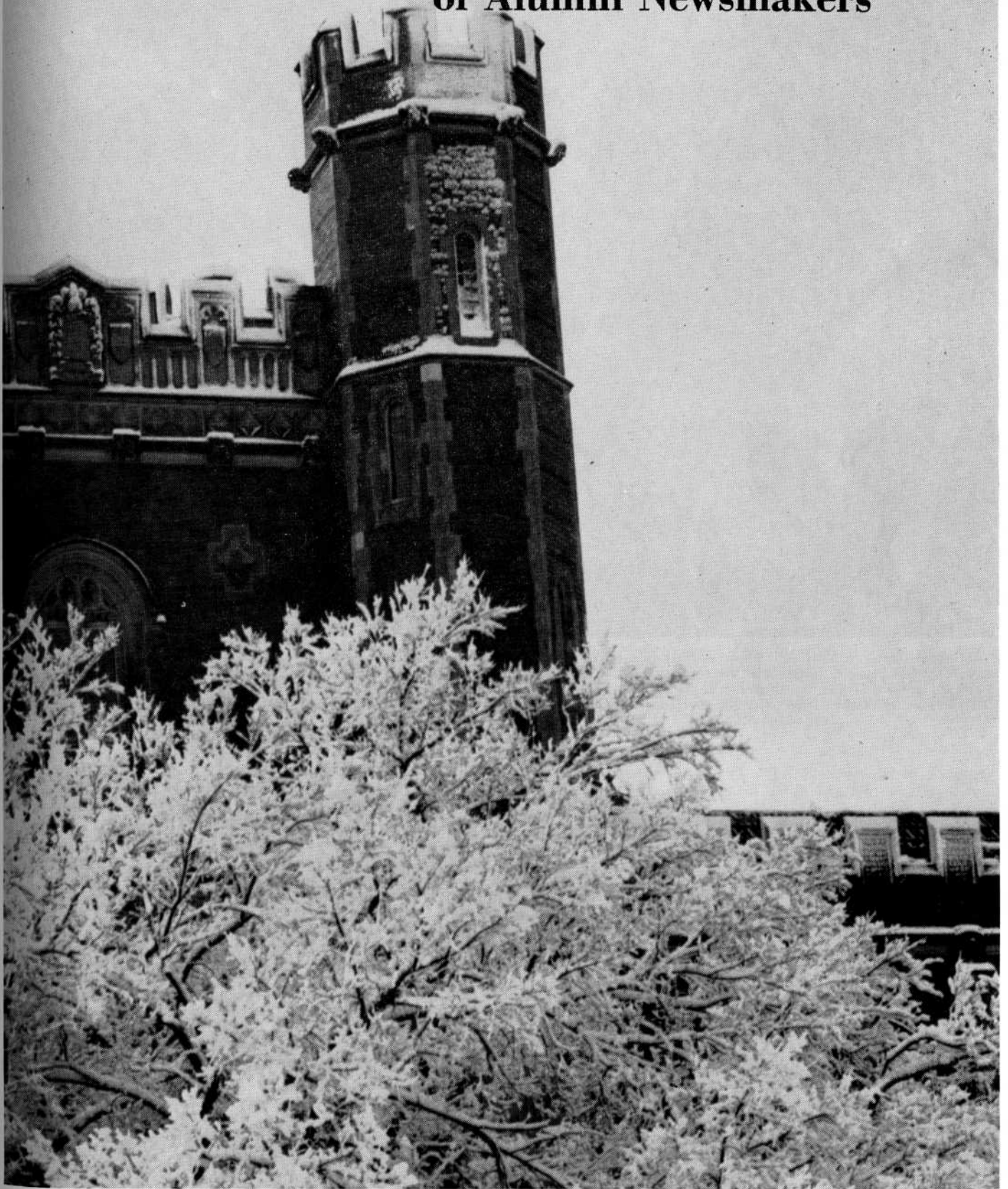


# ROLL CALL

## of Alumni Newsmakers



Not in full springtime bloom, this tree fronting O. U.'s Administration Hall, but clothed in winter ice. January brought raw weather to the campus.



Paul Gebhart (center), Marlow, is winner of the Edward Grisso Memorial Award for 1957 as the O. U. male student who made greatest improvement in grade average between the freshman and sophomore years. Gebhart, geology major, received \$250 with the award, which was established in memory of Edward Grisso who died while a student at the University of New Mexico. Grisso was the son of W. D. Grisso, '28Law, and Mrs. Grisso of Oklahoma City. Pictured with Gebhart are (left) Jerome Henry, Oklahoma City, one of the award committee members, and University's President George Cross.

## a series of brief news stories of events that shaped the lives of the alumni family

### 1893

Nahum E. Butcher, '93, retired in November, 1957, from his job at Tinker Air Force Base where he was in charge of the message center for the 12,000 employees of maintenance engineering. Butcher, 85, was honored by the military and civilian leaders with a retirement party. He holds the honor of being the first freshman to enroll at the University of Oklahoma in 1893.

### 1908

Mrs. J. A. Stanley (the former Mary Ingold, '08mus) is living in Santa Rosa, California. She

is a member of the Sonoma County Chorus which performed Handel's "Messiah" December 15 on the Santa Rosa Junior College campus.

### 1910

Ben C. Belt, '10ba, is author of an article, "Our Rightful Place," which appeared in the December, 1957, issue of *Houston* magazine. Belt, president of the Houston, Texas, Chamber of Commerce, also authored the official president's message on business for the issue, and a photograph of him appeared on the publication's cover. He is brother of the former Blanche Belt, '10ba,

now married to Dr. A. C. Shead, retired professor of chemistry of the University of Oklahoma.

### 1911

DEATH: Mrs. C. R. Chaney (the former Julia Meier, '11mus) died September 6, 1957. Mrs. Chaney lived in Sanger, California, at the time of her death. She was the daughter of Professor Henry Meier who taught German and astronomy at O. U.

### 1915

Don Walker, '15ba, in charge of personnel,

safety, and public relations for the Noble Drilling Corporation, Tulsa, has been honored with The Order of Constantine by Sigma Chi fraternity. He is also Grand Praetor of the Central Southwestern Province of the fraternity.

## 1918

Dr. Angie Debo, '18ba, '33ph.d., Oklahoma State University history professor, and Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, '23ma, '33ph.d., of Central State College, Edmond, participated in the program for the opening meeting of the Oklahoma college history professors at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. With Dr. E. E. Dale, University of Oklahoma, they gave their reminiscences of early days in Oklahoma. All three lived in Oklahoma before statehood.

