



DINNER AT THE CAPRI CLUB IN MEXICO CITY. With Dean Carson are Mrs. Nancy Kendall Barberii, '45arch, L. F. Guseman, '34geol, Dean Carson, G. P. 'Bill' Salas, '37g.eng, Mrs. Guseman and E. E. Barberii, '44p.eng. Dean Carson was houseguest of Barberiis.

## The Man Who Went For Dinner

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DINNER AT THE VALLE ARRIBA GOLF CLUB, Caracas, Venezuela. Dining with the Dean are I. D. Davidson, president of Shell Company of Venezuela; Dr. Edmundo Luongo Cabello, '33p.eng, minister of mines and hydrocarbons for Venezuela; Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Luongo and the Dean. Dr. Luongo gave the dinner for Carson, Dean of Engineering.



DINNER AT THE MARACAIBO YACHT CLUB. Dr. Jose R. Hernandez d'Empaire, rector of Zulia University, and Carson find topics to discuss.

*(Dean W. H. Carson, College of Engineering, made a trip to Venezuela during the summer. In the following article, he relates some of his impressions and records some of his visits with O.U. engineering alumni.—The Editor.)*

It was a real thrill to ride a speed boat down the avenues formed by hundreds of derricks which marked the locations of oil wells drilled in Lake Maracaibo, and to see work boats and barges of all descriptions plying their courses and performing their services just as the land vehicles do in the oil fields of Oklahoma. And behind that thrill was the satisfaction of knowing that many engineers who graduated from O.U. were, in a great measure, responsible for the solution of the complex engineering problems involved in this off-shore operation of drilling, completion and production. They were a part of an engineering team made up of Venezuelan Nationals and men from the States. They are still young men. It was not too many years ago when they were sitting in the classroom down the hall of the Engineering Building, acquiring the fundamental knowledge necessary for a successful professional engineering career.

As I moved from oilfield to oilfield, on the lake and on land, and as I traveled on highways and airways to the cities, I observed the rebirth of a nation, through the works of architects, engineers and others, which has made Venezuela one of the most progressive countries in the world.

At every stop, I met alumni from O.U. and these graduates—architects, chemical engineers, civil engineers, electric engineers, mechanical engineers, petroleum engineers, etc., are making valuable professional contributions to the growth of Venezuela.

When time would permit, I went to the homes of alumni for a visit with the wives and children of the "boys." Family visits made in Caracas were to the homes of M. J. Uzcategui, P.E. '40; J. Aquiles Sanchez, P.E. '46, and Alvaro Perez, E. Physics '52.

The real down to "campus" visits with alumni were during luncheons and dinners. Often the enjoyable dinner sessions would last until one or two o'clock in the morning. I spent so much time around the dinner table I began to wonder if I was "the man who came to Venezuela to dinner;" nevertheless, it was a lot of fun talking over old times.

Prior to one such dinner in Maracaibo, Pablo A. Villafane, P.E. '42; Blair H. Chan, P.E. '42; Ray A. Molina, P.E. '36, and Gaston Pernalet, P.E. '44, presented me with a gift consisting of a belt buckle, tie pin, and key holder made of virgin Venezuelan gold and with the crest of Venezuela engraved on each piece. Pablo made the presentation "as a token of appreciation of the

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and Wantland's social fraternity is Kappa Sigma. Wantland is now in the Air Force.

### **The Man Who Went for Dinner...**

Dean's sincere interest in the students and alumni of the O.U. College of Engineering."

The highlight of my visit to Caracas was a luncheon given by the Honorable Dr. Edmundo Luongo Cabello, Minister of Mines and Hydrocarbons. Dr. Luongo received a B.S. in P.E. from O.U. in 1933. Among other O.U. graduates present at this luncheon were: Santiago Vera, P.E. '39; Jose Cirigliano, P.E. '42; Jose A. Delgado, P.E. '33; Alvaro Perez, E. Physics '52.

While in Venezuela, I made three addresses on the subject of "Present and Future Trends in Engineering Education in the United States." One group addressed was the faculty and students of the University of Zulia, which is located in Maracaibo. Conferences were held with university faculty members in Caracas and Maracaibo.

Enroute to Venezuela I stopped in Puerto Rico for a 1-day conference with the engineering faculty of the University of Puerto Rico. I was very favorably impressed with the engineering educational program of that university. While on the island I visited with Dr. Harold Hinman, Dean of the Medical School, and Mrs. Hinman (Dr. Hinman was formerly on the O.U. Staff).

