Stories presented in miniature provide evidence of happenings to more than 200 alumni

DeGolyer Gained Presidency

25 Years Ago

An announcement was made of the publication and circulation of a new law book written by a University professor, Maurice H. Merrill, '19ba, '22Law. The book, The Law Relating to Covenants Implied in Oil and Gas Leases, was prepared concerning subjects not adequately treated in books existing at that time.

Oklahoma's school of Business Administration as a separate school made its debut as an outgrowth of the school of Public and Private Business which had been organized under the College of Arts and Sciences in 1914. Now the third largest branch at the University with enrollment slightly less than that in Arts and Sciences and Engineering, the school at that time had an enrollment of 274.

Everett L. DeGolyer, '11ba, now living in Dallas, was named to the presidency of the Amerada Petroleum Corporation—which, at that time, had holdings of some 20 million dollars. His election to the presidential position followed soon after the transfer of financial control of the company from British to American hands.

Another Oklahoman, M. E. Gaskill, '13ba, Tulsa, was the successful bidder at an auction of the St. Louis, El Reno and Western railroad on February 15. (Gaskill is a bond broker in Tulsa.)

Lewis J. Bicking, '17, Tulsa, is the newly-elected Tulsa County attorney.

T. H. Ottesen, '19, formerly of Okemah and Oklahoma City, has opened an office for the practice of law at Sulphur. Dr. Maude Kant Moot, '19ba, '23Law, professor of law at the University, was among the panel of experts who spoke at the second annual Institute on the Law of Oil and Gas and Taxation at the Southwestern Legal Center, Dallas, Texas, January 18 to 20. Dr. Merrill's subject was "Lease Covenants Affecting Implied Covenants."

Kirk-Preston: Miss Dorothy Kirk, '23ba, Norman, became the bride of Capt. John Daniel Preston on December 15 in the First Presbyterian Church in Norman. The couple is making their home in Norman. Captain Preston is assistant professor of military science and tactics at the University, and Mrs. Preston is associate professor of interior design in the University's home economics department.

Harrington Wimberly, '24ba, Altus Times-Democrat publisher and a member of the federal power commission, has been reappointed chairman of the board of the district Federal Home Loan bank of Topeka, Kansas. The bank serves Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska.

Dr. J. R. Coen, '25ba, '27med, Littlefield, Texas, died June 14 in the Littlefield Hospital where he was a resident physician. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Alva Lee Kerbow, '26ba, '34m.ed, Houston, Texas, is professor of secondary education in charge of formal graduate research at the University of Houston. He is a senior member of the University staff in point of seniority. While attending the University of Oklahoma, he was a member of Phi Delta Kappa.

B. H. Carey, '29Law, Oklahoma City, was the principal speaker recently at a luncheon meeting of the International Association of Accident and Health Underwriters, Sales Congress. Rudolph Hargrave, '29Law, Wewoka, was recently chosen assistant county attorney in Seminole County.

J. W. "Dub" Wheeler, '30-'36, former Norman police chief, resigned his position to become superintendent of the state training school for boys at Strington, January 1. Before coming to Norman in 1941, Wheeler served as a highway patrolman. While attending the University he played tackle on the Sooner football teams of 1933-34-35 and was named to the All-American team in 1935.

Mrs. Xenia Nail, '32ba, director of Oklahoma City's Community Workshop since 1947, left January 1 for New York City to become a field supervisor for Camp Fire Girls Incorporated with regional offices in Chicago. Mrs. Nail attended the Camp Fire conference for professional workers held in New York City before assuming her duties in Chicago. The administrative position there involves supervision of executive offices in that area.

Don O. Chapell, '33geoil, is associated with Jake L. Hamon and is in charge of land and geology with offices in the First National Bank building in Dallas, Texas. Chapell was formerly vice-president of the exploration and land department of the Sunray Oil Corporation.

W. Paul Jones, '34, a former Norman resident, died November 17 in Jay following a car accident near there. He had lived there for a number of years and was owner of a drug store and chicken broiler business.

