Sooners at Home and Abroad

WILLIAM ROY WOLFE '26 eng., division commercial manager at Muskogee for the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, is serving this year as president of the Oklahoma Society of Professional Engineers. He was vice president in 1939.

Mr. Wolfe's service with O. G. and E. began in a student course at Oklahoma City in 1926 after he had received his degree from the University in electrical engineering. From the training school he went in succession to the company's engineering department in Oklahoma City, to the position of assistant commercial agent at Muskogee, and then to commercial agent there. He has held that job for six years.

At O. U. Mr. Wolfe was a member of Sigma Nu social fraternity, played on the freshman football team of '22, the varsity of '24 and '25, and was active in Engineers Club and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. In recalling his days on the campus he says, "I do not know who painted the owls on the Law Barn green, but I certainly enjoyed helping crown our engineers' queen on the Law Barn steps in 1922."

He was awarded a professional degree in electrical engineering at the University in 1938.

Meeting at Muskogee

Nearly eight hundred persons attended a football rally sponsored by Muskogee alumni of the University February 27. The meeting was held in the Municipal Auditorium with Malcolm Rosser, '21 ex., Muskogee attorney and former member of the University Board of Regents, presiding.

Speakers were Tom Stidham, Sooner football coach, and Ted Beard, '21, executive secretary of the Alumni Association. Moving pictures of the Sooner-Northwestern football game were shown with running comment by Pete Smith, end coach. Mr. Beard presented a colored moving picture of University campus scenes and activities.

Preceding the night meeting, a dinner was held at the Severs Hotel in honor of the visitors from Norman. Camp Bonds, '29 law, attorney and chairman of the Muskogee County Advisory Council of the Alumni Association, presided at the dinner.

The delegation present from Norman included Coach Stidham, Mr. Beard, Mr. Smith, Roscoe Cate, editor-manager of Sooner Magazine; Jack Marks, field representative for the association; and two Sooner football players, Jack Steele and Justin Bowers.

Bowers was tragically killed in an automobile accident near Boley the next day as he and Steele were driving back to Norman.

St. Louis dinner

The O. U. Alumni Club of St. Louis held an informal meeting February 22 in the Southside Y. M. C. A. in St. Louis, Missouri, with about twenty present. Ralph Harder, '25 law, presided.

Dr. J. O. Hassler, professor of mathematics and astronomy in the University, was the speaker of the evening. He discussed the plans for the Semi-Centennial celebration, and present financial crisis at the University, the new remedial program, and the athletic situation.

Before congressional committee

Frank Buttram, '10, '12 ma, Oklahoma City oil man and president of the Independent Petroleum Association, made a vigorous attack on the Cole hill for rigid regulation of the oil industry, in a hearing before the Cole sub-committee of Congress at Washington.

"This bill," he said, "would divide the right of the home owner, the farmer, the rancher, to his own property. It would tell him that he cannot, through those who cultivate his below-ground crop, produce and dispose of any part of it according to the laws of his state. Under this bill he must submit to some distant governmental employe who would be given authority to qualify the value of his possessions and their use."

President of C. A. R.

State president of the national society, Children of the American Revolution, is Mrs. 0. K. Wetzel (Frances J. Broach, '16 ex.), Oklahoma City. She will head a delegation from Oklahoma to the national convention of the society to be held in Washington this month.

This organization admits persons under 21 years old lineally descended from a man or woman who aided the cause of the American Revolution as soldier, sailor or recognized patriot in one of the colonies. Its object is the patriotic education of American children.

Mrs. Wetzel and her husband, Otto K.
Wetzel, '25 law, state counsel for the Home Owners Loan Corporation, live in Oklahoma City. Her home serves as the headquarters from which she directs the activity of the fourteen local societies making up the state organization.

On convention program
Two alumni of the University appeared as speakers on the program of the recent convention of abstractors and title examiners in Oklahoma City. Stewart Harral, '36 mna, director of press relations at the University, spoke on the application of creative imagination in publicity work. Roy S. Johnson, '10 ex, of Wichita, Kansas, also addressed the group. Mr. Johnson is president of the Federal Land Bank of Wichita.

Conference speakers
Speakers at the second annual writers' conference at Texas State College for Women, Denton, included Harlan Mendenhall, '37 jour, and H. H. Leake, '37 fa. Mr. Mendenhall, Oklahoma City, is a writer of true detective stories, and Mr. Leake is production manager of radio station WNAD at the University.

President of Young Democrats
The State League of Young Democrats, by acclamation, elected Finis C. Gillespie, Jr., '33, '35 law, its new president at the organization's convention in February.