DEATH: Mrs. Horace Taylor (the former Louise Bierer, '18ba) died after a prolonged illness at her home in New York on November 29, 1957. Her funeral was in St. Paul's Chapel, Columbia University. She was married at Guthrie, Oklahoma, September 10, 1924, to Horace Taylor, '21ba, who is now head of the economics department at Columbia University.

## 1919

Q. B. Boydston, '19Law, Fort Gibson, has been re-elected as general counsel for the Oklahoma Grand River Dam Authority. Boydston, in his 20th year with the state water and power agency, has been general counsel since 1945. Prior to that time he was assistant general counsel for about eight years. He is an authority on legal matters pertaining to public revenue financing, water uses and the generation and distribution of electric power and energy.

## 1920

Paul Campbell, '21ba, '25ma, and Mrs. Alma Campbell, '20ba, now live in Lansing, Michigan, where Mr. Campbell is resident secretary for the Y. M. C. A. Mrs. Campbell is with the State Department of Social Welfare as a social worker with the blind services.

## 1921

DEATH: Mrs. Adda Powers, '21ma, died August 30, 1957. Mrs. Powers lived in Montrose, Colorado.

## 1922

Carl E. Reistle, Jr., '22eng, Houston, Texas, has been named by the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers to receive the Anthony F. Lucas Gold Medal, a major award of the institute and an outstanding honor in petroleum engineering. A former president of AIME, Reistle will receive the award February 19 at the annual banquet of AIME in New York. He is executive vice president of Humble Oil and Refining Company.

## 1923

DEATH: Dr. Onis G. Hazel, '23pharm, '31bs, '31med, Oklahoma City skin specialist, died at the age of 57 in Oklahoma City on December 8, 1957. Dr. Hazel had been in private practice in Oklahoma City since 1932, and also had been a member of the faculty of the University of Oklahoma Medical School for 24 years. He was past president of the Oklahoma County Medical Society.

## 1926

Everett S. Johnson, Jr., '26bus, has been recently promoted to executive vice president by the Tulsa Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Dr. N. L. George, '26ed, '31m.ed, assistant superintendent of Oklahoma City schools, addressed the annual school facilities conference at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, in December. He gave two talks on the general theme of "Schools of Tomorrow."

DEATH: Dr. Robert L. Noell, '26bs, '28med, orthopedic surgeon, died December 12, 1957, in Oklahoma City after an illness of six months. He was a clinical professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine until his illness.

## 1927

J. Phil Burns, '27ba, will head the 1958 Oklahoma City and County March of Dimes campaign. Last year Burns headed the city campaign to raise money for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Mrs. Loraine P. Aggas, '27mus, has been honored by *Who's Who in Music*. The story of her accomplishments appears in the new edition as well as two previous editions.

DEATH: Kenneth H. Ferguson, '27, '34, died December 2, 1957, in Houston, Texas. Ferguson was a member of the Lambda Chi fraternity.

## 1928

Howard J. Bozarth, '28bus, Oklahoma City, was elected president of the City National Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City in late November. The election followed the death of the firm's former president, Dan Hogan, Jr. Bozarth graduated from the Oklahoma City public schools and attended Centre College in Kentucky before coming to O. U. He joined City National in 1930. He married the former Zereta Sutton, and they have two children. Civic organizations of which he is a member include Kiwanis, Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, Oklahoma County Red Cross, Men's Dinner Club, Vestry of the All Souls' Episcopal Church, and Bishop and Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma.

## 1929

George C. Frickel, '29, '33, has been appointed assistant national director, Cub Scouting Service, Boy Scouts of America.

Frank L. Dennis, '29ba, has been appointed director of public information for the U. S. Information Agency. He will continue also to be assistant deputy director of the agency's Office of Policy and Plans. Dennis was at one time assistant managing editor of the *Daily Oklahoman* and *Times*, Oklahoma City.

## 1930

Paul Miller, '30, Pittsford, New York, took up duties as president of the Gannett Company, Inc., during the past summer. Miller, who has been with the firm for 11 years, oversees 23 daily and weekly newspapers, as well as five radio and two television stations. Miller is married and the father of a daughter and three sons.

M. L. Powers, '30eng, '30ba, director of business and industrial services for the University, spoke on "Training During the Next Ten Years" at a meeting of the Tulsa chapter of the American Society of Training Directors in December.

L. W. Barrett, '30eng, and his son, Lynn, Jr., recently became members of Gamma Tau Kappa, honorary geological engineering fraternity. Barrett was initiated as a member of O. U.'s first class to receive a professional degree in geological engineering. His son, a junior in the School of Geological Engineering, is a member of O. U.'s first fraternity organized expressly for that field. The Barretts are from Tulsa.

## 1931

Howard Cowan, '31, has been appointed chairman of the Chamber of Commerce agriculture-area development department for 1958. Cowan is director of public affairs for Public Service Company of Oklahoma.

C. P. Bristol, '31eng, has been transferred to Midland, Texas, as vice president of the Midland area of Shell Oil Company. He was formerly vice president of the Tulsa area for four years.

Mrs. Alice P. Fleming, '31fa, '32ed, has a painting and a colored woodblock in the Association of Oklahoma Artists show at the Oklahoma Art Center, and a serigraph in the traveling show of the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts. A watercolor, "Willows," was shown in 1957 at the Smithsonian Institute. Mrs. Fleming teaches art in Norman High School.

Dr. James G. Harlow, '31ba, '33ms, newly-named dean of the School of Education at the University, spoke recently before the 200 persons at the annual schoolmen's dinner of Phi Delta Kappa, national scholastic fraternity. Dr. Harlow is also executive vice president of the Frontiers of Science of Oklahoma, Inc.

## 1932

Herbert L. Branan, '32ba, '38Law, Oklahoma City, was elected a vice president of Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company in December. Branan joined the firm in 1944. He is a member of Nichols Hill Methodist Church and the Oklahoma City Downtown Rotary Club, and past president of both the Oklahoma County Phi Beta Kappa association and the Arkadelphia Corporation, the latter being an organization owned by three electric utility companies for the interchange of electric power.

Thomas T. Fair, '32bus, is a rancher and has interests in real estate and oil in Waynoka, Oklahoma. Fair was a member of the 1955 Oklahoma Industrial Tour, purpose of which was to interest Eastern industries in the business prospects in Oklahoma.

