**Death Takes Mascot**

Brandy is dead!

Blindness, arthritis and other afflictions of old age were too much for the handsome Southwestern mascot to overcome, and he was mercifully put to sleep on Tuesday, Aug. 29.

Ted Linville, former Southwestern athlete who retired last spring as manager of the Memorial Student Center Snack Bar, had been Brandy's owner the past seven years.

"Whether to have him put to sleep was the hardest decision I've ever had to make," Linville said. "But two veterinarians told me there was no hope of his ever getting better, and I didn't want him to suffer any longer."

The English bulldog was 13 years old and had been the college mascot since his puppyhood. He seldom missed an athletic event, and his hoarse, friendly bark had become a traditional sound on the campus.

Dr. Dayton Royse, Oklahoma City physician and Southwestern alumnus, gave Brandy to Linville in 1965.

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**Oct. 21 Homecoming Day!**

Homecoming is just around the corner! And the theme is "Reflections of the Future Past."

Two days of festivities open with the Homecoming Assembly at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20, and all alumni and their families should consider this edition of Echoes a special invitation to attend.

The parade, luncheons, meetings, football game, dance and other events continue through Saturday night.

Principal speaker for the Friday morning gathering in the college gymnasium will be Rev. Bobby Sunderland (BA, '59), former Southwestern debating great and now pastor of the First Baptist Church in Alva.

Highlight of the assembly will be the crowning of the 1972 Homecoming queen, whose identity is to remain a closely guarded secret up to that point.

While thousands of persons from all across the United States are expected to begin streaming into Weatherford on Friday, most major happenings are planned the following day.

Several high school and junior high bands have accepted invitations to participate, along with the college's "Pride of the Southwest" 200-plus-member band, in the Homecoming Parade at 10 a.m. Saturday on the Main Street of Weatherford. There'll be numerous floats and other entries, too, representing the college, city, public schools and civic and political organizations.

The Former Students Association meets at noon for its reunion and election of officers in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom. Tickets will be on sale in downtown Weatherford during the morning.

Also meeting at noon will be the Thirty-Year Club, which has scheduled its luncheon at the Kendall House, new motel-restaurant-convention center at the city's west edge. Ernest Kendall, a 1928 Southwestern graduate who spent 40 years in the Washington, D.C., area before returning to Weatherford in 1971, founded Kendall House.

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**Dr. Freer Examines Education in Russia**

Increased emphasis is being placed upon education in the Soviet Union, according to a Southwestern graduate who spent 10 days in that Communist country.

Dr. Imogene Freer, for the past 14 years chairman of the developmental reading department at Odessa, Tex., College, reported after her return from Russia that the Communist leaders "are putting their faith in education as the key to improving their country."

One contrast to the United States' educational system that Dr. Freer discovered was the absence of any type of special classes for emotionally disturbed children. But there are special education classes for the handicapped.

**Back From Mexico**

Gary and Mariene (Clausen) Leddy, both 1968 SWSC graduates, returned in August from San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, where they attended the Institute Allende.

During the past summer Leddy completed his master of fine arts degree in painting and also studied sculpture at the Bellas Artes in Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Leddy are teaching again this year at Chickasha.

Another difference the professor found was the general attitude of the students.

"In the Soviet Union, the students are much more serious," she noted. "It upsets me because the young people in our country are not more serious, but, then, the Russians need to learn to have more fun, too."

After a Russian student completes the 10 required years of schooling, he is given stiff examinations to determine whether he should be allowed to outline his studies—either in a university or technical-vocational school.

Dr. Freer said that teachers in the Soviet Union are the most highly regarded professionals, and that the profession is more respected than medicine or law.

Both Dr. Freer and her husband, Sherman, were on the tour of Russia, sponsored by Delta Kappa Gamma and Kappa Delta Pi, honorary organizations for teachers.

She graduated from Southwestern in 1944 and her husband in 1950. They then earned master of teaching degrees from Oklahoma State University, and Dr. Freer received her doctor of philosophy degree from Michigan State University.

**Henrietta Whiteman Now at Montana U**

The University of Montana has announced the appointment of Henrietta Verle Whiteman, former lecturer/coordinator for native American studies at the University of California, Berkeley, as director of the Indian studies department.

A native of Clinton who obtained her bachelor of arts degree from Southwestern in 1954, Mrs. Whiteman is a member of the Cheyenne-Arapaho tribes. She earned a master of arts degree from Oklahoma State University.

"Henrietta Whiteman brings to the Missoula campus a fresh, new perspective with regard to native American Indian studies," said Richard A. Solbert, dean of the UM College of Arts and Sciences.

"She has gained national prominence and recognition for her work and comes to us with the highest recommendations. While she has personal ties with many of the reservations in Montana, her experiences in such places as California and Oklahoma provide us with the opportunity to be much more cosmopolitan than we have in the past."

Mrs. Whiteman was one of the first women elected to the governing body of the Cheyenne-Arapaho tribes, and in 1967 she helped author federal legislation which provided for the distribution of a $15-million judgment fund award to the two combined tribes.

She has served as a teacher, lecturer and coordinator for native American studies at several high schools and universities in Oklahoma and California.

She and her husband, Alfred, reside with their four children in Lolo, Mont.

**Klaassen Promoted By Insurance Firm**

Denver J. Klaassen, a 1957 graduate of Southwestern, has been appointed by the Manufacturers Life Insurance Co., as branch manager for the state of Oklahoma.

A native of Corn, Klaassen is a former principal of Sentinel High School, taught three years in Wichita, Kans., and was founding principal of Heritage High School in Anaheim, Calif., from 1964 until 1968, when he began working for the insurance company.

He is married to the former Pearl Reimer of Cordell. They are parents of 2 children—Carrie, 13, and Leslie, 9.

The Klaassens have established residence in Oklahoma City.
Oklahoma Governor Chooses Richardson As Task Force Head

Robert E. Lee Richardson ('BA, '56) is head of a special task force to monitor state spending in Oklahoma.

His appointment to the post was announced in August by Gov. David Hall, who ordered the special group to examine the books of every state agency and to look at "all types of state and federal spending."

Assisting Richardson will be a certified public accountant, an assistant and a secretary. Ex-officio task force members include Gov. Hall; James Hamilton, State Senate president; Bill Willis, speaker of the Oklahoma House, and chairmen of legislative committees which oversee the areas of Richardson's investigations.

During this special duty, Richardson is on a leave of absence from his position as professor and assistant dean of the University of Oklahoma Law School.

Born in Thomas, Richardson graduated from Weatherford High School and earned his law degree from OU. He was Custer County representative in the Legislature for one term, 1958-60.

He holds a master's degree in law from the Georgetown Law Center, Washington, D.C., and served two years as an assistant counsel for a U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee on interstate and foreign commerce.

Richardson joined the OU Law School faculty as an assistant professor and acting assistant dean in 1964. A year later he became permanent assistant dean.

KELLEY'S JEWELRY in Weatherford is a real family affair. Founded by F.L. (left), the firm is now owned by David (right). But F.L. and wife, Dona, continue to assist their son in operating the thriving business. David and his mother are graduates and F.L. is a former student of Southwestern.