The young Hobart attorney, a partner in the firm of Tolbert, Tolbert and Gillespie, has served Kiowa County in the last two sessions of the State Legislature. He is a member of the Kiowa County Bar Association, the Oklahoma Bar Association and the American Bar Association, having entered the law profession after his graduation in 1935.

Known on the campus for his speaking ability and affable nature, he made the University debate squad and was a member of the Oratorical Council. He served his fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, as chapter president, and at different times was also president of Pi Sigma Alpha, Blackstone Bar, Congress and the Historical Society. In 1932-33 he was secretary-treasurer of the Student Council, and for three years was a member of the Interfraternity Council.

Chief engineer for firm
His degree less than three years old, Leonard B. Allen, '37 eng, has been made chief engineer of the Solar Aircraft Company, San Diego, California, manufacturers of airplane parts. He was advanced from his former position of head of the cost estimating department.

Mr. Allen, twenty-five years old, worked as an accountant with his father in Oklahoma City for several months after graduating. In September, 1937, he and his bride of a day, the former Martha Mathis, '34 ex, drove to California and settled in San Diego. Mr. Allen went to work as junior accountant in a C. P. A. firm, but soon secured a position in the cost estimating department of the Solar company.

All the while his mind remained set on aeronautical engineering, in which he had received his University degree. He moved nearer that work when he was put in charge of estimating costs for bids on contracts. The detailed knowledge which he acquired on the engineering operations of the company placed him in line for his next executive position.

New NYA administrator

Before being made postmaster two years ago, he taught public speaking, history and government in Wewoka High School. During the first summers of his nine years as a teacher, he attended the University and received his masters' degree in history in 1932.

His youth was spent in Chickasha with his father, his mother having died when he was four years old. He had nothing but a grade school education when he enrolled in the academy at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. With a "corner" on the cleaning and pressing business of the students, he was able to complete high school and college courses in the next five years.

Since leaving O. B. U., Mr. Carter has remained active in church work. He served two years as state president of the Baptist Young People's Union, and was vice president for two years previous.

President of the Wewoka Chamber of Commerce, Junior Division, last year, he is at present chairman of the organization's board of directors. He is also former president of the Seminole County League of Young Democrats.

Davis receives award
William D. Davis, '39 eng, was awarded a $100 national prize by the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers at the meeting of the Mid-Continent section last month in Norman. His winning paper, "Water Flooding in Northeastern Oklahoma," was originally

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Sooners at Home and Abroad (continued from page 17) prepared last year for a class in petroleum engineering at the University.

Mr. Davis is a petroleum engineer at Nowata, Oklahoma, for the Phillips Petroleum Company. He was recently given a promotion making him the only engineer in his district. His work covers several reservoir projects and stripper leases. He is now investigating by core tests various new tracts with a view to beginning another water flood project in the area.

Biology professorship

Dr. Clarence Lee Furrow, '21, '22ma, has been named to a special professorship created at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, for research in biology and chemistry. A $227,000 fund for research work has been presented to the college by the Clara A. Abbott Foundation.

Dr. Furrow has been on the faculty at Knox for fourteen years. Specializing in cytology, embryology and physiology, Dr. Furrow did postgraduate work at the University of Oklahoma in biology, chemistry and zoology. In 1921-22 he had a teaching fellowship in the department of biology. The next year he studied with a fellowship in biology at Princeton, and later attended the Universities of Illinois, Kansas and Iowa. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy was awarded him at Iowa.

Dr. Furrow has prepared a number of professional papers for scientific journals. He was president of the Illinois State Academy of Science in 1937, and is now a member of Sigma Xi, the American Society of Zoologists, Phi Sigma, and is vice president of Tri Beta.

Mrs. Furrow, the former Esther Irene Yakish, also was graduated from O. U. in '21.

Seminole attorney dies

A heart attack took the life of James O. Seger, '27ex, in February. He was 49 years old. The Seminole attorney had been a civic leader for two decades, serving as superintendent of schools, secretary of the chamber of commerce, clerk of the Seminole school board, and postmaster.

Mr. Seger had been an Oklahoman all his life. He went to Seminole as superintendent of schools in 1919 shortly after being mustered out of the army, and was twice commander of the American Legion post there. At the time of his death he was Republican central committee chairman of Seminole County.

During the two years he attended the University of Oklahoma School of Law, Mr. Seger was a member of the Glee Club and Sigma Nu Sigma.

His wife, four brothers and two sisters survive.