James Robinson, '32ba, '32Law, general education specialist of the University, attended a meeting in December of the southwest homicide investigators seminar planning committee in Dallas, Texas. Members discussed plans for the fifth annual seminar program scheduled April 21-26 at O. U.'s North Campus.

## 1933

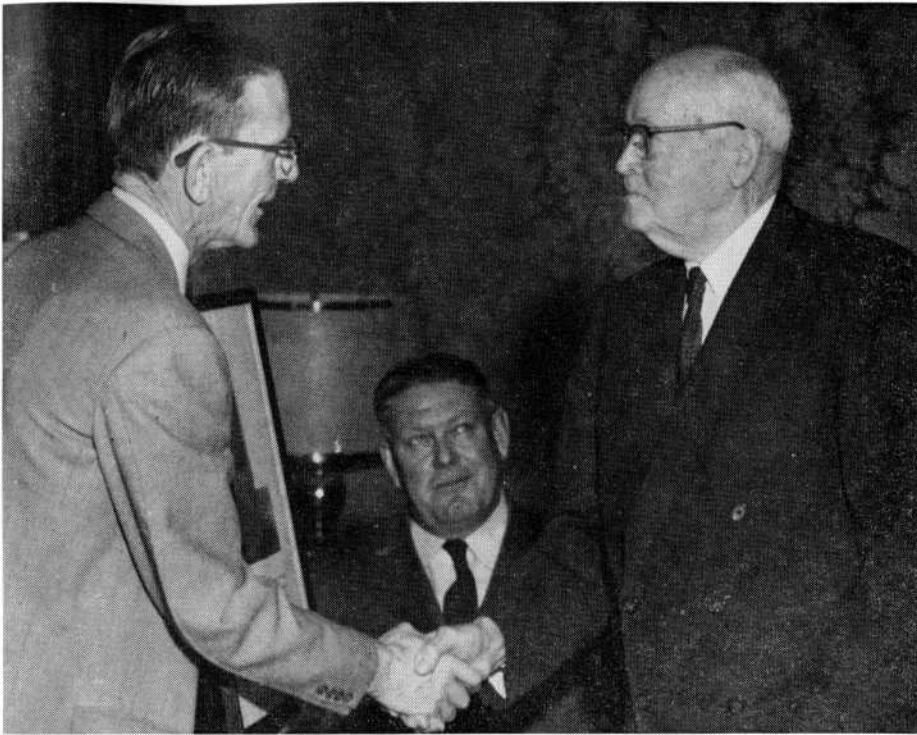
DEATH: Earl Blackburn, '33eng, Borger, Texas, died in Kansas City, Missouri, November 25, 1957. Blackburn, 47, was vice president of the oil and gas division of the J. M. Huber Corporation of Borger. He also was a director of the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

## 1935

Ira C. Gunning, '35m.ed, formerly dean of Eastern Oklahoma A&M, is now director of institutional research. Mrs. Thelma Gunning, 48bs, '53Lisci, is librarian at Eastern. Their son, Ira C. Gunning, Jr., '48eng, '49m.eng, is a research engineer with Convair in the guided missile program at Pomona, California.

Alice Marriott, '35ba, first University of Oklahoma woman anthropology graduate, has rejoined the O.U. staff as the first curator of ethnology at the Stovall Museum. Chosen New Mexico's writer of the year, Miss Marriott has recently published her tenth book, entitled *Black Stone Knife*.

Floyd Norris, '35Law, Los Angeles, California, lawyer, was elected a vice president of the newly organized Big "8" Club of Southern California. The club was formed to bind together



Nahum Ellsworth Butcher (above, right) was guest of honor at an appreciation dinner held in November at Tinker Air Force Base by his fellow workers. Butcher enrolled at O. U. in 1893, was one of 142 students but the only freshman. He later served as O. U.'s librarian, superintendent of Norman public schools and president of the Oklahoma Education Association. In 1942 he retired as representative of American Book Company, then went to work—at age 70—at Tinker, due to World War II. After 15 years he's retiring again. In the above photograph, Butcher is shown being congratulated by Milt Phillips, Seminole publisher and president of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association. Below, Butcher and wife pose with the citation given by the Association.



common interests of former students and graduates of universities which are members of the Missouri Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, or the Big Eight.

Mrs. Jack Holbrook (the former Lois Cobb, '35ba) is a member of the advertising department of the *McAlester News-Capitol*. The Holbrooks have three children, Vicki, 16; Bruce, 13, and Beverly, 7.

**MARRIAGE:** Mrs. Helen McMahon Brewer and Dr. Andrew Merriam Young III, '35bs, '37med, were married December 7 in St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Oklahoma City. The couple will live in Alexandria, Louisiana, where Dr.

Young will be head of the department of urology at the Veterans Hospital.

### 1936

Paul Young, '36ed, Muskogee, was one of two Oklahomans nominated for the 1957 Silver Anniversary All-America roster sponsored by *Sports Illustrated* magazine. (The other: Hiram Alexander, Tulsa, nominated by the University of Tulsa.) Young, after more than 20 years of coaching high school football, has been called the state's outstanding high school coach. Called "Immortal" Young when he played football for O. U. in 1932, he was the first of the Sooner honorary grid cap-

tains. Since taking up coaching duties at Muskogee High in 1947, he has produced at least four players who came on to the University and to All-America fame.

W. W. Whiteman, Jr., '36ba, '37Law, '40bus, '47m.bus, president and founder of the Bank of Mid-America Savings and Trust Company, recently purchased a building in Oklahoma City and moved into the new quarters January 6.

**DEATH:** George Allen Kramer, '36ba, '39ms, a naval officer during World War II and for the past 12 years an employe of the U. S. Veterans Administration, died December 12 in a Washington, D. C., hospital following a brief illness. Kramer was head of the V. A.'s foreign affairs division. Last September he was honored by his department for sustained superior performance in his duties. He was 41.

### 1937

Harry S. Collinson, Jr., '37ba, is now with the Puritan Chemical Company in Greenville, South Carolina.

Dr. Arthur N. Bragg, '37ph.d, is curator of amphibians at the University's Stovall Museum. At present he is concerned with numerous special studies on the habits of frogs and toads in their relations to their distribution, particularly in Oklahoma.

**DEATH:** Max K. Gilstrap, '37journ, died in Boston December 20, 1957. A native of Ardmore, Gilstrap was associate editor of the *Christian Science Monitor*. Before joining the *Monitor* staff, he was a naturalist and lecturer with the National Park Service.

