



FAMILIES OF 16 WAR HEROES for whom units of Cross Center were named attended dedication of Center February 6. Mrs. James C. Buchanan, Jr., and John C. Buchanan III, Muskogee, visit Buchanan House lounge.



Mrs. JOHN F. BURTON and Dr. Burton, '18ba, '21bs in med, Oklahoma City, stand outside Burton House, named for their son, John F. Burton, Jr.

On the Sooner Scene

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In February the University of Oklahoma observed its sixtieth birthday with a week-long celebration which included the dedication of seven buildings, lectures by distinguished scientists and scholars, receptions, and winding up with a record-breaking dinner in honor of President and Mrs. George L. Cross, held as a recognition of the ten years of outstanding leadership of President Cross.

This was a week of reflection, of evaluation, and of definition of objectives for the future. The chairman of the general committee on planning and organization was Dr. Laurence H. Snyder, dean of the Graduate College. Other members of the committee included Walter Kraft, director of Physical Plant; Savoie Lottinville, '29ba, director of the University Press; Carl M. Franklin, executive vice president; T. R. Benedum, '28Law, past president of the Alumni Association and member of the O.U. Board of Regents; Glenn C. Couch, '31bs, '37ms, dean of University College, George Goodman, professor of plant sciences; Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law, executive secretary of the Alumni Association. Chairman of committees in charge of specific programs were Dr. Oliver Benson,

'32ba; '33ma, for social sciences, Dr. Kenneth Crook, '25bs, '26ms, for chemistry; Miss Mary Warren for home economics. The deans in charge of various programs were Horace Brown, Business Administration, W. H. Carson, Engineering, John R. Rackley, '31ba, '35ma, Education, James G. Harlow, '31ba, '33ms, Arts and Sciences, and Mark R. Everett, Medicine.

There were many alumni who contributed to these programs in various ways. Among them were such well known Sooners as Frank Cleckler, '21ba, Oklahoma City; Professor L. N. Morgan, Norman; Lee B. Thompson, '25ba, '27Law, Oklahoma City; Everette DeGolyer, '11ba, Dallas; Professor Bruce Ketcham, Norman; Dave J. Morgan, Blackwell; Professor Frank A. Balyeat, '11ba, '18ma, Norman; Professor Ellsworth Collings, Norman; Dr. C. Dan Procter, '36m.ed, '43d.ed, Chickasha; Dr. Bruce Carter, '32ma, '50 d.ed, Miami; Dr. Oliver Hodge, '33m.ed, '37d.ed, Oklahoma City; George F. Short, Oklahoma City, Dean Thurman J. White, '41ms, Norman, Thomas R. Benedum, Norman; Miss Blanche Portwood, '34 m.h.ec, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Walter Ferguson, '07, Tulsa; Professor Stewart Har-

ral, '36ma, Norman; D. H. Grisso, '30 geol, Norman; Dr. John Carson, Oklahoma City; Rev. Frank R. Dudley, Oklahoma City; Governor Johnston Murray, Oklahoma City, and Dr. Alfred R. Sugg, Oklahoma City.

One of the most impressive ceremonies of the week was the dedication of a commemorative stone located in the center of the South Oval opposite the statue of Dr. William Bennett Bizzell. On this stone is inscribed the following:

"This is our heritage: the traditional Sooner spirit, born at the crossroads of frontier migration, with its faith in the common man, its optimism for the morrow, its respect for the open mind, and its reliance upon Divine leadership. To it the faculty and staff of the University of Oklahoma rededicate themselves on the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the institution."

President Cross opened the ground breaking ceremonies for the new Chapel with these words:

"We have assembled here this morning to dedicate a portion of our campus to spiritual values and to break ground for a beautiful new student chapel, The Fred

Hundreds of alumni return to campus Feb. 2-8 to join faculty and staff in observance of O.U.'s 60th anniversary

Jones, Jr., Memorial Chapel, which will be constructed here through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones of Oklahoma City. In my opinion, this is by far the finest and most significant gift that the University has received during the first sixty years of its existence."

