Pharmacy School News

'John Barbour Day' Celebrated By Sooner Pharmacy Students

"Here's to Pharmacist John Barbour—prescriptionist, friend, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation from the University of Oklahoma School of Pharmacy. We do him no honor. With his presence he honors us. Long live Pharmacist John Barbour!"

Given by Louise Pope, senior in pharmacy of Pauls Valley, at a luncheon in honor of John Barbour, '97pharm, veteran Norman druggist, this toast tells much of the personality of the oldest living person to graduate from the University with a certificate in pharmacy.

Students in the School of Pharmacy got into the spirit of "John Barbour's Day" two days in advance. Cards proclaiming the significance of the occasion were looped around blouse and shirt buttons with ribbons of green and yellow. Incidentally these two made up the University department colors back in '97.

On the big day, April 25, pharmacy students and faculty and many other guests, including John Barbour, his wife and daughter, convened in the Business Administration Auditorium for appropriate "John Barbour's Day" festivities.

Following an introduction by D.B.R. Johnson, dean of the School of Pharmacy, Dr. Edwin C. DeBarr, professor of chemistry, retired, gave a description of John Barbour as a student. Mr. Barbour and Marvin Miller, '97pharm, were the only graduates from the University in 1897.

Dr. DeBarr related many interesting incidents that transpired in his early day chemistry classes attended by Mr. Barbour.

Following Mr. DeBarr's remarks about Student John Barbour, Master of Ceremonies Curtis Potter, pharmacy senior and past-president of the O.U. Pharmaceutical Association, introduced Dr. Guy Y. Williams, professor of chemistry, Dr. Williams, '06ba, '10ma, being one of the oldest professors on the campus in terms of service, has long known Mr. Barbour. He described "Barbour Drug, student headquarters," as an invaluable institution in the old days. With the discontinuance of the Barbour Drug's soda fountain a few years ago, Dr. Williams was deprived of his "Guy Y. Special." This special concoction was a sundae which Mr. Barbour adapted to the exact taste of Dr. Williams.

In eulogizing Mr. Barbour as an employer, F. B. Swank, '07pharm, chemistry dispensing clerk, pictures him as a prankster. During the 15 years that Mr. Swank worked in the Barbour Drug, he found his employer a man who enjoyed life, never letting pass an opportunity for a good joke on a friend. A favorite trick was one he put over on local amateur weight guessers who used to congregate in the hospitable atmosphere of his store. Periodically they would size up the druggist and venture guesses at his poundage. He would then stride forward to the scales, mount them and amid smiling and questioned looks pull down a few more pounds than was estimated. The weights were baffled. What they didn't know was that Pharmacist Barbour always managed to catch them napping and to conceal lead weights in his pockets.

One busy day, though, the druggist was the victim of a fast one. He was suddenly confronted with the scales without a moment's notice in which to conceal his weights. Like a shoplifter caught by the roving eye of a floor walker, he was set to mount the scales and to reveal his playful treachery. Employee Swank came to the rescue. Mr. Swank shooed to the front that the boss was wanted on the telephone, so Mr. Barbour was literally saved by the bell. Returning from the back room, he climbed about the scale with confidence and again baffled his gaging audience.

Fred Reed, of Reed and Foster Drug, spoke briefly at the meeting on "John Barbour—Colleague." He described his competitor as a businessman who enjoyed and practiced good clean competition, and was always anxious to work with and assist his fellow druggists.

To top off the celebration, Mr. Barbour expressed his thanks to the sponsors of the program, and to the speakers who eulogized him. Adjourning to the Club Tea Room for a luncheon, the O.U. Ph.A., as a final gesture of remembrance, presented a traveling bag to John Barbour—traveller. This was done in recognition of his active work as a Mason, Odd Fellow, former mayor and Democratic committeeman.

With this presentation, festivities ended. Students returned to their labs. Faculty members returned to the business of training pharmacists, and Veteran Druggist Barbour returned to his Norman prescription counter.

John W. Moore, '46ms, is a new chemist on the staff of the Cities Service Chemical Research Laboratory in Tallant.