Prewnt-day notables were in the growing process at the University in 1931. Among them were E. Van Helin, '32fa, now a Hollywood motion picture artist, who had the male lead in a University Playhouse production of The Swan. Starr.ing with him as leading lady was Louise Milburn, '32fa.

Guy Warren, '28-'31, better known as "Silly Guy" Warren, half-back runner for the University squad (and now a Norman resident), was elected captain of the 1931 football team at a banquet given the team by the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Another University student and football star, Bus Mills, '31ba, Ranger, Texas, was proclaimed "King of the Night" by San Francisco newspapers for his brilliant play in the annual Shriners' football classic for the West against the East at San Francisco late in December.

The University, with some 5000 students enrolled, was rated 21st largest American university in point of students carrying 12 or more hours in residence—moving there from 23rd place which it had held in a similar survey two years previously. In a more recent survey made by Dr. Raymond Walters, president of the University of Cincinnati, the University was rated 16th in grand total of publicly supported colleges and universities in America and 26th in number of all types of colleges and institutions.

ROLL CALL

February, 1951

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He is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth McCauley, 36ba, and by his parents, Norman.

Philip C. Honnold, 34, and Mrs. Honnold, the former Elaine Buck, 35-38, Oklahoma City, announced the birth of a daughter, Buck, on October 29 in Oklahoma City. The Buck's have another son, Clark, 9, and a daughter, Carol, 8. Buck is associated with the C. Edgar Honnold stock and bond business in Oklahoma City.

RAIRD-KERN: Miss Jettie Ann Baird, 35ba, Waynoka, and Elgin Leroy Kern, Clinton, were married December 22 in the home of Mrs. Kern's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Herbert, Norman. The couple is living in Clinton.

Eugene T. White, 35journ, has been promoted to administrative assistant of the public relations staff of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation in Oklahoma City. In this post he is responsible for the public relations and information service of the organization which formally opened its building and facilities to the public December 17. White is a former staff member in the promotion department of station WKY, Oklahoma City.

Louis C. Ross, 36ba, 38Law, is a member of the law department of Stanolind Oil and Gas Company in Fort Worth, Texas.

Bill Steger, 36ba, 36Law, Durant, completed a four-year tenure as city attorney at Durant in January.

John T. Cooper, Jr., 36ba, 38Law, and Mrs. Cooper, the former Alice Knight, 37ba, are living in Denver, Colorado, where Cooper is manager of the Veterans' Administration Center there. They have four children, Cynthia, 10, Melanie, 4, Robert Lee, 2, and John Walter, 6 months.

Harold Springer, 37ba, 39Law, Ardmore, has been appointed city attorney at Davis. He fills the position vacated by the resignation of Ewing C. Sadler, 38ba, 38Law, who moved from McAlester to McAlester.

Richard Disney, 37journ, and Mrs. Disney announced the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Dawn, born December 27 at Norman Municipal Hospital. The Disney's have another son, Clark, 9, and a daughter, Carol, 6 months.

William P. Hucken, Jr., 42ba, 47Law, Tulsa, was recently appointed assistant county attorney of Tulsa County.

NICKEI-FISHBURN: Miss Laura Nickell, Chicago, Illinois, and Junius R. Fishburn, 42journ, were married October 7 in Chicago where Fishburn is employed by Edward Petty & Company, Incorporated, television station representatives.

Dr. J. Richard Hall, 42pharm, and Mrs. Hall, the former Hazel Kathryn Rowley, 39-42, are living in Tulsa where Dr. Hall has a dental practice. They have two sons, Scott, 2, and Stephen Curtis, 9 months.

Paul Comstock, 43ba, 48law, Pawhuska, is the newly elected vice-president of the Osage County Bar Association.

Jack C. Edens, 35geol, an employee of Stanolind Oil and Gas Company, has been transferred to the company office in Midland, Texas, from Shreveport, Louisiana.

Betty Jean Parker, 43bus, Denver, Colorado, has been promoted to assistant chief stewardess for United Airlines in Denver.