Woman news photographer

One of the first Oklahoma newspaper women to enter photography seriously, Betty Baughman, '38jour, has won notable success in the field dominated by men.

Her first job was in the society department of the Daily Oklahoman and Oklahoma City Times in Oklahoma City. She is now a general assignment reporter and photographer for the Times.

She received her training in the fundamentals of photography from the "photo labs" which she included in her journalism course at the University. Her advice to girls still in school is that a young woman is ten times better equipped to land a job if she knows how to operate a camera.

A colorful biographical sketch of Miss Baughman has been written for The Matrix, publication of Theta Sigma Phi, national honorary and professional society for women in journalism, by Frances Hunt, '29 jour, instructor in journalism at the University.

"If climbing makes you dizzy or you fear the dark, stick to reporting as a career," the article quotes Miss Baughman. "But if you like the nauseating smell of photo chemicals and don't mind having your fresh manicure ruined by hypo stains, then buy yourself a camera and start being disgusted with yourself. For you will be. The first hundred pictures are the hardest, but it's fun."

President of safety council

The unanimous choice for president of the Oklahoma State Safety Council at its fourth annual conference was Harold L. Mueller, '19ex, associate editor for The Daily Oklahoman and Oklahoma City Times and traffic safety adviser of the two newspapers. The conference was held on the campus of Oklahoma A. and M. College at Stillwater.

R. Boyd Gunning, '37 law, assistant director of the Extension Division of the University of Oklahoma, was elected secretary of the council, and Mac Q. Williamson, '16ex, state attorney general, and a number of other prominent members were added to the council's executive committee.

The safety conference recommended legislation to establish speed zones on the highways of the state where specific traffic hazards exist, and recommended adoption of model traffic ordinances by cities and towns. Numerous other measures were advanced and approved for reducing the loss of life and the number of injuries on the highways and streets, in schools, in homes and in industry.

Scholarly vagabond

"Vagabonding it" south of the border wasn't particularly thrilling to Frank van Lew, '38, a seasoned wayfarer and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University. His feeling was so expressed in a full-page feature interview in The Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, last month. The article stated that probably he has roamed by land and sea and air more miles than any other Oklahoman.

"One goes because one is bored to death where one is," Mr. van Lew explained. "And one gets bored south of the border the same as anywhere else. It's just a matter of time."

He was still a student in the University when he and a companion hitch-hiked through Mexico. Their journey was far from uneventful. They slived by the border guard, both using the same fifty dollars that each was supposed to have to be allowed to enter the country; they rode in a precarious position atop a swaying truck from the border to Monterrey; they narrowly escaped being thrown in a musty Mexican jail; and occasionally they were taken in and entertained by well-to-do families because they were "traveling this way in order to get information to write a novel."

Mr. van Lew's chief interest is philosophy, but it doesn't tie him down. At present he is on his way to central Europe and the Balkans.

Named on T. C. U. faculty

Julian F. Evans, '26, '32ms, has been appointed assistant professor of physics at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, effective next September. Until then he will remain on his present job as party chief for the Gravimetric Survey Corporation of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mr. Evans was graduated in 1926 with a bachelor's degree in journalism and completed work on his master's degree in physics in 1932. He has been in seismograph work since leaving the University, going first to the American Seismograph Company of Houston, Texas, for several years.

Last year he received a Ph. D. degree in physics at Rice Institute after intermittent study there.

Mr. Evans is the son of Dr. O. F. Evans, professor of geology in the University of Oklahoma.

A Phi Beta Kappa member in his junior year, Julian Evans was active in numerous campus activities.

Harold L. Mueller, '19ex, new president of the Oklahoma State Safety Council

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National president of fraternity

Delta Sigma Epsilon, national education fraternity for women, has elected Mrs. Robert S. Hill (Maud Morris, '15) as president for a third term. This honor is added to numerous others that have placed her name in Who's Who of American Women, Leading Women of America, and International Blue Book.

For a decade following her graduation, Mrs. Hill taught modern languages, first at Northwestern State Teachers College, Alva, Oklahoma, and later at the South Dakota School of Mines, Rapid City, where she now lives.

She was married in 1924 and went to the Belgian Congo with her husband, superintendent of a number of diamond mines. Her wedding ring contains diamonds he himself had mined.

While living in Africa, Mrs. Hill became interested in exploration and big game hunting. She was also active in carrying on experimental work for the Belgian government in introducing American flowers and fruits into the Congo region.

Psychology study published

A summary of a study by Charles E. Thompson, '39, on “The Attitudes of Various Groups Toward Behavior Problems of Children” was published in the January, 1940, issue of The Journal of Abnormal and Social Psychology. He is a graduate assistant in the department of psychology of the University of Indiana at Bloomington.

