Alumni in The News

Education Group Convenes

The second annual summer rural education conference was held on the North Campus of the University of Oklahoma June 23 and 24. The theme of this conference was "How to Build Better Rural Schools and Communities for Oklahoma." Dr. Garland D. Holstine, director of the University Laboratory School, was general chairman for the meeting. Ben Morrison, '35ma, director of In-Service Education at East Central College, Ada, served as secretary for the problem on how to improve the pre-service and in-service education of rural teachers. Others serving on the committee were C. E. Grady, '32bus, 39ma; W. B. Ragin, '22ba, '28ma; A. A. Baker, '46ed, and Cora Manley, '46m.ed.

Serving on the committee to discuss "Is Reorganization the Best Answer to the Improvement of Our Rural Schools?" were Jess Burkett, '47ed, director of WNAD School of the Air; Dr. Oliver Hodge, '33m.ed, '37.ed; Roy Emanus, '39ma; George O'Neal, '176a, '41m.ed; W. B. Lawson, '43ed; Ralph Hamilton, '32ba, '47m.ed; Mrs. Ethel Burkett, '43ed, '47m.ed; and Roy Tampkins, '26ed.

Dr. Holstine directed the conference on how audio-visual materials and equipment may be used effectively in rural schools. Those serving with him were Cecil Garner, '38b.ec; Hazel Harman, '43ed; Mrs. Dolly Connally, '26ba, '47m.mus.ed; Everett Harvell, '47ed, '48m.ed; Mr. Gladys Hardin, '46ed, '48m.ed; Jess Burkett, and Cora Manley.

Hoberecht Wins Promotion

Earnest Hoberecht, '41journ, well known war correspondent and novelist, has been appointed chief correspondent and manager for Asia of the United Press.

His appointment was announced in Tokyo by Miles W. Vaughn, United Press vice-president and general manager for Asia.

Thirty-year-old Hoberecht was born in Watonga, Oklahoma. His first newspaper job was on the Watonga Republican. This was during a two-year interval between his high school and college days, during which time he also started his own magazine, the Reflector.

His state-side newspaper experience includes jobs on the Oklahoma News and the Daily Oklahoman and Times in Oklahoma City, and on the Press-Scimitar in Memphis, Tennessee.

He joined the United Press in Hawaii as night manager of the Honolulu bureau. During the war he was a war correspondent attached to the U. S. Navy.

Hoberecht spent considerable time at sea with the aircraft carriers and during the final months of the war was with Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet off the coast of Japan. He reported the first naval bombardment of the Japanese home islands, covering signing of the Japanese surrender aboard the Missouri and was one of the first Allied correspondents to land with the occupation forces.

Except for a special assignment in China and brief service in the United Press New York office, he has spent most of the post-war period in Japan. He is author of Tokyo Romance, the best-selling Japanese novel, and four other books published in the Japanese language.

Roller Granted Leave

Dr. Duane Roller, '23ba, '25ms, head of the Washburn College physics department, Crawfordsville, Indiana, has been granted a leave of absence next year to serve as visiting lecturer on Physical Science at Harvard University.

Campbell Returns To Campus

Frank Roger Campbell, '32ba, is engineer, soldier and teacher. Now instructor in mechanical engineering at Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colorado, he is working on his Master's Degree at O.U. which he will receive next summer.

He even looks like an engineer. He's tall, wiry, neatly dressed. He smokes a pipe. This summer he's living at Whitehead Hall, just across the street from President Cross' home.

Asked about his hobbies, Campbell thinks for a second, pulls briskly on his pipe and draws, "Actually I don't have any hobby unless it's work." Look at his record and you see at once what he means.

FRANK ROGER CAMPBELL, '32BA

He clerked at the Kingkade Hotel in Oklahoma City to help pay his way through school. He was also a student instructor, assisting in teaching classes in technical drawing, descriptive geometry, machine drawing and kinematics. He held a student instructor position during his sophomore and senior years.

Through his junior year, June, 1929, to September, 1931, he clerked 40 hours per week while attending the University. During his college student career he became prize R.O.T.C. sophomore; Cadet Colonel, 1st Field Artillery; member of Engineers Club; American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and charter member of the Bombardiers.

His energy output didn't let up after he finished school. He is a ventilating and heating engineer and was air conditioning expert for Edwards Manufacturing Co., Enid. He was also maintenance engineer for Tradesmen's National Bank Building, Oklahoma City; draftsman for Oklahoma State Planning Board, and member of three different state road construction projects.

From January, 1936, to January, 1939, Campbell instructed engineering drawing at the University of Oklahoma. He then began teaching at Colorado School of Mines. During summers worked on engineering jobs and began study for his Master's Degree.

