TO Leland Jamieson, '23ex, writer and aviator, has been awarded the gold medal given each year by the Eastern Air Lines to the employee who performs the most conspicuous service to commercial air transportation outside the routine of regular duty.

Mr. Jamieson's numerous authentic short stories about the air transport lines, published in The Saturday Evening Post, won the award for him.

This Sooner author is a real native of Oklahoma, having been born in Indian Territory. He grew up in Guthrie where his father was a professor by day and a dairy farmer mornings and evenings.

Mr. Jamieson comments that "Like most sons of real scholars, I was no scholar."

Since he was fifteen years old he has worked "more or less seriously" at being a rodman on a surveyor's gang, a mule Skinner, an insurance salesman and a music store clerk. He spent a few years in college, managed a dance orchestra ("in which I played trumpet very badly"), learned to fly at the Air Corps, Schools in San Antonio in 1925 and held a post as second lieutenant in the United States Army for three years.

He resigned the army commission in 1929 in order to write fiction, but he still had the urge to fly and after a few months assumed management of a system of flying schools. For a time, during the "bonanza" days of aviation he was operations manager of an air mail line. When the bonanza burst, he went on a night route, flying most of the time and writing when he could.

At present he is flying day and night mail on various divisions of the Miami-New York route, and writes fiction.

The combination of flying and writing suits him very well. Although Mr. Jamieson himself was too averse to publicity to do more than write a courteous refusal to tell about himself for The Sooner Magazine, the following quotation from him was obtained indirectly (but quite authentically):

There was a time when I thought nothing could be more thrilling than to fly, whether in an airplane, airship or free balloon; and once in a great while now, when I get myself caught "blind" in the "soup" at night and the engine spits a few times and threatens to make me jump out (I never had to—yet—although I've been caught, God knows, enough), I revert very suddenly to that opinion.

But most of the time it is just ordinary, prosaic, hard work, laden with monotony: the ear-racking drum of the engine, the cramped closeness of the cockpit, the headwinds and the repeated blink of each succeeding beacon, which never will be passed, it seems, but soon is.

Yet I like to fly, and expect to continue. Writing, however, is more interesting. The combination of the two suits me exactly. The two greatest satisfactions I get, in the ordinary run of the day-to-day working are (1) a well-written story that pleases some editor, and (2) a tail-wind such as I find occasionally, which hurls me down from Richmond to Jackson-ville at a hundred and sixty miles an hour in crisp cold air, under a full moon.

There is nothing prosaic or monotonous about Mr. Jamieson's fiction. He puts unusually strong drama into his stories. And he gives at the same time a surprisingly clear background of air line operation.

Three in guard unit

Battery E, 189 Field Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard, located at Cherokee, has three officers who are former O. U. students. They are First Lieut. Clark Dunnington, '30ex, and Second Lieutenants Carl Sallee, '30ex, and Webster Wilder, Jr., '33law. Carl Garrison, '32 was formerly an officer of the battery but was transferred to the Third Battalion staff when he was recently appointed county engineer of Major County. Linley Lewis resigned a commission in Battery E to take a pre-medic course at O. U. First Lieutenant Glenn Dunnington, '34med, is a medical officer of the 189th Field Artillery and is located at Cherokee. Five of these men graduated from the same high school class and entered O. U. the following fall. The sixth entered the University a year later.

Fraternity vice-president

T. M. Beaird, '21, executive secretary of the Alumni Association and manager of the Oklahoma Union, was advanced from national secretary to vice-president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at the annual convention held in August at Los Angeles, California.

Sponsor of primary law

Don Dickason, '29law, is co-author of New Mexico's new primary election law, and was instrumental in obtaining its passage in a hard legislative battle.

The measure replaces a convention system with a direct primary plan, and was hailed in New Mexico as a highly important change in the election system.

The bill was passed at a special session of the New Mexico legislature in August and was signed by Governor Clyde Tingley September 1. It becomes effective in ninety days.

The fight over the measure split New Mexico Democrats into hostile factions because of the probable effects of the primary election system on the political fortunes of many persons who had benefitted under the old system.

