



OUTGOING PRESIDENT of the Oklahoma Society of Professional Engineers, W. H. Carson passes the President's cup to the incoming president, Floyd Zook, in traditional ceremonies.



C. G. 'JERRY' ROUSH, '23e.eng, (left) used a convenient step to prove Sim C. Wright, '29e.eng, wasn't biggest man at Annual Meeting of OSPE. W. R. 'Bill' Wolfe, '26e.eng, '38ms, and electrical engineering Professor C. L. Farrar look on.

Mr. Citizen: The Engineers' Role

Dean Carson served as president of the Oklahoma Society of Professional Engineers during the past year. Here he reports on that society's program with emphasis on alumni participation.

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The traditional ceremony was performed during the closing minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma Society of Professional Engineers, when I passed the President's Loving Cup to the newly elected president of the Society, Floyd Zook. As I released the handle of the cup I knew the duties and responsibilities of the State Engineering Society had passed to other hands—I was an ex-president.

At that point a feeling of relief crept over me—a feeling somewhat like I experienced during gradeschool days when the summer vacation period began. As I relaxed a bright glow in the form of pleasant memories came to mind. Memories of the fine meetings I had attended and participated in during my term of office; of good fellowship; of persons with whom I had become acquainted; and the pleasure of associating more closely with alumni of the O.U. College of Engineering.

During the year 1953, I had the opportunity to observe, on a state wide basis, the engineer as "Mr. Citizen." A person who does his professional work in a creditable manner and in addition who actively takes part in religious and civic affairs. Participation in such affairs may have been on an individual basis, or through a group of members of O.S.P.E. working on a Society sponsored project. To the best of

my knowledge the members of O.S.P.E. are carrying out the intent of the preamble of the By-Laws of the Society which is as follows:

"Recognizing that service to humanity, to our State, and to our Nation is the fundamental purpose of professional engineering, the Oklahoma Society of Professional Engineers does hereby dedicate itself to the promotion, protection, and advancement of the profession of Engineering as a social and economic influence vital to the public welfare."

The purposes of the Society as set forth by By-Law I are to:

"(a) Develop and maintain high professional and ethical standards among its members in their relationship with the public and with each other; (b) Promote the general welfare of the professional engineers of Oklahoma; (c) Hold meetings for the presentation, discussion and solution of professional problems and for social and professional intercourse; (d) Cooperate with the Oklahoma State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers by actively encouraging and assisting in the enforcement by the proper public officials of the provisions of Statute Regulating Professional Engineering, Title 59, Chapter 10, Oklahoma Statutes 1941 (as Amended by Senate Bill 190, Twenty-Second (1949) Oklahoma Legislature), providing for the

registration of Professional Engineers: Fixing Fees and Penalties; Repealing conflicting laws, and declaring an emergency, and of all subsequent legislative enactments covering or affecting the practice of professional engineering, and in such other manner as may be proper and expedient; (e) Cooperate with and maintain affiliation with the National Society of Professional Engineers, hereinafter designated as NSPE, in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society; (f) Cooperate with other engineering societies for the furtherance of mutual aims; (g) Participate properly in public affairs, particularly those affecting the engineering profession and those in which the influence of the engineering profession may be utilized to serve the public welfare; (h) Charter branches or subdivisions of the Society to be known as "Chapters" subject to regulations to be set forth in the By-Laws of the Society."

The handshakes of congratulations on my election to the Presidency of the Oklahoma Society of Professional Engineers had barely ended when I went to Tulsa to attend a Joint Meeting of the Tulsa Chapter, O.S.P.E. and the Highway Committee, Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, held on the evening of February 26, 1953. From the outset it was apparent that the object of this meeting was to stir into action the program for developing an Urban Express-



JOHN C. SIMONSON, '30c.eng, tells a fishy story, if the looks on the faces of J. H. Wheatly, Jr., '27c.eng, Lee Hendrix, '25c.eng, and civil engineering Professor J. F. Brookes are a true indication.



C. A. 'BUD' STOLDT, '26c.eng, '34ms, discusses a road problem with civil engineering Professor J. Ray Matlock, '26c.eng, and P. F. Blair, '42c.eng. Problem: Which one to take to find a good fishing hole?

way System for Tulsa and environs, which has been covered with a blanket of indecision for a number of years.

The officers of the Tulsa Chapter of the O.S.P.E. and others responsible for the meeting came with "both barrels loaded" with persons who were fully qualified to answer questions which might be propounded. Among the big names in highway development in attendance were: Joseph Barnett, Chief of the Urban Highway Branch of the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads, John A. Elliott, Southwest District Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads, Fort Worth, Texas, E. E. Stubblefield, District Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads, Oklahoma City, C. A. (Bud) Stoldt, C.E. '26, M.S. '34, Director of the Oklahoma Highway Commission.

Members of the Highway Committee, Tulsa Chamber of Commerce dried their powder in a hurry, and started firing questions and making statements (some critical—none leveled at the engineers) of a constructive nature. There were no dull moments during the three-hour session and from the beginning one could sense that the thoughts of those present were being molded into a progressive plan of common action.

Through a motion made by W. F. Hildebrand, E.E. '37, President, Tulsa Chapter, O.S.P.E., and seconded by John Mayo, hotel owner, the group went on record as endorsing the West Tulsa project as Tulsa's number one urban highway project. This project will form the connecting link between down-town Tulsa and the Turner Turnpike.

The services of the membership of the Tulsa Chapter, O.S.P.E. were offered to



W. R. 'BILL' CLARKE, '36m.eng, hand on extinguisher, gives meaning to his request that D. E. Fields, '25m.eng, '38ms, holds talk to five minutes. Electrical engineering Professor J. Bruce Wiley, '35e.eng, '41m.eng, (right) and H. L. Pickens, '39e.eng, (left) apparently approve.