Father, Son Careers Parallel

When David Kelley, life-long resident of Weatherford and a 1957 graduate of Southwestern State College, was appointed last August to the state board of the Oklahoma Retail Jewelers Association, he took another step paralleling the professional career of his father, F.L. Kelley.

The elder Kelley has been associated with the state board 38 years, most recently as a member of the advisory board. During those years he was twice elected president.

A native of western Oklahoma, F.L. Kelley grew up in Beckham County. He attended Southwestern State Teachers College during the 1923 and 1924 summer sessions before enrolling in the Bradley Tech School of Watchmaking at Peoria, Ill., completing his training there in 1927.

He was back in Weatherford for a time in 1929 as an employee of Dr. R.C. Everts, early-day jeweler, but it was his fourth and final return in 1931 that saw the beginning of a highly successful career.

This time Kelley arrived with only his tools and work bench and set up operations in the old Varsity Shop at the intersection of Custer and Main in the building now occupied by Weatherford Auto Supply.

MARRIED IN 1930

In 1930 he married Miss Dona Marshall, assistant librarian at Southwestern. Miss Marshall had been a student employee in the Library while earning a degree conferred in 1929. When a new library building--now the home of the college art department--was completed in 1929, she helped make the move and had a big part in setting up a cataloging system.

Her mother, the late Mrs. Myrtle Marshall, widowed at the age of 32, had moved to Weatherford in 1913 in order to educate her five children. Typical of so many early residents who laid the foundation for modern-day Weatherford, she worked long hours, in later years as a seamstress, to achieve her goal.

"Mama," Mrs. Kelley remembers, "was always a Baptist first and then a Democrat, but she was always tolerant of other people's religious and political beliefs."

After her children were old enough to attend school in 1941 Mrs. Kelley became actively associated with her husband's business.

But it wasn't until 1964 that any of the Kelley children became involved--or showed any interest--in carrying on the family business.

David Kelley had graduated from Weatherford High School in 1953 and had attended the University of Oklahoma one year as a pre-engineering student. At the end of that year he decided that engineering was not for him and informed his parents he would like to follow his father's vocation.

"Dona and I were beginning to wonder just who we would sell out to," F.L. recalls.

The next three years provided no bed of roses for David. By attending summer sessions he earned a bachelor of science degree in business while attending academic classes on a halftime basis.

Other half-days were spent in the Southwestern State School of Watchmaking learning his trade and getting practical experience in the downtown store.

L.M. Lewis of Weatherford, then dean of the Watchmaking School, says of young Kelley: "He was a very good, hard-working student and developed into a fine craftsman."

David Kelley bought out the

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That fall he enrolled at the University of Oklahoma but ‘decided I was too “country” for all those people and returned to Lone Wolf.’

Kelley

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business in 1965 and has been sole owner since.

One clause of the contract provides that his father retains his bench and “has the privilege of working there when he wants to.”

David is married to a Southwestern classmate, the former Kay Kimmie of Altus. They have three children—Kristen, 11; Stephanie, 9, and Kurt, 7.

His twin brother, Don, a 1958 Southwestern graduate with a bachelor of science degree in business, is vice-president of the First National Bank in Weatherford and is married to the former Edwonna Ward, now a teacher in Weatherford High School. Their children are Mike, 16; Tracy, 15; Paul, 13, and Fat, 12.

The Kelley daughter, Pat, also a former Southwestern student, is the wife of Dr. L. V. Baker Jr. of Elk City. Children are Randy, 20, and Karen, 10.

Davis Record Remarkable

When Leroy Hopkins, Bulldog tackle, talked Bill Davis, his fellow townsman from Lone Wolf, into visiting the college campus in September, 1950, he was indirectly responsible for the beginning of one of the finest athletic and scholarly careers in the history of Southwestern.

Keith Ranspot, football coach, looked the rawboned 18-year-old over and asked if he wanted to play football. Davis certainly did and after a tryout was given a board, room and tuition scholarship.

The Bulldogs had already played one game and went on to win the Collegiate Conference championship that fall. Most of Davis’ teammates were war veterans or older men. They included such standouts as the Ware brothers, Raymond, Bill and Jack; Howard Palmer at 32 the “old man” of the team who was to become an All-Conference linesman, and speed merchant Alva Hawkins.

Davis, a Kiowa County farm boy, had graduated as salutatorian and a four-sport letterman, of the Lone Wolf senior class in the spring of 1950. That fall he enrolled at the University of Oklahoma but ‘decided I was too “country” for all those people and returned to Lone Wolf.’

His athletic achievements at Southwestern rank among the greatest in Bulldog annals.

Playing under three head coaches—Ranspot, Bill Whiteside and Joe Bailey Metcalf—he was named an All-Conference end in 1951, 1952 and 1953.

In Basketball, too.

He was an All-Conference forward in 1953 and 1954 and was placed on the Helms Foundation Basketball All-American Team in 1954.

Davis was a starter on one of Rankin Williams’ greatest basketball teams in 1952-53, playing with Jerry Doyle, Travis Flippen, Harold Nipper, Walter Montgomery and Lloyd Howeth. They placed third in the conference championship and won a three-game playoff series and went to the national NAIA Tournament at Kansas City.

His performances in track, then a neglected sport at Southwestern, were glittering, too. In 1953 he competed in the conference meet in five events— broad jump, high jump, discus, 440 and 880—placing in four of them during “the most exhausting day of my life.”

A year later and with two bad knees, he was limited to the high jump but still managed to set a Collegiate Conference record of 6-4-1/2 that stood until 1964. His best practice jump on the grass of Milam Stadium had been 6-8-3/4.

There was no easy road to Davis’ accomplishments.

He was not a picture athlete, compensating for lack of smoothness with mental and physical toughness and raw courage. He likes to remember that Bob Williams, the coach’s son and another fine Southwestern athlete just ahead of that era, once told him: “When you were a freshman you really impressed me in practice. You undoubtedly looked like the worst college basketball player I had ever seen.”

YARDS OF TAPE

During his junior and senior seasons on the court when he was earning conference and All-American honors, Davis, with yards of tape on shoulder, ribs and knees, most often resembled a fugitive from a hospital emergency room.

Once only did he give up and that was during his freshman year. Discouraged, he decided to leave Southwestern. But when he arrived at his parent’s farm home, Whiteside, then assistant coach, was sitting there waiting for him.

“He didn’t let me set my suitcase down and drove me back to Weatherford. I didn’t think so much of it at the time but in years since have been very grateful for what he did for me that day,” Davis recalls.

He stayed at Southwestern to graduate with a bachelor’s degree in biology in 1954, added a master of teaching in 1957 and taught and coached eight years at El Reno before entering graduate study at Oklahoma State University in 1963. In 1986 he completed requirements for a doctor of philosophy degree in biology with a grade-point average of 3.95 for 100 graduate hours.

For the past six years he has been a member of both undergraduate and graduate biology faculties at Louisiana Tech University at Ruston, now with the rank of associate professor. He is water pollution consultant for Continental Can Co., having received grants from them for the past four years, and is involved in a $40,000 a year grant from the federal Water Quality Administration to train personnel in water quality work.

“If you can imagine anybody from Lone Wolf being an expert on water quality!” he gulps.

