THEY SANG "HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?" IN 1901

This photograph of the University of Oklahoma male quartet was made February 21, 1901, following a chapel celebrating the granting of $90,000 for a new building. From left to right the members are: Dr. Roy Hadsell, '04, now professor of English at the university; George A. Bucklin, jr., '03, United States consul-general at Victoria, B.C.; C. C. Roberts, '01, noted Sooner athlete, vice-president of the American First National Trust Co., Oklahoma City; and W. L. Kendall, '04, the first Rhodes scholar from Oklahoma, whose present address is unknown.

Three Decades With the University

Adventure Called Doctor Hadsell, Learning Claimed Him

By Ed Mills, 30

THE Oklahoma Geological survey, which brought Dr. Charles N. Gould to the university, also was responsible for the arrival on the scene of another who has been connected with the university since the beginning of the twentieth century.

Doctor Gould, who wasn't a doctor then, needed a cook for his expedition. He happened upon Dr. S. R. Hadsell, who also wasn't a doctor, but was a student having finished part of a year's work at Southwest college at Winfield, Kansas.

Being merely Roy Hadsell in search of adventure instead of Doctor Hadsell in search of English students, Hadsell agreed to join the geological tour in the unscientific but quite necessary guise of superintendent of grub.

So it was in the summer of 1900 that this same Roy Hadsell came to Norman, the starting place of the tour. It was also the finishing place of the trip, and having finished the trip Hadsell decided to settle down and start life there.

Hadsell entered school at the University of Oklahoma in that rather doubtful stage of being between a freshman and sophomore. He had taken some freshman work, but taken on the whole he was still a member of the freshman class.

Needing a means of support as well as an education Hadsell became a help-er in the office of President David R. Boyd. The president's secretary and registrar at that time was G. A. Bucklin, a former schoolmate of Hadsell and now consul-general for the United States at Victoria, British Columbia.

It might be said that Hadsell worked at his studies and his office work until when he was graduated at the end of four years he held the position of registrar and was teaching English classes in the preparatory school, then an important unit of the university.

It might be said that way, but if it were, one would lose one of the most interesting pictures of early cam-
pus life that remains. Hadsell has been connected with the school for twenty-eight years and could give fullest history of the school throughout, but it was those first years spent as a student in which his memories seem most vivid.

The campus at that time had but one building and no trees or shrubs were here to beautify the scene. That is the story as we have heard it before, but there is another side to it.

Much of the campus at that time was virgin soil. It had never been turned by the plow nor sodded by the hand of an expert gardener. Each spring it burst forth in the unbridled beauty of fields of prairie flowers.

It is significant that this account of spring beauty should come from Doctor Hadsell for at the same time he was in school, a certain girl by the name of Florina Williams was also in attendance. That girl was later to become Mrs. Hadsell, and young men still thinking of matrimony in the future have ways of noting fields of flowers on spring afternoons.

Across one corner of the campus ran the ruts of wagon wheels, the first road into Norman from the bridge southwest of the city. Low spots, perhaps forecasting future sidewalks, but at that time disclosing "wallows" used by herds of buffalo before they were driven from their last free plains by the sweeping march of civilization. Yes, there was much of romance.

Hadsell was one of the original activity men on the campus, and he remembers more clearly than anyone else the antics of the first students when they were out of class rooms.

Hadsell was president of his class, president of the Y. M. C. A., a member of the glee club and quartet, editor of The Umpire and shortly after graduating, president of the alumni association.

The Umpire, it had best be said, was a monthly magazine, and the predecessor of the Oklahoma Daily. The Sooner Magazine, the Sooner and the University of Oklahoma Magazine. At that time Professor V. L. Parrington of the English department was adviser of the magazine. Professor Parrington who is now at the University of Washington, last year won a Pulitzer prize for a work on American literature.

Tugs-of-war and class fights were quite in vogue in those days. It was an annual custom to have a tug-of-war between the university students and students in the preparatory school.

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DR. S. ROY HADSELL

Member of the Quarter Century club of the university and professor of English at the university. He is secretary of the general faculty of the university.

Doctor Hadsell recalls one of those fights which was lost by the university men. Shortly before chapel on the following day the members of the prep school team took the rope into the chapel room and hung it from the ceiling with a sign declaring their victory.

The university men were somewhat annoyed by the boastful attitude of their juniors and a fight ensued in the chapel. In its progress several chairs were broken, several faces were bruised and several tempers were aroused. It took the combined effort of the faculty to quell the uprising, and even some of them narrowly escaped attack.

Another annual affair was a fight staged between the freshmen and juniors on one side and the sophomores and seniors on the other. The object was to place the flag of the winning class on top of the building. Dividing their forces early in the day, members of the different groups would go around capturing and tying up opposition warriors straying about with too little guard.

On one occasion, when Hadsell was a freshman, the senior-sophomore team succeeded in getting its flag on the top first. There was but one way to reach the top through the building. This was carefully guarded by the owners of the flag.

