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Mrs. Mary Fees Jacob, '25ed, '30M.S., and Mr. Jacob, a daughter, Eleanor Jane, October 20, 1932. Home, Alva.


DEATHS

Tom Mays, Jr., 23ex, died November 19 as a result of injuries received when his car overturned near Pauls Valley. Burial was in Maysville, the home of the family.

Harold Kern

Harold Kern, '21ex, was buried to death November 28 in his home in Oklahoma City.

Owen Owen

Owen Owen, '13ex, died at his home in Tulsa Saturday, December 3, at the age of sixty one. Mr. Owen was a district court judge and was one of the leaders of the Oklahoma bar. He was a charter member of the Oklahoma chapter of Phi Delta Phi, honorary legal fraternity, and a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. Judge Owen's death was attributed to heart failure. For the eight months preceding his death, he had been unable to lie down, due to the nature of his heart ailment, being compelled to sit upright in a chair constantly. His mind remained clear to the end, despite the gradual physical weakening his illness caused.

Judge Owen was a first cousin of former senator Robert L. Owen, whom he resembled strikingly. A native of Lynchburg, West Virginia, Mr. Owen came to Oklahoma in 1892, establishing himself first at Muskogee, and later at Tulsa, after a short residence in Caney, Kansas. He had a varied and interesting career in public life. He was the personal bodyguard of President Grover Cleveland during that president's second term and one time rescued a drowning man in the presence of Mr. Cleveland. In 1914, Mr. Owen was named a United States probate attorney, serving two years. In 1918, he was elected to the district court bench, from which he resigned in 1921 to resume the practice of law. Governor Holloway named Mr. Owen a district judge in 1930, and in the elections of the fall of that year, Mr. Owen was elected, along with his classmates, Judge Thurman Hurst, '12law, and Harry Halley, '15as, '17 law. Judge Owen is survived by his widow and a daughter, Mary, and a sister, Alice Owen of New York City.

The Tulsa Tribune records the tribute his fellow judges and friends paid him:

"A small fraction of Cherokee Indian blood may have accounted in part for his dignified bearing. He bore a remarkable facial resemblance to former U. S. Senator Robert L. Owen, who was his double first cousin. "He had an intense interest in children and young people. While both judge and practicing attorney, Judge Owen had a "string" of young barristers in whom he evidenced special interest. Friends today said that possibly a score of young Tulsa lawyers owe much of their finesse and polish in the practice of law to Judge Owen's willing and kindly advice. The news of Judge Owen's death spread quickly at the court house and the district courts and court clerk's office were closed immediately.

"Judge Henry Montgomery of Bartlesville, who has been serving as a supply judge in Judge Owen's division, immediately struck the remainder of the docket and left the bench, announcing that there would be no further court matters in that division until next Wednesday.

"Judge Montgomery, a close friend of Judge Owen, commended him highly, both as an attorney and as a judge.

"I met Judge Owen in 1905, shortly after I came from Kentucky and he came from Virginia," Judge Montgomery said. "I was in Bartlesville in the law practice and Judge Owen and his brother, Charles, were in the oil and gas business, with headquarters at Caney, Kansas. Our firm represented his in Bartlesville and our constant contact resulted in a close friendship."

"Judge Harry Halley, who was elected to the bench with Judge Owen two years ago, termed him 'a man of highest character and legal ability. He was very sound, both as to law and common sense in regards to problems which confronted him in his official capacity.' Judge Halley said his acquaintance began with Judge Owen in 1910. He recalled that while on the bench, Judge Owen was very witty and..."
enjoyed bandying words with attorneys. At the same time, Judge Owen demanded strict adherence to the legal phases of a law suit, he added.

"Judge Thurman Hurst, of division four, from Pawnee county, who was a classmate of Judge Owen in the University of Oklahoma law school in 1911, recalled his earliest acquaintance with Judge Owen, with whom he was elected. The four successful judges campaigned together, both here and in Pawnee county, and Judge Hurst and Halley recalled that at that time Judge Owen apparently was in ill health but did not realize it.

