Oklahomans at Home and Abroad

Soonerland in Brief

Capt. Jerome J. Waters, polo coach and assistant professor of military science, has completed examinations required for promotion to the rank of major. Action on the appointment is expected within the next two months.

Addie Lee Davis, '34ta, McAlester, was selected R. O. T. C. honorary colonel at the Scabbard and Blade ball in the Oklahoma Union. She is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Only two students were suspended automatically from the University when the nine-weeks grade report was issued in November. At the same period last year, fifty-two were suspended. The grade report was the highest ever shown at the University.

The class marks also showed that women made better grades than the men. Women students living at home or with relatives were the poorest scholastically, the report indicated.

A divan was ruined and foyer walls smoked up by a midnight fire in the Oklahoma Union. Since the Union is locked at 11 o'clock each night, the source of the conflagration is still a mystery.

Floyd Lochner, blonde sophomore harrier of Alva, won a 42-pound turkey gobbler in a Thanksgiving day cross-country race. The bird was offered as a prize by Clifford Maple, '22as, Oklahoma City, former Sooner track star.

Three Sooner faculty members in one week advocated drastic revisions of state and local police systems in the different addresses, two of them on the campus and one at Shawnee. The speakers were Dr. Lloyd A. Wright, Dr. J. J. Rhynie and Dr. Royden Dangerfield, professors of law, sociology and government, respectively.

A two-day short course for amateur radio operators was held for the first time on the campus. Fifty amateur operators from all parts of the state attended the meeting.

Three nineteen-year-old alumni are working toward masters' degrees they plan to get in June. They are Dan Jones, '33as, Collinsville; Hugh Comfort, '33as, Norman; and Jalasca Fuston, Bokchito.

The bell clapper which is kept annually by the winner of the Sooner-Aggie game remained at Aggieland following the Thanksgiving game. The Aggies, following their victory, rushed it back to Stillwater under heavy guard.

A criticism of the "brand" of pep demonstrated by Aggie fans at the Sooner-Aggie game was made editorially by Editor John Fortson in the Oklahoma Daily. "When Cason was carried off the field an Aggie fan bellowed, 'that's the way I like to see them come off,'" Fortson wrote. "But when Ploughboy Hall limped off, it was those 'Sooner dogs playing dirty ball.'"

A new fraternity rush plan has been voted down by the interfraternity council on the grounds that it is merely "the old system without any fundamental changes." Willis Stark, '34law, leader of the opposition, has demanded an entirely new rush code, while Albert Kulp, '34law, Norman, champion of the proposed plan contends enough changes have been made.

Six women students have been initiated to Alpha Lambda Delta, national scholastic fraternity for freshmen women. All of the six are sophomores and were initiated on grades made last year. They are Betty Hume, (daughter of C. Ross Hume, '98, member of the first class graduated by the University of Oklahoma) Anadarko; Mrs. Lillian Brutsche, Norman; Margaret Hurst, Frederick; Rosemary Hudson, Tuttle; Evelyn Gray and Edna Mae Paul, both of Oklahoma City.

Charles Ted, '34bus, former Sooner football star, has opened a class for boxers at the University.

Action on the broadcasting of Big Six football games was postponed at a meeting of Big Six officials in December. Athletic directors disagreed on the question, three favoring radio broadcasts and three opposing. Ben Owen, Sooner director, voted to allow radio reports from the games.

Three Alumnae Have Offices

Three Sooner alumnae hold offices in the University Women's club in Guthrie during the current year.

Mrs. Elizabeth Buckeridge McGuire, '25as, is president of the group. Mary E. Barnes Sessions, '26as, is vice-president, and Miss Eta Hikes, '22as, is second vice-president.

When You're in New York—

Oklahoma alumni have been offered the facilities of the Western Universities club, 500 Fifth avenue, as a headquart-
ers during their visits to New York City.
Ivan G. Richardson, '17as, in a letter to Frank S. Clecker, Sooner alumni secretary, announced: “I have made arrangements to extend courtesy cards to all Oklahoma alumni who wish to use the facilities of this very interesting club.”

