



THE DAILY'S EDITOR KNOWS HIS DESK
IS THE BOTTOM RUNG OF AN INSPIRING LADDER

WITH graduates numbering a U. S. senator (A. S. Mike Monroney) and a writer whom the Japanese rate higher than Hemingway (Earnest Hemingway), the faculty of O.U.'s school of journalism figured their list of graduates' accomplishments could match any in the country.

The school's dedication preparations gave them a chance to see just exactly how their former students had fared. What they discovered, after much letter writing and conferring, was enough to warm the cockles of an old professor's heart.

O.U.'s journalism school graduates had done more than all right by themselves. To no one's surprise, the most spectacular ladder climbing had been accomplished by former editors of *The Oklahoma Daily*, O.U.'s student newspaper since 1917.

Most of the 69 editors of the *Daily* are pictured on the ladder to the left. Those missing include the *Daily's* present editor, Carol Jean Robinson, and Alice Lay, a former editor who is also still in school.

Also missing are John L. Fortson, Millard S. Purdy, Clarence Pearce, now dead; and Pat Olive, Mary Lyle Childs Weeks, Joan Wakefield Fox, Leon Bert, Jarita Bicknell Askins, Amy Lee Hill Thomas, Cecile Davis Richards, Suzanne Arnote Holloway, and Charles C. Taliaferro—about whom the school could find little or no information.

The *Daily* had two predecessors—*The Empire* (1906-13) and *The University Oklahoman* (1913-16). Their editors were J. Wallace Perry, Reuben McKittrick, C. W. Fowler, Earle W. Radcliffe, Earle S. Porter, William N. Randolph, Lloyd Maxwell, Earl Foster, Orel Busby, Earl Christmas, Chester H. Westfall, and Willard H. Campbell. These gentlemen, also, alas (for reasons of space) we were not able to illustrate in the rungs of what evidently are some of the most glamorous ladders to rise from O.U.'s campus.

As can be seen in the illustration, most of the *Daily's* former editors have confined their climbing to journalistic ladders. But seven, one a U. S. Senator, have drifted from journalism.