Alumni in the News

National Vice-Chairman of Bar

James D. Fellers, '36Aw, '36ba, Oklahoma City, was elected national vice chairman of the Junior Bar Conference of the American Bar Association at the annual convention held in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 16-20, 1945. The Conference includes all lawyers of the national group who are under 37 years of age.

Mr. Fellers will serve for the coming year, during which time the Conference's major activities in Oklahoma will include the readjustment of returning law veterans, co-operation between lawyers and law students, trial court improvements, and radio programs, speeches and forums presenting facts of public interest. Mr. Fellers is a lawyer-treasurer, has been discharged November 18 after four years service in the European and Mediterranean Theaters of Operation. He held the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Army Air Corps until he left to practice private law in Oklahoma City.

Other national officers elected at the Cincinnati meeting were Lyman M. Tandel, of New York City, and T. Julian Skinner, Jr., of Jasper, Alabama. Ray Moses of Alamosa, Colorado, was elected to succeed Charles Kothe of Tulsa, Oklahoma, as Tenth Circuit representative on the executive council of the Conference. Mr. Kothe will serve as state chairman for Oklahoma this year.

New O.U. Trust Fund of $75,000

At the annual homecoming meeting of the executive board of the University of Oklahoma Association held late last fall, Judge C. Ross Hume of Anadarko presented for the board's consideration a resolution of appreciation to the late W. G. Clark, a citizen of Apache, Caddo County, Oklahoma. The board, at the suggestion of Judge Hume, adopted the resolution which Soonier Magazine presents below.

"Whereas, W. T. Clark, a citizen of Apache, Caddo County, Oklahoma, by his will admitted to probate in 1935, made a conditional bequest to the University of Oklahoma of approximately $75,000,00 in trust, the income from which would be available to assist worthy young women in education in domestic arts and sciences in Oklahoma, preferably from Caddo County, and whereas by the death of his daughter Nell Clark Newton in 1945 this bequest became absolute; and the fund will be delivered ultimately and become available for its intended use.

"Now, therefore, the board of directors of the University of Oklahoma Association in regular session on November 10, 1945 expresses to the relatives of Mr. Clark and Mrs. Newton, through James A. Bohart of Apache, a legal representative of the estate, its sincere appreciation of the generosity, foresight and example set by Mr. Clark in making this provision for the future citizens of the state; and it is the hope of this board that many others will follow his example.

"Resolved further that a copy be sent to Mr. Bohart, a copy published in Soonier Magazine, and also spread of the minutes of said meeting."

The Lady Women's Ed at KOMA

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A true daughter of Oklahoma, trained in the best traditions of the exciting homeland of the five civilized tribes—that's Helen Rogers, women's editor for KOMA.

The portrait of her life is set against the background of oil activity which has made Oklahoma the third state in nation in petroleum production and has its peak interest in the 52,000 producing wells in the state. Helen refuses to divulge just how minor the family interest is, but insists that the income has always been enough to enable the family to miss no meals.

She grew up in Oklahoma, in Ohio and in Oregon, and thus qualified somewhat as a cosmopolite with a mosaic of experience in scattered communities throughout the union. But it was in Oklahoma that she gained her greatest schooling and insight into character and living which qualifies her as a capable and aggressive young woman, bound for the heights in the medium of radio.

Two years at the Oklahoma College for Women segued into two more at the University of Oklahoma, where, among other things, she was stubbed with the arrow of Pi Beta Phi, hidden under the ghostly raiments of The Phantom Mask and permitted to romp at random in the University Playhouse.

She took a Fine Arts degree with a major in radio in 1944 from O. U. and embarked upon her radio career first with WBBZ, Ponca City, assignments with KOYC, Oklahoma City followed until the summer of 1945 she paid belated heed to Greesly, and went to Pasadena, California, for a tour with the Playhouse and some work over KTAS.

All of which led, after the manner of most good things, to her present place at the Columbia affiliate in Oklahoma City.

But here's more about this pretty blond miss of the air waves, facts that prove conclusively that she is a part of and not simply a commentator on life.

Helen Rogers takes her status as a young American citizen with serious zest. She belongs to the Red Cross Motor Corps, spends around a week in her native uniform, either at the canteen at nearby Tinker Field or the information booth at Union Station.

She devotes time to the Oklahoma Symphony, now an established state institution centered in the Sooner capital. She belongs to, attends and proudly pays a pledge to the First Christian Church, and holds a membership to which she intends to activate in the Oklahoma City Playhouse.

Furthermore, she likes a sport or two—not the kind with bow ties and patent leather hair, but the out-of-door variety, of which horseback riding is her favorite. She enjoys riding as a hobby and hopes to own a Dobbins or two some time in the future.

Thoroughly accomplished as a civic worker, one of her greatest prides was the time that she started and personally directed a recreational park program for youngsters and grown-ups in Ponca City. It was the first time such an affair had ever been conducted and annually it reaps additional psychic satisfaction from seeing the program repeated.

Direct experience in creative programming in extra-curricular media naturally enables her to handle with easy aplomb the daily rigors of a woman's radio stint.

She is unmarried, and in no hurry to publish the banns, although eager squires are by no means a rarity outside her door.

Listeners at KOMA every Monday through Friday are becoming attuned to this mature, authoritative miss whose words on fashion and other matters seem to slip from her lips so easily, so at this time, shake hands with Helen Morgan, known as Helen Rogers over the air, new women's editor at KOMA.

Who's Who Students

Twenty-four University students have been accepted to have their biographies appear in the 1945-46 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

These students are Margaret Gertrude Baird, Oklahoma City; Jeannette Bartleson, Muskogee; Betty Jo Beck, Miami; Rosemary Cashaw, Norman; Audrey Christian, Shawnee; Kathryn Cooley, Norman; Ann Hardy, Henryetta; Marian Louise Mowry, Kansas City, Missouri; Geraldine Minkle, Norman and Mary Evelyn Smith, Lawton.

Isabel Crim, Coalgate; Maybelle Schlicht; Howard Burba, Duncan; Guy Berry, Sapulpa; W. A. Greaves; J. Raymond Hinshaw, McAlester; Howard E. Irby, Wilson; Richard Frank Lemon, El Reno and Patrick Murphy, Stillwater.

R. B. Osach Fielden L Parham, Arwood; Thomas R. Polk, Memphis, Tennessee; William E. Savage, Harrah, and B. G. Thacker, Oklahoma City.

Students nominated last year and still on the campus who are automatically included are Eran Omer Burgert, Jr., Enid; Frank Elkouri, Oklahoma City; Chester Robert Gates, Seminole; L. M. Logan, Norman, and Robert S. Wilson, Muskogee.

Station Planned, University Fish Won’t Be Lonely

It won't be a case of "three little fishes" at the University of Oklahoma. It will be "fish growing" on a much more popular scale at the fishery experiment station to be constructed this year on the O. U. campus.

Plans for the station which will include a laboratory building and experimental ponds, have already been approved by the state game and fish commission.

Designed to investigate the various conditions under which fish flourish, the station will encourage application of the information to conditions over the state, reports Dr. A. S. Weese, professor of zoology, who has worked with the state commission on the project.

Helen Morgan (Radio "Rogers") of the KOMA staff, Oklahoma City