25-year reunion

THE ALERT CLASS OF 1912 LOOKS BACK ON A QUARTER CENTURY OF ACHIEVEMENTS

What is the average O. U. graduate like, 25 years after graduation? Biographical data collected in preparation for the 25-year Reunion of the Class of 1912 in June indicates that the "average" alumnus of this class has two children, whose ages are around 15 years, he is still much interested in the University and plans to attend the reunion unless definitely prevented by circumstances, and he is probably a professional man—lawyer, doctor, geologist, or teacher. He likes golf or bridge.

And he may live in Oklahoma or any one of 13 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii or the Canal Zone.

Twenty-five years have seen the members of '12 scatter that far, but the ties of friendship and their interest in the University are drawing a large proportion of them back to Norman for the Quarter-Century Reunion.

Of the first 54 members of the class who responded to a letter asking whether they planned to attend the reunion, 34 said definitely they planned to attend, 11 said they would if possible, and only nine said definitely they would be unable to attend. Approximately half the living members of the class had been heard from by early April although the reunion will not be held until June 5 and 6.

The prospect for unusually good attendance at the reunion is due to several factors. One is the highly successful first reunion which the Class of '12 held five years ago. Another is the intensive work done during the winter by Ray H. Haun, of Detroit, Dr. Victor E. Monnett, Norman, and other members of the class who helped make plans for the reunion and contact various '12 graduates.

The Class of '12 has many distinguished members, and its record of accomplishment is probably far above the average.

Paul Walker has made a national reputation as chairman of the Telephone Division of the Federal Communications Commission, and is now living in Washington, D. C. Ray H. Haun, a busy and popular young man in his campus days, is now manager of the Detroit office of United Newspapers Magazine Corporation, publishers of This Week magazine.

Charles W. Hamilton, geologist by profession, is now doing oil company executive work and living in Upper Montclair, N. J. Another '12 graduate doing well in the East is Lloyd Maxwell, now associate editor and economist with the Standard Statistics Company, New York City. Mrs. Maxwell, with the aid of their two daughters as counselors, has been conducting a rapidly-growing summer camp project for small children.

J. V. DePorte is director of the Division of Vital Statistics, New York State Department of Health, at Albany. Charles Walter, who has had wide experience as a geologist, is now assistant to the vice-president of the Venezuela Gulf Oil Company, and other Gulf Oil Corporation foreign producing subsidiaries. His home is in Upper Montclair, N. J.

Major Schenk H. Griffin, U. S. Army, who is now stationed in the Canal Zone, is planning to attend the reunion and should win the prize for the member of the class coming the longest distance. He is a nephew of Dr. D. W. Griffin, superintendent of the Central State Hospital in Norman.

Doctors and lawyers in the Class of '12
rank high in Oklahoma. Thurman Hurst is a recently-elected Justice of the State Supreme Court, and has a good record as district judge before elevation to his new position.

Dr. Ray Balyeat, Oklahoma City, is nationally known as a specialist in hay fever and the numerous forms of allergy. Dr. Earl McBride operates the McBride Reconstruction Hospital in Oklahoma City and is an expert orthopedic surgeon.

The late Huey Long, U. S. Senator from Louisiana, was enrolled in this class but did not graduate. He was a roommate of Charles L. Orr, Holdenville attorney who graduated in '12.

A member of this class—Earl Foster—has served as president of the University of Oklahoma Association during the last year. He is an attorney in Oklahoma City and is now attorney for the Oil and Gas Division of the State Corporation Commission.

Raymond A. Tolbert, another Oklahoma City attorney, is a former member of the University Board of Regents, has served on the Alumni Executive Board, and as alumni member of the Athletic Council.

The class has one woman doctor, Pauline Barker, M. D., who was the first girl graduated from the medical department of the University. She has done post-graduate work in the large medical centers of America and has made two trips to Europe for post-graduate work. She is now living in Guthrie, and is an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, in association with her husband, Dr. C. B. Barker, and Dr. William C. Miller.

Two members of the class are on the University faculty in responsible positions. They are Dr. Victor E. Monnett, director of the School of Geology, and Lewis Salter, acting dean of the College of Fine Arts.