WRITER, SPEAKER

In addition to his teaching and research assignments at Ruston, Dr. Davis has presented technical papers at national meetings, has had several papers published in national journals and is a frequent speaker before civic clubs on environmental problems.

“Certainly,” he says, “the six years I have taught here have produced more changes on college campuses than at any other time in the history of higher education.

“Many changes I do not agree with...many I do, but I think I can get along good by working within and among student groups than by completely divorcing myself from the young people as so many have.”

Dr. Davis’ rise in his professional life had as many roadblocks, perhaps more, than he had to overcome in his athletic career.

When he enrolled at Southwestern in 1950 his worldly possessions consisted of one pair of well-worn shoes, a half-dozen T-shirts, three pairs of jeans that had seen their best days—no dress trousers, no white shirts, no suits—and about $5 in money with no immediate prospects for more.

The first time he went to the college cafeteria, the manager told young Davis he wasn’t properly dressed, that his shirt had too many holes in it. What the manager didn’t know was that he was wearing the best clean T-shirt he owned.

GAS FIRM EMPLOYEE

In 1951 he was employed by Consolidated Gas—now a part of Arkla—working on their field crews during the summer and sweeping out their Weatherford offices during school months.

He usually walked down from the campus at 4:30 a.m. for an hour and a half doing the sweeping chore, then went around the corner to Ted Linville’s lunchroom to get a cup of coffee before starting the cold walk back up The Hill.

There were early-bird gatherings at Ted’s place and the college student formed strong friendships with downtown business and professional people, ties that have endured through the years.

One of the members of those early morning sessions, Isadore Schiff, says, “Nobody but Bill Davis could have faced the odds against him and accomplished everything he has.”

Bill Davis’ fierce pride on the gridiron and the basketball court carried over into his campus life. He was consistently on the dean’s honor roll while competing. (See DAVIS, Page 5)
**About Alumni**

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Pharmacy intern Merlin Ernest Rose (BSPh) receives his mail at 704 N. Wells, Pampa, Tex.

Henry L. Roberts (BSPh) is a pharmacist in Durant. His mailing address is Town and Country Village, D-55.

Science instructor in the eighth grade in Elk City is Barbara Jean Scott Redd (BSE). Her address is Rt. 3, Box 177, Elk City.

Larry Burton Young Jr. (BSPh) is an intern pharmacist. He lives at 2108 Laurel, Joplin, Mo.

Working as a Raff and Hall pharmacist is Harold D. Raburn (BSPh). He receives his mail at 5104 47th, Lubbock, Tex.

Henry L. Roberts (BSPh) is a pharmacist in Durant. His mailing address is Town and Country Village.

Larry Denis Ralph (BSPh) is employed as a pharmacist and lives at 305 N. Cedar, Commerce.

Employed as a pharmacist at Gibson's in El Paso, Tex., is David Lynn Shaw (BSPh). His home address is 1139 Terrace Circle, Andrews, Tex.

Durant is the present home of Donald Ray Ritter (BSPh). Ritter is employed by Gibson's Pharmacy. He resides at 402 W. Maple, Durant.

Franz Superintendent Of Eakly Schools

Albert R. Franz (BS,'56; MED, '64) is the new superintendent of schools at Eakly, succeeding Mike Dwyer, who resigned during the summer to accept the superintendency at Grandfield.

Franz had been high school principal at Sentinel for the past five years.

A native of Corn, Franz was an outstanding high school athlete who attended Southwestern briefly before serving in the armed forces during the second World War. He was a member of the Corn school board when he returned to the campus in the 1950s to resume his college work.

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He reached his next summit, a college teaching job.

"My family is growing up," he writes, "and hopefully we are providing training to enable them to make their way in a troubled world."

"Faye (a 1953 Southwestern graduate) is still the stabilizing force around the house. "Joe Bill, a 16-year-old junior, is 6-1 and 195, plays football, stronger than I am but doesn't know it yet. Is an excellent student in the 98 percentile of National Merit Scholarship Tests... Tommy, a freshman, 6-1, 125, plays basketball... the girls, Karen, 13, and Shella, 11, are top students."

PROUD OF TEAMMATES

The Davises' address is Rt. 5, Box 141, Ruston, La. 71270.

Dr. Davis is proud of the achievements of old Bulldog teammates, now outstanding educators such as Dr. Leroy Hipkins of Joliet, Ill.; Dr. Warren Nell, Artesia, N.M.; Jerry Doyle, Moore, and Gerald Chesney, Shawnee.

He has great admiration for Orval Bowman, Lawton, and Nell, who played in the first football games they ever saw as freshmen at Southwestern.

Mistakes always weighed heavily on the mind of the proud athlete. The football play he remembers most vividly? "The perfect pass John Buck threw me that I dropped in the end zone and Northeastern beat us 6 to 0."

Some of the people who had an impact on his life:

"Joe Bailey Metcalfe was a fine man and a great football coach. I really felt sorry for him when he abandoned his double-wing formation for the split-T. He said, 'It looks like you could lose them all with the T-formation but you'd better not lose any with the double-wing.' I have nothing but respect for him as a man and as a coach.

"Rankin Williams was a kind and courteous man. I appreciate everything he has done for me over the years.

"At El Reno I was assistant basketball coach to Jenks Simmons six years. It would be superfluous for me to tell you what a great coach he was. He could take five boys that most coaches wouldn't check out a pair of shoes to and win with them."
**Southwestern Is Second to None**

"The quality of education at Southwestern State College is now second to none in the nation."

That is the stated opinion of a man who has been close to the school 25 years—R.H. Burton, president emeritus.

"Southwestern is a different institution today from the one I left 12 years ago," the former president said, "a tribute to its present great administration and fine faculty.

"Most impressive is the wonderful equipment throughout the entire school and particularly in my favorite School of Pharmacy. No school of pharmacy in the nation surpasses the one at Southwestern. Its progress is amazing, not only in equipment but in updating its curriculum."

One of only three living former presidents of Southwestern, Burton, while high in his praise of the present administration and faculty and inclined to downplay his own contributions, has a remarkable record as a college administrator.

He has the longest tenure of any Southwestern president (1945-1960), but reminds us that "Dr. Al Harris will also have 15 years up there before he retires."

He is the only former president to make his home in Weatherford following retirement. With his wife Miriam he lives at 513 Maple.

9 YEARS AWAY

The return to Weatherford came nine years after he left his college post. During that interval Mrs. Burton taught English in Northwest Classen High School in Oklahoma City before her own retirement from the profession.

The last five and a half years in Oklahoma City involved Burton's public relations employment with Goodwill industries. "That was one of the best things I ever did," he says of his work with handicapped people. "Those people," he added, "are among the greatest on earth. One of my most treasured possessions is a cigarette lighter they pooled their money to buy.

"Engraved on the lighter are the words 'To R.H. Burton, wishing him well through eternity.'"

The Burtons returned to Weatherford in September, 1969. "It's wonderful to be living here and watching with pride the growth and improvement of a great institution that means so much to both of us," they say.

AT LOW EBB

The college...it was Southwestern Institute of Technology then...was at a low ebb in the summer of 1945 when Harold Burton resigned as superintendent of schools at Idaho to accept the presidency.

