Brief news stories by classes of alumni of the University of Oklahoma

1911-20

Dr. P. L. Hays, '14med, has been named acting superintendent of Eastern State Hospital in Vinita. Doctor Hays, who has been assistant superintendent for several years, replaced Dr. Felix M. Adams, who died December 3.

Eugene P. Ledbetter, '14Law, has been elected president of the Oklahoma Bar Association.

Josh Lee, '17ba, has returned to Norman from Washington after serving 13 years on the Civil Aeronautics Board. Lee, 63, and a former Democratic United States Senator from Oklahoma, was appointed in 1942 by Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Harvey P. Everest, '13-'14, was recently elected president of the Liberty National Bank & Trust Company of Oklahoma City. Everest is chairman of the board of the Mid-Continent News Company, the nation's largest magazine and newspaper distribution agency.

Everett L. DeGolyer, '16ba, noted geophysicist, was honored in December by a "DeGolyer Appreciation Day" sponsored by the O.U. History Club. DeGolyer gave the University a collection of 11,000 books.

DEATH: Dr. Carl H. Guild, '16ba, '18med, Shidler, died September 15. Guild had lived in Shidler since 1925, when he established his practice. He served on the school board for 25 years and was a director of the Shidler State Bank.

1921-30

Mrs. Charles R. Rountree, '21ba, Oklahoma City, was recently presented an award honoring her as the woman who has done the most for Oklahoma during the past year. Mrs. Rountree, who is president of the University of Oklahoma Association, was given the award in Norman by Theta Sigma Phi, national honorary fraternity for women in journalism.

Louise Beard Moore, '27ba, assistant professor of journalism, was given an award recently by Theta Sigma Phi, honorary women's journalism fraternity, after being selected as the faculty woman who rendered the greatest service as a friend and counselor to students as a faculty member. Mrs. Moore spends at least 12 hours a day at work supervising the editing of the Oklahoma Daily.

Lee B. Thompson, '25ba, '27Law, has withdrawn from the law firm of McNabb, Cantrell, Thompson and Sullivan to open his own law offices in Oklahoma City. His associate counsel will be John E. Cantrell, '21ba, '24Law.

Guy Sibley Mitchell, '21eng, '25ms, and Mrs. Mitchell, both missionaries to Japan from El Dorado, Arkansas, were recently given life appointments as missionaries for the Presbyterian Church of the United States. Mitchell was chief chemist for the Lion Oil Company before becoming a missionary in Japan in 1955. The couple will be assigned to Shikoku Christian College.

Dr. John W. Morris, '30ed, O.U. professor of geography, was recently elected secretary of the National Council of Geography Teachers.

Capt. W. N. New, '34bs,'34ma, '38Law, has been appointed director of the Shidler State Bank.

Maj. Gen. Hal Muldrow, '28bs, commander of Oklahoma's 45th Division and Norman insurance agent, has been appointed director of the Oklahoma State Heart Association's annual fund-raising drive. Muldrow also has been elected chairman of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Military Academy at Claremore.

Dr. John G. Hervey, '29ba, '25Law, former dean of the O.U. College of Law, was honored recently for his achievements in the field of law at a dinner given by Phi Delta Phi, O.U. legal fraternity.

Guy Corotto, '31ed, '35Law, football coach at Tulsa Central High School, recently resigned to take a position as assistant coach at the University of Arkansas. Corotto will assume his new duties after Christmas. He has coached at Seminole High School, the University of Kansas, and the University of Tulsa.

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Dr. Harry Wilkins, '25ba, '27med, Oklahoma City neurosurgeon, has been elected the new president of the Oklahoma City Clinical Society. Doctor Wilkins was also recently honored by a testimonial dinner as the "Dean" of Oklahoma neurosurgeons. Doctors from a half dozen states attended the dinner.

DEATHS: Mrs. Jennett Smith Crosby, '25ba, '25ms, Oklahoma City, died December 2. Mrs. Crosby, 83, was a member of the Southwestern State faculty for 34 years. She was a granddaughter of President James A. Garfield.

Hiram K DAvisson, '27ba, Purcell, died December 1. He was 54.

