“Houdini” Weldon Back at O.U.

If students at the University see a herd of elephants “charging” the campus, they won’t be too surprised. Anything might happen now that the “magic man” Bill Weldon, ’38-41, is back as a student.

Hailing from McAlester, Mr. Weldon, who has been practicing the magic art for 14 years, can fool even the best pair of eyes with his tricks. Lacking only 12 hours’ work on a degree in marketing, Weldon plans to do graduate work in advertising. Mr. Weldon has received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and attended the adjutant general’s enlisted school near Washington, D. C. He joined the 35th Infantry Division headquarters in 1942 and stayed with the Division until his discharge September 16, 1945.

The 35th Division trained in California, Alabama, Tennessee and North Carolina, and went to England in May, 1944. The Division landed in France July 6, 1944, and saw duty in Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany.

Chemistry Professor Goes To Ohio State

Lt. Col. Loyd E. Harris, ’22 pharm, ’24 ms, Norman, formerly professor of chemistry in the University, has accepted a position as head of the department of pharmaceutical chemistry at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Colonel Harris, a member of the University faculty since 1926, has been on leave of absence from the University since March, 1942, when he was called to active duty with the Army chemical warfare division.

During the war, he made two trips to Europe for special assignments in England and France.

In Germany he inspected the immense stores of poison gas which Germany had amassed.

In the United States, he was stationed at Bryan, Texas, later at Stanford University, and since 1943 at the Edgewood arsenal near Baltimore, Maryland, where his family has made their home.

Wallace Kidd Takes Charge As Bristow Record Publisher

Wallace Kidd, ’37 jour, news editor of the Anadarko Daily News since 1937, became editor and publisher of the Bristow Record recently.

Mr. Kidd said in his column in the first issue under his editorship that he has a one-half interest in the newspaper and that a one-fourth interest each is held by James C. Nance, publisher of the Purcell Register, and Joe W. McBride, publisher of the Anadarko Daily News.

Announcement of the purchase of the newspaper from Lea M. Nichols was made in January.

In stating the policy under which he will operate the newspaper, Mr. Kidd wrote: “The publisher will determine the editorial policy of the Record. That policy will be established on what we consider to be right, without favor or prejudice. From any government administration, the Record will ask only such acts as Bristow deserves. Right to criticize constructively will be maintained. Record readers will always find the opportunity for opinion expression in these columns.”

When Abraham Lincoln accepted his responsibilities to form a new administration, he wrote these words: “I shall try to correct errors where shown to be errors, and I shall adopt new views as fast as they shall appear to be true views.” No better pattern could be set for a newspaperman on his first try as a publisher.

Mr. Kidd was succeeded as news editor of the Anadarko Daily News by Miss Joy Shockley, a 1944 graduate of the University of Oklahoma School of Journalism and former news editor of the Alva Review-Courier.