After Mr. Dickason spoke for the primary bill on the Senate floor just prior to passage of the measure, the editor of the Optic, a daily newspaper at Las Vegas, commented: "That was the best speech I have ever heard delivered on the Senate floor by anyone at any time and I haven't missed a session of the State Legislature since statehood in 1912."

M-G-M executive

Chosen from four hundred candidates considered for the position, Todd Fergu-
NORFOLK WAS UNDER a state of siege. Before communi-
cation with the outside world was disrupted, the New York
Life's Home Office was notified that two of its policyholders
in the city had died. Prompt payments would relieve dis-
tress. But how could they be made under these conditions?

THE OPPOSING ARMIES recognized the humanity of life
insurance ...suspended hostilities...allowed a representative
to pass through the lines under a flag of truce in order to es-
tablish a contact and make arrangements with the beneficia-
ries within the city of Norfolk for the payment of these claims .

THE New York Life has a long
record of fidelityin meeting its
obligations to policyholders; and in
investing it adheres to the principle
that safety should always be the first
consideration. These are among the
reasons why the Company continues
THOMAS A . BUCKNER, Chairman of the board
October, 
1938
to merit the confidence of itspolicy-
holders . . why a New York Life
policy is one of the best investments
you can make ...why the agents, in
offering the benefits of New York Life
protection, render a valuable service
This Company is now
51 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK, N .Y.

ONE OF THE BENEFICIARIES later came to New York to
express her appreciation . She carried a letter from Mayor
William W .Lamb of Norfolk . He wrote : "Your prompt pay-
ment has sustained the high reputation of your Company in
this community which I hope it will continue to enjoy ."
son, former University student, is filling an important new position created by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures.

Mr. Ferguson was selected by E. B. Coleman, Dallas, Texas, division exploitation manager for the company, to become division manager of a new territory created with headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee. This territory covers four states—Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas and part of Mississippi.

For the last nine years Mr. Ferguson has been in theater work in Oklahoma City. Immediately after graduation from the University he became advertising and publicity manager for the Midwest Enterprises. He remained in that position through several changes in management, and later served at various times as manager of seven different theater units, including the Shrine Auditoriums, Midwest, Warner, Liberty, Circle, Ritz and Plaza.

Visitor from St. Louis

Mrs. Frederika Waltering, '21, secretary of the St. Louis Alumni Club, visited the Alumni Office in Norman during the late summer and reported that her club plans an active winter. A speaker from the University faculty or administrative staff will be booked for one of the meetings this fall.

Head of oil scouts

Homer Lynn, '34hus, has been serving during recent months as acting president of the Oklahoma Oil Scouts.

Mr. Lynn, who is seismograph scout for the Magnolia Petroleum Company, with headquarters in Oklahoma City, "inherited" the job of president. He was elected vice-president last January at the annual meeting of officers. Before long it was discovered that the president, secretary-treasurer and the chairman of the executive committee all had been transferred out of Oklahoma.

Alumnae loan fund

Edythe Stith Triplett, '23uare, superintendent of nurses at University and Crippled Children's Hospitals at Oklahoma City, has announced that the active group of alumnae of the School of Nursing of the University have set aside $200 in a savings account to establish a loan fund for educational purposes. This is to be added to yearly, or as often as organization funds permit.

The money is to be loaned in blocks up to $150 to graduates desiring to continue their education by formal study. A moderate rate of interest (3½% 1/2) will be charged, the principal to be returned in installments within three years.

In order to be eligible for a loan, a nurse must be a graduate of this School of Nursing, be registered in Oklahoma, a member of the basic nursing organization and have had a year's experience in the graduate nurse field. Selection for the loan will be made on the basis of background, records and standing as student and graduate. She must be recommended for the loan by the superintendent of nurses or the director of the School of Nursing and approved by the Executive Board of the Alumnae Association to whom application has been made in writing.

New board of trade

Six University of Oklahoma alumni are taking a prominent part in operation of the new Auction Board of trade at Tulsa, an agency organized as an exchange place for oil and gas properties of all kinds on the auction sale basis.