1931-35

Dr. William McGurdy, '32ba, Purcell, has been elected president of the Cleveland-McClain County Medical Society.

Cecil Woods, '33ba, '34ms, '38Law, has been elected president of the Norman Real Estate Board.

Capt. W. N. New, '34bs,'34ma, '38Law, has been elected president of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association.

Dr. Elmer Ridgeway, Jr., '38ba, '40med, was recently elected president of the Oklahoma County Medical Society.

Mrs. Allie Jones, '36ba, Oklahoma City teacher, is teaching in France this winter in an American Dependents School for children of Army personnel.

Dr. Gaston Littton, '34Libs., '34ma, O.U. professor of history and archivist, was inducted into Oklahoma's Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City November 16, the 48th anniversary of statehood. Littton was honored in a special ceremony with five others, including philanthropist J. C. Penney and commentator Paul Harvey.

George Sturm, '39med, has been elected president of the Oklahoma City Safety Council. He was selected at the annual meeting of the board of directors.

Walter Wynn York, '36ba, head of the music department at Florida Southern College, was recently awarded a doctor of philosophy degree in music by the University of Rochester.

Frank C. Hughes, '37ba, '39ms, O.U. faculty member, was recently awarded a doctor of philosophy degree in music by the University of Rochester.

Dave Johnson, '38ba, editor of the Norman Daily Star, was recently elected president of the Oklahoma Associated Press Editorial Association.

G. Otis Danielson, '39geo, has been promoted to manager of Kerr-McGee Oil Industries, Inc.'s drilling operations in the gulf coast region, offshore and onshore. His office will be in Morgan City, Louisiana. He was formerly manager of drilling operations in the Mid-Continent region.

Stewart Harral, '36ba, has been selected by the American Council on Education to evaluate public relations courses offered by the United States Armed Forces Institute. Harral, who will also examine similar courses offered by the Marine Corps Institute, is one of three consultants chosen.

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Recent campus visitors were Ed Edmondson, '40ba, U. S. Representative from Muskogee, and Howard Edmondson, '49Law, Tulsa County county attorney. They're pictured in Alumni Office.

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have dissolved their law partnership. Wallace has established new offices in the Champion Building and is forming a partnership with Clark LeGate, '35Law.

Donald C. Russell, '35Law, and Mrs. Russell have moved from Watonga to Hobbs, New Mexico, where he is employed by the Paul S. Brown Insurance Agency.

DEATH: Regional Martin O’Loughlin, '37eng, died November 25 when he was trapped inside his burning home in Oklahoma City. A locked door evidently prevented O’Loughlin, 42-year-old driller, from escaping.

1941-45

Charles M. Richards, '45ms, '49ph.d, is now employed as a physicist at the United States Navy Mine Defense Laboratory in Panama City, Florida, in the minesweeping division.

Bayden Barie, '42ba, editor of Sohio Petroleum's magazine, has been named winner in the second annual Fund Industrial Editors contest. Barie edits the "Production News" for Sohio.

Mrs. John H. Schroeder (the former Mildred Nichols, '41hourn) recently returned to her reporting job on the Vallejo (California) Times Herald after a year in Europe financed by a $5,000 Reid Foundation Fellowship. She and Schroeder, who works on the San Francisco Call-Bulletin, toured 18 countries during the year.

BIRTHS: T. J. Bried, Jr., '42Law, and Mrs. Bried, Oklahoma City, have chosen the name Mary Jane Bried for their daughter born November 12. The couple also has two sons, John, 12, and Cary Bried, 9.

Student Report Card

The Art of Conversation

By PERRY ROBINSON, '57

It has been said of late that television, along with its machine age counterparts, is insidiously destroying the noble art of conversation. Although most of you will be quick to say that your contemporaries are better off watching television than indulging in a vocal exposure of their ignorance, you must admit that conversation is important and necessary. If you belong to the alarmists, the following passage may serve to convince you that the art of conversation survives.

THE PROLOGUE: Linda, a Gamma Rho, and Jack, a Kappa Ro, have had three dates. Both are looking for a person of significance, charm and good social standing to maintain their social position on the campus. So far the affair is lukewarm. But at the end of the third date, Jack attempted to be affectionate. Linda seized the opportunity to put him in his place. At first Jack was mad, but now, a week after his faux pas, he wants another date. He calls.