O.U. Pharmacy Commencement 50 Years Ago, as teacher and two graduating seniors pose. Teacher is Dr. Edwin C. DeBarr (now retired), head of the Pharmaceutical Department, University of Oklahoma. Standing is Marvin Miller (whereabouts unknown). The seated student is John Barbour, who to this day operates his pharmacy at Norman, Oklahoma. Both Miller and Barbour are wearing the pharmacy department colors, olive green and yellow. Incidentally these two made up the entire University graduating class of 1897, the second in the history of O.U.
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LIBRARY BOOKS—Newly received at the library are "Catalogue of the Medical Museum, Washington, 1867," "Horner's Observations, 1837" and "Pharmacy's Part in Society." Concerning the "Catalogue" it is interesting to observe in the note at the front, that is to those of us who like to trace history of military pharmacy, "The autopsies at the Fredman's Hospital referred to in the catalogue were made by Hospital Stewards S. Bond, A. Shafhirt, and D. S. Lamb." These men could have been pharmacists in civilian life. Does anyone know?

Sorority President—Anna Simmons, pharmacy junior from Henryetta, on February 24, was elected president of Alpha Xi Delta, University social sorority.

MUSEUM ACCESSIONS—Phm. Sam Wilson has placed on deposit an elaborate package of Chinese medicine purchased by him in a Chinese drug store. Phm. Ralph Reed donated Japanese Vita Cimin (vitamin C) ampules picked up by him in Okinawa.

PHARMACY SENIORS—Aware that many are interested in knowing who will probably graduate this spring, the School of Pharmacy is pleased to list its seniors:


SOCIETY OFFICERS—Officers of the specialty societies of the O.U. Ph.A. for 1947-48 are:

A M L I D O S P —Miss I. B. Black, Oklahoma City, has donated one of her own army nurse insignes. Richard Capps, also Oklahoma City, has given a first aid pack, Vest, Emergency, Sustenance, Type C-1.

Cowboys Picnic—Drug Store Cowboys went to the City Park for their annual spring picnic, March 28. And a real picnic it was—softball, open-air coffee, four kinds of sandwiches, potato salad, coles, 7-Up, Grapette, Eskimo Pies, and honest-to-goodness homemade chocolate cake.

Almost a Re-Posing of a Graduation picture made 50 years ago this spring at the University of Oklahoma School of Pharmacy was effected when Dr. Edwin DeBarr, Dean D. B. R. Johnson, and Pharmacist John Barbour assumed these positions. Dr. DeBarr was the dean in 1897, and Marvin Miller and John Barbour were the graduating seniors. Dean Johnson obligingly stands in for Marvin Miller whose whereabouts is not known.
of Prescription Pharmacists, chairman, Osetta Rothmire, Hennesey, and secretary, Charles Corbett, Hutchinson, Kansas, Society of Research Pharmacists, chairman, Fred Hall, Oklahoma City, and secretary, Freda Walters, Shawnee, Society of Hospital Pharmacists, chairman, Betty Kerr, Altus, and secretary, Bobbie Miller, Noble, Society of Military Pharmacists, chairman, A. J. Smith, Oklahoma City, and secretary, Rosemary Korb, Shawnee, Society of General Pharmacists, chairman, Ken Lisle, McLoud, and secretary, Marion Smith, Pawhuska.

COWBOYS CHOOSE—Drug Store Cowboys, pharmacy fun organization, meeting on March 5, chose for officers 1947-48, S. L. Louitt, Louann, Arkansas, Forresten, Moree Glover, Tulsa, Strawford; Freda Walters, Shawnee, Paulette Xezonatos, Henrietta, Cool; Ed McFall, Fredericksburg, “Judge”; and Ralph Bienfang, professor of pharmacy, Big Boss. Pledges selected at the same meeting were Paul Osburn, Guthrie, Henrietta; Cecil Huber, Anoka; Louis Jensen, Cyril; Melrid Schrum, Norman; Rex Hefner, Henrietta; Jack Koch, Lovell; George Xezonatos, Henrietta; Faye Xezonatos, Henrietta; Lawrence Johnson, Ada; and Hal Hefner, Henrietta. There are six pharmacy students from Henrietta, and now all are active in Drug Store Cowboys. Anna Simmons of Henryetta is the corresponding secretary.