Earl Sneed, '13, is president of the Auction Board of Trade, which has its office in the Ritz Building at Tulsa. Other officers include Earl Sneed, Jr., '37law; Robert E. Garrett, '12; and Earl Westmoreland, Jr., '38.

Eugene O. Monnet, '20law, is one of the directors, and Royce Savage, '27law, is one of the attorneys for the board.

Mr. Sneed announced that the method of sales will be as near as possible to the methods used in sales conducted by the Federal Government and the University of Texas. Auction sales are scheduled to be held in Tulsa the fourth Friday of each month, beginning September 30.

Tropical medicine expert

Everett P. Veatch, '26med, who has had five years of experience in tropical Liberia, will return to his home, Okenee, Oklahoma, for a visit in October. He planned to go to Amsterdam, Holland, in September to attend the International Congress of Tropical Medicine, and International Malaria Congress.

Dr. Veatch, who has studied at New York Polyclinic, the London School of Tropical Medicine, and the School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University, was for three years physician and surgeon at Methodist Mission Hospital, Nana Fru, Liberia, and is now physician and surgeon for Firestone Plantations Hospital, located at Cape Palmas, West Africa.

Mrs. Veatch is the former Nellie E. Barnes, '25fa. They have two children, Donald 9, and Charlotte Ellen, 4.

In medical controversy

Dr. Raymond E. Selders, '18, '19eng, '25hs, '27med, has been one of the central figures in the nationally publicized controversy over group medical service in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Selders was employed as surgeon by the Group Health Association of Washington, a co-operative organization said to have about 6,000 government employees as members. The local medical society opposed the operation of the health group and barred Dr. Selders and other staff members of the association from practicing in Washington hospitals.

Magazine and newspaper articles about the controversy stated that Dr. Selders' ability as a surgeon was not questioned, the argument being based on the issue of group medical service.

Dr. Selders has a master's degree in surgery from the University of Pennsylvania and was resident surgeon in City Hospital at Worcester, Massachusetts for a time.

Mission worker

The educational influence of the University of Oklahoma is being carried into Aguascalientes, the capital of the little state of Aguascalientes in the heart of Mexico by May E. Wilson, '17.

Miss Wilson is working in a social center there as missionary under the United Christian Missionary Society (an organization of the Christian, or Disciple's church) with headquarters in Indianopolis, Indiana.

In a letter to the alumni office she describes her work as follows:

My first years in the field were given principally to the educational work of the mission. In the last few years, however, the government restrictions on private schools have been such as to make their existence all but impossible. So in 1931 we closed the school and opened a Social Center, where we have a public library (the only one of its kind in the city), clubs, sports, games, story-telling, music, English classes and evening classes in reading, writing, etc., for adults. My work is now primarily with the games, story-telling and the English classes. I also help with the English in the State Preparatory School which is located here. English is constantly becoming more popular here.

Of course along with all this I have my part in the work of the church; and my greatest pleasure is in seeing the great change that comes into the lives of those who become Christians.

Some of the greatest differences between this country and the United States are the illiteracy and the comparative lack of a substantial middle class here. Most of the people here are very poor. There are a few very rich. I believe the present government is making great strides to remedy these conditions.

I have been living and working here since 1923 with the exception of two furloughs in the States; and I am very happy and liking it better all the time. My next furlough is due in November of this year. I plan to visit my parents at Riverside, California, a good part of the year.

Six weeks from Norman

Dr. John Roy Campbell, '37med, is still in United States Territory but a letter from him to Dr. R.T. House, head of the modern languages department in the University, required six weeks to reach Norman. Dr. Campbell was on the Island of St. Paul, off the west coast of Alaska.

In mining camp

Harold S. Brinsmade, '35, is working as mine engineer at isolated Tayolita, Durango, Mexico, 160 kilometers northeast of Mazatlan, which is on the west coast of Mexico. In the old days, he writes, it took five days on mule back along very rugged mountains to reach the place. Tayo-
of Oklahoma and is a student in the University School of Law.