In 1939 he engineered gasoline department details for piping, pressure vessels and foundations for Rice and Youker gasoline plants built at Borger, Texas, a Phillips Petroleum job.

Campbell's four years of war took him to the European Theater with the 27th Photo Recon Squadron. He entered active service a first lieutenant, Air Corps, and was discharged a major.

His wife, Mrs. Fern Campbell, was a student in home economics at the University. The Campbells have two children, Roger Allen, 18, and Glenn Elwin, 16. Roger Allen has just enlisted in the Air Corps. Glenn Elwin is attending military school in Edinburg, otherwise gets an education.

Frank's sister is Mrs. Dwight Gilley (Francel Campbell '27ba), San Juan, Texas. His brother, Warren E. Campbell, Jr., also is a Sooner alum.

Bruce Carter—College Proxy

Bruce Carter, '32ma, is the president of Northeastern Oklahoma A. & M. University. He's on the campus this summer working to complete 17 hours for his Doctor's Degree. His dissertation is about junior colleges, one of his favorite subjects.

"The junior college is the fastest growing unit of education in America," he says. "There are 663 junior colleges in the United States, with an enrollment of a half million."

California is leading the way for junior colleges, he points out, but, closer to home, Oklahoma already has 12 junior colleges with a total enrollment of 5,000.

Bruce Carter believes the first two years of college may someday be combined with the last two years of high school. Also, "As the junior college expands it will serve many who would not otherwise get an education."

Northeastern A. & M. under President Carter is a going concern. During the past two years an agriculture program has been started at the school. A herd of dairy cattle has been bought, a dairy barn has been built and a refrigeration plant has been installed.

New buildings dot the Northeastern campus. The student newspaper, The Norse Wind was judged last year the best junior college paper in the nation. The college now has an enrollment of 800, and the spring graduation class of 165 was the largest in history.

Bruce Carter's college career started in 1923. He was a big-handed, overgrown kid of 19 working in the Rock Island railroad shops at Chicksaw. He was one of a family of 12, and he didn't even have a high school education.

But The Rev. Hope Owen persuaded him to go to Oklahoma Baptist University. Bruce went. He astounded schoolmen by completing both high school and college requirements in five years.

In addition, he was elected most popular male student on the O.B.U. campus. At one time or another he chaired nearly every college organization. To top it off, he worked in a laundry, washing his way through school. That partially accounts for his middle nickname, work.

His wife, Mrs. Mary Carter, with his college sweetheart. Brown-haired and pretty, she adds per-
H. MERLE WOODS

FRED E. TARMAN

Press Group Elects Officers

Fred E. Tarman, '10ba, editor of the Norman Transcript for the past 2 years as secretary for the Oklahoma State Press Association, was elected vice-president at the convention held June 3 and 5 at Tulsa.

New treasurer is H. Merle Woods, '17ba, owner and publisher of the El Reno American, a past president of the association.

One of the highlights of the convention was the address made by Congressman Mike Monroney, 24 ba. He stated that the Federation of Western Newspapers, U. S. citizens are helping to preserve the integrity of American newspapers.

Hicks to Address Seniors

Joseph W. Hicks, '28ba, well-known Chicago public relations counselor, has been selected as commencement speaker for the August 4 University of Oklahoma graduation exercises.

Hicks, graduate of the University, will share speaking honors with the Rev. John Wright, pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church, Oklahoma City. Reverend Wright will deliver the baccalaureate sermon scheduled for 8 p.m. Sunday, August 1.

The public relations counselor and writer recently attended the annual convention of the Oklahoma Press Association and as a member of the FULLER, Edmond; Me-

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Both women were graduated from Burritt College, Spencer, Tennessee. Both are graduates of the University, Miss Mary receiving her Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1922 and her Master's in 1933. Miss Sallie received a major in education and minors in arts and domestic science in 1925. They have done graduate work at the University of Colorado, Boulder, and the University of Florida, Gainesville.

Students are lavish in their adoration of the two Misses Gilletone. One small boy told Miss Sally at promotion time that he was sorry that she didn't know how to teach the next grade, because he'd surely like to have her for his teacher another year.

And this year, three Hollis graduates, all enrolled in the same university, were called to the dean's office when they submitted themes on their favorite teacher, who was Miss Mary.

Although each is outstanding in her field, they both are versatile in other things as well. Miss Mary devotes much of her time to piano and vocal music and to writing poetry. Miss Sally is the gardener of the two, as well as being an artist.

Their home disproves the old adage about "schoolmarm's" not being good housekeepers. Their red brick cottage between the grade school and the high school is neat and attractive, and filled with the aroma of their good cooking, which necessitates more than the use of a can opener.

Both sisters have served as president of the Hollis chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and have been loyal workers in their church, where they teach classes.