### 1938

C. J. Schwartz, '38geol, is now manager of production for Rock Island Refining Corporation. He is stationed in Denver, Colorado.

### 1939

Major William B. Rayburn, Jr., '39, graduated from the U. S. Army command and general staff college associate course, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, December 20. Rayburn has been on three months active duty training at the Army's senior tactical school. He is now training officer of the 45th Infantry Division, Oklahoma National Guard, Oklahoma City. The Rayburns have two children, Jane, 7, and John, 5.

### 1940

Lucyl Shirk, '40ba, former Oklahoma City school teacher, has written a history entitled *Oklahoma City, Capital of Soonerland*. The book will serve as a high school text. The schools paid for printing the first 5,000 copies. This year Miss Shirk was director of the Oklahoma City Camp Fire Girl council.

T. H. Trower, '40ba, '42Law, secretary-treasurer of Bovaird Supply Company of Tulsa, was elected a new director of the firm at its annual stockholders meeting. Trower joined Bovaird seven years ago from the law firm of Williams, Boesche and McDermott of Tulsa. As secretary-treasurer of Bovaird, he is responsible for corporate, legal and financial matters.

**DEATHS:** Cecil Myers, '40Law, North Sacramento, California, died November 25, 1957. Myers, 45, served two terms as Beckham County state representative before moving to California about 15 years ago to become an FBI official.

Glenn D. Britt, '40ba, '41Law, Tulsa, former operator of the Britt and Britt Mining and Milling Company at Commerce, Oklahoma, died December 16 in a Tulsa hospital. Britt, 39, operated the firm 12 years before coming to Tulsa three

years ago. He was employed there by the Farmer-Stockman Publishing Company as a salesman.

Thomas Arthur Patterson, Jr., '40m.ed, died December 3 at his home in Oklahoma City. Patterson, 61, was a former band director at Capitol Hill High School. He helped organize band and music classes in various grade schools and junior high schools throughout the city.

#### 1941

Lawton L. Laurence, '41eng, manager of engineering, oilfield equipment division of Black, Sivalls and Bryson, Inc., Oklahoma City, has been elected engineering vice president and will serve in a staff capacity. Laurence joined BS&B in 1941 upon graduation from the University.

J. R. Forrester, '41bus, has been advanced to vice president in the oil loans department of the First National Bank and Trust Company, Tulsa. Forrester has been with the bank since 1951. He was formerly with the First National Bank of Broken Arrow.

Harold R. Rubin, '41journ, is teaching English and American history in Groningen, Holland, on a Fulbright fellowship. Rubin, with his wife, Helen, and daughter, Carol Ann, spent an hour visiting with Queen Juliana in her summer palace recently. Before going to Holland, Rubin was reporter on the *San Antonio* (Texas) *Evening News*.

John G. H. Scoon and Mrs. Scoon (the former Annabelle Rouse, '41ba) have just returned from two years in Germany and are now in Washington, D. C., where Scoon is awaiting another assignment by the State Department. The Scoons have four children, Marion, Pete, Jean and Johnnie.

#### 1942

Roy F. Heatly, '42, Los Angeles, California, is now sports director of the Armed Forces Radio and TV Service. AFRTS broadcasts news, special events and sports to U. S. Armed Forces in the Pacific by shortwave. Heatly was news editor for the service from 1951 to 1956 when he left to become West Coast editor of the NBC-TV show "Today."

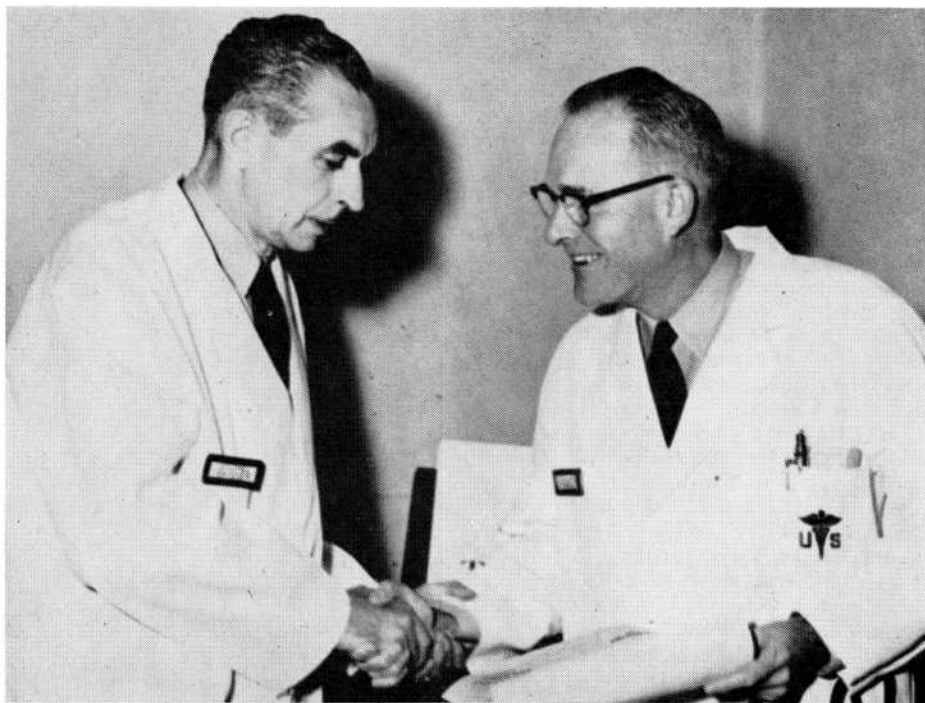
P. Edward Merrill, '42eng, is now a consulting engineer and manufacturer's agent, with headquarters in Dayton, Ohio, and branches in Detroit and Cleveland. He is with Custom Engineering Company. The Merrills have two daughters, ages two and four.

#### 1943

Dr. J. Raymond Hinshaw, '43ba, '46med, published an article entitled "The Histologic Studies of Burns" in the November, 1957 issue of *Mechanical Engineer*, official magazine of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The work was extracted from an address made by Hinshaw last June in San Francisco, California, before the A. S. M. E. national convention. Hinshaw, a former Rhodes Scholar and now a surgeon at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, New York, is internationally recognized as an authority in the field of burns. He is director of the flash-burn division of the atomic laboratory in Rochester and advisor to the Army Quartermaster Corps in this respect. In October he addressed the American College of Surgeons in Atlantic City, New Jersey, for the third straight year.

