The Reunited

The gray-haired lady moved to the registration desk. She listed her name, hometown and occupation. "Am I early?" she asked as her glance swept the near-vacant lobby of the Union Building.

To no one in particular she said, "I don't know why I came. I won't know anyone here." A few minutes passed in which she continued to question her decision. The lobby began to fill with others attending Class Reunions June 9. Presently a middle-aged man separated himself from a conversational huddle across the room and paused uncertainly by the woman.

"Nice to see you," he said. "It's been 30 years . . ."

"Why, I remember you. You haven't changed a bit," came the pleased reply.

This scene was repeated many times as the classes of five-year intervals, beginning with the 1907 honor class, met for their reunions in the Union building. Many were uncertain about what to expect after years of separation, but most found the renewal of acquaintanceships rewarding.

The day was hot and long. Registration began at 10 a.m. and the concluding event of the June Sunday was Commencement exercises that evening in Owen Stadium.

But heat and a tiring day kept no one away. One of the early arrivals was C. Ross Hume, '98ba, '00ma, Anadarko. The first BA graduate of the University, he was to have an especially eventful day.

History was in the making and it was a history Hume had witnessed from the beginning. In evening ceremonies the 50,000th graduate of O.U., James M. Morgan, was to receive his degree. Newsmen and photographers could not pass up the opportunity to concentrate on Hume and Morgan.

In small and ever changing groups, the classmates swapped stories of their days on campus. As a stimulus, the Alumni Office had asked graduates to send advance stories of their favorite experience or remembrance of student days. The printed stories were issued at the registration desk to help start the flood of memories. One of the best yarns to appear concerned how news was "made" in 1937.

Wallace Kidd, '37journ, Anadarko, wrote: "In Journalism School we formed a Cup and Mustache Club. One of its purposes was to 'make' news happen. Chief maker was John L. Stone, now managing
editor of the Muskogee Times-Phoenix.

"Shortly before St. Patrick's Day, Stone used darkness to cover his throwing green ink in bottles high on the Law School building. The following night Stone was responsible for painting the pyramid in front of the Engineering School a cowardly yellow. This brought even louder cries from engineering students at daylight.

"The paint project 'made' news. At the St. Pat's parade around the North Oval, law students permitted the engineers to reach a point in front of the Law Building, rushed out and poured gasoline on the paving, fired it, and halted the royalty car at the Law Building entrance.

"From upper floor windows law students pelted engineers with sacks and other containers of water. Seated restfully on front row seats for the altercation were members of the J-School Cup and Mustache Club, each one proud of its prize member, John L. Stone. (Stone will plead innocent even now.)"

Such stories were typical. After a few minutes of inquiring about family and position, remembrances flowed and, alarming as it may be to educators, many were of pranks and pitfalls. The fun of college life bubbled again to the surface. But there were sober thoughts, too, of revered professors and absent classmates.

At 12:30 classes convened in the Union Ballroom for the annual Reunion luncheon. Taking the place of honor were members of the Class of 1907. Celebrating their 50th anniversary as graduates of O. U. were Mrs. Ollie Briggs Clement, '07mus, Norman; A. R. Swank, '07ba, Stillwater; Mrs. Euline Capshaw Wolf, '07mus, Davis; Mrs. Nell Goodrich DeGolyer, '06mus, '07ba, Dallas; Mary Alice Boyd, '07ba, Glendale, California;

Also George W. Day, '07pharm, Siloam Springs, Arkansas; E. D. Klapp, '07pharm, Asher; Dr. Arthur M. Alden, '07ba, '07ma, St. Louis, Missouri, and W. B. Blair, '07ba, Tulsa. Other members of the class were unable to attend.

As a token of the esteem of the Alumni Association, the 50-year graduates were presented pins which indicated that they are henceforth honored alumni of the institution. (For more about luncheon activities, turn to page 7.)

After lunch, the respective classes adjourned for class meetings. Class chairmen for this year's Reunion activities included the following:

Honored Alumni Club (those who graduated before 1907): Dr. Guy Y. Williams, '06ba, '06ma, Norman, and C. Ross Hume, '98ba, '00ma, Anadarko.

Class of 1907: Mrs. Ollie Briggs Clement, '07mus, Norman.

Class of 1912: Lewis S. Salter, '12mus, '17ba, Norman, and Harry Diamond, '12Law, Holdenville.

Class of 1917: Albert Clinkscales, '17ba, Oklahoma City.


Class of 1927: J. Phil Burns, '27ba, Oklahoma City.


Class of 1937: Boyce Timmons, '37Law, Norman.

Class of 1942: Mary Lyon Foor, '42ed, Norman.

Class of 1947: Mrs. Emogene Appleby Huslig, '47ba, Norman.

Class of 1952: Mrs. Nadine Norton Love, '52ba, Shawnee, and Mrs. Dorothy Darrough Logan, '52ba, Vinita.

Class reunions drew to a close with the individual class meetings and class pictures for Sooner Magazine. It had been a day of recollection, and one to be recalled.
A. R. Swank, '07ba, Stillwater, and R. A. Tolbert, '12ba, '13Law, Oklahoma City, observe the Reunion crowd from a vantage point in the lounge of the Memorial Union Building.

Two members of the Class of 1912, R. M. Parkhurst, '12ba, '15Law, Norman, and P. D. Erwin, '12Law, Chandler, listen as Floyd E. Proffitt, '12pharm, Oklahoma City, remembers happenings when all were students at the University of Oklahoma.