An address was made at the ceremonies by Dr. J. Clayton Feaver, Kingfisher Professor of Ethics and Religion:

"Today, in this act of the dedication of this ground for the foundation for a memorial chapel, we join ourselves with the countless generations that have preceded us and with those yet to come in solemn and sacred recognition of the human conviction that we as human beings belong meaningfully to the larger order of things. The chapel, soon to be erected hereon, lifting its spires high into the sky, will be a symbol of our present acknowledgment of this perennial human concern to atune ourselves, creature with creature, to the Creator of all things. . .

"Here it is our business to introduce ourselves to the wholeness of life. However thorough our education may be in the physical and biological sciences, engineering, law, medicine, the social sciences, the humanities, the fine arts, it is not complete until we have brought ourselves to consider the claims of religion upon us."

During the course of the week thousands of alumni re-visited the campus to participate in the celebration of this University birthday and to honor President Cross for



MRS. MAURINE DITMARS KERR, '49ba, Dallas (sister), Chrystal Risinger, '27ba, Muskogee, (aunt), Mrs. Minnie Risinger, Muskogee (grandmother), and Mrs. Jewell Risinger Ditmars, '19ba, Muskogee (mother), visited dormitory named for Sidney F. Ditmars after dedication.

the fine job he has done. A few of the visiting alumni were: Harry Diamond, '12 Law, and Mrs. Diamond, Holdenville; Malcolm Rosser, '21, and Mrs. Rosser, Duncan; Dudley Culp, '34Law, and Mrs.

Culp, Wewoka; Dr. C. R. Rountree and Mrs. Kitty Shanklin Rountree, '23ba, Oklahoma City; Dr. C. Dan Procter, '36m.ed, '43d.ed, and Mrs. Procter, Chickasha; James R. Frazier, '24ba, '32m.ed, and Mrs. Frazier, Okmulgee; Rhys Evans, '39Law, and Mrs. Elizabeth Coe Evans, '40ba, Ardmore; Ward Merrick and Mrs. Merrick, Ardmore; T. Howard McCasland, '16ba, and Mrs. McCasland, Duncan; Neil R. Johnson, '15ba, '17Law, and Mrs. Florence Wagner Johnson, '16ba, Norman; Henry B. Bass, and Mrs. Bass, Enid; A. G. C. Bierer, '21ba, and Mrs. Vinita McDonald Bierer, '25ba, Guthrie; Mrs. Jewell Risinger Ditmars, '19ba, Muskogee; Bob Blackstock, '50ba, '51Law, Bristow, and Norman Brillhart, '17ba, and Mrs. Mildred Colby Brillhart, '22fa, Madill.

Also Dr. Max Chambers, '21ba, '29ms, and Mrs. Chambers, Edmond; Col. William V. Cox, '21ba, '24ma, and Mrs. Cox, Ponca City; Joe Curtis, '20ba, '22Law, and Mrs. Lois Blanton Curtis, '22ba, Pauls Valley; Charles Duffy, '22Law, and Mrs. Vala Solf Duffy, '19-'22, Ponca City; Hicks Epton, '32Law, and Mrs. Thelma Pate Epton, '32ed, Wewoka; D. H. Grisso, '30geol, and Mrs. Evelyn Fleeger Grisso, '30, Norman; Justice Harry L. S. Halley, '15ba, '17Law, and Mrs. Halley, Oklahoma City; James Hamill, '36Law, and Mrs. Hamill, Madill; Grady Harris, '18, and Mrs. Robena Dellinger Harris, '20, Alex; Arthur Her-



MR. AND MRS. HENRY B. BASS, Enid, and their daughter attended Cross Center dedication Feb. 6 and visited Bass House, named in memory of their son and brother, Robert Dean Bass.