L. D. Gasset, '43eng, is an engineer with C. F. Braun Company in Alhambra, California. The Gassetts live in nearby West Covina and have three children, Barbara, 8; Betty, 6, and David, 2.

Guy L. McClung, Jr., '43, has just finished a



Colonel Philip J. Smith (at right), '35ba, '35bs, '37med, formerly of Lookeba, Oklahoma, receives a certificate of achievement in Tokyo, Japan, from Colonel Robert Skinner, commander of Tokyo U. S. Army Hospital. Smith was commended for outstanding service as chief of outpatient service with the installation. Colonel Smith has been in military service for the past twenty years.

three-year term on the board of governors of St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. James A. Dugger, '43bs, '44ba, is now associated in the practice of pediatrics with Dr. Fred Margolis in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

#### 1944

Earl E. Patterson, '44eng, '47m.eng, moved in December to Richmond, Virginia, where he works in the metallurgical research laboratory of Reynolds Metal Company. Patterson formerly lived in Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. T. R. Pfundt, '44med, has co-authored an article, "A Pilot Study on Rheumatic Fever Prevention," for the *Oklahoma State Medical Association Magazine*. Dr. Pfundt is assistant professor of pediatrics and preventive medicine at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine.

#### 1945

Dr. M. Thomas Buxton, Jr., '45bs, '47med, has been appointed company physician for the Oklahoma Publishing Company and Mistletoe Express. An internal medicine specialist, Dr. Buxton will direct the clinic maintained for some 1,000 employes of the two firms. The Buxtons have three children, Tommy, Jay and Bill.

#### 1946

Richard L. Fentem, '46bs, is a seismologist for Amerada Petroleum Corporation. He and Mrs. Fentem (the former Patsy Potter, '47bus) have recently moved from Enid to Chickasha, Oklahoma. They have three children.

James B. Logan, '46bus, has been elected a member of the board of directors of the University Life Insurance Company of Norman. Logan has been associated with the firm since its founding last year and has served as assistant secretary-treasurer and personnel manager.

Troy Knowles, '46bus, has been appointed manager of the business division of Gonsler and Gerber, Chicago, Illinois, public relations consultants. He was previously assistant to the chairman of the board of Helene Curtis Industries, Inc., in Chicago. The Knowleses have a new daughter, Kim Ellen, born November 10, 1957.

BIRTH: Morris Nunley, '46, and Mrs. Nunley (the former Patsy Harston, '51ba) have announced the birth of a daughter, Rendell, born November 16 in Lubbock, Texas.

#### 1947

Dr. Eran O. Burgert, '47med, Omaha, Nebraska, has been appointed to the staff of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, as a consultant in pediatrics. From 1948 to 1950 and in 1952 and 1953 he was a fellow in pediatrics in the Mayo Foundation in Rochester, a part of the graduate school of the University of Minnesota.

B. H. Flippen, '47eng, and family have moved from Fort Worth, Texas, to Silver Springs, Maryland.

BIRTH: Arthur V. Lewis, Jr., and Mrs. Lewis (the former Lorraine E. Hoyt, '47geol, '49ms) have chosen the name Janet Vaughan for their daughter born November 15 in Denver, Colorado. The Lewises have one other daughter, Anne Whittier, 2.

DEATH: Mrs. Julia Perry, '47m.ed, Purcell, died November 30 at the age of 55. Mrs. Perry was a teacher and was active in the Order of the Eastern Star and the American Association of University Women.

#### 1948

Billy Dennis Weaver, '48fa, Hollywood, California, was the subject of the national television program, "This Is Your Life," on December 11. Weaver, originally from Joplin, Missouri, plays the role

of "Chester" on the television drama, "Gunsmoke." At OU he was a drama student and track star. Appearing on "This Is Your Life" with him were John Jacobs, '16ba, the University's track coach and a member of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, and Lonnie Chapman, '47fa, a former roommate of Weaver and now an actor and director in New York City.

Paul Campbell, Jr., '48bus, is an assistant partner in the management consultant firm of Booz, Allen, and Hamilton of Chicago, Illinois. He formerly did personnel work for Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan.

Clyde Davis, '48ba, is now a newsman for KWTV, Channel 9, Oklahoma City. He also attends the University, where he is completing work on a master's degree in journalism.

**MARRIAGE:** Miss Marie B. Galasso and Joe M. Anderson, '48ba, both of Tulsa, were married there November 23 in St. Francis Xavier Church. The Andersons will live in Tulsa, where both are on the faculty at Benedictine Heights College.

**BIRTHS:** Dr. Robert S. Ellis, '48, and Mrs. Ellis are the parents of a daughter, Kathleen, born December 8 in Oklahoma City. The couple has another daughter, Elizabeth, 3.

L. B. Nicholson, '48journ, and Mrs. Nicholson (the former Ruth Wimbish, '48journ) of Garland, Texas, and Los Angeles, California, have selected the name Stephen David for their son born November 20 in Garland. They also have a daughter, Penny, 2.

## 1949

L. C. Bodemann, Jr., '49eng, moved from Oklahoma City to Denver, Colorado, in December.

**MARRIAGES:** Miss Jessica Doe, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, and Robert C. Terrill, '49ba, Burlington, Vermont, were married in Wilbraham United Church on December 14. The couple will live in Burlington.

Miss Helen Anne Duboc and Rex Duain Johnson, '49bus, were married December 28 in Fort Scott, Kansas.

**BIRTH:** Bing Q. Yee, '49, and Mrs. Yee have chosen the name Stewart Paul for their son born August 14, 1957, in Wichita, Kansas. Yee is a geologist and industrial engineer for the Carter Oil Company.

## 1950

Lyndall V. Webb, '50pharm, is now in his sophomore year at Baylor University's College of Dentistry, Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Webb (the former Margaret Johnson, '50ed) is teaching in the Fort Worth public schools. They have a son, Chuck.

A. Blaine Imel, Jr., '50arch, and D. A. Smith, '49arch, both hold offices in the Oklahoma organization of the American Institute of Architects. Smith was elected vice president, and Imel serves on the board of directors.

Kenneth O. Reid, '50journ, Pauls Valley *Daily Democrat and Enterprise* publisher, has been elected to another two-year term on the board of directors of the local chamber of commerce.

Charles D. Story, '50ba, '54ma, formerly chairman of the department of government, East Central State College, Ada, is now studying for his doctor of philosophy degree at the University of Oklahoma. His dissertation topic is "The formulation of Army Reserve Forces Policy: Its Setting Amidst Pressure Group Activity."