Three lawyers from the Class of 1917 held a 3-man reunion for a few minutes. They are Marion J. Norcutt, '17Law, Harry L. S. Halley, '15ba, '17Law, and Charles L. Roff, '17Law. Halley is a justice of the state supreme court.
One of the major events for Reunion classes is the annual luncheon. Held in the Union Ballroom, the luncheon featured a short speech by Josh Lee, '17ba, former U. S. senator. Welcome was made by President George L. Cross. Outgoing Alumni President Rhys Evans, '36ba, '39 Law, Ardmore, introduced his successor, Milt Phillips, '22, Seminole.

Three events were featured on the program: 1) Paul Walker, '12Law, for many years a member of the Federal Communications Commission, received a special citation from the Alumni Club of Washington, D.C., for his leadership with the club; 2) Class of 1907 received special recognition for a campaign of 50-year pins. 3) The Alumni Development Fund record—a Reunion record—was honored.

Mrs. Vell Goodrich DeGolyer, '07mus, '07ba, Dallas, received a special 50-year pin presented Class of '07 from President George L. Cross.
HONORED ALUMNI

Class of 1912 continued, from left, seated—Mrs. Beatrice von Keller Bretch, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Paul Walker, Norman; Mrs. Bertha Oliver Holt, Oklahoma City; unidentified. Standing—R. A. Tolbert, Oklahoma City; H. L. Haun and Paul Walker, Norman; unidentified; Floyd Wheeler, Oklahoma City; Harry H. Diamond, Holdenville; Arthur C. Shultz, Chickasha, and Floyd E. Proffitt, Oklahoma City.

From left, seated—Mrs. Merle Newby Buttram, Mrs. Myrtle Ellenberger Phillips, Mrs. E. D. McBrige, all Okla. City; Mrs. Lora Rhinehart Barr, Long Beach, Calif.; Nannie Lee Miller, Tulsa. Standing—Frank Buttram; T. S. Hurst, Pawnee; unidentified; Dr. Earl McBrige; Charles Orr, O. C.; V. E. Monnett, Norman; Homer Johnson, Truth or Consequences, N. M.; unidentified lady; Lewis Salter, Norman.

The Honored Alumni group included graduates of and before the year 1907. From left, seated—Mary Alice Boyd, Glendale, California; Mrs. Euline Capshaw Wolf, Davis; Lilla Miller, Norman; Mrs. Ollie Briggs Clement, Norman, and Mrs. Nell Goodrich DeGolyer, Dallas. Standing—Dr. Arthur M. Alden, St. Louis, Mo.; E. D. Klapp, Asher; C. Ross Hume, Anadarko; Guy Y. Williams, Norman; Clyde Bogle, Norman; A. R. Swank, Stillwater; George W. Day, Siloam Springs, Ark.; W. B. Blair, Tulsa.
CLASS OF 1917

From left, Marion J. Northcutt, Okla. City; Hazlitt B. Caldwell; Albert S. Clinkscale, Okla. City; Josh Lee, Norman; L. E. Beattie, Ardmore; Eugenia Kaufman, Norman; Iris M. Baughman, Okla. City; Charles L. Roff, Durant; Mrs. Aline Pelphrey Christian, Shawnee; Harry L. S. Halley, Okla. City; Ebert E. Boylan, Caracas, Venezuela; Dr. Stratton E. Kernodle, Okla. City; Claude Johnson, Kansas City, Missouri; Byron Layton, Oklahoma City; Lee Huntington, Norman; N. W. Brillhart, Madill; E. B. Wilson, Roswell, New Mexico.

CLASS OF 1922

From left, seated—Mrs. Lela Smith Weirich, Bartlesville; Mrs. Winnie Cole Cooper, Sapulpa; Mrs. Elizabeth Baird Herbert, Norman; Mrs. W. B. Ragan, Norman. Standing—R. B. Cooper, Sapulpa; Jim Arnold, Muskogee; P. C. Ashby, Okla. City; W. B. Ragan, Norman; T. E. Weirich, Bartlesville.

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CLASS OF 1932
From left, Clint Braden, Wilburton; Beverly G. Schaden- sack, Nicoma Park, and C. E. Grady, Jr., Oklahoma City.

CLASS OF 1942
From left, Mrs. R. G. Dulaney and Richard G. Dulaney, Midland, Texas; Elizabeth Neff, Tulsa, and James E. French, of Lake Jackson, Texas.

CLASS OF 1947
From left, Leslie Stephens, Chickasha; Mrs. Emogene Appleby Haslig, Norman; O. E. Martin and Mrs. Donna Livingston Martin, Bartlesville; J. C. Power and Mrs. Joan Yarmuk Power, Lawton; Mrs. Dewey Gibson Finley, El Dorado, Arkansas; Mrs. Iona Clester Stephens, Chickasha.
CLASS OF 1952

From left, front row—Mrs. Nadine Norton Love, Shawnee; Mrs. Dorothy Darrough Logan, Vinita; Mrs. Kathryn Brock Blanks, McAlester; Mahry Blaylock, Norman. Behind—Roger Corzine, Odessa, Texas; T. J. Tayar, Healdton; C. W. Peters, Westcliffe, Colorado; C. W. Wyant, Oklahoma City.

C. Ross Hume, Anadarko, first man to receive a BA degree from O. U., and the 50,000th graduate, James M. Morgan.