In the News

Gov. Robert S. Kerr, '16, last month drew nationwide attention to the state of Oklahoma in general and Oklahoma sorghum in particular while on a trip in the East.

A Brooklyn woman who hadn't tasted molasses in 29 years, Mrs. Emma Brandner, developed a yen for the syrup after reading about some bets Governor Kerr made with the governor of Nebraska on which state would sell the most war bonds.

The governor announced that he would personally deliver the sorghum to her after he wrote inquiring where to secure some. He and the Brandners sampled the sorghum on homemade mush while he was in their home.

Also on the governor's itinerary was a pancake and sorghum breakfast with Mayor LaGuardia of New York City.

Later he was honor guest at the first showing in Washington, D. C., of the musical show Oklahoma! adapted from the play Green Grow the Lilacs written by Lynn Riggs, '23. Following four curtain-calls at the close of the show, Governor and Mrs. Kerr went from their box to the stage to present the Oklahoma state flag to members of the cast.

The premiere was topped off with a reception, also in the governor's honor. Those attending included Sam Rayburn, speaker of the House, Gen. George C. Marshall, Postmaster General Frank Walker, G. B. Parker, '08ba, editor-in-chief of Scripps-Howard newspapers, and Mr. Riggs.

Governor Kerr's remarks from the stage where Oklahoma! was presented were broadcast over a nationwide hook-up.

While still in the East, the governor learned that he had won his bet with the Nebraska governor and would soon receive the payoff of two Nebraska hogs. Governor Kerr bet 100 pounds of Oklahoma sorghum to Nebraska sorghum and would soon receive the payoff of two Nebraska hogs.

Conservation Experts

The staff of the State Conservation Department at the state capitol includes four University alumni, Elmer S. (Trim) Capshaw, '15ba, '33m.ed, gas engineer; Walker T. Pound, '23, chief conservation officer; Thomas D. Bailey, '42eng, petroleum engineer, and Dan O. Howard, '28ccl, petroleum geologist.

Rules State Law Void

Judge Sterling (Dick) Jones, '27ba, in four opinions involving Jehovah's Witnesses written for the Criminal Court of Appeals, declared Oklahoma's law making it compulsory for school children to salute the American flag was unconstitutional.

Good Neighbor Plan Passed

Members of the House of Representatives, including Congressman Mike Monroney, '24ba, voted 360 to 29 for a United States postwar policy of international collaboration.

Mr. Monroney is one of several representatives and senators who toured the nation late in the summer to speak in behalf of U. S. co-operation with other nations in establishing and maintaining a just and lasting peace.