\section*{Let's Fill the Stadium (continued from page 9)}

The many alumni who contributed to the cost of building the Stadium and the Oklahoma Memorial Union will have a special treat in store for them this Fall. The Union has just been issued to Mrs. Janet Langford, '18, general chairman; Herbert H. Scott, '26, registrar; Dr. A. M. Ruggles, faculty attendance at reception and tea; and Dr. Leonard Logan, '24, fraternity and sorority co-operation.

The date for Homecoming this year is a full week earlier than last year, which is in agreement with wishes expressed by many alumni; and with the Sooners football team apparently headed for an interesting season, a record Homecoming crowd may well be anticipated.

\section*{Sooners at Home and Abroad (continued from page 18)}

oldita is located in a small valley with mountains rising almost vertically nearly 2,500 feet. Nowth transportation is possible by tri-motor airplane which makes the trip from Mazzan in 45 minutes, three times a week. Large freight is brought up a river 140 kilometers from the nearest railroad station, or in the dry season, by tractors.

The only picture show consists of four walls, no roof, and a canvas sheet stretched over a frame. Brinsmade adds this postscript "to the femmes: If you feel you're over a frame."

\section*{Tomlin's song is winner}

A song, In Ole Oklahoma, by Truman "Pinky" Tomlin, '34ex, radio entertainer and composer of a number of popular songs, was an easy winner in the contest conducted by the State Junior Chamber of Commerce for a new state song.

After hearing words and music of Tomlin's entry in the contest, the Junior chamber contest committee decided that it was far ahead of the more than five hundred other contributions.

In Ole Oklahoma was formally presented by the Oklahoma City Symphony Orchestra at Oklahoma City which played the song in all possible variations, from swing time to symphony arrangements.

The words go like this:

In old Oklahoma Beneath the western skies, Where folks all say "Hi, stranger," Tell their lonesome tale Coyotes on the hilltop, To pass the time away.

In Ole Oklahoma, Caldas, Colombia, South America.

In a letter to Dr. Helen B. Burton, director of the school, and other faculty members, she comments:

Each day makes me love each of you more because now, since leaving you, I can appreciate the part each of you had in helping me to learn the things which I am now able to apply in my daily living. You would be quite proud to own Betty Anne as one of your grandchildren. My husband and I have tried hard to impress all the things I learned there. She is such a normal healthy child, and has outgrown and overcome all the ailments she possessed. We have all the latest available help sent to us so that we can get, to help us guide her correctly. I wish so often that I was close enough to enjoy participating in Miss Schaefer's adult classes, and to do some of the things that I learned there. Then too, I could never get too old to keep on studying and learning for my own good.

How I do wish it were possible to send you a big nice stack of bananas, or a box of oranges, lemons and grapefruit from our farm. They just waste, we have so many, and as they are worth practically nothing, there is no market for them. The greater part of the people care nothing for them, but believe me, we eat all we can hold. They are much better to us than the fruits which we have not always been accustomed to. Then too, I know what they are, and no one knows some of the others, as to vitamin content, etc. Such things as apples, peaches, pears, and apricots can only be gotten here canned or dried, and are imported from the States. Yet they are quite expensive and so are used quite sparingly by us, but we have them as often as we can. We are not able to get fresh breads at all, but oats, rice, whole wheat, cream of wheat, and corn meal are very reasonable, and as the mornings are always cool we enjoy the hot cereals very much.

We buy a half gallon of milk each day, and no matter how we have tried, none of our neighbors will sell us more than that. They think we are queer to even want that much. We have our own garden and chickens so do not want for plenty of fresh vegetables and eggs. Meat is very reasonable, but we have to demand certain parts and pay extra to get what we want, as one piece is the same in price as another, and the butchers do not know that there is any special reason for cutting their meats a certain way.

I make all of our breads, pastries, and cakes. After trying how it was made and handled here we decided to make ours. I wouldn't take anything for my knowledge in foods along that line.