Iva H. Polk, 39ba, 40ms, is a staff engineer in the applied physics laboratory of Johns Hopkins University, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Ed Edmondson, Jr., 40ba, Muskogee County attorney, was recently named county chairman of the 1951 March of Dimes campaign.

Jack Cummins, 40Law, Lawton, was sworn in as judge of the Superior court for Comanche county on December 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle W. Nichols, the former Jody Kilpatrick, 40ba, announced the birth of a daughter, Jan, born August 25 in New Orleans, Louisiana, where they are now living. The Nichols' have two other children, Mike, 8, and Sally, 6. Nichols is a senior petroleum engineer with the California Company.

Ed K. Livermore, 40journ, editor and publisher of the Claremore Progress, has been named president of the Claremore Chamber of Commerce.

SENN-ROGERS: Miss Emma Senn, 40ba, 49ms, Kingfisher, became the bride of L. T. Rogers, Norman, in the late fall in the country home of the bride's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norvin Senn, Kingfisher. Rogers is professor of health education in the University college of education and also in the school of arts and sciences.

Paul Hasket, 41ba, 42ms, and Mrs. Hasket, the former Virginia Mitchell, 42ba, are living in Ponca City where he is employed by Conoco Petroleum Company. They have three children.

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Unusual Representation. When the American Association of School Administrators meet this month in Atlantic City, New Jersey, Oklahoma will be represented on the speaker’s platform by three schoolmen. It is unusual for one state to have so many speakers. Slated for speaking jobs are George Hann, ’36m.ed., superintendent of schools at Ardmore, whose topic will be “Educational Planning of School Buildings”; Ellbert L. Costner, ’29ba, ’34ma, superintendent of schools at Poteau, whose topic will be “Meeting Rural Educational Needs in the Community College,” and J. R. Frazier, ’24ba, ’32m.ed, superintendent of schools at Okmulgee, who will discuss “Financing School Building Construction.”

Across the Bar. Sidney F. Ditmars, ’17, Muskogee, died January 7 in a Muskogee hospital following a prolonged heart ailment. President of Ditmars, Dickman and Pickens Construction Company of Muskogee and Little Rock, Ditmars resigned as an official of the Manhattan Construction Company to organize the present partnership. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jewel Raising Ditmars, ’19ba, and a daughter, Jewell Maurine Kerr, ’49ba.

Dr. Walter Isle, president of Eastern Washington College of Education and former president of the Southwestern Oklahoma Teachers College, Weatherford, died January 10 in Spokane, Washington, following a heart ailment suffered recently. While living at Edmond in 1928, Dr. Isle was elected principal of the Ponca City high school. Within a few years he was elevated to the post of superintendent of the system and in 1936 was named president of the college at Weatherford. In 1939 a political fight within state school circles resulted in Dr. Isle’s dismissal and he left Oklahoma to continue his work as an educator on the west coast.

Alpha Phi sorority. The couple established a home in Oklahoma City.

S. Lee Rollman, ’45mus., has been employed for the past three years as comptroller for the San Antonio, Texas, Music Company with stores located in San Antonio, Austin, Corpus Christi and Harlingen, for the Biedboue Furniture Company with stores in San Antonio and Austin and for the Fidelity Realty Company—all of which are under the same management. He is a member of the board of directors of the San Antonio chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants and is charge of employment for that area.

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ARNETT-WALKER: Miss Margene Arnett, Oklahoma City and Long Beach, California, and Norman G. Walker, ’46ba, Bethany, were married during the latter part of November in the First Methodist Church in Britton. The couple is making their home in Britton.

Louis E. Pearson, ’46ba, Panama, Oklahoma, has been employed by the Oklahoma Department of Public Welfare in Panama for the past 13 years. He is planning to enter Louisiana State University this summer to do graduate work in social welfare. The Pearson’s have two children.

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MONROE-CLANNIN: Miss Sue Monroe, Oklahoma City, and Jim A. Clannin, ’47-49, Crescent, were married in a late summer ceremony in Oklahoma City. They are living in Oklahoma City where Clannin is employed in the mailing department for Armour and Company.