As for the reunion program itself, a three-day series of events has been outlined. A golf tournament is planned Saturday afternoon, June 5, on the University's new nine-hole course. That night, members of the class are invited to attend the general senior-alumni dance, and members of the class will have bridge and an informal "session" in the Rose Room just off the Union ballroom.

A tea is planned for Sunday afternoon, June 6, followed by a tour around Norman before the reunion banquet at 6 p.m. in the Union building.
Events of Monday, June 7, will be the annual Phi Beta Kappa breakfast at 8 a.m., annual meeting of the Stadium-Union Trustee Board at 9 a.m., Commencement Exercises at 10 a.m., annual Commencement Luncheon at 12:30 p.m., and the annual meeting and election of officers of the Alumni Board at 2:30 p.m.

Earl Foster presided at the 20-year reunion of ’12, in a dinner session which yielded a highly successful program. He is tentatively scheduled to perform as toastmaster again this year.

The Class of 1912 had a spectacular history, beginning with a demonstration of its physical prowess against the sophomores, and ending with a record of accomplishment in campus affairs.

The history of the class as related in the 1912 Sooner Yearbook is as follows:

On the morning of the 17th of September, 1908, at about sunrise, the spectators, scattered around the campus, who had come to see the annual class scrap, were greeted by a procession of a great column of men—eighty-seven strong—as they emerged from the dense fog along the road from the east, and made their way straight for the flag-pole in the center of the oval. This was the first introduction to breaking the faculty and superclassmen had to the Class of 1912. Also, this was the first introduction many members of the class had to college life. These men proceeded immediately to empty a large box, that hung to the flag-pole, of its white beaded contents, and to make merry with the victims. About an hour later the rest of the belated Sophomores appeared on the scene and were whipped by the youngsters in the record-breaking time of seven minutes.

A few days after the scrap the class proceeded with permanent organization by electing officers and adopting a constitution. Under the provisions of the constitution any first year student enrolled in any college, school, or department of the University that required fifteen units enrollment, might affiliate with the class organization, upon the payment of dues and assessments.

Naturally, after the easy victory we had over the Sophomores, there were many among us who felt that Freshmen were privileged characters, and who proceeded to act accordingly. We detected the Sophs one evening in football, and whipped them again the next morning for having bitten off a bigger bitethan they could chew. Desultory scrapping took place at different spots on the campus for some time, but by the end of two weeks there were no more attempts made at enforcing Freshmen rules.

After that, we freshmen were able to live at peace with our fellowmen. This year we also won the class championship in football.

The next year came a dropping away in the members of the class. That year we were able to merge into the activities that interested the University, and began to let their strength be felt in the literary societies and Christian Associations. We still took active part in interclass athletics, and won the championship in basketball.

The junior year opened with the addition of a number of recruits from other state schools. We began the year by electing Professor Haseman and Mrs. Monnet as our class parents. By this time we had given up most of our aspirations to lead in athletic activities, and had turned to things intellectual. We had a controlling influence in many of the student activities. The editor, the business manager, and associate editor of our class were members of our class, as were also the president of the Athletic Council, the captain of the football team, the captain of the basketball team, and the captain of the baseball team.

We are now advancing pretty far along on our last lap. We have done nothing so far that has been much out of our ordinary duties. We have taken but one opportunity to show the rest of the student body the dignity of the Seniors. That time was when we turned out in cap and gown to attend the presentation of the blankets to the football boys. Do not think that we wished to attract special notice to ourselves, but rather take the view that we wished to set a good example before the footsore and weary Freshmen, that we might inspire those that are not already inspired with the hope of making an honor society; that we might inspire those of mediocre ability with the thought that they too, might have the opportunity somehow of getting the student body to know that they had spent four years at this great institution. Aside from trying to set a good example before the footsore and weary Freshmen, we have been influential in establishing a universal class pin. Our men have taken an active part in politics. Some of them are even now recognized as forces in state affairs.