BRAZILIAN HONOR—Dr. Ralph Bienfang, professor of pharmacy, has been made an honorary member of the Society of Pharmacists and Chemists of Sao Paulo, Brazil. The certificate reads: “A Sociedade de Farmacia e Quimica de Sao Paulo, dundada no dia doze de outubro de 1924, nesta cidade, por deliberacao da classe dos farmaceuticos e de todos os elementos promovem e contestam o desenvolvimento das classes, o estudo das questoes quimico-farmaceuticas e o respeito as leis de etica profissional, faz saber a todos e a cada um, a quem possa interessar, que o estranho senhor Ralph Bienfang foi inscrito entre os seus membros Honorarios fincando com o direito de gozar de todas as regalias a eles conferidas. E para seu titulo, apresentando ex-pediente de inscricao do senhor de Sao Paulo, Estados Unidos do Brazil, no dia 25 de Fevereiro de 1946.” Signed by “O secretario geral” and “O presidente.”

Medical Notes

Capt. Maurice C. Gephart, 43med., formerly with the Army Medical Corp typhus commission, is now stationed in Japan with the Public Health and Welfare Service doing research on typhus fever.

Dr. Jack Halldeman, 37med., is now with the hospital division of the United States Public Health Service in Oklahoma City. Paul B. Allen has completed the hospital survey and construction program established by the Hill-Burton bill.

Dr. L. C. Samuel Beatty, 35med., and Dr. L. C. Johnson, 35med., have started their residencies in anesthesi.a at the University hospital in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Paul B. Chapman, 40med., was a visitor at the School of Medicine March 5. He has completed his internship at Evangelical Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, and is awaiting military duties.

Dr. Carl Boggs, 42med., and Dr. James T. Boggs, 40med., have recently completed their internships at Wesley Hospital.

Dr. Elma Miller, 40med., has completed her internship and has entered practice at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dr. John F. Hacker, professor of preventive medicine and public health participated in a symposium on Recruitment and Training of Public Health Personnel at the meeting of the southern branch of the American Public Health Association in Memphis, Tennessee, April 22.

Dr. John LaRue, associate professor of preventive medicine and public health, has been granted a two-year leave of absence from the School of Medicine. He will be the senior parasitologist with the armed forces in Japan and will be attached to the 406th medical general laboratory in Tokyo, as head of the department of parasitology. Information indicates that Dr. Mullen will leave Oklahoma at the latter part of this month and go to Japan by air.

Dr. J. E. Fellows... O.D. dean of admissions and Records Chairman, The Association of Teacher Education and Certification.

Teacher Education, Certification Commission Headed by Fellows

Oklahoma is one of the first states in the nation to set up a Commission on Teacher Education and Certification.

Dr. J. E. Fellows, dean of admissions and records at the University, heads this group of 17 school men and women as chairman. These representatives are responsible to the Council of Teacher Education. Appointed by the Oklahoma Education Association and the Department of Public Instruction, the Council of Teacher Education is a body of 63 state school men and women which represents the state’s educational interests.

Principles and ideals of the faculty Commission on Teacher Education and Certification include co-ordination of efforts of various agencies of the state concerned with recruiting, selection, education, certification and in-service training of teachers.

The Oklahoma Education Association and the State Department of Education jointly appoint members and sponsor the commission.

At its first meeting in early March, the group agreed after considerable discussion that one of the most pressing issues facing the teaching profession in Oklahoma is the problem of emergency certification of teachers now in effect. Accordingly, a seven-member working committee was appointed from the Council of Teacher Education to study the problem and to report its findings to the commission.

Members of the working committee were Paul B. Allen, 36ma., chairman, superintendent of schools, Pauls Valley; Mrs. Boyd Clark, high school principal, Davis; Dr. Vernon Emery, principal, Oklahoma City; Harold Hefner, director of University laboratory school, Norman; L. J. Laney, county superintendent, Claremore; Miss Glen McCarty, county supervisor, El Reno, and Dr. Homer L. Dodge, professor of education, Oklahoma City.

Later in the meeting, after a careful study and investigation of the emergency certification problem, the special working committee reported on its findings.

