cooperation between the safety department and the public. This can be done only through courteous public relations.

Paul W. Reed assumed duties as commissioner of public safety upon appointment by Governor Roy J. Turner March 1, 1947. In taking over as chief of the department in the Armory Building, two blocks west of the capitol, Reed replaced Commissioner Bud Gentry.

Gentry headed the department when it was first organized during former Governor E. W. Marland’s administration. He was out of office during the Phillips’ administration, but was recalled for Kerr’s four years in the governor’s seat. When Reed took over the reins of the public safety department, Gentry retired to private business, but his life was cut short in a traffic accident July 10, 1947.

The Woodward tornado cut its devastating swath across northwestern Oklahoma during Reed’s early days in office. He left his work in the Oklahoma City office and proceeded to the stricken area to personally direct patrol activities. Under his command the troopers kept traffic lanes open, and aided in evacuation and first aid administration.

The commissioner is not the only one in the department who tells stories about "when I was at O. U." He is joined by 22 other Sooners. Wayne A. Vernon, ’39ba, serves as executive secretary to Reed and is in charge of press relations for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. He joined the patrol in June, 1947.

Other alumni in the department include Leo High, ’17, chief of registration; William Miller, Kenton, patrol clerk, Claremore; Weldon L. Park, ’41, patrol clerk, Clinton; Billy Joe Miller, radio clerk at KOSO (highway patrol radio station), Oklahoma City; France, officer, Okmulgee, Oklahoma City; W. T. walkers, license enforcement officer, Oklahoma City; Lulu Pybas, secretary, Oklahoma City, and Jack Vostilow, permit clerk, Tulsa.

Troopers who are alumni are listed together with their present assignment location. They are L. T. D. Hamilton, ’30, Lawton; Lt. E. S. Clark, Enid; J. C. Hickey, Muskogee; Lt. Joe Boyce, Pawnee, Howard J. Flanagan, ’26, Sulphur; Carl H. Tyler, ’28, Oklahoma City, and Joe Curtis Bushy, ’34, Claremore.

Others are Glenn Clark, ’43, Ada; Harold H. Harmon, Tulsa; Marcus Carter, Ardmore; Otis Boyd Patterson, Vinita; James Stallings, Pawnee, and William J. Cormack, Duncan.

Charles Duffy Drops Legion Reins After Successful Year

On the eve of the 29th Annual Convention of the Oklahoma Department of the American Legion held at the Municipal Auditorium in Oklahoma City last month, a comprehensive annual report was issued concerning organization under the leadership of Charles B. Duffy, ’22law, state commander.

The annual report, issued by department headquarters of the American Legion from the State Historical Building in Oklahoma City, showed among other achievements under Duffy’s leadership, that the 21st session of the Oklahoma Legislature, upon recommendation of this veteran’s organization, appropriated extra large funds for the Oklahoma veteran’s department and the general rehabilitation program of the state veterans hospital. When Commander Duffy summarized this legislative activity, he concluded his statement as follows:

"The greatest state legislative program in Legion history was accomplished in the 21st Oklahoma Legislature."

The report shows further that during the period July 1, 1946 to June 30, 1947 Oklahoma veterans, widows and orphans received 2,498, monthly checks, totaling more than $170,000. Also, 2,395 cases were reviewed by the claim staff of the Legion during the 12-month period.

In the field of Americanism, the Oklahoma department participated under Commander Duffy’s leadership. School awards numbering 2,395 were given out for participation in Americanism activities throughout the state. More than 400 students participated in the national oratorical contest sponsored by the Legion. The Classen High School representative in Oklahoma City, Gerald Hornung, placed third in the national finals.

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Among other leaders working under Commander Duffy for the year that closed last month were: Department Adjutant Elmer Fraker, ’20ba, ’38ma; Ted Beard, ’21ba, Norman; Charles Menninger, ’19ba, ’33law, Atoka attorney; Leslie L. Thomas, ’36ba, ’41ma, Americanism officer of the state department; Joe Looney, ’28ba, ’22ib, Wewoka attorney; Max Cook, ’39ba, ’41law, Clinton attorney.

Dick H. Dale—Encouragement For O. U. Journalism Students

To journalism majors at the University who stay awake nights thinking about years of cubship at a low wage following graduation, the career of Richard H. Dale, ’48, may come as a source of inspiration.

For years photography has been Dale’s main object in life. In the army he was a "photo-bug," working on service newspapers and doing signal corps work. Part of this time was spent as a staff member of the 45th division newspaper, which later edited in the postwar reactivated division.

Around the journalism school, after he returned from the Army, Dale was known as campus secretary of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity; president of the campus chapter of Kappa Alpha Mu, national honorary journalism fraternity; and president of Cameraman Club. He was also publicity chairman of Union Activities Board.

But to get the reason why Dale is held in such esteem by former fellow students. After graduation from the School of Journalism in June, 1947, he did eight weeks of graduate work at the University, and then accepted a job with NEA-Acme News-Picture syndicate.

He was sent to the Chicago bureau of the syndicate to train for six-weeks preparatory to going to Paris, France, as a photographer. After a few days of routine work shooting news-pictures for the bureau, Dale, who was a "photo-bug," working on service newspapers and doing signal corps work. Part of this time was spent as a staff member of the 45th division newspaper, which later edited in the postwar reactivated division.

Dale's story is published in "Argentina—7c Beef, Low Wages.


This book might tempt the American housewife, struggling with high prices, to catch the next boat to Argentina, where for 7c a pound, eggs 20c a dozen, butter 25c a pound, and milk 6c a quart. Mrs. Greenup, the former Ruth Robinson who was a student in the O. U. School of Journalism, tells the story of Argentina. Her husband contributes a lively and fascinating description of conditions in that South American country.

One particularly appetizing chapter leaves the reader feeling he'll never again be content with mere steaks, potatoes, peas and other commonplace North American dishes.

It is really two books in one. In a fresh, conversational tone, the authors relate their ideas on cultural conditions—"peronismo," the existence of this country is excitingly told.

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The occasion: A reunion of 1942 Mortar Board members and families. Those present: Left to right, top row—W. B. Blanton and Bobby; Adin H. Hall and Ricky; Mrs. Victor Sponenberg and Victoria Sponenberg. Center row—Mrs. Blanton and Janice; Mrs. Francis Stilley and Brenn. Bottom row—Mrs. Adin Hall and Tommy; Mrs. Sanford Handley and Bobby; Leah Sponenberg, Francis Stilley and Sanford Handley were on hand but failed to get into the picture.

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