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The accounting ten

A ROUND Robin news letter of the Accounting Ten is the delightful project of ten accounting majors graduates of the class of '30. A true alumni spirit is reflected in the resolve of this small group of classmates. It is that the yearly round robin letters shall keep each of the ten acquainted with activities of the others. Odies Primrose, Norman, originated the idea and other members of the Accounting Ten were selected from students who had been closely associated in business and accounting classes of the college of business administration at least two years before graduation in 1930.

Those who belong to the Accounting Ten are Mr Primrose, bookkeeper, Meyer & Meyer Funeral home, Carl Craig, treasurer, University Press, graduate student, Norman; Alvin K. Rosecrans, statistical department, Continental Oil Company and Archie Giezentanner, assistant accountant in the refinery accounting department, Continental Oil Company, both of Ponca City; Clinton Gay who is accountant for the Luper Transportation company, Shawnee; Burt H. Thurber, accounting department, Texas Oil Company, Houston, Texas; Joe R. Moody, assistant cashier, Equitable Life Insurance Company, Albany, New York; Charles Manney, accounting department, I. T. I. O. Company, Bartlesville; Elizabeth Cate, the only girl member, is a bookkeeper for the Griffin Wholesale Grocery Company, Muskogee; and Buneos Sikes, who is associated with his father in Sikes & Son, grocers, Alleene, Arkansas.

Excerpts from the Round Robin for this year follow:

From Odies Primrose of Norman we hear:
Jenny Robin flew in here with nine real friendly colorful feathers fit for old King Cole and all his twenty blackbirds. I had one more good time taking a fast hop from Oklahoma City and making a circle when we zipped down at Houston, took a chance at Arkansas, peeped at New York. Then I enjoyed a pipe line lingo, Conoco postings, a hasty shot at Bartlesville. I got a glimpse at all the rest on that dash with Robin before my boss came back into the office. I would not trade my tenth interest in young Robin for money. It is a real treat to hear from nine friends at one time, especially with our one time relation to the word "accounting."

For myself, I stuff hot biscuits, yes sir. Cakes, pies—well to be frank with you—my wife has been teaching home economics, nuf sed. I was married to Blanche Turner '26 home-e. May 30, 1931.

Alvin K. Rosecrans, Ponca City writes:
I have increased my family, though not by marriage. Six of us Conoco boys have a six room house, a Negro housemaid and can show anyone visiting us the best cooking. Judging from the speed I received Robin, he must have been riding about the country with Capt. Frank Hawks.

Word from Archie Giezentanner, Ponca City:
I was married April 13, 1931. I have been transferred to the refinery accounting department with a nice increase in salary. Alvin Rosecrans and I are still studying accounting at nights trying to amount to something. We don't think that we will but hope springs eternal in the human breast.

Clinton Gay of Shawnee:
I hate to admit that I delayed Robin on his journey, but I received such a kick from reading of the trials and triumphs of the gang that I just couldn't send it along any sooner. If any of you are through Shawnee, I would be very glad for you to drop around.

From Burt H. Thurber:
If the Robin has water on the brain—blame it on Houston weather. It has
Mrs. Blanche Turner Primrose, left, of Norman enters the news letter circle of the Accounting Ten, since she married one of the members, Odies Primrose, last spring. Miss Elizabeth Cate, right, of Muskogee has the distinction of being the only member of the Round Robin who is a woman.

Tained here almost every day since she arrived the first part of December, floating in from Shawnee. One event in my history takes precedent by a large margin over everything else—the date—June 12, 1931—the place, Houston—the girl, Frances Shirley—the event, “I do.”

Seven months later we’re still living together—happy—and I even rave about my wife’s cooking. The address is 3015 Robinhood, Houston.

Joe R. Moody, the New Yorker writes:

I wonder who will be the first to get rich by having this series of letters copyrighted. I believe the first of this gang to make a million should divide up, too. My work is fairly interesting, I am my own boss, and have five clerks under me. It looks as though everyone were getting married. Before long, I will be the only bachelor of the gang.

Charles Manney writes from Bartlesville:

How many of you are still planning on taking the C. P. A. examination? If so, what are you studying and what do you find most helpful? I am still ambitious about that line, still working on Finney. With a friend, I am going to start in on Municipal Accounting. We are going to use Professor Newton’s text which he got out last year. It seems that the accounting ten is developing some big men. Take Arch for instance. And I weigh 195 pounds myself. Take my advice, don’t marry a good cook unless you want to get fat.

The one girl in the ten is Elizabeth Cate of Muskogee:

Griffin Grocery company is still paying me to hang around and I am quite a habit. I’m doing the same thing I did last year only more of it. I have spent most of the winter being interested in the Little Theater—I’ll admit I can’t act, but they made me auditor to show the treasurer how to keep the books, and now I’ve graduated to the job of treasurer. Joe Moody came by to see me giving me prestige with the office—you should see his swell car and the imposing New York license. I’ve also seen Burt Thurber. I went to Dallas last fall for the O. U.-T. U. game and saw him dash by in a car.

Craig, have you read anything good? Komroff’s Coronet is about the only thing I have read this past year that I was especially fond of. The style in From Day to Day by Goethe is very interesting. It is quite different, and I believe you’d like it. Do you still belong to book clubs? All our bookcases are so full that I’m afraid to buy books. Consequently, I’ve been reading philosophy and psychology, and the Saturday Evening Post, as well as Colliers.

Carl Craig has a new job which promises to be a weighty one, as treasurer for the University Press. Since he seems to be interested in books, perhaps his new atmosphere will be both pleasant and instructive. Craig started this work June 1, 1932, and on the side, hopes to accomplish much in the way of golf, tennis, and graduate study in accounting. He writes:

Milton Emanuel ’30 bus. and Millard Emanuel ’30 bus. and I were through Houston in July, 1931, on our way to Galveston. We had been catching small fish long enough so we decided to go to the ocean where we could land some big ones. I include a picture of our catch of the day. Elizabeth, you are not the only one who has taken up the game of cow pasture pool. I bet I can move more dirt in ten strokes than you can. My greatest ambition is to get good enough so I can beat Professor Berrigan a game of golf and get revenge for some of those hard exams he gave us.

For Oklahoma wheat

Future home economics alumni may fight the depression in their own households by making use of the knowledge just verified that Oklahoma soft wheat flour can be used to make as good butterless cakes as some of the finest manufactured cake flours. This result is announced by Miss Lois Maund, Thomas, graduate student in home economics, who has found by experiment that by substituting powdered sugar or granulated sugar which has been rolled, for the same weight of ordinary sugar, sponge cakes are produced which are as good as those made with manufactured cake flours. The experiment was carried on in a class taught by Dr. Helen B. Burton, director of the school of home economics, as a project in the use of Oklahoma food products.

History club officers

Harvey McCaleb ’33, Olustee, heads the History club at the university next year. James L. Payne ’33, Tulsa, is vice president; Margaret Barnes ’33, Guthrie, secretary and Guy Horton ’34, Altus, curator.