\section*{WPA executive}

Mrs. Eula E. Fullerton, '22, '32ma, for thirteen years dean of women at North eastern State Teachers College, Tahlequah, has resigned that position to accept an appointment as state director of women's and professional projects for the Works Progress Administration. She succeeds Mrs. Sylvia Mariner.
visited him on the Eastern coast. These included Sam Payne, a Kappa Sig named Parrus, and a host of others whose names I have either failed to remember or that I personally didn’t know.

I believe my career, since leaving my last term at O. U. (summer of 1934) has taken a political turn or angle. From summer school of ’34 I entered the Federal Employment Service but found time to attend one summer session at George Washington University by working a night shift in my position. To me, this university does not compare with our own University of Oklahoma and the small colleges of Oklahoma and as to buildings, equipment, and facilities, I would rank it much below. However, it is an old institution with an exceptional standard and goes far on its reputation.

May I add also, that I do not regret the five years and four summers I spent obtaining a liberal education nor the time, effort and money necessary for having obtained my two and almost three degrees, but too much stress can not be attached to the importance of taking a business training along with these cultural subjects. This I neglected for myself and later had to master it on my own if I was to be assured of a job during this depression. For the sake of a business career I have been declining offers of foreign teaching appointments. Business salaries, especially in government service, carry a much higher salary even for the average individual. Therefore, but for the sake of education for education’s sake, I stress a business education.

In the small snapshot I enclose you will see me with Senator Reynolds, of North Carolina (the eligible for entertaining all Hollywood stars who come to DC, including the late Jean Harlow) and Senator Chavez, with his wife and friend. This snap was taken by a photographer for a New York City newspaper. Directly after the picture was made I had the honor of meeting Vice-President Garner and about thirty other senators. In our farewell party at the Shoreham Terrace Garden, I had the pleasure of meeting Senator McAdoo and his wife. With us also was the U. S. attorney general. I am thrilled to say that Senator Reynolds had for me a special dedication of Boomer Sooner from the floor show.

I am at this time changing positions, leaving the bureau where I have been since coming to Washington to work in the Munitions Building, which will carry more intellectual ability.

Thelma M. Bills, ’26, ’27 cd, Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I received your letter inferring that I had been named a member of the Kingfisher County Advisory Council. I wish to report that I am ready at all times to help in any way with the work of the Association. I feel this community will respond enthusiastically to an O. U. Alumni Club.

Thanks in advance for any assistance that you may give us.

Lida Barr, ’35 MA
Kingfisher, Oklahoma

Sir:

I received your good announcement that you are publishing a law Alumni Directory, and of course, I need the Alumni Magazine and am enclosing check in the sum of $3.00 for my subscription. With all good wishes for the continued success of the Alumni Association, I am

Colwell C. Chastain, ’24 Law
Chickasha, Oklahoma

Sir:

You probably thought—if ever my name had occurred to you—that I had gone out of existence. Well, I practically have, as far as Oklahoma is concerned. I moved to Kansas City about six months ago with the United Press, and have...
been there since. For the past two weeks I've been down in Sulphur visiting the folks, and at present I'm getting ready to catch a train back to Missouri. I suppose that by now you must have become an economic royalist, with nothing to do but hostle important personnages, complain about appropriations granted the University, point with pride to its accomplishments and let the world in on the secret of what a fine school it actually is.

Seriously, though, I'd like to hear from you when you have time, even if that isn't before fall when the hot weather has passed and people have begun to get their feet on the ground again. I work a graveyard shift in Kansas City—midnight to 8 a.m.—and sometimes I need inspiration to forget that I might retire to Sulphur, run a grocery store and no doubt live a much happier life.

E. C.

Kansas City, Missouri

Sir:

If I remember correctly, I owe you another $5.00 on my Life Membership. Enclosed please find check for that amount.

Will you please notice that I have returned to my work in Venezuela and change the mailing address accordingly.

Other O.U. men who are also here at this time are Howard J. Fielden and Harry Plummers. So far as I know they are the only ones, although Clifford Peery is now in Eastern Venezuela, receiving his mail through the Venezuela Gulf Oil Company at Caripito, I believe. Plummers works at Maracaibo for the Mere Grande Oil Company while Howard and I both work for the Sago Petroleum Corporation at Maracaibo.