The return trip to the States was made via Central America with twenty-four hour stop-overs in Panama, Costa Rica, El

Salvador and Mexico City. On the plane trip from Caracas to Panama City was Jose G. Pereyra, C.E. '43, and his wife who were enroute to Lima, Peru, for a vacation.

While I was in Mexico City, I was the

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house guest of E. E. Barberii, P.E. '44, and his wife, Nancy Kendall Barberii, Arch. '45. Adding to the pleasure of the Mexico City visit was an evening spent at the Capri Club with the Barberiis, Larry Guseman, Geol. '34, and Mrs. Guseman, and Bill P. Salas, Geol. E. '37. Like many other graduates in the States and other lands, these three men hold important positions in industry.

### Alumni Club Reports . . .

*Magazine.* The meeting was held at the home of John Gittinger, '38ba, '39ms, and Mrs. Gittinger, (Mary Ryle, '36h.ec), in Falls Church, Virginia. (Editor's Note: It was a fine informal get-together; one appreciated by the secretary and myself.)

**Bartlesville Alumni Club.** The Washington County Alumni Club met August 13 in the Burlingame Hotel in Bartlesville.

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At the business meeting, Ben Harned, '36ba, was elected president of the club, Laurence Varvel, '41bus, '49Law, vice president, and Pat Phillips, '51journ, secretary.

T. E. Weirich, '22geol, alumni executive board member from Bartlesville, discussed O.U.'s future as a religious and art center, and spoke on the importance of the University Library as a depository of first editions, initiated by E. GeGolyer, and suggested that other alumni should follow this example should their libraries contain valuable original writings.

### Tribute for Ten . . .

ogists, the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Meteorologists and a fellow of the Geological Society of America. He has published numerous articles and other writings on geological subjects and is a popular lecturer in his field.

Before joining the O.U. faculty in 1949, William N. Peach, professor of economics, served on the University of Texas teaching staff and was assistant manager in the research and statistical department of the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas. He also taught economics at Syracuse University and during World War II served as an officer in the United States Navy. He is a graduate of both Loyola College in Baltimore and Johns Hopkins University. He is a member of the American Economic Association, the American Finance Association and the National Bureau of Research. His books include *The Security of Affiliates of National Banks*, *Basic Data of the American Economy*; in addition, he has written numerous articles for professional publications.

Winston O. Smith, associate professor of mechanical engineering, joined the O.U. faculty in 1941. He has a broad background of training in Engineering and has served the University effectively in various capacities, including an assignment as chairman of the School of General Engineering. Professor Smith studied at the

Georgia School of Technology, at MIT and Purdue. He has had practical engineering experience with the General Electric Company, The United Fruit Company and the Globe Indemnity Company of New York City. During the war he served as an officer in the U. S. Navy. He designed the power drive for the aeronautical wind tunnel at O.U. He is a member of various professional organizations and has been national secretary and treasurer of Tau Omega, national honorary aeronautical engineering fraternity. Professor Smith's hobby is firearms and in 1943 his book was published on the famous Sharps Rifle. This book is recognized as a standard reference on this historical weapon of frontier days.

Professor Lewis E. Winfrey of the department of modern languages came to O.U. in 1927. Because of his retiring nature few realize what a tremendous impact Professor Winfrey has, year in and year out, upon the students of French who have the privilege of studying with him.

After receiving a degree from the University of Arkansas, he went to Europe where he studied in Germany at the Universities of Marburg and Leipzig; then to France to the University of Nanay, and returning to this country he completed his formal studies at Columbia University and Chicago University.

He has done considerable research in the field of French Literature and is a regular contributor to the university publication, *Books Abroad*.

There are few alumni who will fail to recognize the name of Jewel Wurtzbaugh, professor of English and an outstanding member of the faculty for many years and the benefactor of many, many graduates. Although Professor Wurtzbaugh was originally a Texan, she received most of her formal collegiate education at Columbia University and at Johns Hopkins University. She has also done research in Europe and particularly at the British Museum. She is active and has been a leader in many professional literary organizations and has written extensively in the field of English Literature. Her studies of Spencerian scholarship was published by Johns Hopkins University Press under the title of *Two Centuries of Spencerian Scholarship*.

Professor Wurtzbaugh takes a personal interest in her students and they agree that studying English Literature with her is always an exciting and thrilling experience.

Although there are many other universities and colleges where salary scales are higher than at O.U., the Teaching Awards Program of the University of Oklahoma Foundation has helped to demonstrate that nowhere is the work of sincere and dedicated teachers more sincerely appreciated than in Oklahoma.

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