Almost any morning in the years from 1908 to 1912, probably rather early, you could have seen C. Robert Bellatti, a hard-working student, walking toward the university campus from a little farm near Norman. If you had asked him, he would have told you that he was on his way to attend law classes and if you had questioned him further you would have found that he had been up and about a good while before, doing work on the farm which supported him as he attended his law classes. He was wholly self-supporting.

Almost any time now, probably rather late, you can see C. Robert Bellatti, a hard-working editor, at his desk in the office of the Blackwell Morning Tribune working out some new scheme for the advancement of his city and his community. He is a town builder, a city developer, vitally interested in civic affairs, and he makes his paper serve his community. His role of public servant has sometimes carried him into the field of politics. Recently Governor Murray has sometimes carried him into the field of politics.

In the years before the university's school of journalism was established the only newswriting instruction was one course given in the English department. Instruction in journalism was not broadened until 1913. Bellatti was not long distinguishing himself as a student. When he was a sophomore in the university, the 1910 Sooner called him "one of those who study," and that was when the enrollment was smaller, when there was opportunity for closer scrutiny of each student.

As an attorney he was successful. For three years he was Blackwell's city attorney. As a civic servant he has been food administrator for Kay county during the world war, director of the chamber of commerce, president of the Lions club, and an elder in the Presbyterian church. He is a 32nd degree Mason.

Mrs Bellatti was Edith Skidmore Hobbitt, a law student in the university from 1909 to 1911. There are four children, R. Marsden, 18, who has completed two years in the university, majoring in journalism, Lawrence Fitzhugh, 16, Mary Edith, 11, and James Richard, 3.

In the field of politics Mr Bellatti's "find" was Paul Walker, '12 law, a classmate, whom he proposed for the state corporation commission. Mr Walker was elected and is now chairman of the commission.

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One of the few newspaper publishers in the southwest who actively edit their own papers is C. Robert Bellatti, '12 law, editor and publisher of the Blackwell Morning Tribune. Mr Bellatti worked his way through school and has been keeping hard at work ever since. Recently he was named a member of the state board of education.

An Oklahoma builder