The boom of World War veterans wasn't in full swing yet, qualified faculty personnel were hard to come by and there was little money to make do with.

The college was totally unaccredited and the School of Pharmacy staff consisted of only two teachers.

"The development of the School of Pharmacy from its beginning with 18 students in 1939 is a great story," he recalls. "For years it was a fight for survival led by such men as the late Albert Eaton of Weatherford and Bert Brundage of Thomas and by Clyde Miller, one of the first graduates, in later years.

"The turning point came with the hiring of the late Walter D. Strother from the University of Georgia as dean in 1949."

"Dr. Robert C. Wilson, who had been dean of the University of Georgia School of Pharmacy 30 years, accompanied Dean Strother to Southwestern and stayed a year to help set up the program. The first faculty member hired under the new dean was Dr. Charles Schwartz, who is still on the staff.

"They did their work well and by 1952 the school was fully accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education."

Southwestern Institute of Technology by an act of the Oklahoma legislature was renamed Southwestern State College and was accredited on the undergraduate level in 1949 by the North Central Association for the first time in two decades.

MASTER'S PROGRAM

Next came the beginning of the master of teaching...now master of education...degree program in the six state colleges and its ultimate North Central accreditation in 1960.

"That accreditation," Burton says, "was the big thrill of my time at Southwestern...almost like a miracle.

"I look forward to the time when Southwestern, because of its phenomenal growth and high standards, will offer doctoral degrees in education.

"The way that great school is progressing, I believe there is no question about that goal being reached. After all, the quality of education at Southwestern is second to none in the nation."

There was physical growth during the Burton administration, too. Outstanding were the construction of the Education and Health and Physical Education Buildings and of the Memorial Student Center, later to be twice enlarged.

"I can't take the credit for everything during those 15 years," Burton emphasizes. "The real credit belongs to the fine administrative and teaching personnel that made progress possible.

"And without understanding and encouragement from Mrs. Burton the task would have been much more difficult."

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**WEATHERFORD** is still "home" to the Burtons—R.H., retired Southwestern president, and wife Miriam. Burton stepped down from the college president's position in 1960, but he continues to follow with keen interest—and great pride—the progress of the institution.
Ratcliffe Story, Dating From '25, Tells of Success

From an armful of used textbooks on one shelf of a sandwich shop to one of the two largest school supply and book companies in Oklahoma... that's the success story of Lee Ratcliffe, 1929 graduate of Southwestern State College.

It didn't happen overnight. The humble beginning by a college freshman in 1925 grew to Horatio Alger proportions over a period of 47 years.

During those years Ratcliffe has never been farther than College St. from the Southwestern campus.

A 1925 graduate of East Central's Horace Mann high school, Ratcliffe visited Norman and the University of Oklahoma looking for a school to attend. The university looked too crowded, so he headed on west to Weatherford, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Ratcliffe, owned a sandwich shop just off the Southwestern State Teachers College campus at the southeast corner of College and State.

The campus wasn't much to admire. It was bare of trees and grass. When it rained the mud was deep. The only structures were the present Old Science Building, the Administration Building that burned in 1939, the current President's Home and an old power house located on the site of what is now the Education Building.

The 18-year-old Ratcliffe arrived June 1, 1925, and worked all summer painting the interior of Old Science. He earned 35 cents an hour and saved most of what he earned. Then and through the next year he earned board and room as an employee in his parents' sandwich shop.

70 CENTS A DAY

During his freshman year he earned 70 cents a day sweeping in Old Science. During the fall of 1926 E.F. Ratcliffe built a small brick building in the middle of the same block on College between State and Custer.

Weatherford had no book stores and students began leaving their used texts at the sandwich shop, where shelf space was available. Lee Ratcliffe sold them on a commission basis.

The elder Ratcliffes left Weatherford in September, 1926, selling their shop to Lee for $600.

"I paid $300 down for the building and lot, with the balance due the next spring."

"It wasn't a token note," he says. "I was expected to pay it and I did."

One stipulation in the deal was that Leone Ratcliffe, Lee's sister, would be a full partner in the business. The partnership lasted until 1940, when Ratcliffe bought out his sister's interest.

Mrs. Leone Ratcliffe Presley, a teacher, now lives at 3310 Los Coyote, Long Beach, Calif.

After taking over in 1926 Ratcliffe named the sandwich shop "The Blue Kennel," and it flourished as the campus hangout. The tiny building was jammed when students gathered to hear the World Series or other big doings over a radio.

He credits Chet Alvus, a freshman football player, with the big boost that really put the Blue Kennel into the book business during the 1926-27 school year.

"Chet lived in a rooming house... the house just north of the Federated Church," Ratcliffe recalls. "Used textbooks had piled up there for years. One day he offered the other roomers $5 for all the books in the house.

HANDSOME PROFIT

"They took him up on the deal and his haul filled all the shelves we had. It paid off for Chet, too. After my commission was deducted I paid him $565 in the summer of 1926 and $700 more in January, 1927, with several other smaller payments."

Ratcliffe didn't spend all his time as a student business man. He was a 115-pound wrestler and lettered during his first two years.

"I never made the starting lineup," he said. "There was a real good man at 115 pounds ahead of me. His name was Elmer Cecil, he was a conference champion and I lettered by wrestling when he was sick as we had an easy match."

There were hard times in the Great Depression year of 1929 when Ratcliffe graduated from Southwestern. Jobs were hard

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WADE E. MEDBERY

Maj. Wade E. Medbery of Altus has completed the regular course at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

The 10-month course at the Army's Senior Tactical School prepares students for duty as commanders and as principal general staff officers.

Maj. Medbery entered the Army in February, 1957, and holds the Silver Star, three awards of the Bronze Star Medal, 10 awards of the Air Medal, the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross and two awards of the Army Commendation Medal.

He received his bachelor of science degree in 1956 from Southwestern.

LEWIS D. BALLARD

Now on duty at Lowry Air Force Base, Colo., is Capt. Lewis D. Ballard of Altus. He is a space systems officer with the Aerospace Defense Command which protects the United States against hostile aircraft and missiles.

Before being assigned to Lowry, Capt. Ballard served with an Air Force unit in Woomera, Australia.

The captain, who received his bachelor of science degree from Southwestern in 1957, has completed a tour of duty in Vietnam. His wife is the former Patricia Hall of Hartsville, S. C.

SHELLMAN L. SMITH

Chief Master Sgt. Shellman L. Smith of Ardmore has arrived for duty at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., after serving at Ent AFB, Colo.

The sergeant is a computer systems superintendent. He received his bachelor of arts degree in 1966 from Southwestern and his master of science degree two years later from the University of Southern California.

Sgt. Smith's wife is the former Ruby L. Adams.

DANNY G. VAUGHN

August saw the completion of eight weeks of basic training for Pvt. Danny G. Vaughn of Mangum at the Army Training Center, Fort Polk, La.

A 1972 Southwestern graduate with a bachelor of arts degree, Pvt. Vaughn received his training with Company C of the First Brigade's First Battalion.

His wife, Lynda, lives in Mangum.

MIKE D. McGUIRE

Mike D. McGuire of Reydon recently was commissioned an Army second lieutenant upon graduation from the Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill.

He was awarded his bachelor of science degree in 1971 from Southwestern.