"Hello, Linda, this is Jack."

This is uttered in the most casual tone.

"Hi, hi, jack."

The "Hi" is vivacious, calculated to sound as if she is surprised that it is Jack because so many people call that she has no idea. Yet there is a touch of encouraging warmth. It leaves the next move to Jack.

"What have you been doing?"

This is a stock filler to give Jack time to decide whether Linda is favoring his cause or whether she is cool. But he cannot tell yet.

"Oh, studying. I’ve had so many tests this week. I just can’t keep up."

This is drivel of the most revolting type but is necessary while both parties plan strategy. Linda is drifting, waiting for Jack to make his move.

"I’ve been studying a lot, too. Sometimes I think it isn’t worth it."

Jack still stalls but he knows he must come out in the open. There is an awkward pause. The verbal fencing is over and Jack knows that Linda expects him to get down to business.

"Say, you gotta date Friday night?"

Jack is asking for Friday night because it’s second best, and he wants her to think he has a date Saturday night, the big night, although he doesn’t. The cards are on the table. Linda pauses dramatically before speaking . . .

"Oh, I’m sorry, Jack, but I have a date Friday night."

She pauses, waiting a second for Jack to suggest Saturday night, but Jack, who has previously decided not to ask her for anything except Friday, remains silent.

"I don’t have a date Saturday night. I had one with this boy from Texas who is Marilyn’s boyfriend’s cousin, but he couldn’t come."

This remark is to let Jack know that she is in definite demand and it is only through an accident that she does not have a date for Saturday. Jack refuses to bate at the chance and cagily sticks to his plan.

"Well, that’s the way it goes. I have a date Saturday night."

Jack is bloated with triumph, the plan is working. But Linda is not to be counted out.

"What’s it like to be a wheel with the women. I’ve heard about you.” Linda offers this flattery, appealing to Jack’s male vanity to draw him out.

"Yeah, I’ve had three dates this semester."

Jack laughs at his joke, that of self-derision, rather popular in his house, and condescendingly decides that he should give Linda a break after all. Not too far forward, just enough to keep her hanging.

"I’ll tell you what, I’ll call you about next weekend."

Jack grins at his cleverness, waiting for Linda to approve the idea.

"Oh, Jack, I’m going home that weekend. This friend of mine is getting married, and I have to be in it."

The idea came as a flash to Linda and she stabs Jack with the skill of a woman scorned. No one can disprove the theory that one must go home occasionally. Jack is at a loss for words but he tries to gloss it over.

"Now see who’s popular,” he laughs hollowly. Linda says nothing. "Well, I’ll see you around the campus.”

He waits for her to encourage more conversation or say she is sorry or something, but she says nothing.

"Okay, Jack, be good now."

"Goodbye,” he says, suddenly hoarse.

"Bye, Bye.”

The "bye bye” was mocking babyltalk to Jack’s ears, and Jack’s attempt at a bored goodbye convinced Linda she had won the encounter.

Moral: Conversation, as one art, is an insult to the others.

Maj. W. J. Mayhall, '42ba, and Mrs. Mayhall, Falls Church, Virginia, have selected the name Christopher Todd Mayhall for their son born October 30. They also have a daughter, Leslie Mayhall, 20 months.

1946

Dr. John Perry, '46med, formerly of Oklahoma City, is associated with Sohoo Products Company in Hartsville, South Carolina.

John W. Strohling, '44geo, has been appointed assistant division geologist for Continental Oil Company in Casper, Wyoming. He joined the company in 1951 in Denver.

Mrs. Wanda Cole, '48ba, 48ma, wife of a Cities Service Oil geologist at Bismarck, has been selected as the outstanding artist in North Dakota. She specializes in oil painting and sculpturing.

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Leon White, both of Muskogee, were married November 15. Mrs. White was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority at O.U. The couple has made it their home in Oklahoma City.

Miss Ethelyn Mills, '53ba, and Lieut. Bert Billington Beals, both of Oklahoma City, were married November 24. Mrs. Beals was a member of Alpha Delta Gamma sorority at O.U. and is now a senior at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas. The couple is living in Dallas.