I could hardly say that our history is complete were I to fail to mention some of our men that stood out prominently in student activities. I believe that it was Carlyle who said that true history is found only in biographies. However, it is impossible for me to pick out any girl noted for development in any specific field. The classes have tried to be a harmoniously developed crowd. They do not constitute merely the rib of the class; they constitute the very life-giving organism itself. They are the seat from which all the inspiration that all the stimuli have come, that have impelled the organs of the body—the boys—to undertake and carry out the things they have done. Now, let us turn to the boys. There is no one in school now but knows of the prowess of Thompson and Ambriber on the football field; of Maxwell and Danner as editors, debaters, and leaders in the fight for clean politics; of Trout and Herald and Harry Ham for their scholarship; and of R. H. Haun for his business ability. These are the men who have stood out above their fellow-classmen in the four years that we have been together.

No doubt there are others whose inertia has prevented them from coming to the front in the short time we have been here, but who, on account of this very inertia, have been gathering momentum that will cause them to move on, and on and on until they have purged the public life of all its corruption, until they have proved to the business world that success is measured by the service one does for mankind, rather than by the personal wealth one accumulates; until they have found the one essential thing upon which all matter, all energy, all life depends—R. E. B., ’12.

Thirteen members of the Class of ’12 and also the Class Father, W. P. Haseman, former head of the Physics Department, are listed as deceased.

Those who have passed on are Hubert Ambriber, Frank H. Clifford, Dr. Ben Hill Day, John Duchow, Mary Eloise Eagleton, Dr. Samuel E. Gaymon, Frank L. Kild, Meredith L. McCance, George B. Mitchell, Mrs. Alta Caldwell Nixon, Harvey E. Olmstead, George F. W. Schmidt, and J. Cleveland Thompson.

Several class members have children in the University now. These students of the second generation include John M. Herald, Jr., son of John M. Herald, Tulsa; Earl Foster, Jr., son of Earl Foster, Oklahoma City; H. Oliver Holt, son of Bertha Oliver Hele, Oklahoma City; Louis Claude Roark, son of Louis Roark, Tulsa; Ellen Fleming and Phyllis Fleming, daughters of Mr. Gertrude Buxton Fleming, Enid; Brown Monnet, son of Dr. Victor E. Monnet, Norman; and J. Morgan Bush, Jr., son of J. Morgan Bush, Tonkawa.

Biographical information received on questionnaires includes, in addition to that already given in this article, the following:

Louis Roark, Tulsa, consulting geologist and petroleum engineer. Has one son and one daughter.

C. C. Williams, Poteau, attorney. Has one daughter.
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HE Class of '07, which held a small but enjoyable Reunion Banquet five years ago, will have its 30-year Reunion on Sunday evening, June 6.

Official records show that 42 seniors received degrees from the hand of Dr. David Ross Boyd, then president of the University, in graduation exercises thirty years ago. Of this number, six are known to be deceased, and the addresses of four are unknown.

A. R. Swank of Stillwater was chairman of the committee that arranged the 25-Year Reunion of the class in 1932. Other members were W. B. Blair, Tulsa, and Dr. Fenton M. Sanger, Oklahoma City. Mr. Blair was toastmaster.

Those who attended were Charles E. Clifford, Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Clifford; Mr. and Mrs. Blair, of Tulsa; Lon L. Hutchison and Mrs. Jessie Pennington Hutchison, '06ex, their daughter, Genevieve Hutchison Wright, '32fa, and son-in-law, Carleton P. Wright, '29bus; Gregory Hutchison, '30chem; Mrs. Mabel Alexander Balyeat, '07music, and Dr. Balyeat, '11, '18ma.

Invited guests included Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Paxton and Dr. and Mrs. Guy Y. Williams.

Numerous letters were received from members of the class who were prevented from being present by long distance from Norman or by pressing duties.

The Class of '07 is as follows:

Dr. Arthur M. Alden, 537 Frisco Building, St. Louis, Mo.
William B. Blair, 1206 North Boston, Tulsa.
Mrs. Mabel Alexander Balyeat, 442 Lahoma, Norman.
Miss Mary Alice Boyd, 522 North Louise Street, Glendale, California.
James W. Bradford, 1421, Northwest 16th, Oklahoma City.
James V. Brian, deceased.
Gilbert G. Caulfield, 201 Farmers Bank building, Blytheville, Ark.
Josephine Clarke, 108 South 10th, Newark, N. J.
Mrs. Ollie Briggs Clement, 630 South Miller, Norman.
Charles E. Clifford, 400 City Hall, Oklahoma City.
George W. Day, address unknown.
Mrs. Nellie Goodrich DeGolyer, 6701 Turtle Creek Boulevard, Dallas, Texas.
Dr. Para F. Erwin, Wollson, Okla.
Mrs. Alice Brittain Evans, 609 West Almos Drive, San Antonio, Texas.
Jonathan A. Ewert, Lindsay, Okla.
Nicholas Fox, Spalding, N.Y.
William C. French, Washington University, University, Washington, D. C.
John Bates Fuqua, deceased.
Mrs. Margaret Van Zandt Goodnor, Box 731, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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Carl Milam, '07, is secretary of the American Library Association.