Shirley Ann Enders, '50bs, moved from Denver, Colorado, to Columbia, Missouri, in December.

**BIRTH:** Robert F. Calonkey, '50bus, and Mrs. Calonkey (the former Sara Landsaw, '50ba) have chosen the name Mary Keven for their daughter



GUILLERMO PEDRO SALAS

It's rough, coming to a foreign university and trying to study in a foreign language. But when the teachers and students cannot even pronounce one's name, well, there's just one thing to do: Change it.

# JUST PLAIN BILL

**O**NE MAN DOWN MEXICO way cannot forget his student days at the University of Oklahoma. Guillermo Pedro Salas acquired more than an education during his years on the campus: he acquired a new name, too.

Salas, a six-footer who lives in the heart of Mexico City with his wife and family, has been director of the Mexican Geological Institute since 1955, and in 1957 he was appointed by President Ruiz Cortines to the board of directors of Non-Renewable Mineral Resources. He spends a great deal of time moving quickly from one part of his country to the other, and even through Central America, supervising hydrocarbon analysis methods for the company of which he is president—Rotary Engineering Co de Mexico—and generally acting as a geological consultant backed by years of hard experience.

However, those whom he contacts no longer know him as Guillermo; today he is called Bill Salas.

After coming to O. U. in 1932 from Monterey, Mexico, to study engineering, Salas found that his given name proved difficult for classmates and professors to pronounce. In no time at all he and they changed it to Bill. That's what they called him as he worked his way through school serving as a houseboy for the Pi Beta Phi sorority. That's what they called him when he received his degree in geological engineering in 1937.

After graduation he joined Seismograph Service Company as a seismic computer, then moved on to Carter Oil Company as a subsurface geologist. During the next couple years he worked as director of Exploraciones Geofisicas Mexicanas, locating minerals and water in the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, Mexico, and for Petroleos Mexicanos as a surface geologist. In 1947 he was appointed chief geologist for the latter company, and two years later he stepped into the presidency of both Rotary Engineering Co de Mexico and Geologos Consultores Asociados S. A.

Positions held since include consultant to the Cuban government for petroleum affairs and geological consultant to the Guatemalan and Honduras governments. He has even found time to squeeze in teaching a course in petroleum engineering at the University of Mexico.

It almost goes without saying that Salas is a busy man indeed, and a remarkably successful one. But wherever his schedule takes him, whatever new titles he picks up along the way, he is no longer Guillermo, but just plain Bill—the name he received a quarter-century ago in Norman, Oklahoma.

born December 6 in Oklahoma City. The Callonkeys live in Norman.

## 1951

Philip J. Feisal, '51bus, has moved from Muskogee, Oklahoma, to Childress, Texas, where he is store manager of Goodyear Service Store. Mr. and Mrs. Feisal are the parents of twin boys, Phil'p Dean and Henry Gene, born October 6, 1957.

Alan White, '51journal, has been elected secretary of the Tulsa Press Club and Benevolent Association for 1958. White is assistant public relations director for the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

Dr. Hubert C. Skinner, '51geol, '53ms, '54ph.d., has been named associate professor of geology at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Skinner was formerly with the Texas Company in New Orleans.

**BIRTHS:** Jean C. Smith, '51ba, '55Law, and Mrs. Smith (the formerly Roberta Short, '51h.ec) have announced the birth of a son, Charles Melvin, in Tulsa on December 12.

Harold L. Mathias, Jr., '51bus, and Mrs. Mathias (the former Jacqueline Clyde, '54bs), Waco, Texas, have chosen the name Dorothy Clyde for their daughter born November 25, 1957.

## 1952

Charles Peters, '52ed, is now at Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado, studying on a teacher's fellowship. He will receive his master's degree in physical education when he completes his studies.

Robert I. Greenberg, '52journal, former *Lawton Constitution* staff writer and later *Morning Press* sports editor, has resigned as general assignment reporter for the *White Plains* (New York) *Reporter-Dispatch* and is employed on the rewrite desk of the *Philadelphia Daily News*.

**BIRTHS:** Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Robert W. Schaffer (the former Helene Hurd, '52ba) have chosen the name Cynthia Jane for their daughter born December 21, 1957. The Schaffers have two other children, William, 2½, and Helene, 1. They live in Falls Church, Virginia.

Lieut. Kenneth B. Orr, '52bus, and Mrs. Orr (the former Janice Kerr, '56ba) have chosen the name Melissa Dawn for their daughter born September 14, 1957, in Houston, Texas.

## 1953

William T. Hudson, '53eng, has joined the staff of Keplinger and Wanemacher, petroleum consultants of Tulsa, as a petroleum engineer. Hudson is moving to Tulsa from Denver, Colorado, where he was with Cabeen Exploration Corporation as district production superintendent.

Ted Parker, '53journal, is now a public relations trainee with Western Electric Company, New York. Parker was formerly an account executive for the Tulsa public relations firm of Benton Ferguson and Associates.

Roy E. Lyles, '53pharm, is now owner and manager of the Sooner Drug Store in Hugo, Oklahoma. Lyles was previously salesman for Fox-Vliet Drug Company in Oklahoma City.

Robert E. Lee, '53journal, news editor of the *Woodward County Journal*, Woodward, was elected president of the Northwest Oklahoma Press Association in November, 1957. He succeeds Willis Lansden, '37, *Beaver Herald-Democrat* publisher.

Morgan V. Hunter, '53journal, has accepted a position in the advertising department of Proctor and Gamble, Cincinnati, Ohio. He has been assigned as assistant brand man to the group responsible for the consumer marketing of Ivory Liquid Detergent. The Hunters have a son, David.

**MARRIAGES:** Miss Virginia Ann Barnes, Law-



Emmett Evan Heflin, Jr.—or Van Heflin, as he is known to millions of movie-goers—calls his years at the University of Oklahoma the happiest of all.

No matter what you've heard, actors still are human. And, like others of us, they don't forget their roots.

# An Actor Speaks

*Van Heflin, '32ba, star of such Hollywood motion pictures as Johnny Eager (for which he won an Academy Award), The Three Musketeers and Shane, and of the legitimate theater and television, was one of several University of Oklahoma alumni asked their opinions of their Alma Mater as the state's official semi-centennial approached. Following is the reply of Heflin, whose latest film is Columbia Pictures' 3:10 to Yuma.*

**T**ODAY, MORE THAN at any other time in our history, institutions of higher learning as personified by the University of Oklahoma, face grave responsibilities.