As a result of this report the Commission on Teacher Education and Certification made the following recommendations to the State Board of Education which were approved: (1) That war emergency and first grade certificates should be discontinued, effective for the school year of 1947-48. (2) That no certificate should be issued on fewer than 60 semester hours of college work in an accredited school with the last 8 hours being earned within a maximum of 24 months prior to the issuance of the certificate, and that a minimum of 8 hours of the 60 be professional courses in education. (3) That the holder of a one-year certificate granted on fewer semester hours than are required for a standard degree should complete 8 semester hours of accredited resident college work which will be applicable on a permanent certificate in order to renew such a certificate. This recommendation does not apply to war emergency or first grade certificates, which should not be renewable.

Members serving on the commission include Paul B. Allen; Mrs. Boyd Clark, J. E. Fellows; Hugh Carroll, '05, State Board of Education, Oklahoma City; Max Chambers, superintendent of schools, Okmulgee; N. Conger, dean of education, Stillwater; Frank D. Hess, '25ls., superintendent of schools, Drumright; Oliver Hodge, '33ma., '37ph.d., State Superintendent, Oklahoma City; Arnold Joyal, dean of education, Norman; Frank B. Nash, '19ma., chairman, Committee of Higher Regents, Oklahoma City; Elmer Petree, in-service director, C.S.C., Edmond; Ferman Phillips, manager, O.E.A., Oklahoma City; T. D. Rice, coordinator of Teacher Education, Oklahoma City; Mrs. J. E. Fellows, '39ma., O.B.U. registrar, Shawnee; Mrs. Effie Stanfield, classroom teacher, McAlester; J. B. Stout, '24ma., professor of education, Northwestern State Teachers College, Alva; and J. B. Stubbs, director of school service, Stillwater.

A recent development of the commission is the appointment of a five-man planning committee comprised of Ghad, '25ma., J. E. Joyal, and Paul B. Allen, N. Conger, Mrs. Effie Stanfield and J. B. Stout. Plans include consideration of needs and areas for study by the commission and council, and study of plans for national education foundation support can be given the commission.

Cross, Dodge Attend D.C. Dinner

President George L. Cross and Dr. Homer L. Dodge, president of Norwich University, Burlington, Vermont, and former dean of the University Graduate School, were among the 28 alumni and guests who attended the Washington D. C. Alumni Dinner May 1.

Despite the spur-of-the-moment character of the meeting, the results were encouraging, according to Patricia Mannen, chairman and president.

Those who attended the dinner at the Iron Gate Inn were Mrs. Winifred Johnston Perry, '31ma.; Mrs. Walter Emery; Miss Elizabeth C. Stinson, '34ma.; Bryan K. Hay, '32ma., and Mrs. Rakestraw, '39ma.; Lt. Col. Robert Clark, '36ma., and Mrs. Clark; Dr. John L. Ewing; Dr. John L. Salter; Mrs. Ben Wallace, '28ma., '34ma.; Miss Pauli Mannen, chairman, and '42ma.; Lt. Col. Webb Miller, '33ma., '38ma.


Mrs. Mannen has been president of the Washington Alumni Association since January 1946, and is on the board of education for the school district which is located, 20ma. Kenneth Markwell, '20ma., is the new vice-president, Elizabeth P. Bascom, secretary, and Burnie Merson, treasurer. Other retiring officers are Walter P. Emery, '34ma., vice-president; and Frances Hunt, secretary-treasurer. The election of officers was held in conjunction with an alumni buffet dinner at Hotel 2400.

President of the March 8 affair were several Oklahomans in Washington including Lt. Gen. Raymond McLean, Representative Mike Monrorey, '24ma.; former Representative Victor Wickersham; Representative Preston E. Powell, '36ma., '39ma., and Representative Glen D. Johnson, '31, '39.

POWELL-EDWARDS: Norma Powell, Mangum, became the bride of James Edwards, '46-'47, Norman, recently in the home of the bride’s parents.

Charles T. Mitchell, '38-'42, Norman, and Mrs. Mitchell (Iola Haxel, '42) are the parents of a daughter, Carolyn Kay, born February 10.

Among Lawton’s first settlers were two men who later became United States senators, Thomas P. Gore and Elmer Thomas.