Marine Lieut. Robert L. Bainbridge, '54bus, recently made his first solo flight at Whiting Field Naval Auxiliary Air Station at Milton, Florida. Lieutenant Bainbridge, who is from Oklahoma City, was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity at O.U.

Dr. Philip J. Campbell, '54ms, '55ph.d, now associated with the O.U. School of Medicine, has been awarded a $3,750 fellowship by the National Institute of Health, Washington, D.C. The grant was given Campbell in order that he might continue his work in endocrinology.

Pvt. Logan W. Cary Jr., '54ms, Oklahoma City, recently completed the artillery ballistics meteorology course at Fort Sill, Cary, who graduated from Yale in 1951, is a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Bill Harper, '54ba, Oklahoma City, made a special plane trip to Oklahoma City from Rome recently to sing the lead in the "Student Prince," an operetta staged to contribute funds to the building fund of the First Christian Church in Oklahoma City. Harper has just started his second year of study in Rome on a Fulbright Scholarship.

Dr. Jack W. Donald, '54med, Ardmore, has opened an office in Wilson in conjunction with Dr. John Adair, '50ba, '54med.

Billy J. Sanders, '54bus, Tishomingo, became a certified public accountant in November after passing the test provided by the state board of accountancy.

Lieut. John H. Roff Jr., '54ba, '55Law, Wewoka, recently completed the ammunition officer course at the Army Ordnance School at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. Lieutenant Roff was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity at O.U.

Lieut. Robert R. McCarver, Jr., '54med, Wister, has graduated from the military medical orientation course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The course stressed medical service in combat.

Lieut. Arthur W. Breckland, '54Law, Tulsa, has graduated from the Army's judge advocate general's basic course at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Lieut. James P. Marrs, '54ba, Norman, recently graduated from the medical service school at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Marrs was a memb-
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0. U.'s famous Owen Stadium; of Sigma Chi fraternity at O. U. graduated from the basic infantry officers course at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was presented as the one he prepared as his special recital at O. U. late in November. The program that was presented included the popular song, "Don't I?"

Miss Carolyn Peek of Oklahoma City.

1955 Nancy Widener, '55ba, got right "into the swing of things" recently when she supervised the senior class play at Classen High School in Oklahoma City. She directed the production of "Curious Savage." Miss Widener, who studied drama, had a leading role in the same play during her undergraduate days at O. U. Alan F. Griffith, '55eng, won the national paper competition sponsored by the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering this fall. Griffith is employed by the Great Plains Development Company in Calgary, Canada.

Clark LoGate, '55Law, Ardmore attorney, has formed a law partnership with Wilson Wallace, '37ba, '39Law, with offices in the Champion Building.

Ensign Max W. Dixon, '55eng, Enid, recently made his first solo flight at Whiting Field Naval Auxiliary Air Station at Milton, Florida. James A. Robinson, '55ma, Blackwell, won a first-place award for research given by the Daughters of the American Revolution. He was presented a $50 savings bond for his thesis on "Loyalty Investigations and Legislation in Oklahoma."

George H. Anderson, '55ma, Tulsa, recently passed the certified public accountant examination given by the state board of accountancy. Ensign Larry B. Flood, '55ba, Norman, recently completed his first solo flight at Whiting Field Naval Auxiliary Air Station in Milton, Florida.

Joe Shirley, '55ed, Holdenville, is teaching in the elementary grades at Holdenville. Shirley received his bachelor's degree from East Central State at Ada.

Lieut. Paul L. Babka, '55bs, Tulsa, graduated this fall from the Army's basic infantry officers course at Fort Benning, Georgia.

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Marine Lieut. Edward L. Apple, '55ba, Tulsa, has graduated from the Naval Pre-Flight School at Pensacola, Florida. Lieutent Apple is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

William E. Fennster, '55eng, is now employed by the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company as a junior petroleum engineer in the company's Odessa, Texas, producing department.

Miss Betty Dahlgreen, '55ba, Oklahoma City, is now the field director of the Sowela Council of Camp Fire Girls at Lake Charles, Louisiana. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority at O. U.

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