Cartoonist Dies

Accident ends Career. Sam Cobean, '37, nationally famous cartoonist, was killed July 2 in an automobile accident near Watkins Glen, New York. Cobean attended the O.U. journalism school and was twice editor of the Covered Wagon.

He joined Walt Disney's studios after leaving the University and worked on "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and other Disney cartoons. He left Disney and entered the army soon thereafter his cartoons began appearing in national publications.

The New Yorker magazine commented: "Sam Cobean, who died in an automobile accident last week, made a high and merry place for himself in the world of art in a remarkably short period of time. In his 34 years of life, he skirmished with art, the law, and journalism, and it wasn't until six years ago, after a preliminary flourish with Walt Disney, that he decided to take up a full-time career as an artist. For us in this office, it was a fortunate decision, because few more engaging or talented men have ever stepped off the elevator at our floor. He was indeed a man whose personality illuminated his work; his drawings, as all who know them are aware, were inventive, unexpectedly turned, never cruel, and funny—beyond all else, funny. He was a close friend of many on this magazine, and his death has left all of us poorer."

He is survived by his wife, the former Ann McCool, '36ba, and 2-year-old son, Scott.

A Fast Buck

They Had the Answers. Two graduates of the University were richer by some $1,900 because they knew what the Three Wise Men took to the infant Jesus. Frank Berman, '38ba, and Mrs. Berman, the former Katherine Kellerhals, '49lib.sci., answered the question correctly as "gold, frankincense and myrrh" on a radio quiz and reaped the dollar harvest. Berman is working on the Long Island Press, Jamaica, New York. Asked what they would do with the money, Berman said, "Buy a dishwasher." There should be a little left over for other purposes.

For and in Service

One Was Outstanding. Jack Luttrell, '38ba, '41Law, was on the receiving end twice during the summer. In late May, he received the Distinguished Service Award of the Oklahoma Junior Chamber of Commerce as the state's outstanding young man for the past year. Then in July, Luttrell was recalled to active duty with the navy.

The navy tour brought the resignation of his father John Luttrell as justice of the state Supreme Court; he returned to Norman to take up his son's law practice.

As the state's outstanding young man, Jack Luttrell was chosen on the basis of civic activities and service to his community.

Oil Is Their Business

Shocking Career. He makes a career of measuring vibrations after an explosion in one of the most explosive areas in the world. The alumnus is Jesse R. Cornett, '38eng.phys., and he's a seismographer working on Bahrein Island, a 30-mile long, 10-mile wide, strip of land in the Persian Gulf.

Cornett tries to locate sub-surface oil by the use of the aforementioned vibrations and his seismograph. Recently Cornett visited in Oklahoma City with his parents. It was the first time the grandparents had seen year-old Andy Cornett.

The Cornetts were scheduled to return to the island following a three month vacation here, to work for at least another two years.

Quick and Lasting. "Up in Shell Oil Company's Los Angeles office you will hear that S. F. Bowlby can make a quick and lasting decision. In fact, back in 1926 he got his start in oil business that way, and that faculty has led him to his present position of regional vice president in charge of exploration and production for the West Coast and Rocky Mountains divisions," reported the Oil and Gas Journal of July 26.

Bowlby, '27min.eng., had only remote ideas of making the oil industry his career in 1926 when he got his degree in mining engineering from Wisconsin Institute of Technology. But a hitch as a roustabout in the Texas Panhandle during the Borger boom changed his mind and he entered the University to continue his studies.

Then he went back to the Panhandle as a roustabout. Subsequent experience in the oil industry (mainly with Shell) led to Bowlby's first California assignment in 1940 as chief exploitation engineer. Successive promotions earned him his present position which he has held since 1949.