

## DR. MERRILL



DR. MAURICE H. MERRILL  
... A legal first

*Merrill on Notice*, a first in law publications, brings praise to its author and credit to his University. The three volume series of law books by Dr. Maurice H. Merrill, '19ba, '22Law, research professor of law, has been received from the Vernon Law Book publishing company.

Dr. Merrill's work is the only treatise today in which the law on all branches of notice is brought together in a single publication. The books cover a wide scope of practice problems affected by the law of notice, including publication, mortgage foreclosure and tax sales. Thousands of cases have been analyzed, compared and evaluated by Dr. Merrill in the volumes.

Merrill came to the University in 1919

as a student assistant in government. He left in 1925 to follow his profession of teaching at the Universities of Idaho and Nebraska, returning to O.U. in 1936 as a professor of law.

He was appointed research professor by the Board of Regents in June 1950. The ninth member of the faculty to receive the honor, the chair of research professor is awarded to a person who "shall have made a distinguished contribution to knowledge and who must have demonstrated over a period of years to the learned world his vigorous leadership in his field."

For a job well done, the *Sooner* extends a hearty salute to Dr. Maurice H. Merrill.

## MISS AVERY



ANN AVERY  
... Dean of College of Unionology

A pleasant looking blonde is directing the most popular college in the University—the College of Unionology. Ann Avery, senior in personnel management from Kingfisher, has the job of uniting Sooners in activities under the Union tower.

She became a member of the Union Activities Board last year and is serving as president for the fall semester.

Now busily engrossed in planning activities to satisfy the varied interests of O.U.'s enrolment she said, "You might say that it's our duty to supplement the students' academic work with recreational activity."

A few of the recreational courses in the Unionology curriculum include dance lessons, bridge tournaments, and coffee hours,

permitting students to meet their teachers over a cup of java instead of over a classroom desk. A pool tournament among the gentler sex is scheduled along with style shows. Some outstanding activities include Homecoming festivities, the University Sing and a ski trip to Colorado over the Christmas vacation. All in all a mighty big job of planning. Ann's other campus activities succeeded in having her named B.W.O.C. (Big Woman on the Campus). She has served her sorority, Pi Beta Phi, as rush chairman and vice-president and has been a member of Pan-Hellenic.

To a student, whose chief concern is student fun, a *Sooner Salute*.