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Jr., Killingworth, Connecticut; Sammy LaRue, Clinton; and Price Starks, Oklahoma City, who died in the University dormitory fire in 1949.

Shorty Went Out . . .

of several of their men to attend the University for instruction in statically indeterminate structures. And the results can be seen in the overpass on the new road between Norman and Oklahoma City.

Although still functional in special instances, truss bridges are beginning to fade out and are gradually being replaced by the modern designed arch bridge and rigid frame. The only restraining governor, stopping the contemporary movement, is the lack of professional knowledge concerning these type of structures; Mills' courses are designed to accelerate the dispersal of the needed know-how.

To be able to present this modern trend to students, Mills had to evolve several new courses: Fundamental Theory of Statically Indeterminate Stress, Practical Problems in Highway Bridge Design (The Reinforced Concrete Arch), Advanced Statically Indeterminate Stress, Theoretical Stress Analysis of Building Frames, Practical Problems in Building Frames, and The Skewed Rigid Frame.

Keeping pace with the modern design trend, Joe Keely, '30eng, '46p.c.eng, chairman of the civil engineering department, has developed a graduate course for structural engineering in Soils and Substructure Analysis.

Mills is rated as one of the outstanding men in structural design in the Southwest and his efforts at the University have brought national acclaim.

Not only will O.U. civil engineers refrain from "spoiling good fishing holes with gawky trusses," but they will contribute to the economies of the communities they serve by being prepared to design structures that are easier on the eye, cheaper to build, and more efficiently designed.

Sooner Scene . . .

ron, '32ed, '36m.ed, and Mrs. Blanche Carleton Herron, '34, Blackwell; Dawson Houk, '14ba, '14bs, '21Law, and Mrs. Houk, Fairview; A. B. Imel, '14ba, and Mrs. Hazel Kelly Imel, '15-'16, Cushing, and O. W. Jones, '39m.ed, and Mrs. Cathryn Beckett Jones, '31, Tahlequah.

Also Dr. C. E. Lively, '30pharm, '30bs, '34bs in med, '34med, and Mrs. Lively, McAlester; R. L. March, '14, and Mrs. March, Duncan; Gen. Hal Muldrow, '28bus, and Mrs. Clara Bell Muldrow, '26, Norman; Errett Newby, '07mus, '08ba, and Mrs. Lola North Newby, '14ba, Oklahoma City; Sam W. Noble, '47ba, and Mrs. Mary Jane Cur-

tis Noble, '46bus, Ardmore; Cecil Oakes, '25ba, '37m.ed, and Mrs. Oakes, Okemah; Sam Pangburn, '30, and Mrs. Verona Browning Pangburn, '30ba, Alva; J. R. Sommerfrucht, '34chem.eng, and Mrs. Sommerfrucht, Oklahoma City; Hugh Southwick, '21pharm, and Mrs. Southwick, Garber; Fred Tarman, '10ba, and Mrs. Tarman, Norman; Lee B. Thompson, '25ba, '27Law, and Mrs. Elaine Bizzell Thompson, '24, Oklahoma City; Barth Walker, '40geol, '40Law, and Mrs. Walker, Oklahoma City; T. E. Weirich, '22geol, and Mrs. Lela Smith Weirich, '22mus, Bartlesville, and Jess Wesner, '27Law, and Mrs. Wesner, Cordell.

Dean's Assignment . . .

clair Refining Company—Frederic N. Schneider, Jr. and Rudolph W. Buchwald, Jr.; Stanolind Oil and Gas Company—William R. Hise and Rex E. Cheek; Shell Oil Company—William G. Paulsell, William Earl Schlueter and Lejeune Wilson.

There is a slow but steady increase in enrolment of the engineering graduate program which is encouraging. I know many qualified seniors, who desire to do graduate work. However, of this number some have an obligation to fulfill with Uncle Sam, while others who are married or in debt decide it is time to be on their "own" and accept employment in industry.

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