"Frequently, during their campaign, Judge Owen would be forced to call a halt, complaining that he was tired. "You fellows go ahead," he would tell the others.

"He and Judge Hurst were charter members of the Phi Delta Phi honorary legal fraternity. Judge Owen, even in law school, carried the dignity which characterized him on the bench," Judge Hurst recalled. "He was very popular among his fellow students. He was married when he came to the law school and naturally did not run around as much as we younger fellows did."

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**YEAR BY YEAR**

1915
Seward Sheldon, '15journ, is managing editor of the *Fort Worth Press*.

1916
Kenneth C. Kamin, '16as, co-editor of *Booky Abroad*, has been named literary editor of the *Oklahoman* of Oklahoma City.

1920
Robert M. Sayre, '20as, sales engineer for the Kansas City Gas company was recently promoted to lieutenant in the U. S. naval reserve. His address is 214 Brush Creek boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri.

1922
I. A. D. (Amon) Collins, '22law, a member of the Oklahoma City bar for the past nine years, has opened a private law office in Mangum, Oklahoma.

1923
Ed Kerrigan, '23journ, editor and publisher of the *Cleveland County Democrat-News*, has announced the sale of his newspaper to the *Norman Transcript*, of which Fred Toman, '10as, is editor and publisher. Mr Kerrigan retains his plant but has sold his newspaper.

Joseph H. Buckles, '23journ, has moved from Fort Worth, Texas, to Oklahoma City, where he is manager of the Babcock Printing Co. at 209 East Grand avenue.

John F. Wilkinson, '23as, is southwestern representative for the Mercantile Commerce Bank and Trust company of St. Louis. It is the second largest bank in St. Louis with deposits over $100,000,000.00.

1924
Russell W. Grimes, '24ex, and Webster Lawton, '22ex, are employed by the *Shell Petroleum Corporation* in St. Louis.

1930
George Milburn's address is 226 Bradford street, Provincetown, Massachusetts. Mr Milburn, '30ex, is continuing his phenomenal literary progress, with a short story in the December *Harper's*.

1931
Harold L. Nichols, '31bus, is doing graduate work at the *Boston University School of Theology*, from which school he expects to receive the S. T. B. degree in 1934. Mr Nichols' address is 72 Mount Vernon street, Boston, Massachusetts.

1932
Luman T. Cockerill, '32as, is a graduate student in *Boston University School of Theology*, from which school he will receive his S. T. B. degree in 1935. Mr Cockerill's address is 72 Mount Vernon street, Boston, Massachusetts.

**THE BEST MARKS AREN'T ALWAYS ON THE BOOKS**

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...gold wrist watch that was the winner's trophy.

Most men would have waxed hysterical or done some swearing at two consecutive such breaks of hard luck. But the little Indian took it more philosophically. After his disqualification at Lawrence I remember Dunson looking back over the wreckage of his hurdle course and grinning.

"Yup," he grunted, "I sure knocked 'em down."

A week later Dunson went to the Drake relays. This time he ran the course without ticking a single hurdle, winning by five feet in 15 seconds flat and getting his championship wrist watch. In the Missouri Valley outdoor meet two weeks later he won in 14.9 seconds, setting the present university outdoor record.

Hard luck couldn't squelch that fellow.

Glen Dawson, of Skiatook, the phenomenal Sooner distance runner who performed for Oklahoma during the school years of 1929-30 and 1930-31, but did his best work as a graduate in 1931-32, hitch-hiking his way to races all over the nation and earning a place on the United States Olympic team in the 3,000 meters steeplechase, is an outstanding illustration of a man who made his best marks while being defeated by opposing runners.

Dawson's best official outdoor mile is 4:22 and his best official outdoor two mile 9:33.2 although in reality he has run these distances much faster.

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