New York Sooners Hold Reunion

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Despite the first inviting spring weather in New York today, with many people to the countryside, 50 Oklahoma University alumni and friends attended the first 1947 reunion of the New York Chapter April 27 at the Henry George School in New York City, where they met Charles "Bud" Wilkinson, O.U.'s head football coach, and his assistant, Gomer Jones.

Presiding at the meeting was Forrest Darrough, '21ba, '21aw. A plan to intensify interest in the Tulsa County association, which includes a membership drive, was approved, Darrough said. The group also adopted a resolution extending a vote of confidence to Cleo C. Ingle, '21ba, past president of the Tulsa chapter, who is a candidate for membership on the Tulsa Board of Education.

Following a short talk by Coach Wilkinson, motion pictures of the 1946 Oklahoma-Texas football game were shown.

These included Harry L. S. Halley, '15aw; F. B. Bunt, '31aw; W. F. Kestetzer, Varley H. Taylor, '31ba; and, C. G. Sturdiv, '31md; Byron Deskins, '25ba; Frank W. Abbott, '25aw; Mrs. Grady Skillern, '22ba; Grady Skillern, '27ba; Ralph Kent Boggart, Jr., '36aw; and Dr. F. H. Schnell,live south of Enid—at Carleton.

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Other alumni present who were too busy renewing old friendships for your reporter to obtain information as to what they are doing and what year they attended the O.U. campus were Howard L. Fitts, '38ba, '41law, and Mrs. Fitts, '41aw, of Elmo Hurst, Long Island; E. J. Foss, '22ba, from Dobbs Ferry; Robert P. Calvert, '09ba, '10aw, Scranton; E. D. Uman, '33bs, Ardley; Allen C. Duncan, '21ba, and Ahmad Saidi, '35ba, New York City.

O.U. Summer Courses Slated

State teachers who attend the University's eight-week summer session may take advantage of 10 short courses and conferences of special interest to educators. These include Boys' State, June 7-14; the Association of Childhood Education workshop, June 9-21; linguistic institute, June 9-August 22; professional writers short course, June 16-19; audio-visual aids conference, June 26-28; and conference on exceptional writers short course, June 26-28; conference on exceptional children, June 17-19; conference on summer music camp and workshop, June 23-July 5, and the state school administrators conference, July 15, 16 and 17.

O.U. Holds Management Course

Airport managers heard regional maintenance and management authorities during the one-day airport management short course held at the University April 18. This course also dealt with problems of city and chamber of commerce officials seeking to develop aviation in state communities. Principal speaker at the morning session was W. T. Brown, chief of the airport management and operation section, Fort Worth C.A.A. office, who discussed "Lighting and I subilities of Airport Management." A. W. Hays, chairman of the state aviation commission, presided.

"Intangible Values of Aviation in the Community" was discussed by Ed Wilson, director of aviation for the city of Fort Worth, at the luncheon staged in the Union building.

At the afternoon meeting, Don Lee, C.A.A. paving engineer, Region 4, spoke on "Let's Inspect Your Airport Maintenance." W. P. Stevens, airport lighting engineer, C.A.A., told delegates about "Lighting Maintenance."

The short course was sponsored by the University Extension Division and the Oklahoma Aviation Association in cooperation with the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

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MAY, 1947
To Be Held June 16-19 at O.U.

Writing for publication interests you? Then probably you could best invest your time and energies during June 16-19 in attending the University of Oklahoma Short Course on Professional Writing.

Readers might brush off the above statement as a bit superfluous; but it is not, for experts generally recognize the professional writing section of the O.U. Department of English as one of the nation's most outstanding. Its faculty consists of Walter S. Campbell, professor of English, and Foster Harris, 25ba, assistant professor, both well-known authors and producers of writers. Visiting authorities in the publishing field will assist them during the four-day course.

The registration fee is $5.