The need for college graduates, educated by capable faculties for careers in science, education and industry is especially acute in these days where current newspaper headlines read of satellites, cold war and inflation.

I feel, too, that the world of culture cannot be neglected. It has often been said that a civilization is reflected by its cultural pursuits—its art, its literature, its entertainment standards.

As a working actor in our three top entertainment media—motion pictures, television and the theatre—I often reflect on what my undergraduate days at the University of Oklahoma meant in terms of my chosen career.

I can safely say that I entered the University a boy and left there a man. Oklahoma provided four of the happiest years of my life, happy in the sense that my life was carefree on the one hand and happy that I was gaining in knowledge and maturity on the other.

Since 1892, the University of Oklahoma has sent her students out to become a credit to their Alma Mater in every state of the Union. As an alumnus, I share in the pride all of my fellow graduates must feel in the great institution we were privileged to attend. And I am sure they share my firm faith that for countless years to come, our beautiful campus at Norman will continue to do more than its share in furthering the progress of our country and the world in which we live.

VAN HEFLIN

ton, and George H. Hammonds, '53bus, Oklahoma City, were married September 7, 1957. They live in Oklahoma City, where Hammonds is an accountant and auditor with Sam J. Hammonds, C.P.A. Mrs. Hammonds is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma School of Nursing.

Miss Carolyn Ilene Gee and Don Miskovsky, '53bus, both of Oklahoma City, were married November 28 in the Nichols Hills Baptist Church. They live in Oklahoma City.

## 1954

Donald A. Foster, '54eng, has been promoted to assistant chemical engineer in the technical service division at Humble Oil and Refining Company's Baytown, Texas, refinery. He is engaged in technological development and control of the four crude distillation units in that refinery.

Martha Plummer, '54journal, has resigned from the *Tulsa Tribune* staff in order to travel. Miss Plummer joined the *Tribune* in October, 1954, as a reporter.

Lieut. Col. Nolan C. Hatcher, '54med, has been assigned to the training division of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations in the headquarters of the Military Air Transport Service. Hatcher is stationed at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

Bob Hentzen, '54journal, has joined the sports staff of the *Topeka (Kansas) Daily Capital*. He was formerly with *The Daily Oklahoman*, Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Ruth Ann Clark Winters, '54ba, recently moved from Galveston, Texas, to Chittenango, New York.

Bill D. Sampson, '54journal, has rejoined the *Tulsa Tribune*, after being released by the Army. While he was in service at Fort Chaffee, Sampson worked off-duty hours on the *Fort Smith (Arkansas) Southwest American and Times Record*. He is now courthouse reporter for the *Tribune*.

MARRIAGES: Miss Constance Stephens, '54ba, and John H. McKibben were married November 1, 1957. The McKibbens live in Long Beach, California. Mrs. McKibben is employed by American Airlines.

Miss Rosemary Kyler, '54ba, and Lieut. Jack E. Dennison, both of Fort Worth, Texas, recently were married in the First Presbyterian Church, Enid, Oklahoma. The couple will live in Altus, Oklahoma.

Miss Cordelia Cremers and John R. Lynn, '54eng, both of Ponca City, were married there November 30 in St. Mary's Catholic Church. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn have established residence in Norman, where he is continuing his studies toward a master's degree at the University.

Miss Carol Lee Lane, '54ba, and Lawrence Lewis Hubbard, both of Arlington, Virginia, were married there on November 8, 1957. They live in Arlington, where he is security guard at Arlington Hall. She is employed at Fort Meade, in Maryland.

BIRTHS: Bryce A. Baggett, '54ba, '56Law, and Mrs. Baggett have chosen the name Brene Everett for their son born November 20 in Oklahoma City. They have another son, Bryce A. Baggett, Jr., 2.

Gene M. Gardner, '54Law, Duncan, was presented a new daughter by Mrs. Gardner "for a Christmas present."

## 1955

Luis de Villegas Borges, '55eng, Caracas, Venezuela, is now president of two companies, one his own, dealing in construction of urbanistic projects and general contracting.

Lieut. Don S. Payne, '55ba, Henryetta, has been

graduated from the 11th Airborne Division's jump school in Augsburg, Germany. Payne is a platoon leader in Company B, 511th Signal Battalion.

Robert E. Hill, '55eng, has been employed by the University of California's Los Alamos scientific laboratory as an electrical engineer in the GMX Division. The division is concerned with intricate physical studies of nuclear weapon systems and the behavior of nuclear weapon components during explosions.

MARRIAGE: Miss Joan Adell Maness, '55bus, Sapulpa, and John Thomas Knotek, Beverly Hills, California, were married December 14 in All Saints Episcopal Church, Beverly Hills. Knotek is an engineering graduate of U.C.L.A.

## 1956

Don Dale, '56Law, has been elected secretary-

treasurer of the Stephens County Bar Association. Dale moved from Guymon to Duncan in December. Other recent elections to the Stephens County association are Jerome Sullivan, Jr., '56Law, as president, and William McCoy, also '56Law, as vice president.

Pvt. Harry B. Greaves, Jr., '56bus, has completed the finance procedures course at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Greaves is from Okmulgee.

Bill J. Moore, '56Law, has been promoted to claim manager of the Dallas district service office of Allstate Insurance Company. Moore was formerly located in Fort Worth.

Robert B. Milsten, '56Law, has received a commission as second lieutenant in the Air Force. He works in the Tinker Air Force Base legal office and plans to enter his father's law firm in Tulsa when he terminates his military service in May, 1958.

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Lieut. Ruben S. Urenda, '56eng, Oklahoma City, recently received his first lieutenant's bars while serving with the 561 ACWRON at Goose Bay, Labrador. He will finish a year's tour there in April.

Lawrence H. Sluder, '56eng, moved in December from Ardmore, Oklahoma, to Portland, Texas.

Thomas G. Norris, '56eng, '57m.eng, is now a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force, stationed on Okinawa. He will be joined there shortly by Mrs. Harris (the former Charlene Nelson, '56) and their son, Tom, Jr., who was born August 21, 1957.

Jimmy L. Hurley, '56geol, is enrolled in primary pilot training at Moore Air Force Base, Texas. Hurley is from Tulsa.

Pfc. Arlen Southern, '56journ, Hooker, is working in services branch of the Army's office of the Secretary to the General Staff in Heidelberg, Germany. Southern deals in public relations and expects to be overseas for about 15 months. His wife plans to join him in March.