The study presents the results obtained from submitting twenty-four behavior problems of children, such as “puppy love,” stealing, shyness, and cruelty, to different groups to be ranked in the order of their seriousness. The groups include children, parents, apprentice teachers and child psychologists.

“The most striking fact revealed by these tables,” Mr. Thompson writes, “is the disparity between the ranking by all other groups and the ranking by the psychologists. The psychologists tend to evaluate behavior in terms of their effect upon individual personality; teachers and parents in terms of their social consequence.”

The author of the study acknowledges the direction of Dr. L. B. Hoisington, head of the department of psychology at the University of Oklahoma.

Lee bill advances

The “farm for every farmer” plan of Senator Josh Lee, '17, has been advanced another step toward enactment. The Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives reported favorably on it after making several minor changes, including the requirement of a ten per cent down payment and increase in the interest rate from three to four per cent.

The purpose of the bill, which Senator

Lee pushed to adoption by the Senate last year, is to encourage farm ownership through a program of government-insured loans to tenants who wish to buy a farm.

### Former football player dies

A member of Bennie Owen's championship Missouri Valley football team of 1922, C. Lazelle White, '25law, Enid attorney, succumbed to a heart attack February 28.

The Garfield County Bar Association adopted a resolution stating, "It is a timely death that has brought genuine grief to the heart of each of us, and we feel that his passing is a distinct loss to the bar, community, state and nation."

Thirty-eight years old, Mr. White had been practicing law in Enid since 1927. For the two years previous, he was assistant county attorney in Bryan County.

Enid newspapers termed Mr. White "one of the best liked members of the county bar." He was quiet and unassuming, but genial and friendly and even those who knew him only slightly were attracted by his friendliness," they commented.

On the University campus he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity and in 1923 was president of the Athletic Association.

He is survived by his wife and 20-month-old daughter, Martha Elaine, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford White, of Wagoner, and four sisters.

### Crawford accidentally killed

James F. Crawford, '35eng, was killed last month near Houston, Texas, the victim of a hunting accident. Only 29 years old, he was a petroleum engineer in charge of production on a British-American Oil Company lease sixteen miles east of Houston.

H. Barney Crawford, a brother in Oklahoma City, learned that Mr. Crawford left alone on a hunting expedition on a company lease. A short time later an employee found him dead beside a wire fence. His gun lay at his side.

Mr. Crawford had been in Oklahoma City a few days before with Mrs. Crawford, the former Louise Holmberg, '33, daughter of the late Dr. Fredrik Holmberg, dean of the College of Fine Arts at the University. A daughter was born to them February 25 and Mrs. Crawford was still in St. Anthony's Hospital.

An outstanding engineering student, Mr. Crawford received bachelor's degrees in both mechanical and petroleum engineering. He was a member of Engineers Club, Sigma Tau, national honorary engineering fraternity, and Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity.

### Dr. Lawrence Reedy, '36ms

A writer, educator and lecturer, Rex F. Harlow, '15ex, is president of the recently organized American Council on Public Relations. Last month it completed, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, one in its series of short courses on public relations. To provide instruction and conduct research in this field are the purposes of the Council.

Mr. Harlow, who was vice president of the Harlow Publishing Company, Oklahoma City, until 1936, was a lecturer in education and political science at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, until last summer. The Council came into being then as a result of the year's work he had done on the Stanford School of Public Relations Investigation.

Listed in Who's Who Among North American Authors, Mr. Harlow has published sixteen books, including educational, historical and research volumes, as well as fiction.

In addition to conducting short courses, the Council on Public Relations seeks to develop fellowships for persons who desire to complete their doctorates in some discipline associated with public relations. The Council's activities have expanded rapidly and its sponsors hope to see it become a major constructive force in the development of a genuine profession of public relations.

### Arnickle receives bouquet

Amid generous bouquets of both words and flowers Dale Arnickle, '21aw, '36ed, bowed out of his coaching position at Central High School, Oklahoma City, last month to join Tom Stidham's Sooner football staff. Representatives of more than a score of high school organizations voiced tribute along with members of the faculty and Oklahoma City Superintendent C. K. Reiff.

Mr. Arnickle will remain a teacher in Central's commercial department the rest of the year and the state legislature a new educational program for the state of Arkansas.

Building one of the strongest press associations in the nation in the period of a year and a half has brought Mr. Schwieger considerable attention in Arkansas. Since he took over the job, the association's membership has grown from sixty-five newspapers to a hundred and thirty-two, which is ninety-five per cent of the eligible membership in the state.