GABER D. MARADON, '33
Maracaibo, Venezuela

Sir:

Crossing the streets in Washington you really have to look both ways, listen and then leap for it.

The office I work in is really nice—and since looking the situation over—as far as I can see, this is by far the best job I had offered. Perhaps I should have waited another year! I am in the Appointment Division of the Interior. Our office is in the next wing from the Secretary. However, I haven't seen him yet.

This weekend I have been sight-seeing. Yesterday I took the boat trip to Mt. Vernon. Today we had breakfast at Rock Creek Park, and this afternoon we went through the Capitol and then up in the Washington monument. We walked down the monument—just 50 flights of stairs.

As yet I haven't decided whether I should stay here or not.

MILDRED COTTON, '34
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

You are very noble to immediately have the list of former O.U. students made and sent to me. I appreciate it no end. As we use the list we will correct the addresses and add married names, etc., and forward them to you.

If not before that time, we shall certainly see you when Oklahoma treks to Texas for the game. In the meantime, if ever I can do an errand or a mission for you and the Association just count me in and send me word.

ELIZABETH ANN ELLEGOOD, '35
Dallas, Texas

Sir:

I'm really most apolgocic concerning my negligence! Enclosed is money order for my long past dues.

The reason for such neglect is we have built a house in California.

Ask anyone who has done a like trick—we moved in our new home on March 24 and what with teaching my regular work and some extras, I've hardly been my usual self. We are just now beginning to feel somewhat settled.

Our lawn is a month old and has been mowed twice—thats one of the many virtues of this State.

Please note ours (Willa B's and mine) new address—3619 Lotus Drive. Then for the next Magazine you might like this item. I have been on the San Diego State College Faculty for two sessions now. Last summer I taught in their second term, English 145, Contemporary Drama, and also taught this same course all last winter, both semesters, in their Extension Division. I was invited to teach again this summer in their first term session which began June 20, teaching Recent American Fiction. It's rather pleasant to have these invitations since I made no effort to receive them.

JEWELLA DEAN BRUBACHER
San Diego, California

Sir:

I have received several letters enclosing your issue of July 1, 1938, carrying the heading: "Where Are These 'Lost' Lawyers?", and under it giving a list of the lost ones. My name seems to head the list. But I probably am a lost lawyer, for I felt the "call of the wild" and deserted the legal ranks a few years after leaving school. Putting it in another way I shifted my occupation from lawyer to oil. I have been living in San Antonio, Texas for a number of years. My residence address is 374 Terrell Road.

Always with best wishes, I remain,

WILLIAM H. WINN, '10
San Antonio, Texas

WNAD on the air again

The University broadcasting station, WNAD, was scheduled to go on the air for the new school year on October 4.

Homer Heck, '35, ex, assistant manager of the Union who has been connected with WNAD for many years in various capacities, was advanced from program director to director of the station effective July 1. In becoming director he succeeds T. M. Beaird, Union manager and Alumni Association secretary. H. H. Leake continues as full time director of production.

As a result of conferences held by WNAD officials with teachers attending the Summer Session of the University, the station this year will have the active co-operation of 180 teachers who will listen to educational broadcasts, report the reactions of their students, and make suggestions for improvement of the radio educational program.

Another new feature of the WNAD organization this year is the establishment of the University Radio Workshop which was designed to coordinate the research men, writers, actors, and musicians, both faculty and students, who aid in broadcasting programs.

Jack Wilson, Winifred Stabler and Phyllis Markley, three of the most popular staff members of the station last year, are back again. Mildred Andrews, new instructor in organ, will give regular organ broadcasts. The faculty round table, School of Music broadcasts, comments on world politics, and other popular programs of last year will be continued, in addition to the more formal educational broadcasts that are put on the air during daytime school hours.

The regular schedule of broadcasting is from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with the exception that the night program on Wednesday does not begin until 8 p.m.