SOONERS took bows in both the state and national spotlights during recent weeks.

Added distinction came to Charles D. Mahaffie, '05 (Kingfisher), who was re-appointed for another seven-year term on the Interstate Commerce Commission by President Roosevelt. Originally appointed to the commission by President Hoover in 1930, Mr. Mahaffie has served one full seven-year term and four months of a previous short term.

He has served as solicitor for the Department of the Interior, attorney for the United States railroad administration, and director of finance for the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Mr. Mahaffie was the second Rhodes scholar from Oklahoma. Upon his return from Oxford, he was appointed to the faculty of Princeton University. There he became acquainted with Woodrow Wilson and later this acquaintance led to a Washington appointment.

However, his twenty years of service for the government, under changing Republican and Democratic administrations, have marked him as a career man holding his positions because of his ability and merits.

Emery is promoted

Vice-president and general counsel of the Phillips Petroleum Company is the title which Don Emery, '20, '21 law, assumed in January. He succeeded Judge John Kane, who is retiring.

For four years after his graduation, Mr. Emery was engaged in general practice of law with the firm of Arnote, McCain & Emery, at McAlester, Oklahoma.

He entered the employ of the Phillips company at Bartlesville in 1925. Little more than a year later he was made attorney in charge of the Texas division of the company's legal department with headquarters in Amarillo, Texas.

January 1, 1937, he was elected vice-president and assistant general counsel for the company and was transferred to headquarters at Bartlesville.

Last month he was promoted again, and now is vice-president and general counsel, director, and member of the executive committee of the company.

Mr. Emery entered an officers' training camp during the World War and after the war remained in the Officers' Reserve Corps. He received a captain's commission in 1925. He is a past commander of the McAlester post of the American Legion.

While in school at Norman he was a member of Delta Tau Delta social fraternity, and Phi Delta Phi and Coif honorary law societies.

Tulsa civic leader

John Rogers, '14 law, is the new president of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce.

Bentonelli given legacy

A $20,000 bequest and a $100,000 trust fund have rewarded Joseph Bentonelli, '20, '21, for years of privation in which he concentrated on learning sound opera technique instead of commercializing his fine tenor voice.

The bequest and trust fund were included in the will of Miss Kate S. Buckingham, noted Chicago art patron and a distant relative of Mr. Bentonelli.

Miss Buckingham left an estate of $4,000,000, and her bequests included numerous individuals as well as a $2,000,000 trust fund for the Chicago Art Institute.

Mr. Bentonelli met her through some first cousins of his father, who was a distant relative. She helped the singer with his training for opera work and was interested in his career.

Miss Buckingham lived long enough to see the young Oklahoma tenor become a popular singer with the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York, the Chicago Civic Opera Company, and on the concert stage and radio. He sang at the White House in January at the President's annual dinner for ambassadors and ministers of other countries.

Collection given as memorial

An extensive collection of material on motion pictures has been donated to the Carnegie Library of Oklahoma City as a memorial to Mrs. Charles E. McPherron (Margaret Johnston McPherron, '32ex).

The collection, said to be the finest in the Southwest devoted entirely to motion pictures, was given to the library by Dr. and Mrs. Charles M. Perry, of Norman. Mrs. McPherron was a sister of Mrs. Perry.

Mrs. McPherron had been an active worker for better motion pictures for many years and at the time of her death in 1936 was chairman of the motion picture committee of the Oklahoma City Parent-Teachers Association. The Margaret Johnston McPherron Collection was established to perpetuate this interest in cultural affairs. It was given to the Carnegie Library as a symbol of the appreciation felt by Mrs. McPherron and her sister for this civic institution.

The collection will cover social and aesthetic aspects of the movies. It will be an accumulative addition, kept up to date year to year by new donations. The gifts will include books, pamphlets, and magazine subscriptions.

Senator Lee draws attention

Colorful oratory, and a vigorous campaign for certain kinds of peace legislation
have brought Senator Josh Lee, '17, considerable newspaper and magazine attention in recent weeks.

Press dispatches from Washington credited Senator Lee with establishing a record for fast talk on the Senate floor. Debatting on the farm bill, he talked so fast that official shorthand reporters were unable to take down his words. Vice-President Garner was quoted as saying it was the fastest talking he had heard in his thirty-five years in Congress.

Colliers magazine devoted an entire article to the Oklahoma senator, under the title "Vocal Boy Makes Good."