Jack Eutlee Trigg, ’47goal, and Mrs. Trigg, the former Rosemary McWilliams, ’37ba, Oklahoma City, selected the name Rosemary for their daughter born December 22 in St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City. The Triggs also have a son, Joseph Martin, 18 months.

HITTS-BOYDIE: Miss Virginia Elizabeth Hittson, Tulsa, and Charles Boydie, Jr., ’37m.ed., Ardmore, were married in the early fall in Tulsa. An accountant for the material traffic department of Carter Oil Company in Tulsa, Boydie is a member of the Tulsa Bachelor’s Club.

MITCHELL-MCKINNEY: Miss Greta Carmene Mitchell, ’47-49, Mustang, and Sgt. Gary Howard McKinney, ’47-49, Yukon, were married December 1 in the First Baptist Church in Yukon. At the University, Mrs. McKinney was a member of the University Players. The couple is living in Leesville, Louisiana, while Sgt. McKinney is stationed with the 45th Division at Camp Poll, Louisiana.

CAPT. HENRY GRADY RYAN, II, ’47mus., and Mrs. Ryan announced the birth of a son, John Joseph, born December 27 at the University Hospital in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Craig is assistant director of the Cleveland County Health Department at Norman.

Cpt. HENRY GRADY RYAN, II, ’47mus., and Mrs. Ryan announced the birth of a son, John Grady Ryan, III, born October 11 at Leesville, Louisiana. Captain Ryan is stationed with the 55th Division at Camp Poll, Louisiana. The Ryans have another son, William Roger Ryan.

WAMPLER-LOEFFTELHOLZ: Miss Jeannene Wampler, Norman, became the bride of Al J. Loeffeholz, Jr., ’47-48, also of Norman, Sunday, December 3, in the rectory of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Norman. The couple is living in Norman where Loeffeholz is employed by the Security National Bank.

Perry E. White, ’50ba, and Mrs. White, the former Helen Jueden, ’47ba, are living in Frederic where White is associate editor and advertising manager of the Frederick Press. Mrs. White recently was named society editor of the newspaper.

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SMITH-HARDIN: Miss Carol Dean Smith, ’48-50, Purcell, and Billy W. Hardin, ’58mus., Cordell, were married late in August in the home of the bride’s parents. Mr. Hardin was also a member of Tau Beta Sigma honorary band society. Hardin was a member of Alpha Phi Omega, Phi Eta Sigma, Beta Gamma Sigma, Pi Eta, Economics Club and the American Legion. The couple is living in Pasadena, Texas.

MCCULLIN-KELLY: Miss Betty Ross McMillan, Bristow, and Forest Leyan Kelly, ’48mus., both of Bristow, were married November 1 at the Bristow Presbyterian Church. At the University, Kelly was affiliated with Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity. The couple is living in Bristow.

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Methodist Church in Ada. At the University Mrs. Kemp is a member of Chi Omega social sorority and was a member of Delta Phi Delta fraternity. The couple is living in Norman where Loar is a senior in the University law school.

PENFOLD-WOODWARD: Miss Frances Ann Pennsnel, '48ba, Norman, and Eric H. R. Woodward, Jr., Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, were married December 23 in the University Faculty clubhouse. While attending the University, Mrs. Woodward was a member of Kappa Gamma Gamma social sorority. The couple is living in the Lackland Air Base area.

MC DANIEL-HENDRIX: Miss Carol McDaniel, '49ba, Ardmore, and Gus Hendrix, '49bus, Dewey, were married December 16 in the First Methodist Church in Ardmore. Mrs. Hendrix was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota music society. Mr. and Mrs. Hendrix are living in Oklahoma City.

DAVIS-GRIFFIN: Miss Dolores Davis, '49-'50ba, Norman, Oklahoma City, and Sgt. Walter Joseph Buhr, Jr., Muskogee, were married November 20 in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

McBRIDE-BUHR: Miss Joan McBRIDE, '48-'50ba, Oklahoma City, and Sgt. Walter Joseph Buhr, Jr., Muskogee, were married November 20 in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

ALEXANDER-MCCOSKRIE: Miss Isabel Ann Alexander, '48ba, 50ba, Tulsa, and Joseph Whitfield McCoskrie, Kansas City, were married November 25 in the First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa. At the University, Mrs. McCoskrie was a member of Mu Phi Epsilon, national honorary music sorority and Delta Phi Delta, national art fraternity. The couple is living in Kansas City where McCoskrie is employed as an architect.