The Western University club has recently acquired more elaborate quarters on the fifty-sixth, fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth floors at 500 Fifth avenue. Addresses of Sooner alumni living in New York City are on file at the New York club. Oklahomans visiting New York are invited to have their mail forwarded to the club.

Sooner Journalists at Carlsbad
Edwin S. Kerrigan, '23as, prominent in the Oklahoma League of Young Democrats and in state newspaper work, has become owner of the Carlsbad, New Mexico, Daily Current-Argus.

In rounding out a staff for his paper, Kerrigan selected Ervin Lewis, '23as, to take care of repororial and editing duties. Kerrigan was business manager of the Oklahoma Daily during his undergraduate days and Lewis was managing editor and conducted a humor column in the student paper last year.

Sooner Key Lost in Shipwreck
Not many of the Argentines down in Buenos Aires may know what a Sigma Gamma Epsilon key is, but nevertheless George Severson, '25as, is anxious to wear one on his watch chain.

He lost his key of the national honorary geological fraternity in a shipwreck off the coast of Argentina recently and wrote to Dr. V. E. Monnett, '12as, director of the University school of geology, to order him another.

St. Lewis in New Firm
Roy St. Lewis, '13ex, formerly United States district attorney of the western district of Oklahoma and until recently assistant attorney general in charge of the civil division, has become a member of the new law firm, Long, St. Lewis and Nyce with offices in the National Press building at Washington, D.C.

The firm which previously was Long, Chamberlain and Nyce gives special attention to federal tax, oil and gas matters and cases before the federal courts and supreme court of the United States.

Mitchell Bags a Deer
Jimmy Hopkins in his Oklahoma News sports column tells how K. D. Mitchell, '25law, Oklahoma City, one of the few state hunters to bring down a deer during the recent open season, went hunting and ended up by seeing the football team of a Sooner alumnus play a game.

"One of the city hunters who got his deer during the recent five-day open season was K. D. Mitchell, local attorney. Mitchell and Frank Kitzinger entered the woods the opening day but it was not until the last day that either sighted a buck. Mitchell brought it down, a fine 12-pointer. It was killed about 20 miles north of Valliant.

"Mitchell, who likes his golf and football, as well as his hunting, took Friday off from his hunting expedition to go into Valliant for a football game. Granny Norris, ('29as), former O. U. great, is coaching the Valliant team."

Rhodes Eliminations
Four University students and one alumnus will compete against eight other Oklahoma students in state Rhodes scholarship eliminations January 2 at the Biltmore hotel in Oklahoma City.

George McGehee, '33as, now employed by the Continental Oil company at Port O'Connor, Texas, was one of the five Sooner students selected. The other four were Earl Speed, of Tulsa, Sam Minsky, of Sapulpa, and Hugh Comfort and Beryl Ward, both of Norman.

Two selected in state competition will go against students from five other states later in January, two of the dozen to get Oxford appointments.

Shall Ye Be Known
The success of a university is best judged by the conduct and accomplishments of its alumni, James F. Findlay, University dean of men, told members of the American Association of University Professors meeting on the campus. The Sooner dean said that a university was most important as a character builder and that the success of a university’s program could not be judged fairly until students left school and went into the business world. “Then, by the acts of its alumni can a university be judged,” he said.

Thrislls Canadian Audiences
Genevieve Douglass Taliaferro, '21ex, won wide acclaim this fall in the role of Charlotte in Massenet’s "Werther" when it was presented in Montreal, Canada.

The wife of Charles Taliaferro, '21ex, until recently lived in Oklahoma City where she was prominent in musical circles. Moving to New York City she has been active in operatic presentations previous to her successful portrayal of the role of Charlotte.

The Montreal Daily Star in its review of "Werther" said of Mrs. Taliaferro: "Genevieve Taliaferro, svelte and beautiful, imparted to the somewhat colorless leading role a charm and convincingness which only the accomplished artist can convey. Her scene with the children in the first act was a vivid and sparkling performance. Also in act three, drenched as it is with the sentimentalism of Goethe, her singing was virile and colorful, imparting to the scene of actuality, and of the dramatic as well."