Lt. McGuire's wife, Elizabeth, lived in Lawton during his training.

LARRY D. TROOK

Nine weeks of advanced individual training have been completed by Pvt. Larry D. Trook at the Army Infantry Training Center, Fort Polk, La. His home is in Canton.

Pvt. Trook entered the Army in March, 1972. He received the bachelor of science in pharmacy degree from Southwestern in 1971, and prior to entering the service was employed as a pharmacist in Arkansas City, Kan.

His wife, Karen, lives at 519 E. Kansas in Arkansas City.

RONALD J. HILL

Dr. (Maj.) Ronald J. Hill of Clinton has received training in the N. W. Department Officer Basic Course at the Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

Dr. Hill completed the course in September. He is a former student at Southwestern.

JAMES S. AUCON

First Lt. James S. Aucoin of Franklin, La., has received a regular commission in the Air Force at Shaw AFB, S. C. He previously held a reserve commission.

A 1969 Southwestern graduate with a bachelor of science degree in personnel management, Lt. Aucoin is serving as a maintenance control officer at Shaw.

The lieutenant's wife is the former Toni Skeen of Carnegie.

JOHN D. MORTON

John D. Morton of Frederick has been promoted to staff sergeant in the Air Force. He is a 1968 graduate of Southwestern, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

Sgt. Morton is an accounting and finance specialist at Air Force Accounting and Finance Center Headquarters in Denver, Colo.

His wife, the former Martha Dill, is from Frederick.

Association Adds More Members

New additions to the Former Students Association membership roll are:
ABERCROMBIE, Charles; 4008 N. E. 17th, Amarillo, Tex.
ADKISSON, Vicki (BSE, '72); Seling, Okla.
AEKERS, Mary Ruth (BS, '72);

Mrs. Peters Earns OU Master's Degree

Mrs. Mary Ann Peters, 1970 magna cum laude graduate of Southwestern, has received her master of arts degree from Oklahoma University. 

While completing work toward the OU degree, Mrs. Peters had an assistantship in the English Department. She now teaches at the Oklahoma State University Technical Institute in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Peters, whose hometown is Bessie, is a 1967 graduate of Clinton High School.

Industrial Arts Grad Teacher in Vo-Tech

Johnnie B. Borden (BS, '70) accepted a position as carpentry instructor this fall with the Caddo-Kiowa Vocational Technical School at Fort Cobb.

While at Southwestern he majored in industrial arts and minored in business administration.

Marry H. C. (19); 210 W. 7th St., Los Angeles, Calif.
MURRAY, Irene C. (BS, '30); 207 W. Gilmore, Winslow, Ariz.

MYERS, Eddie J. (70); 2904 Vicksburg, No. 204, Lubbock, Tex.

MYERS, J. T. (50); 109 Florence Dr., Cordell, Okla.

NEWBERRY, Judy Burnett (BSPh, '61); Rt. 2, Overbrook, Kan.

NILES, Ruby L. Welch ('32); Box 207, Richfield, Kan.

NOWAKA, Terry ('52); Rt. 1, Hy- dro, Okla.

PEELER, Carrie Lee Hill; 109 E. 2nd, Elk City, Okla.

ROBERTS, John Thompson (BS, '68); 4725 Elmview, Del City, Okla.

SHEA, Therma Knight (BS, '24); 1021 N.W. 6th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

SMITH, J. O.; S.P.C.C. Staff Schools, Toquepala Operations, Casilla 303, Taena, Peru S.A.

Sweeney, Steve C.; 2415 Old W., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie D.; 1214 Lark, Weatherford, Okla.

Walling, James A. (BS, '72); Box 466, Mooreland, Okla.

Wesner, Jesse C. (21); Box 189, Cordell, Okla.

Woods, William R. (BS, '31); 619 E. Grand, Sayre, Okla.
Lee Finds Students Have Changed Little

Weatherford's municipal judge has no problem communicating with Southwestern students hailed into his court, most of them on traffic violations.

For the past 26 years Max E. Lee has been directly and indirectly college-oriented as student, teacher and businessman--in that order--before his appointment Jan. 1, 1971, to his present office.

"Southwestern's students haven't changed very much since 1946," Lee says. "Hair and dress styles may not be the same, but basically the majority are still a fine group of young people."

A native of Hobart, Lee served with the Seventh Armored Division from the Normandy invasion to the end of the second World War. His division joined Gen. George Patton at the Battle of the Bulge and followed him into Germany and the war's end.

Discharged with the rank of captain--he is now a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve--the veteran came home with his mind made up to use GI education benefits to learn the watchmaking trade. He applied at Southwestern in January, 1946, where L.M. Lewis was in his first year as dean of the School of Horology, but there was a long waiting list, mostly war veterans wanting into the booming school.

RETURNS TO WEATHERFORD

Lee was impatient and enrolled in a school in Kansas City. A week later his wife, June, telephoned that Southwestern President R.H. Burton had approved him for admission to the Weatherford school.

"I drove through a snow storm all the way from Kansas City back to Weatherford," the judge recalls. "It was a big moment in my life."

Lewis had as many as nine full-time instructors teaching during the postwar boom days, all of them veterans who had proved themselves as his students. The list included such men as Bob Boyd, Harold Darmon, Robert McCann, Earl Goss, Paul Menasco, Bob Huff, Ray Zerger and Lee.

The school gained national recognition with the publication of a book, "Better Watch Repair--Faster," co-authored by Lewis and Lee. It was an analysis of malfunctions of timpieces by use of an electronic watch rate recorder.

By this electronic method, the authors showed, time involved in determining errors was reduced to seconds instead of the previous system that required hours and often days. The book was adopted by many schools of watch repair and the use of the electronic device became more widespread by jewelers and watch repairmen.

SPEAK ACROSS NATION

Both men were very much in demand as speakers at state and national conventions.

In 1948 the school was fully accredited by the United Horological Association of America.

In addition to repairmen, Southwestern was training scores of precision instrument technicians, 80 of them employed at one time by Tinker Field alone. But the flood tide of returning veterans began to ebb and by the late 1950's the school on the Southwestern campus was beginning to follow the national trend, finally phasing out in 1962. Meanwhile, Lee had begun his third career in Weatherford in 1960 when he opened his Tool-N-Tell convenience store. During the next 11 years of a highly successful operation, he hired only one employee who was not a college student.

"Pharmacy students who worked for me were outstanding," he recalls. "Just to be enrolled in pharmacy was nearly always recommendation enough when a young man applied...but all the others were tops, too."

During his years as an instructor Lee was on occasion co-sponsor of the college yearbook and of the letterman's O Club. He encouraged watch repair students to participate in all school activities. Over a period of five years their Homecoming float placed first three times and second twice.

LOT MORE

"Today's Southwestern student," he repeated, "hasn't basically changed since then. There are just a lot more of them. But they have been to more places and know a lot more today."

"Their attitudes in my court are excellent. They are usually honest in admitting traffic law violations and few ever receive a second citation."

Since students are rarely, if ever, represented by attorneys in cases handled by the municipal court, Judge Lee always precedes a hearing with an informal talk explaining the nature of the citation and why it was given and advising the student of his best procedure to follow.