ALMON-HENSON: '48law, is the newly elected county attorney of Pottawatomie County.

DICKINSON-KEMP: Miss Nina Dickinson, '49ba, Paris, France, became the bride of Kenneth Kemp, Norman, November 7 in the First Methodist Church in Prague. Now a student in the University graduate school, Mrs. Kemp is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota music society. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp are living in Oklahoma City.

The Poll was Stopped 15 Years Ago

University students—480 strong—voted six to one to repeal of state prohibition laws during a test ballot sponsored on the campus by the Oklahoma Campus Temperance Association. The poll—originally planned for two or three days—was stopped after the first day with the announcement by the group's state president, Harlan Mendenhall, '37ba, Oklahoma City, that "we have learned what we were interested in finding out. We will spend six weeks during February and March conducting an education campaign. Talks will be scheduled at various times and places on the campus. Speakers will be sent to fraternity and sorority houses." The tabulation of the one day's votes showed 414 students favoring repeal and 66 standing with state prohibition. Tabulation of the ballots showed that fraternity members were wetter than independent students.

J. D. "Dub" Wheeler, '30-'36, first All-American NEA selection, returned to the campus following participation in the East-West game. He announced he would continue work toward a degree and steer clear of professional football. Recently Wheeler was named superintendent of the State Training School for boys at Strangtown.

Lois Haskell Straight, '35law, Bartlesville attorney, scored the highest average when 27 new lawyers took the bar examination and were admitted to practice in Oklahoma in January 1936. She was the only woman taking the examination.

John Runyan, '31-'37, Oklahoma City, editor of the Covered Wagon, was listed as one of the college editors of College Humor, national magazine which was revived after being suspended for several years.

Charles W. Offermann, Jr., '50eng, was recently employed by Stanolind Oil and Gas Company in their exploration department at Duncan.

Frank Jones, '50eng, has been employed as a structural engineer by the University since December 1.

LOWREY-HOUSTON: Miss Barbara Ann Lowrey, '48ba, Oklahoma City, and William Russell Hogge, '50ba, Amarillo, Texas, were married November 25 in Holy Souls' Catholic Church, Pampa. At the University Mrs. Hogge was a member of the Newman Club and served as president of Gamma Alpha Chi, national honorary fraternity for women in advertising. Hogge was affiliated with Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity and a member of the student senate, vice-president of the American Society of Civil Engineers and of the Newman Club. They have established a home in Amarillo.

MILLSPOUGH-CLARKSON: Miss Germaine Millsapugh, '48-'50ba, Oklahoma City, and Rowland Albert Clarkson, '50ba, also of Oklahoma City, were married November 22 in a single-ring ceremony in St. Paul's Episcopal cathedral in Oklahoma City. At the University Mrs. Clarkson was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta social sorority and BVG Club. Clarkson was affiliated with Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and Phi Lambda Epsilon. They are making their home in Oklahoma City.

Rader . . .

his Currier and Ives items line the walls of his office. And he's proud of a pre-French Revolution woodcut print retouched in colors by hand. It hangs on his office wall. "Traded a fellow a book for that print," he recalls.

Rader ranks near the top of the roster of persons who have been with the University the greatest number of years. "I was working as a student mail carrier in 1904 when an opening occurred in the University library," he remembers. "I applied for the job as a student assistant, and I've been with the library ever since."

"The library was housed in the second administration building which had been built after the original one was destroyed by fire. There weren't many more books in it than there are right here in my office."

Rader moved with the library when the Carnegie Library building was built on the North Oval. When the stock of books grew its stacks in 1928, he packed up the library and moved to the building which later became the Art Museum. "In 1928 I informed Dr. Bizzell that the building was