The article sketched Senator Lee's life and gave some details of his election campaign. The article said, in part:

These are nerves times for Carter Glass, Allen Barkley and other senators who learned their oratory at night by the light of pine knots. Where once they simply opened their mouths and let go with everything they had, careless of periods and perorations, more recently they have been observed to sweat, stammer and sometimes dog down entirely, for at their back sat the composer foremost elocutionist in the person of Joel Lee, Oklahoma's latest contribution to the Senate.

The pink of courtesy, no derivative unity was seen to curl the Lee lips, and yet Carter and Allen, as they emitted their rough-and-ready speeches, unadorned by chaste metaphor or classical allusion, and grace by no single rhythmic gesture, acted as though they were in momentary fear of correction. No question about their being fussed. And well they might be, for Josh Lee is the closest approach to Delbert that this country has ever produced. Watching him speak is a postgraduate course in synchronization, for not only are his voice and hands symphonic, but even his nose and toes contribute to swelling harmony. Poetry oozes from every pore, and his flowers of speech make the floral effusions of Henry Ashurst or Hain Lewis look like a bunch of wilited dog fennel.

After discussing phases of Senator Lee's career familiar to Oklahomans, the author of the article, George Creel, proceeds to give the following summary of the impression the junior senator from Oklahoma has made in Washington:

Josh hate war, but he wants America to go to the limit in the maintenance of neutrality, but his pacifism has in it no touch of nonresistance. He believes in a sane, adequate program of national defense, and stands ready, as before, to take arms in defense of his country and its free institutions. What he does insist upon, however, is a sane, adequate program of national defense, and stands ready, as before, to take arms in defense of his country and its free institutions.

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Sooner heads hospital

Dr. W. C. Tisdal, '29, '31, '33med, of Elk City, became superintendent of the Western Oklahoma Tubercular Sanitarium at Clinton in January, succeeding Dr. J. A. Land, of Hobart.

Dr. Tisdal, 31 years old, has been associated with his brother, Dr. V. C. Tisdal, in the practice of medicine at Elk City.

Heffner in new post

W. W. Heffner, '33bus, formerly manager of the Harmon County Chamber of Commerce, on February 1 became manager of the Chickasha Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Heffner came to Hollis a year ago to take the Harmon County position. He formerly was at Childress, Texas, where he was head of the commercial department of the high school for four years and also served two years as secretary of the Childress Junior Chamber of Commerce.

At Hollis Mr. Heffner was chairman of the County Advisory Council of the Alumni Association and a member of the Rotary club. He also is a director of the Oklahoma Association of Commercial Organization Secretaries.

At Northeastern

Twenty-two of the fifty-three faculty members at Northeastern State Teachers College, Tahlequah, are either graduates or former students of the University of Oklahoma. Nineteen of this group of Sooers have received degrees from the University.

Two faculty members have received doctor's degrees. They are D. W. Emerson, '32ph.d, and R. K. McIntosh, '37med. Those who have received master's degrees are: Ray H. Ballard, '32ed; Wilhelmina Barton, '32; A. B. Briggs, '24; Eda F. Fullerton, '32; Lois Gillis Hall, '21; Henri Minsky, '37ed; George Harry Peeler, '34ed; Vaud A. Travis, '26; John Vaughan, '27; Tully F. Watson, '30.

Six Sooers who have received bache lor's degrees at the University are: Jim Robinson, '32aw; Ruth Allison, '23fa; Felicia M. Paden, '21; Sue B. Thornton, '20, '21fa; Mildred Watts, '23; Tessie Rudell, '25fa; Noble Bryan, '18.

Former students include T. L. Ballenger, E. J. Green, and H. M. Pearson.

Kiowa county

Forty University of Oklahoma alumni are employed in Kiowa county schools.

The list at Hobart includes Bennie A. McElvya, superintendent; J. R. Naylor, Eugene Gibson, Mabel Huff, Charles Stogner, Thomas Barker, R. N. Cooke, Louise Lloyd, Marietta Johnson, Clyde McGinnis, Dorothy Sheldon, and Sue Donna Graham. E. L. Curnutt and Ruby Shaw are teaching at Mountain View. The school staff at Snyder includes Jessie Knoulton, Lilly Grozer and Mrs. Lillian Whitlow. And Sooers at Lone Wolf include R. R. Myers, Claude C. Evans, Morris Tucker, Kathryn Baird and Grace Dawson.