Centenary Eleven to Open Here
Centenary’s powerful football team will ring up the 1934 football curtain at Soonerland with an intersectional classic against Coach Lewie Hardage’s Oklahomans.

The strong Shreveport, Louisiana, eleven was booked to fill the date, October 6, Vanderbilt was unable to play against the Sooners. The addition of Centenary to the Sooner schedule gives the Oklahomans a nationally known opponent.

Under a relaxation of Big Six rules, the Sooners may schedule a tenth game with the approval of conference representatives. The schedule now includes Centenary, George Washington, Texas, Oklahoma Aggies, Nebraska, Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri and Iowa State.

Wooten On Athletic Council
Henry H. Wooten, '21as, Chickasha, nominated by the alumni executive board, was selected by Dr. W. B. Bizzell as an alumni member of the athletic council during the past month.

Wooten will fill the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Glenn C. Clark, '13as, Ponca City, who was selected last spring but was forced to resign on account of the pressure of personal business.

Ernest Sharpe in London
The London dramatic critic for the New York Times was impressed with the work of Erik Rhodes (Ernest Sharpe, '27as) in the musical comedy, “Gay Divorce,” when it opened this fall in the English capital.

“Erik Rhodes is a baritone with as nice a sense of humor as of melody,” the critic wrote.

Rhodes, who was known as Ernest Sharpe when he attended the University, was outstanding in Playhouse productions, especially those directed by Miss Ida Z. Kirk.

Riggs’ Work Broadcast
Lynn Riggs’ “Knives from Syria” was broadcast recently by the National Broadcasting company from Chicago in honor of the opening of a new transmitting station KVOO. Riggs, '23ex, went east recently after spending several months in California.

University Organizer Dies
Rev. Duncan McRuer, organizer of community institutes for the University
extension division from 1921 to 1930, died December 10 at an Oklahoma City hospital after a brief illness.

Rev. McRuer, who was a Presbyterian Indian missionary at Pauls Valley before statehood, did a fine piece of work in the community field during the period of his connection with the University. A record of the many institutions he was responsible for and notes on his work in state communities is included in a huge scrapbook which has been donated to the University library. His daughter, Esther McRuer, was graduated from the University in 1922.

**Versatile Alumna**

Author of a half dozen books on the home and children, national vice-president of the Peawomen's club and one of the few Oklahoma women in "Who's Who" is Maude Calvert, '20 M.S., Oklahoma City.

As the mother of three young daughters, Anne, eight years old, Betty, five years old, and Maude Richman, two years old, the versatile young mother has a home laboratory for the study of children she writes so well about.

In a recent character sketch in the Oklahoma City Times, Virginia Nelson, '29, has written about Mrs. Calvert: "Mrs. Calvert carries on an amazing number of activities outside the home, but they are not the haphazard, hurried activities of a professional 'joiner,' nor is she the traditional 'clubwoman' type who dashes about in mad frenzy of speech-making and tea drinking without knowing what it is all about.

"All of her activities are an outgrowth of her tremendous interest in the home and the child, and an interest which started back when she was an home economics teacher, later state supervisor of home economics, and originator of the present system of home economics education work in the state."

**Coordinating Charter Blocked**

The ruling of Attorney General J. Berry King that the coordinating board of the "Greater University of Oklahoma" could not assess students a fee of fifty cents to maintain the board has delayed granting of a charter for "The Greater University."

King ruled the charter would be invalid on account of the section calling for the assessment. Reford Bond, board chairman, said another meeting of the board would be called to consider altering the charter. He said that the group would be able to operate on donations even if the fee could not be collected.

**Furrow Granted Degree**

Clarence Lee Furrow, '21 as, '22 M.A., assistant professor of biology at Knox college, Galesburg, Illinois, has been awarded his Ph. D. degree at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

His work was done in embryology, cytology and physiology. He did one year of research work at Princeton university and one year at the University of Illinois toward the degree. He taught at the University of Kansas and Nebraska State Teachers' college previous to taking the position at Knox college.

