Teachers Have Always Returned to the University

For Summer Work But Not on The Present Scale. Perhaps

A Code Makes The Difference

The teachers of Oklahoma, eager to take advantage of the new, liberalized Oklahoma School Code and for other various reasons, have swelled the summer enrollment for the school of education to a record 1,014. This represents a better than 25 percent increase over last year's total of 756.

All the schools and colleges have shown an increase this summer but none have had such a marked or indicative rise in enrollment as the education school. A breakdown of the school of education's enrollment for the year 1948 summer session and the present one shows a definite trend in the number of teachers returning to school on the graduate level. The breakdown is:

When the roving reporter and photographer for the SOONER MAGAZINE went out to find some of the teachers and interview them, they found them to be in even greater evidence than the figures would indicate. They were literally everywhere, in the Union, lounging on the campus, in the library, and gathered in groups around the education building.

The photographer caught Mrs. Dick Pryor and Laverne Deloach coming out of the Union. Mrs. Pryor, graduate of East Central State College and elementary school principal at Mountain Home Consolidated school, Ringling, is making her third summer trip to O.U. She expects her master's degree from the University this summer in elementary education field. Her husband is superintendent of the Mountain Home school. Miss Deloach, graduate of Southeastern State College, is spending her first summer at O.U. and is working for a master's degree in commercial education. She is a commercial teacher at Mountain Home school.

When Mrs. Pryor was asked why she thought so many teachers were in attendance this summer she explained that the new school code made provisions for a sliding salary scale based on degrees and progress in education, "although I hate to be mercenary about it." Another reason, she explained, was many elementary schools are requiring teachers to go back to school.

On the front steps of the education building the camera caught three men relaxing before tackling their next class.

They were V. S. Watson, superintendent of Plainview Consolidated school, Carter county, who is spending his first summer at O.U. working...
toward a master's degree in education. He re-
ceived his degree from Southeastern State College.
Second in the group was Merrill Roberson, super-
intendent of schools, Moyer, working on his masters
in education. Roberson, who is spending his first
summer at the University, will work next year as
rural school superintendent for the state depart-
ment of education. He received his B.A. from
Southeastern State. Third of the gentlemen basking
in the early morning sun was H. J. Harris, grad-
uate of Southeastern and East Texas State, who is
attending the summer session of the education
school for the second time. He is working on his
doctor's degree in education. Harris is high school
principal of Maysville high school, Maysville.

Trusting to the experience thus gained, the re-
porter and photographer approached a group seated
on a bench in North Oval. They had decided that
the campus was now completely dominated by
teachers and this group bore out their hastily
formed theory.

In this group of relaxing teachers were Ralph
Christian, a first summer man at O.U. who is
working on a master's degree in education. He is
a graduate of Central State College and now teaches
social sciences in Okemah high school, Okemah.
Letha Campbell said she was at O.U. for the first
time, working on a master's in education. She is
a Central State graduate and teaches socialstudies
in West junior high school in Muskogee.

Also in the group were Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis
from Stratford. Mr. Lewis, graduate of East Cen-
tral, is here for his first summer working on a
master's in education. He is principal of the Strat-
ford high school. Mrs. Lewis, also spending her
first summer here, is a graduate of East Central and
is a teacher of social studies in Stratford junior
high. Mrs. Merritt Grimes, graduate of Oklahoma
A&M., is spending her first summer at O.U. work-
ing on her master's in education. She teaches at
Putnam City junior high school, Oklahoma City.
Another of the loungers was W. C. Davenport, a
1939 graduate of East Central State, who is among
the large number spending their first summer at
O.U. He is working on a master's in education.
Davenport is a classroom teacher at Jackson junior
high school in Oklahoma City.

Two teachers from Hastings were caught by the
camera's eye as they walked through the cool,
tree-sheltered path back of the Liberal Arts build-
ing. They were John W. Dollarhide, superintendent
of Hastings high school, and LeRoy Hicks, speech
and drama teacher at the same school. Dollarhide,
working on his master's in education, is a gradu-
ate of Southeastern spending his first summer here.
Hicks, also a first summer man, is a graduate of Southeastern and is working on his master's in
drama.

The cameraman and scribe weren't disappointed
when they searched the Union lounge for teachers.
Seated on a sofa busily making a last minute check
of their notes were Virginia Duffey and Myrtle
Louise Goodwin. Miss Duffey, graduate of Bethany
College in music, is spending a busy summer work-
ing on her master's in music education. She teaches
music in Gary and Marsh grade schools in Tyler,
Texas. Miss Goodwin, working on her master's
degree in elementary education, will teach next
year in Tulare, California, in fourth grade work.
Her Oklahoma address is Frederick.

To understand why so many teachers have made
this 1949 summer pilgrimage to O.U. you need to
know some of the provisions of the Oklahoma
School Code as enacted by the regular session of the
twenty-second legislature in 1949. The salient
thing to be noted is that the basic pay of teachers
has been raised $500 thus enabling them to be
more financially able to attend school. But the
provisions for raise in pay as the teacher accumu-
lates more college credits is possibly the greatest
incentive to the teachers. Here are some of the
provisions as to hours:

a. For each teacher holding a certificate to teach
in Oklahoma and having completed 70 to 89 semi-
ster hours of college a minimum of $1,500 is
paid.

b. For 90 hours or more but less than a bache-
or's degree—$1,700.

c. Bachelor's degree—$2,000.

d. Master's or Library Science—$2,200.

e. Doctor of Philosophy or Doctor of Educa-
tion—$2,400.

f. $100 is added for each year of teaching ex-
perience or time spent in the military service, not
to exceed five years.