Teachers in Tulsa

Teaching staff of the Tulsa Public Schools includes sixty-eight women and eleven men who received all or more than half of their higher education at the University of Oklahoma, according to a survey by Frank Paully, '17, director of research for the Tulsa schools.

Many more than this number have completed work at O.U., but more than half of their work was in other schools.

Of the men, seven are principals, one is director of research, one teaches in senior high and two in junior high school. Forty...
two of the women teach in the elementary schools, fifteen in junior high and twelve in senior high.

Three of the men have doctorate degrees (one from the University of Oklahoma and two from Columbia University), four hold master's degrees and four hold bachelor's degrees. Twenty-one of the women hold master's degrees and forty-seven hold bachelor's degrees.

At the beginning of the present school year, the men averaged 22.2 years of total teaching, 20.5 years in Oklahoma and 10.1 years in Tulsa. The women average 15.3 years total teaching, 15.0 years in Oklahoma and 9.5 years in Tulsa.

Bartlesville

There are thirty-eight teachers in the Bartlesville schools who have been students at the University of Oklahoma, fourteen having received master's degrees, six bachelor's degrees, and eighteen having had work in the University.

Merle W. Glasgow, principal of Junior High School, has the doctor's degree.

Those having master's degrees are: H. E. Wrinkle, superintendent; R. L. Albers, Garfield principal; E. W. Claiborne, McKinley principal; and the following high school teachers: Lucille Fortenberry, Martha Liddell, Mary Paxton, Annie Laurie von Tungeln, Ethel Moseley, Elizabeth Parks, Lois Traylor, Marjorie Vann, Caroline Davis, and Gail Finch.

Those with bachelor's degrees are: Verla Vera Clark, Ora Lee Cupp, Pearl Sampson, Myra Nair (Scriven), Marjorie Young, and Joe Shields, librarian.

Former O.U. students in the Bartlesville system are Mary Ware, Bess Hedge, Georgia Sillars, Paul Wheeler, Carrie Jacobs, Ora Smith, Elaine Byrd, Fannie Jeanne Cantrell, Mattie Check, Gladys Cornue, Dayle Glover, Helen Jones, Evelyn Klee Kimball, Ruth Moss, Sadie Ross, Oliver Summer, Edith Surratt, Emma Ziegler.

Ponca City

A complete list of O.U. graduates in the Ponca City school system has been compiled by Superintendent Charles P. Howell, '20, '29ms, as follows:

Homer S. Anderson, '28ms; Charles Cunning, '26; Elva Curtis, '26; Georgia Parley, '28; Roy Grantham, '31law; Mrs. James Plummer, '32ms; M. L. Powers, '30; Woodson Tyree, '26; Dorothy Burge, '34; '36 lib.sci; Daisy Frick, '34; Dorine Guthrie, '22, '22ma; Kattie M. Hammons, '18; Florence Mitschrich, '25fa; Ann Paynter, '29; Ethel Utterback, '22, '36ma; Maude Blue, '34; Ruth Brookhart, '31; Merle Brown, '35; Veta Dowell, '30fa.

And Gladys Erickson, '17, '18fa; Harriet Fordyce, '30; Ethel Grimma, '36; T. F. Hames, '27; Neva Belle Harrod, '28; Virginia Livesay, '31; Gayle McCorke, '35fa; Irene Main, '32; Dortha Nicholas, '36; Myra Bess Smith, '37; Bathena Spears, '36ma; Thelma Stewart, '31; Mary Belle Sullivan, '38; Ruth Tyree, '26; Frances S. Catron, '26; W. A. Franklin, '34ph.d; and Lenna Mead, '31.

Leaders in new club

At an organization meeting of the Cosmopolitan Club held recently in Oklahoma City, William O. Coe, '29law, was elected temporary president and other officers chosen included Stewart Meyers, '28, vice-president, and James D. Fellers, '36law, secretary-treasurer.

Explorations made

Charles Wagley, '34ex, has returned from an expedition into the interior of Guatemala where he found a village of Mayan Indians who never had heard of the United States. The expedition was made for the department of anthropology of Columbia University, where Mr. Wagley studied after leaving Oklahoma.

He spent five months among Indians in a village more than 8,000 feet above sea level in the Cuchumatanes mountains of Guatemala, and studied the natives' customs. He found the Indians' religious rites a strange combination of Roman Catholicism introduced by early Spanish explorers, and primitive Mayan forms of worship.