Lee spends many hours each week checking out facts concerning citations before actually hearing cases.

"Southwestern students are very responsive to fair and just treatment and readily accept responsibility for what they do," he said.

The Lees are parents of two children--Mrs. Terry (Maxine) Simpson, Oklahoma City, a Southwestern graduate, and Cpl. Jimmy Lee, a former Southwestern student now stationed in Thailand as an electronics specialist with the air arm of the United States Marine Corps.

Moved? . . . or Moving?

Attach your Echoes address label here

Print new address here

Mail to ECHOES, SWSC, Weatherford, Okla. 73096
Dear Roger Prior:

I received your list of lettermen with my Echoes from The Hill sometime back, but found that my name was not included. I carried my lifetime football pass, signed by Rankin Williams, for some 40 years, only to find that when Arthur Osborn and I went back to the Homecoming in 1968 that I had lost it.

I was in the SATC there in 1918 and graduated from the Normal School in 1921. I lettered in football in the fall of 1920.

My younger brother is Jess Wesner of Cordell, and that was my home at that time.

Very truly,
Charles F. Wesner
1101 Irma
Brownwood, Tex.

Dear Millie:

Hills some time back, but found that my name was not included. I carried my life...

I received your list of lettermen with my Echoes from The Hill.

Dear President Pryor:

Thank you for sending me a list of the Southwestern State College lettermen. I personally knew several of these and was on the varsity football squad with some, including Rankin Williams, Fred LaRue and Allen Killough. I observe that none of the Meachams are mentioned, nor neither of the Lookabaughs, Harry or "Duck." I was a member of the varsity squad of the Southwestern football teams in 1912 and 1915. Incidentally, I played every minute of every varsity game during the entire two seasons, but the schedules were very short compared to the schedules of today.

Incidentally, I have pictures of the 1912 and 1915 football squads which I should be glad to furnish you if you do not have such pictures, or if you should desire them. Enclosed is check for $25 to go into your expense fund... kindest personal regards and all good wishes to the Lettermen's Club and the lettermen of our alma mater.

Sincerely,
Harry C. Mabry
Van Nues Building
210 W. 7th St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

(Mr. Mabry: Echoes would be pleased to publish the photographs you have of the 1912 and 1915 football teams.)

Dear President Al:

My copy of the July issue of Echoes from The Hill has just reached me (in August), and I want to congratulate you and the Echoes staff on an especially fine issue.

It will be 50 years the first of December of this year since I departed the Southwestern campus and Weatherford. Even so, after one-half of a century, I find much information about many people that I knew, worked with and loved during the all too brief time that I served Southwestern as head of the department of industrial arts and director of athletics and coach of all sports. My tenure started with the summer term in June, 1918, and ended following the football season and the election of Jack Walton as governor of Oklahoma, Dec. 1, 1922.

I have responded to invitations to return to the campus to participate in the Homecoming activities of ’69 and ’71, and I thoroughly enjoyed both occasions. I found that I know most of the Thirty-Year Club members and, of course, I knew all of the 1918 Student Army Training Corps, who held a reunion during Homecoming ’71. Last year there was much talk of the SATC group returning again at Homecoming ’72, but since I have not been officially informed, I take it that they are not to meet again this year.

I was surprised but delighted to see pictures of three of my teams in this issue of Echoes. My teams did especially well when one considers the limited material that I had to work with. I was fortunate to have a few great athletes, but we had splendid young men who gave their best for me and the school.

I want to identify the three unidentified players: The 1918 football team at top of Page 21, the player second from the left, front row, is Belchur Bristow from Anadarko. The player next to the right end of the middle row is named Reynolds. The 1921 football team at the bottom of Page 21: The player holding the ball in the center of row one is John "Cotton" Conrad. The player next to me at the left end of the middle row is Purl Garrison.

I certainly do enjoy my Echoes; keep them coming.

Sincerely yours,
John F. Landscape
509 Ohio
Pittsburgh, Kan.

Dear Mrs. Thomas:

Please change my mailing address.
I am a ’71 graduate of the SWSC Pharmacy School and am presently employed as a registered pharmacist at the Palace Drug in Idabel, Okla.

My wife, Vicki (Horn), also a former student at SWSC, and I have a new baby daughter, Misha Michelle, born May 17.

We are presently looking for a site to build a home, so just send my newsletter in care of the Palace Drug, Idabel, Okla.

Thank you,
W. A. Ralls

Missings Found

Dear Millie:

Please find enclosed $2 for membership fee in FSA. I will be pleased to receive THE SOUTHWESTERN.

notice that my brother's name, Cray (Turk) Engel, is listed as a missing address. It is Siltoam Springs, Ark., Itt. 2.

We hope to attend the Homecoming in 1973.

Sincerely yours,
Elmer (Penny) Engel
406 Taylor
Taf, Calif.

Dear Editor:

Yesterday (Aug. 6), while attending our family reunion in Reno County, Kan., I visited with David Fransen, a fellow student at Southwestern in 1926. Dave was on the football squad that year.

Dave informed me that he does not receive Echoes from The Hill, but he would like to read it. So will you please add his name to your mailing list?

His address is: David Fransen, 145 S. Pershing, Wichita, Kan.

Sincerely,
G. H. Duerksen
Bartlesville, Okla.

116 Years

Dear Millie:

While reading the letters in Echoes, I'm reminded of your helpful years in Beckham County as deputy to Mrs. Maisie Shirey, county superintendent of schools.

Those were happy years! My two sisters, Bertha B. Thompson and Mrs. Bessie T. Kelley, and I are graduates of Southwestern State and have totaled 116 years in the teaching profession. These years represent many successes, a few failures and a wealth of golden memories.

Find enclosed my check for $2.

Mabel Thompson Hartman
North Star Rd.
Sayre, Okla.
Dear Editor:
I certainly enjoy Echoes from The Hill. Will you please add the following names to your mailing list: Mrs. Inez Estep Franklin, 15 Paloma Ave., Salinas, Calif., and Mrs. Nora Olive Russell, Rt. 1, Box 93, Ada, Okla.

Inez received her degree in 1945 and taught for sometime at Centralville in Greer County. She entered Southwestern in the summer of 1928, earned a Life Certificate, married, reared a family, started teaching during World War II and received her bachelor's degree in 1953, 25 years from the time she began.

She also earned a master of teaching degree while teaching, attending summer school and commuting.

I, too, began my college career at Southwestern in the summer of 1928, having taken a county teachers' examination, and taught during 1927-28. I received both a bachelor's degree and master of teaching degree from Southwestern without missing a year of teaching. I went to summer school, full terms during "Cotton-picking vacations," took correspondence and extension courses and commuted to night classes.

My teaching career has been almost all in southwest Oklahoma, including Ladessa and Granite in Greer County, Prairie Hill and Blair in Jackson County and Hollis in Harmon County, with two years at Sickles in Caddo County.

At some time during a long teaching career, I have taught in every grade, one through 12. Now, 45 years and 2,000 students later, I retired in May, 1972. I plan to live now in my home in Mangum, pursuing my many hobbies, with perhaps some writing.

Many of my former students in practically every career known have justified my pride in them, including two on the Southwestern faculty—Dr. Larry Broadie and John Hayes.