James W. Henry, address unknown.
Lon L. Hutchison, 1748 East 13th Place, Tulsa.
Dr. Charles D. Johnson, 116 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa.
Emmett D. Klapp, address unknown.
George W. Kneenly, East 40th & Perkins Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.
Nancy Longmire, 1029 Tennessee Street, Lawrence, Kan.
Reuben McKirrick, deceased.
Carl H. Milam, 2008 Orrington Avenue, Evansville, Ill.
Myrtle W. Montgomery, American State Bank, Gary, Indiana.
Errett R. Newby, 2909 First National Building, Oklahoma City.
Wallace Perry, 2929 Copper, El Paso, Texas.
Porter T. Ragland, address unknown.
Dr. F. M. Sanger, 332 Key Building, Oklahoma City.
Robert R. Severin, Paseley, Ore.
Clarence D. Storm, 530 Chillenden, Red Bluff, Calif.
Arthur R. Swank, 224 Ramsey Street, Stillwater.
Floyd L. Swank, Norman.
Mrs. Eunice Capshaw Wolfe, Post Office Building, Miami, Okla.
Roy J. Wolfiner, 1922 East Broadway, Enid.
William E. Ambrister, deceased.
Francis M. Buchanan, deceased.
John Milton Rutledge, deceased.

Dr. Ronald B. Shuman, assistant professor of business administration, Leslie Hewes, instructor in geography, and Allen Belden, assistant professor in geography, are the authors of three articles which appeared in the March issue of the Southwestern Social Science Quarterly.
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Myrtle Elenberger Phillips, Okemah. (Mrs. Leon Phillips.) Has one son and one daughter.

Marie Newby Buttram, Oklahoma City. (Mrs. Frank Buttram.) Now a homemaker. Was professor of violin before her marriage. Has four sons and one daughter.

Harry H. Duncan, Holdenville, attorney and real estate agent. Has one son and one daughter.

Bertha Oliver Holt, Oklahoma City. (Mrs. Howard J. Holt.) Teaches in Webster Junior High School, Oklahoma City. Has two sons and one daughter.

Marvin G. Humphreys, Tucson, Ariz., drug store manager. Has one son.

Mrs. Lena Trout Sapper, Oklahoma City, housewife. (Mrs. H. V. L. Sapper.) Has one son.

The geographical distribution of the members of the Class of 1919 in Oklahoma is as follows:

Ade—John T. Crawford.

Bluefieldville—Mrs. Tula Thomas Laxman.

Blackwell—Charles R. Bellatti.

Bone City—Homer L. Johnson.

Chickasha—Frank Manning, Mrs. Mary G. Monnet.

Cleo Springs—John M. Hards.

Duncan—Charles M. Anderson, Dr. A. M. McMahan.


Guthrie—Dr. Pauline Q. Barker, Helena—Mrs. Clara B. Jacobi.


Lone Wolf—John H. Bartson.

Norman—Eugene Lanier Embister, Mrs. Alma Waikson Dowd, Mrs. J. C. Haun, Mrs. J. C. Monnet, Dr. V. F. Monnett, Lewis S. Salt.

Okemah—Mrs. Myrtle E. Philips.


Pawnee—Thurman S. Hurst.

Ponca City—Dr. Howard S. Brown, Charles Melville C. Potter—Collins C. Williams.


Shawnee—Carl E. Mohrbaehr, Floyd Elish Poffin.


Vinita—Mrs. Eva May Clifton Wood.

Wayne—Dr. O. O. Dawson.

Wellston—P. D. Erwin.

Wewoka—Louis A. Ledbetter.

And those outside Oklahoma:


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