Other advantages of the new code is a provision
for sick leave and one for retainment on a 10-
month basis. This code permits many who had not
planned to attend school before because of pay,
war conditions or lack of interest, to do so.

Still other reasons might be cited for the teach-
er's return to school. The State Department of Ed-

Sooner cameraman catches teachers Mrs. Dick Pryor and Laverne DeLoach as they await time for their next class in the shade of the Union building.

Two teachers practicing the student art of cram-
ming are Myrtle Louise Goodwin and Virginia
Duffey.

Taking it easy on the steps of the education building are teachers V. S. Watson, Merrill Roberson and H. J. Harris.

On Tuesday afternoon and evening, the topic was devoted to group studies of the various phases of public relations for schools. Six working committees were formed on such assignments as: "The Philosophy of Public Relations;" "Agents and Agencies Within the School and Community for Promoting Better Public Relations;" and "Special Campaigns, School and Community Surveys, and Special Days in Public Relations."

Wednesday, both morning and afternoon sessions were devoted to a seminar under the leadership of Dr. Oliver Hodge, '33m.ed., '37d.ed., State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on provisions of the new School Code. Assisting the seminar leader were various department heads of the State Board of Education and Harvey Black, Executive Secretary of the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma. Interest was so great in this subject that the crowd over-filled the assembly room.

Dr. Walter Cocking, chairman, board of directors of the school executive and former professor of school administration, Peabody College and former commissioner of education of the state of Tennessee, served throughout the sessions as special consultant on the programs. Dr. Cocking addressed the group Tuesday evening on the subject, "Professional Leadership and the Administrator." Emphasizing the increasingly important role of public education to the life of the nation, Dr. Cocking threw out a challenge to administrators of public schools to assume fully the responsibility of directing the all inclusive educational programs of their communities for the benefit of all individuals and groups.

General chairman of all sessions during the two-day conference was Bryan Waid, superintendent of schools at Frederick, president of the Oklahoma Association of School Administrators for 1948-49.

The programs were organized and under the general direction of a special committee from the organization consisting of G. T. Stubbs, chairman, director of public school relations at A. & M. College; J. Arthur Herron, '32d., '36m.ed., superintendent of schools, Blackwell; Dave Phillips, '25b., '35m.ed., superintendent of schools, Chandler; C. E. Crook, superintendent of schools, Guthrie; William Carr, '31m.ed., superintendent of schools, Cushing; James R. Frazier, '24b., '32m.ed., superintendent of schools, Wewoka, is executive secretary.

Some of the many school administrators at the Camp Redlands meeting of the Oklahoma Association of School Administrators are shown as they appeared to the Sooner cameraman.

Bill Carr, '37, superintendent of schools, Cushing and president of the Oklahoma Education Association; Garland Godfrey, superintendent of schools, Pryor, and new president of the School Administrators; and Bryan Waid, superintendent of schools, Frederick, past president of the school administrators, seem interested in the paper which G. T. Stubbs, director of public school service, A.M. College, Stillwater, is presenting.

2. Clarence De Wees, '47, assistant director of finance, state department of education, Oklahoma City, is amused by something R. H. Emans, '39 m.ed., director of finance of the state department of education, has said.


5. Four superintendents enjoying themselves are G. M. Roberts, superintendent of schools, Bartlesville; Charles Marrs, '41m.ed., superintendent of schools, Skiatook; John Showalter, '33m.ed., superintendent of schools, Lawton, and James R. Frazier, '24b., '32m.ed., superintendent of schools, Okmulgee. (When the pic was shot, Frazier was superintendent of the Wewoka schools. He recently made the shift to Okmulgee.)


7. J. W. Martin, superintendent of schools, Nowata; Godfrey; and Calvin T. Smith, '46m.ed., principal of the Wewoka highschool, pause just long enough for the shutter.

8. Guy Curry, executive secretary of the teachers retirement commission, George Hann, superintendent of schools, '36m.ed., Ardmore; and Roy Trent, county superintendent, Atoka county, are pictured as the day's proceedings are coming to a close.

Also named were four assistant directors of secondary education. They are G. V. Williams, '36 m.ed., New Lima, Seminole county; Ray Tucker, Rextrodt, Carter county; R. B. Johnson, Vinita, and E. H. McDonald, Oklahoma City. Three assistant directors were named in the rural and elementary education division: G. G. Morgan, Muskogee; Merill Roberson, Moyer, and Ira Bugg, Shawnee. Herman Harris, Seiling, was named an assistant director of annexation consolidation.

Carson Gets U. N. Bid

W. H. Carson, dean of the college of engineering at the University, has been invited to represent the United States committee of the world engineering conference during the UN scientific meeting at Lake Success August 17-September 6.

The scientific conference is devoted to the exchange of ideas and experience on the techniques of source conservation and utilization, their economic costs and benefits and their inter-relations.

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