MARRIAGES: Miss Kathy Jeanne Pasque, '56m.ed, and Gerald Cecil Braun were married November 23 in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Guthrie. They will live at 1227 S. Wheeling Ave., Tulsa.

Miss Gloria Ardell Schlesinger, '56bs, and Lieut. Peter Wilson Patton, U. S. Navy, were married September 7, 1957. They live in Corpus Christi, Texas, where he is a flight instructor at the Naval Air Station, and she is a medical technologist.

Miss Ellen Murphey, '56ed, and Frank Mitchell, '56bus, were married October 30, 1957. Both are from Seminole. They now have a home in Arlington, Virginia.

BIRTHS: Dennis Leigh Evans, '56bus, and Mrs. Evans (the former Caryl Lou Smith, '54-'55), Bartlesville, have selected the name Caryl Denise for their daughter born in December. Evans is a distributor salesman for the Westinghouse Company.

Don Dale, '56Law, and Mrs. Dale, '56ed, Duncan, have chosen the name Deborah Elizabeth for their daughter born November 9, 1956.

Edward D. Corbin, '56ba, and Mrs. Corbin announce the birth of a son, born November 21 in Tulsa. The Corbins also have a daughter.

Lieut. J. D. Cooper, '56bs, and Mrs. Cooper announce the birth of a daughter, Becky Lynn, November 26, 1957. Cooper is a medical service corps officer stationed at Fort Totten, New York.

Robert S. Greeson, '56eng, and Mrs. Greeson (the former Mary Rollow, '55bus), St. Albans, West Virginia, are parents of a daughter, Mary Lael, born November 19, 1957. They also have a son, Bobby, 2.

## 1957

Robert S. Edmiston, '57fa, had a one-man show at Philbrook Art Center, Tulsa, during December. Edmiston's sculpture showing was the last of a series of exhibitions by Oklahoma artists planned in observance of the state's semicentennial. He has also entered work at Texas State Artists exhibitions at Witte Museum, San Antonio, and in the annual exhibits of the Association of Oklahoma Artists in Oklahoma City.

Donald V. Courtney, '57geol, has been commissioned a Marine second lieutenant and is now enrolled in the nine-month officer basic school at Quantico, Virginia, becoming a qualified infantry platoon leader. Also receiving commissions were Albert E. Hall, Jr., '57bus, of Heavener, Oklahoma, and James R. Hagan, '57ba, of Sherman, Texas.

John C. Campbell, '57journ, has resigned as a *Pauls Valley Daily Democrat* reporter to become news editor of the *Nowata Daily Star*. He succeeds Albert L. Douthitt, '51journ, who resigned to be-

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November 16 was a big day for O. U. and Notre Dame Alumni in Wichita, Kansas, as well as those sitting in Norman's Owen Stadium. Above are shown first arrivals of a crowd of approximately 300 which gathered in the Allis Hotel's ballroom in Wichita to watch Oklahoma's Sooners meet the Irish of Notre Dame on color television. Called a "whomping success" by O. U. Wichita Alumni Club president Albert Kamas, the entire event was financed by Deb Gaines of the Jenkins Music Company. Below, from the left, are Frank Furstenberg and Mrs. Furstenberg, who hosted the Notre Dame Club faction; Mr. Deb Gaines, and Mrs. A. Wayne Murphy and Mr. Murphy, Oklahoma Club hosts. At the same time, members of San Francisco, California, O. U. Alumni Club met to watch the game on television, experiencing the largest turnout in its history; the host was Bob Harper.

come investigator for the federal alcohol tax unit in Tulsa.

William R. Council, Jr., '57eng, has joined Union Carbide Chemicals Company in Institute, West Virginia. He and Mrs. Council (the former Linda Lou Shelton) were married early in December in St. James Episcopal Church, Wichita, Kansas, and make their home in nearby St. Albans, West Virginia. He spent six months with the Army's Corps of Engineers after graduating from the University in January, 1957.

Ensign Dale K. Patterson, '57journ, Altus, has been assigned to the USS Boxer as public information officer. The ship's home port is San Diego, California.

Ensign Robert M. Caron, '57geol, Dallas, Texas, made his first solo flight recently. In addition to solo flights, he is being instructed in communications, navigation and civil air regulations during basic flight training at Pensacola, Florida.

**MARRIAGES:** Miss Susanne Springer, '57, Norman, and Lieut. Edwin Gharst Corr, Bartlesville, were married November 24 at the First Christian Church, Norman. The couple will be in Hawaii for two years while Corr is stationed there with the U. S. Marine Corps.

Miss Phyllis Pickrell, '57, and Gene Wheeler, '57bus.ed, both of Tipton, were married December 27, 1957, at the First Methodist Church in Tipton. She is a sophomore in education at the University and employed part-time as a clerk-typist in the Alumni Association offices. He completed six months duty with the Army in September and now is working for Associates Discounts Corporation in Oklahoma City. They have made their home in Norman.

Miss Jerelyn Claxton, '57, Norman, and Ethelbert L. Corr, Jr., '57ed, Bartlesville, were married November 23 in the First Baptist Church, Norman. They will live in Hawaii where Corr is stationed with the Marine Corps.

Miss Sarah Annette Bernhardt, '57, Kansas City, Missouri, and Clifford Wayne Murphey,



'53geol, Oklahoma City, were married November 29 in the First Presbyterian Church, Carlsbad, New Mexico. The couple have established a home in Iran, Texas.

Miss Shirley A. Norris, '57fa, and James B. O'Connor were married December 14. They live in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where O'Connor is with the Air Force.

Miss Emilie Lou Amann, '57, and Lieut. Carl Mac Stephens, '57ba, were married November 28 in the Tinker Air Force Base Chapel, Oklahoma City. The couple will establish a residence in Fredericksburg, Virginia, where the bridegroom is stationed with the Marine Corps.

Miss Judith Ann Hampton, '57ed, Ponca City,

and Charles Lewis Million, Wichita Falls, Texas, were married December 7 in the First Methodist Church, Ponca City. The Millions will live in Bowie, Texas.

Miss Marilyn Dee Dyer, '57ba, Blackwell, and Frank Richard Miller were married in December in the First Methodist Church in Blackwell. They are living in Dallas, Texas, where Miller is enrolled in the College of Dentistry at Baylor University.

Miss Jeanne Thomas, '57ba, and Wyatt Heflin Blake, III, were married November 22 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Norman. They will live in Norman while Blake is serving as a lieutenant in the Navy, stationed at the Naval Air Technical Training Center.