Mr. Schwieger resigned as managing editor of the Perry Daily Journal, Perry, Oklahoma, in October, 1938, to become the first field manager of the Arkansas Press Association, operating in cooperation with the general extension division of the University of Arkansas.

A student in journalism while in the University of Oklahoma, he was a member of the Oklahoma Daily staff. He belonged to Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity.
of this school year. Then he and Mrs. Arbuckle, the former Helen Meister, '26, '27ma, will establish their home in Norman.

Five years ago Mr. Arbuckle went to Oklahoma City from Duncan where he was high school athletic coach.

Death takes writer

Roy A. (Doll) Foster, '20ex, died last month at his home in Hollywood, California. He was a writer for several nationally circulated magazines and a regular contributor to Roy Wagner's Script.

While attending the University, Mr. Foster helped to organize the Jazz Hounds, campus pep order. He belonged to numerous other organizations and was active in athletics, being on the freshmen football squad and track team.

His home had been in Norman, where he graduated from high school.

He joined the army as a private in 1917 and resigned as second lieutenant shortly after the Armistice. Returning to Oklahoma, he worked in the construction business both in Norman and in Oklahoma City, and also built and operated the swimming pool known as Doll's Park on Norman's west side.

World radio program

Max K. Gilstrap, '37journ, "Ranger Naturalist" of Yosemite National Park and the Grand Canyon, is conducting a weekly radio program of nature stories and bird calls this month over short-wave station WRUL, Boston. This station is the most powerful independent short-wave station in the world and is operated as a "World Radio University."

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Press Association. At that time the O.P.A. was part of the University Extension Division. The following year it was separated and moved to offices in Oklahoma City.

His desire for further school work took him to the University of Missouri as a graduate student in advertising. He was given a fellowship there, and during nine months graded 10,000 papers, by actual count, for his professor, E. K. Johnson.

Ironic as it may seem, Mr. Sanford accepted a job after his five years of schooling, with his Master of Arts degree from Missouri, at a salary less than half of what he was earning in Chickasha before he entered O.U. But it was 1933, not 1927.

His new position was advertising manager of the Anadarko Daily News, which had just been established, with no mat service, no press wire—"nothing!" He held this position and helped the fledging newspaper to strengthen its wings until March, 1934, when the managership of the Nebraska Press Association became vacant.

One of twenty-four applicants for the Nebraska job and the only out-of-state man, he did not have a particularly strong chance. He was, however, the only man with experience in a field which was just beginning to receive attention throughout the country. Each applicant was called individually before a large group of directors of the association and questioned intensively. By his special request, Mr. Sanford was the last to be interviewed. He had realized this would not only give him more time to prepare remarks for the assembly of newspapermen, but would give him a psychological advantage over the other applicants.

One of the men began firing questions at the Oklahoman as soon as he had been introduced. They dealt principally with classified advertising. Mr. Sanford answered accurately and as rapidly as the questions were put. Soon almost all of the others were raising questions and seemed to have no idea of bringing the "interview" to a close when the chairman finally rose and stated, "Gentlemen, if you must continue to interrogate Mr. Sanford, I'd suggest you hire him."

He was hired and remained in Nebraska from March to August, 1934, at which time he was offered the managership of the Oklahoma Press Association, an older and stronger organization. Knowing he had left the Nebraska Press Association in better condition than he found it, he was happy to return to his native state.

As secretary-manager of the Oklahoma Press Association, Mr. Sanford has performed services for newspapers not only within the state, but all over the nation. He established and managed for three years the publication of the monthly Newspaper Association Managers Bulletin, by means of which information and ideas were collected from the various state associations and published for the benefit of the entire national membership. On his motion the publication of this bulletin was made automatically a duty of the president. It therefore passed from his hands at the end of his term as president last fall.

Chief among the services performed for the newspapers that are members of the state association is the publication of a monthly journal. Under Mr. Sanford's editorship, it carries information on such subjects as publicity control, newspaper contests, latest advertising schemes, newspaper laws, type variations, and countless others common in regular newspaper publishing.

By its official statement, the O.P.A. is "Devoted to the interests of newspaper men and the development of journalism in Oklahoma."

Mr. Sanford, in this position at the head of the O.P.A., must act as "middleman" between state journalists and the public, between newspapers and the legislature or other governing officials, and, most important of all, between the journalists themselves.

The little "Sandy" who began delivering papers on the Daily Express' poorest route at the age of ten has reached success—and he had to do it the hard way.

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