**John Michael Devine Dies**

Taken ill while visiting relatives at a Thanksgiving reunion in Oklahoma City, John Michael Devine, '24 eng, died after a short sickness.

He was associate petroleum engineer for the United States Bureau of Mines at Bartlesville since his graduation from the University. Prominent in University activities, Devine was a member of Sigma Tau, honorary fraternity for engineers, and Toga, inter-college honorary.

As an expert in the field of petroleum chemistry, he had written several government pamphlets on the corrosion of oil field equipment and other phases of that field.

**SOONER ROLL CALL**

**Marriages**

Devers-Reed: Miss Maxine Devers, '33 ex, and Ralph Reed, '33 Ph.C., November 27. Home, 822 Cruce Street, Norman.

Genevieve Douglass Taliaferro, '21 ex, until recently of Oklahoma City, was an immediate success in the eyes of Canadian opera lovers early this winter when she sang a part in Massenet's "Werther" in Montreal. Mrs. Taliaferro who, with her husband, Charles Taliaferro, '21 ex, moved to New York City recently studied voice at the University during her undergraduate days.

WELLS-JONES: Miss Ruth Wells, '32ex, and Talmage Jones, Jr., '35, October 7. Home, 1221 North Francis Avenue, Oklahoma City.

HOLMES-BOGGESS: Miss Jessica Holmes, and Ralph Boggess, '30ex, December 2, at Fairfax. Home, 3320 North Robinson Avenue, Oklahoma City.


POUNDS-POH: Miss Louise Pounds, '31ex, and Haskell Pugh, November 10 in Ardmore. Acacia. Home, Anadarko.

JORDAN-BRADLEY: Miss Beatrice Eleanor Jordan, '26as, and Howard Eugene Bradley, '26ex, November 18. Pi Beta Phi-Sigma Chi. Home, 2115 Glen Ellyn Place, Oklahoma City.


HADDEN-IVINS: Miss Mildred Hadley and Otis Bivens, '28ex, November 1, Home, Ponca City.

KILLER-MCGUIRE: Miss Lorraine Killeen and Willard Chad McKnight, '33as, November 11. Home, Enid.

Coffield-Leinster: Miss Mary Elizabeth Coffield, '32as, and Phil J. Leinster, Jr., '31 eng, December 2 in McAlester. Kappa Kappa...
A plan for employing college and university graduates of the state to do clerical and research work in University offices and laboratories is being worked out by the University graduate council under the supervision of Dr. A. O. Weese. Holding the belief that CWA employees can be of much greater advantage, more advantageously in positions that allow them to use educational training, the graduate council is making a survey of the campus to discover the demand for skilled and semi-skilled technicians.

Already J. L. Rader, 81as, 13M.A., University librarian, has been asked by Carl Giles, 83ex, state administrator, to state how many librarians and clerical assistants he can use in the library. Other departments will be granted research and clerical assistants if the graduate council plan is given approval. A similar project already is in operation at the University of Wisconsin.

The request for federal aid to complete the Oklahoma Union is still under consideration at Washington, D. C., having been given approval of state officials. Another plan for the construction of a swimming pool also is being considered. The construction of an Indian center of culture on the University campus is another of the projects which has been proposed and awaits sanction.

Students who are residents of the University county are being allowed to work on the CWA projects under a ruling handed down by George Massey, 83law, legal advisor to Giles. The cost of paving the two streets, building the seven stretches of sidewalks and painting the buildings will be $42,000, of which the University will furnish one-third.

Prof. N. E. Wolfard has been appointed representative of the Coast and Geodetic Survey branch of the CWA in Oklahoma. Approximately three hundred men will be put to work in the field doing control survey work. A great part of the employment will be available in the western section of the state.

Dr. W. B. Bizzell spent six days in Washington, D. C., late in November conferring with federal officials about proposed work on the campus.