I finished my teaching career with thousands of beautiful memories, and I can't think of a single regret.

Sincerely,
Miss Thelma Olive

Echoes Helps
Dear Millie:
My first knowledge of Echoes came to me this spring from my dear friend, Myrtle Chance Allen of Scottsdale, Ariz. She is an SWSC grad also. How I have enjoyed it. Through this one issue I have contacted two old friends and read of many more. I would like to receive Echoes from The Hill. Enclosed you will find $2 for FSA dues.

My twin sister, Ruth Welsh Stafford, and I graduated from Southwestern in 1932. Six Welsh sisters and our brother, W. A. "Bill" Welch, were Southwestern grads.

Eleven years ago our sister, Ruth Stafford, who was teaching the fourth and fifth grades near Ponca City, was killed in a car wreck. She left her husband, C. H. Stafford, and three teenage children.

At present I teach homemaking at Satanta, Kan., High School. I returned to teaching six years ago after taking time off for 22 years to help my husband, Karl Niles, rear a family of two boys and two girls and a foster son. Karl, who attended OSU, has three brothers—Earl of Victoria, Tex.; Dean of Beaver, Okla., and Clifford of Brownfield, Tex.—who are Southwestern grads.

So you see, combining the Welsh and Niles families, we are a real Southwestern family.

Four of my sisters, Mrs. Glessie Munson, Mrs. Hazel Norman, Lola Welch and Mrs. Sue Henderson, and also my brother, W. A. (Bill) Welch, would enjoy Echoes. Glessie, Hazel and Lola are retired teachers. Enclosed are their separate addresses. Thank you, Millie, for this and all the other services down the years.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ruby Welch Niles
Box 207
Richfield, Kan.

Paid Up
Dear Millie:
No more freeloaders, enclosed is my check for past and present membership dues in FSA. Today, I begin a "pay as you go" fiscal policy.

The article commending Clyde Taylor's many years as director of the T and I program in Clinton was certainly worth writing about. In addition to being a fine teacher, he directed many extra-curricular activities at CHS.

At every athletic event, he was always first on the scene with all the gate-keeping paraphernalia; in fact, he was the "behind the scenes" manager, a non-paying job requiring much planning and many hours of actual work. I don't believe he ever missed a single game. His position on our faculty will surely be difficult to fill.

Sincerely,
Betty Wright Fry
308 S. 25th
Clinton, Okla.

P.S. As a librarian, I make sure that my copy of Echoes finds its way to the teachers' "coffee room." We all enjoy reading it.

Complimentary
Dear Millie:
As an alumnus of Southwestern and a former high school journalism instructor, I would like to compliment the staff and others responsible for the excellent publication Echoes from The Hill.

It is one which would certainly be a credit to a school much larger than Southwestern.

Enclosed please find check for dues.
Sincerely,
Carrie Lee Hill Peeler
(Mrs. George W.)
100 E. 2nd St.
Elk City, Okla.

At Sallisaw
Dear Echoes:
Just a note to let you know I have moved to Sallisaw, Okla. My address here is 822 E. Chickasaw.

I am now a partner in Wal-Mart Pharmacy, located in the Eastgate Shopping Center here in Sallisaw. I still have my interest in the Gibson Pharmacy of Paris, Tex. (a partnership).

My wife, Fran, and my children, Lee Ann, 7, and Mike, 4 1/2, have adjusted to the move and are enjoying Sallisaw.

Sincerely,
John H. Bell Jr.
Box 153
Cordell, Okla.

3 - School Teacher
Dear Mrs. Thomas:
I enjoy reading Echoes very much. My husband and I have recently moved from Spearman, Tex., where I taught physical education. Now I am teaching in the special education department with home-bound students in three schools. They are the schools in Slaton, Roosevelt and Cooper-Lubbock.

I am married to Jerry Felder, and we have a 4-year-old daughter, Mychele.

Nancy Kirk Felder
8S, '65; ME, '71
Box 507
Slaton, Tex.

Signed Up
Southwestern:
I believe I am entitled to membership (in FSA), as I graduated from SWSC in 1945. I often wanted to become a member. This is the first time I have seen a copy of Echoes from The Hill, and it would like very much to get a current copy—or any available back copies...

Since graduation I taught school and then worked for the Department of Public Welfare until I became 70 years old, I have had two sons to graduate from SWSC, also a grandson.

My oldest son, John H. Bell Jr., has been teaching at Hammon for the past 20 years. My youngest son, Kenneth Jean Bell, graduated from SWSC 10 years ago, and he has been with Western Electric ever since.

Curtis James Bell, my grandson, graduated two years ago and has been in the Marines ever since.

I am sure each would like an Echoes from The Hill: John H. Bell, Box 355, Hammon, Okla.; Kenneth Jean Bell, 7203 N. Yale Blvd., Richardson, Tex.; Curtis J. Bell, Hammon, Okla.

Sincerely,
Elsie Durland Bell
Box 153
Cordell, Okla.
Thanks
Dear Echoes Staff:
First, I want to thank the Former Students Association for nominating me for Outstanding Young Women of America. It is a great honor to have received the nomination, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

I need to catch up on some back information on myself. At the first of the year I was married to Ronald E. Stewart, a high school friend. We moved to Clinton this summer. Our new address is 224 N. 9th, Clinton, Okla.

My book (Martin’s Important Day) is doing fine. It has been a very exciting and rewarding experience for me.

Thank you again,
Judie Maciel Stewart (‘57)

Echoes Is Great
Dear Mr. Shelton:
Today (Aug. 15) I received a copy of Echoes from The Hill; it is great. The pictures and the article about Marguerite O’Neal and Theresia Bunker were very interesting. I particularly enjoy all reminiscences of Southwestern. It was, and is, a great college.

If there are books or pamphlets written about the history of Southwestern, I am sure we would all like to know where copies may be obtained...

Here are some names and addresses of former Southwesterners. I don’t know whether you have them or not. Anyway...

Mrs. Marie Booker Cowan (Mrs. David C.), Verden, Okla.; Mary Harkins Herron (Mrs. J. Everett), 340 30th St., Boulder, Colo.; Mrs. Jay Bee Hendrick Linville (Mrs. R. N.), Rogers, Ark.; Mrs. Bernice (Bunny) Hendrick Oehmke, 119 Del Mar Circle, Swan Lake, Mira Loma, Calif.; Mrs. Velma Miller Barnes, 2103 W. Main, Norman, Okla.

Marie Booker Cowan, Mary Harkins Berrog, Jay Bee Hendrick Linville, Edward Ely, Elsa Million, John Folks, Maurice Farriss, Clifford Sanders, J. G. Franz and I were Southwestern debaters from 1930 to 1935.

Thank you for a really good publication. Dr. Al Harris is an outstanding college president. How about a long story all about Millie Alexander Thomas.

Sincerely,
Mls. Mignon Cross Olsaky
6051 Wentworth St.
Long Beach, Calif.

Retired
Mrs. Millie Thomas:
You probably remember several years ago I came to your office to employ some graduates at Weatherford. I employed two who came to work for Oklahoma Natural Gas Co.

I was with Oklahoma Natural from 1930 to 1962, when I retired...