So the "Gilletone to Gilletone" notation of students from Harmon County isn't an innovation in language—it's a tradition in Hollis.

Fellowships Awarded

Dr. S. M. Salyer, professor of English; Dr. Gas- ton Litton, '34B.A., '40ma, University archivist and professor of history; Spencer H. Norton, '28b, chairman of the School of Music, and Dr. Leslie F. Smith, associate professor of history, have been granted Rockefeller Foundation fellowships for studies in literature, history, music, and educational problems.

A biography of Louisa May Alcott, author of Little Women, emphasizing her work as a mystery and short story writer, will be Dr. Salyer's project. He has made a study of unpublished family letters and Alcott material at Harvard University, where he is spending the summer gathering material.

Dr. Litton's project is a social and cultural history of the Chickasaw Indians before and after removal to Oklahoma. He has done research in the National Archives at Washington, D. C., and made a study with the white man from 1880 to 1907.

A symphony in three movements is the project of Mr. Norton. He expects to complete it in about five years. Norton has written a number of compositions for full orchestra. His Dance Suite has been played by symphony orchestras in Oklahoma City, Rochester, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Cincinnati, and Buffalo.

Dr. Smith, who specialized in classics at the University of Glasgow, Scotland, and Columbia University, will sample each section of the United States to investigate the shift in emphasis from teaching classics in American high schools. He will first survey areas in Boston, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

Comparisons between the 1939-40 and 1947-48 school years concerning the supply and demand in the field of college teaching were made by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The report indicated "Enrollments have increased 65 per cent. Faculty members holding ranks of instructor through professor have increased only 42 per cent. The ratio of teachers to students has increased from an average of 1 to 16, to an average of 1 to 19."

FORGET 'MONSTER' RUMORS

You're scared of the atomic bomb. But discount those stories that radiation from the bomb may cause people to produce monsters, says Dr. Laurence H. Snyder, noted University of Oklahoma geneticist.

Rumors from Japan have reported two-headed children being born at Nagasaki and Hiroshima. All this has been blamed on atomic radiation. And the reports have planted a fear that the succeeding generation, in the event of an atomic war, would be freaks. They call these freaks "mutations." Snyder, dean of the O. U. Graduate School, flatly terms "this talk about monsters unfounded." He ought to know. He's one of the country's top geneticists or students of heredity. He is a member of the atomic commission panel which is investigating stories about mutations in Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

"So far we haven't uncovered any significant mutations," Dr. Snyder reveals. "Of course, some mutations will not show for several generations. But this fear people feel doesn't have much basis in fact."

The atomic commission also is studying two other cities similar in size and living conditions to the two atom-hit cities. Some mutations are produced naturally; Snyder explains, so any results from Nagasaki and Hiroshima must be compared with the records of mutations found in other cities.

He points out that some experiments have been done with plants and the effect that radiation has on them. Geneticists have found that they can artificially produce mutations in plants. The importance of this research is that very few of the changes which allow the plant to live are very obvious. Most of them are so small that they are practically undetectable.

Some of the mutations artificially produced by radiation in plants will benefit farmers, Snyder predicts. "They have produced wheat which does not need such a long growing season. Other plants are being developed which will help the farmer grow bigger crops in areas which have been un- cultivated until the present time."

POST ARTICLE CHALLENGED

Two prominent state officials of Oklahoma came forward with burning rebuttals recently, following the appearance of an article entitled, "The Shame of Oklahoma" by Milton MacKaye in The Saturday Evening Post.


"Milton MacKaye's article on the state penitentiary was originally scheduled to run under the title, 'How Not to Run a Prison.' Instead, it reached the public under the title, 'The Shame of Oklahoma."

"I'll concede that, from the standpoint of selling magazines, the latter title is more effective. But among Post readers who read the title and neglect the article, Oklahoma has sustained another setback.

"Certainly Mr. MacKaye makes it clear that substantial progress is being made in overcoming the sensational conditions he describes. He also makes a rather sound appraisal of some of the weaknesses that are yet to be overcome.

"Oklahoma's prison problem is complex and fraught with difficulties—more so than it should be, because we have been without a good prison system for so many years. The problem will not be solved cheaply or upon a short term basis."

"Warden Clarence P. Burford has been in office only a year but he has proved that he is an able prison administrator, and that he knows the what and how of measures that must be taken to place the penitentiary on a basis that will command public respect."

"Reverting to conditions, which existed in January, 1947, Mr. MacKaye writes, 'It was common knowledge then that the situation was explosive and scandalous.'"

"This is not an overstatement. When Warden Burford took over, he had to work in two directions—backward and forward."

"Backward to try to fix the responsibility for conditions which existed before he became warden."

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