Fiction will dominate Monday morning, the 16th, before listening to talks by publishers, editors and bookellers on the afternoon program. Registered students may meet members of the staff to discuss manuscripts, projects and markets prior to evening activities.

Professor Campbell said Monday's program will include talks by a New York publisher, a representative from the Southwest Review of Literature, another from Holland's, an Oklahoma City bookseller and Savoie Lottinville, director of the University of Oklahoma press.

Tuesday will be devoted to non-fiction. Campbell and Harris have scheduled programs in the morning, afternoon and evening, including a radio broadcast in the studios of University Station WNAD. Speakers Tuesday will be Professor Campbell (Stanley Vestal), Dr. William E. Livezey, Miss Emma Marriott, Fred Gipson, Mrs. Albert Wilson, Constant and Lon Tinkle.

Fiction will dominate Wednesday. The awarding of prizes to winners of the Robert Whitehand Memorial contest for mystery stories will be a feature of that day's program. Only aspiring authors who have not previously sold a detective or mystery story may compete.

The winners will receive $100, first prize; $50, second prize; and $25, third prize. Manuscripts must be original, unpublished detective or mystery stories not exceeding 10,000 words in length. Professor Campbell previously announced May 15 as entry deadline and said that in order to be eligible, contestants must register for the short course.

The awards are made possible by Harlan Mendenhall, '38ba, author of more than 50 detective stories, scriptwriter for National Broadcasting Company, contributor to Writer's Digest and owner of Mendenhall Film Productions. They are dedicated annually to the memory of the late Capt. Robert E. Whitehand, Jr., '33ba, Captain Whitehand, a close friend of Mendenhall's, was killed in action March 27, 1945, in France.

A promising young Oklahoma playwright, short-story writer and former member of the O.U. Drama School faculty, Captain Whitehand spent more than three years making training and promotion films for the Army Air Forces. He received the Air Medal and the Legion of Merit posthumously.

Three students of Campbell's and Harris' professional writing classes at the University won last year's prizes. Laurence J. Becker, Huntington, Indiana, war veteran and junior Arts and Sciences student, received the $100 award for his story, "Big Girls Say 'Me.'" Minnie Halbert Henley, Oklahoma City, won the second prize with "The Corpse Sat Reading a Newspaper," and Mrs. Jesse Brown Thomas, '17, Wichita Falls, Texas, took third with "One Block To Go."

Said to speak Wednesday are Louis L'Amour, Oklahoma City author of Western pulp fiction; Green Peyton, winner of the Texas Institute of Letters' award for fiction, Mrs. Emen Reaves Hall, Professor Ross M. Taylor of the University of Wichita, Leonard Snyder and Professor Harry H. Harrison.

The morning of Thursday, June 19, will be devoted to poetry, and visiting poets will read from their original selections before the assembly. Professor David Russell, president of the Poetry Society of Texas, will speak.

No courses in the nation rank higher in volume of sales by graduates than those conducted by Professors Campbell and Harris. The Writer's Digest has described them as the best in the nation.

Sail on the Horizon, a book of poems by Elma Ann Kirkland, '28, of McAlester, is the most recent publication by a former student of Oklahoma University.

Mrs. Kirkland's book, released by the publishers only recently, contains more than 100 poems, most of which are autobiographical in nature. Her poems range from the thought provoking to delightful rhymes in humorous Negro dialect.

Margaret B. Dickson Jenson, poet laureate of Minnesota, contributed the foreword to Mrs. Kirkland's book. She wrote: "Elma Kirkland is loved by those who know her best. She is generous and kind, and has a keen wit and sense of humor. She loves the fine arts and makes a fine art of living. . . . Her poems are autobiographical, and are forthright and authentic human documents. . . . We shall watch her future with interest and delight."

Mrs. Kirkland, the wife of D. D. Kirkland, '33ba, superintendent of McAlester schools, is social science instructor in that city's junior high school. This is her first book.