DEAN W. H. CARSON, College of Engineering, (center) compliments W. F. Hildebrand, '37e.eng, and W. J. Fell, '31e.eng, on the fine program presented at the Annual Meeting of the OSPE.

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the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Tulsa to continue with studies related to the Urban Expressway development program. This offer was accepted with appreciative applause.

During my term of office I attended a number of similar meetings held in different areas of the State. In each case the engineers were giving freely of their time, sponsoring some worthwhile project. Through the years the membership of O.S.P.E. has offered their services to the Governor and Legislature of Oklahoma, to make studies on problems pertinent to the welfare of the State and to act in an advisory capacity to determine ways and means of solving such problems. Several committees of the Society have worked with State Agencies. An important report containing information on rainfall and water resources of Oklahoma was released a few months ago as a cooperative project of the Societies' Committee on Conservation of Natural Resources and the Oklahoma Planning and Resources Board. The program of study for 1954 includes "The Development of an Oklahoma Highway Plan," and "Review of Oklahoma's Water Problems."

The day after the Tulsa meeting of February 26, I had the honor of presiding dur-

ing the O.S.P.E. sponsored dedication ceremonies of the Homer X. White Memorial Bridge. The dedication address was made by Governor Johnston Murray. The Homer X. White Memorial Bridge spans the Arkansas river at Fifty-first Street, Tulsa. It stands as a memorial to an engineer who designed many Oklahoma bridges during the twenty-nine years he served with the Oklahoma Highway Department.

The presentation of a Charter is always an important occasion in the life of an organization. It was with a great deal of pride that I presented the Tulsa Chapter Charter to Hildy Hildebrand, outgoing President of the Chapter. This pleasant duty was performed in the presence of the incoming President, W. J. Fell, E.E. '31, and W. R. Clarke, M.E. '36, who was toastmaster of the meeting. Other Chapter Charter presentations were made at Stillwater, Oklahoma City and Enid. The Charter of the Central Oklahoma Chapter, which includes Norman and Oklahoma City, was presented to the Chapter President, Sim C. Wright, E.E. '29, who had just succeeded to that office H. L. Pickens, E.E. '30. The Chairman of the meeting held in Enid when the Charter for the Northwest Chapter was presented was F. W. Denner, C.E. '20.

The Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Society was in Tulsa, February 25-27, 1954.

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The program held the interest of those registered throughout the meeting. During the business session each committee chairman gave an annual report on the activities of his committee. Of special interest to the ladies was the report and recommendation of the committee headed by H. L. Pickens which was appointed to make a study to determine whether or not a State-wide Ladies Auxiliary should be recognized—the answer was “yes.” Soon after, Professor Joe E. Smay, O.U. School of Architecture and Architectural Engineering, Chairman of the Membership Committee, announced a membership increase of approximately twenty-five percent. He was presented with a fifty dollar hat by L. L. Dresser, Past President of the National Society of Professional Engineers as a token of appreciation of the fine work done by Joe. Among other reports was one given by John C. Simonson, C.E. '30, Chairman of the Education Committee. John told about the activities of his committee which included a Professional Engineering Meeting on the campus for O.U. engineering seniors.

For a while there was a spirited attendance race between graduates who reside in Oklahoma City and those living in Tulsa. During the early period of registration, Oklahoma City was in the lead but Tulsa finally won. Alumni included among

the Oklahoma City Engineers were: R. L. Jones, E.E. '29; Gynne B. Hill, C.E. '25; R. F. Danner, E.E. '20; H. C. Denison, E.E. '24; V. G. Thompson, Geol.E. '24; H. L. Malone, C.E. '47; Roy J. Thompson, E.E. '31; Mark Hargis, C.E. '26; D. H. Jones, C.E. '17; G. L. Morris, C.E. '51; Ben L. Morgan, M.E. '48; John C. Simonson, C. A. Stoldt, W. R. (Bill) Wolfe, E.E. '26; H. L. Pickens, E.E. '30.

The Tulsa delegation consisted of W. F. Hildebrand, W. J. Fell, Bill Clarke, Lee Hendrix, C.E. '25; D. E. Fields, M.E. '25; (Dave is a member of the Oklahoma State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers. Also on the Board is Jack H. Abernathy, P.E. '33), F. F. Wright, P.E. '40; J. O. Watson, C.E. '15; J. H. Wheatley, C.E. '27; W. W. Wheeler, C.E. '33; C. L. Mansur, C.E. '35; B. G. Thacker, M.E. '45; W. F. Saylor, C.E. '48; A. B. Richert, E. Phys. '27; G. C. DeHaas, P.E. '40; C. A. Cone, C.E. '35; J. B. Cornett, C.E. '48, C. M. Gordon, Jr., E.E. '42; Harry Evans, M.E. '48; Harry Johnson, M.E. '44; P. F. Blair, C.E. '42.

Alumni from other cities were: Jimmy Bennett, C.E. '15, and C. D. Newton, C.E. '48, Shawnee; W. A. Allen, M.E. '38, L. T. Huffman, M.E. '29, and W. G. Henderson, C.E. '42, Bartlesville; Wyatt Hendrick, C.E. '32, and Paul Harris, Arch. '39, R. A. Church, E.E. '30, Norman; F. W. Denner,

Enid, and C. G. Roush, E.E. '23, Kansas City, Missouri.

Members of the O.U. Engineering Faculty in attendance were: Professors J. F. Brookes, R. V. James, R. L. Huntington, J. Ray Matlock, J. Bruce Wiley, C. L. Farrar, and George W. Reid. They, like I, had a field day in reminiscence of college activities away back when . . .

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