Failing to capture the flag by direct attack, the losing team tried to lower it and pull it from the heights. This also failed and C. C. Roberts, now in the bond business in Oklahoma City, climbed up on the roof with a shot gun. His attempts to shoot the flag down also met with little success.

The underclassmen withdrew from the field, apparently beaten. They attacked again, however, later at night, captured the guards, and proceeded to push a hole in the ceiling and get up to where they could display their flag. This thing of pushing holes in the ceiling as well as boys coming within inches of falling off the roof caused a "narrow minded" faculty to call the fights to a close.

French must have been somewhat of a "bugaboo" to Doctor Hadsell, for he remembers that that was what he was studying one night when he looked out his window and saw the first building burning. The desk containing most of the records was saved, and school was started the next day. Holidays,

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HEAVY TRAFFIC ON UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD IN 1899

The president's home is seen in the center of the photograph. The boulevard was reserved for cyclists. This photograph was taken from the point where the McFarlin Memorial church now stands, looking south.
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seems, have always been hard to get.
About this time the legislature appropriated $90,000 for the building of a new school for the university. Feeling the importance of the occasion Doctor Hadsell arranged a song for the quartet to sing commemorating the incident. Unfortunately he has forgotten most of the song, but the refrain as well as the theme of it was: “$90,000 on the campus.”

Other members of this quartet which rendered this mercenary ode to education were G. A. Bucklin, W. L. Kendall, the first Rhodes scholar from Oklahoma, and C. C. Roberts.

In 1904, when Hadsell graduated there were eight in the graduating class of the school of arts and sciences. They were Hadsell, Lott N. Jones, C. T. Kirk, Arthur Mortar, Edith Bennet, Lillie Miller, and Catherine Sarchet. All but Miss Bennet are living.

Mrs. Hadsell was graduated in 1902. All those of her class who are living are in Norman. They are: Dr. Roy Gittinger, Miss Kate Barbour and Clyde Bobell.

After receiving his B. A. degree Hadsell taught in the preparatory school until 1907. At that time he went to Harvard where he received his master’s degree. In 1927 he received his doctor’s degree from Chicago.

THE CLASS PICNIC, APRIL 19-21, 1901

This three-day picnic was held fifteen miles southwest of Norman. In the center is Prof. V. L. Parrington, recent Pulitzer prize winner; the man at the center rear is M. J. Ferguson, now state librarian of California; next to him on the left is C. C. Roberts. Others in the picture are Maude Rule (now Mrs. C. C. Roberts), Gladie Uit Goode, now in the registry office at Norman, Mrs. Fannine Samuels Poxton, Paul Markey, Fina attorney, the late Ruth House, and J. T. Heffley, superintendent of schools at Ponca City.

Professor Francis, Mrs. John Alley Die

Two deaths have occurred in the families of university faculty members within the last month. Dr. Joseph F. Francis, professor of law died January 19, and Mrs. John Alley, wife of Major John Alley, professor of government died January 12.

Doctor Francis’ death resulted from an illness of only a week, following two major operations, one for mastoiditis, and the other for meningitis. Further complications were caused by an attack of influenza.

Doctor Francis came to the University of Oklahoma in 1921, at the age of 30. He was, at the time of his death, the youngest professor in the school of law. Before he came to the university, he had been counsel for the United Charities of Chicago, and had previously taught in the universities of Oregon and California, and in Oregon State Normal school. He was enlisted in the American Expeditionary Forces and the army of occupation from 1914 until 1919.

Doctor Francis received his education in a number of colleges and universities. He was graduated from Oregon normal school in 1914, received the Ph. B. and J. D. degrees from Chicago university, was an A. E. F. student in the inns of court, London, and received a J. S. D. degree from Yale, where he had attended the last three summer sessions.

Doctor Francis was interested particularly in the early history of English law. He taught criminal law, legal ethics, property, corporations, and bills and notes, in the law school.

Funeral services for Doctor Francis were held January 21 at the McFarlin Memorial church. He is survived by Mrs. Francis, and two sons, Joseph, jr., 7, and Billy, 5 years old.

Mrs. Alley died January 12 in Grenoble, Isere, France, after an illness of about three weeks caused by intestinal influenza. Mr. and Mrs. Alley had been in France for several months, while Alley, on a year’s leave of absence, was studying problems concerned with French colonial government administration.

The funeral service for Mrs. Alley was held at Grenoble, and she was buried there. The body will later be brought to Enid for permanent burial.

Mrs. Alley received her education at the University of Kansas where she took the B. A. degree in 1904. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Mrs. Alley was forty-eight years old at the time of her death. She was born in Bluffton, Indiana in 1881. She was a member of the Episcopal church.

How O. U. Ranks

Counting students enrolled in at least twelve hours of work, comparative enrollment of the principal American universities follows:

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