I had a stroke four years ago. I got a primer and started practicing as I couldn’t read at that time. It took me five weeks to read such simple words as cat, dog, mouse, horse, etc. Now I have read the Bible through nearly twice and several other books.

I am writing to you as the treasurer of the alumni newsletter. I am sending a check for $2, which, as I understand, will cover my subscription for, well I don’t know how long, but please let me know, Paul J. Selman told me about it.

Dr. Wallace Brewer, a graduate of OCU, gave me a back copy of the newsletter in which was a picture of the 1921 Bulldogs. The coach was John Lance, whom I thought a great deal of. It was my first time to play football. We beat OCU 7-0, Dr. Brewer remembers it because he played for OCU.

Thank you for the time you gave me when I interviewed the students. I have talked with several, such as Rankin Williams, Claude Hostetter, John Conrad, J. E. Steward, James J. Craddock and others.

I am sending you a book I had published before I had my stroke.

Sincerely,
Roy B. Deal
4021 N.W., 57th
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Citian Since ‘44
Sirs:
Thanks so very much for sending me Echoes from The Hill. I shall look forward to receiving future issues.

I have lived in Oklahoma City since 1944. I worked at Tinker Field for four years, then “retired” to raise two daughters. Ten years ago, when they were in junior high, I started substitute teaching and still enjoy it a great deal.

My sister, Mrs. Esther Gathers Witt, Gower, Mo., would like to receive Echoes. She attended Southwestern in ‘29-’30 as a freshman from Lookoba, and later summer sessions while she was teaching in Oklahoma. After moving to Missouri she earned her degree and now teaches fourth grade in her hometown.

Sincerely,
Letha Gathers Wallace (BS, ’39)
5807 S. Broadway
Oklahoma City, Okla.

‘Super Lunker’ Object Of Reynolds’ Project
Randy Reynolds (BS, ’69) of Weatherford is the author of an article appearing in the September-October issue of Outdoor Oklahoma, official publication of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Department.

In “Toward Bigger Bass” Reynolds discusses research on Florida large-mouth bass that may help develop a “super lunker” for Oklahoma.

Now a graduate assistant in fish research, Reynolds is conducting his studies at the Oklahoma Fishery Research Laboratory in Norman.

He earned his degree in biological sciences from Southwestern.

‘Teacher of Month’
Title Given Prickett
Frank Lynn Prickett was honored as “Teacher of the Month” in September at Crooked Oak High School in Oklahoma City.

Formerly from Dill City, Prickett earned a bachelor’s degree from Southwestern and has finished half the requirements for a master’s degree at Oklahoma University.

Before going to Crooked Oak two years ago Prickett was in the Army. He also has taught history and business education at Comanche.

The teacher and his wife, the former Patsy Lane, have a one-year-old daughter, Gina.

Mrs. Harold Gartrell
Mrs. Gartrell Wins National Recognition In Teacher Volume
Betty Darlene Rowland Gartrell (BSE, ’52) has been chosen as one of America’s outstanding elementary teachers of 1972.

Mrs. Gartrell is featured along with other selected teachers in the 1972 national awards volume of Outstanding Elementary Teachers of America. Her complete biography is included.

An elementary teacher for four years in Pearland, Tex., near Houston, she received the honor for her “exemplary performance in the classroom, her contributions to the field of education in general and her many services to her community.”

Mrs. Gartrell is the daughter of Mrs. Lena Rowland of Weatherford. While attending Southwestern she was employed in the business office for a time, then was for one year before her graduation the secretary to retired SWSC President Harold Burton.

In addition to her BSE degree, she holds a master’s degree from the University of Houston.

She was married in 1953 to Harold Gartrell shortly after his graduation from West Point Military Academy. The wedding was held at West Point.

Gartrell, the son of retired Southwestern Business Manager and Mrs. Everett Gartrell, is now employed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Houston.

The couple has two children—Alan, a high school senior, and Annette, a sophomore.

Texas Pharmacist
Wilton Earl Youngblood (BSPh), pharmacist, is living at 1103 S. Townsend, Spearman, Tex.
J. O. DICKEY SR. enlivens his 1971 private Homecoming breakfast by relating a yarn dating back to "the good old days," Guests enjoying the tale are Bob Trant (left), Lola, Tex., rancher, and the late Harold (Puny) James, former Bulldog and University of Oklahoma football great.

Dickey's Breakfast Is Tradition

J.O. Dickey Sr., Weatherford rancher and cattleman, assisted by Frank Eaton and Edgar Lawter, will again host his own private Homecoming party—a breakfast at the Kendall House—Saturday, Oct. 21.

A Southwestern Normal School student from 1910 to 1915, Dickey had a brief career as an educator. At the age of 21 he was superintendent of schools at Davidson in Tillman County,

First Pastorate Is Begun in Nebraska

Gary Hamburger (BAE, '68) is serving his first pastorate at the Westmark Evangelical Free Church in Loomis, Neb., after receiving the master of divinity degree in June from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Ill.

His wife, Susan (BSE, '68; ME, '71), is a housewife again after teaching four years in a large elementary school near Chicago.

They live on Rt. 1, Loomis, and report it "a pleasant change from the suburbs of Chicago."

OBU Picks Former Southwestern Student As Faculty Member

A former student at Southwestern, Eugenia Tickle, has been named to the faculty of Oklahoma Baptist University as an assistant professor of nursing.

Mrs. Tickle, a native of Wichita, Kan., received her bachelor of science degree in nursing in 1960 from OBU, after which she studied at Southwestern. She was awarded a master of science degree in nursing at the University of Arizona this year.

Before going to OBU, Mrs. Tickle was an assistant at the Clinical Hospital of Enid, assistant director of nursing at Oklahoma General Hospital, and instructor at Clinton's Vocational School of Practical Nursing.

She is a member of the Oklahoma State Nurses Association and the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Society.

Mrs. Tickle has three children—Starla Beth, 10, Jona Lea, 8, and Clell Patricia, 4. She resides at 2308 Crest Dr., Shawnee.

Houston Home Now For Bob Flamings

Bob Flaming is manager of the toy division in a "brand new" Sears store in Houston, Tex.

In the company's retail management program, Flaming hopes someday to be a Sears store manager--"in Oklahoma, we hope; we are still Okies at heart," Mrs. (Janet Bishop) Flaming writes.

Mrs. Flaming is employed in a secretarial position by the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Council.

The couple has a year-old daughter, Marci, and they live at 1530 Oak Tree Lane, Apt. 222, in Houston.

Berkbuegler Directing Med Rec Program

John Berkbuegler (BS, '70) is director of the medical records administration program at Illinois State University in Normal.

Currently involved in developing a program in allied health instructional aids, the university has been awarded a $32,757 grant by the program operations branch of the U.S. division of allied health manpower.

Berkbuegler was Southwestern's first male medical records administration graduate.
Advice to Keith Incorrect

“When I started to Southwestern State,” Rev. Keith Wigiton, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Altus, recalls, “I wanted to be a good Christian and a good athlete. Someone told me there were certain things I had to do to be popular. I told him I would probably be very unpopular because I didn’t plan to do those things.”

In five years at Southwestern...four as an undergraduate and one as a postgraduate...young Wigiton proved his advisor to be a false prophet.

He was elected president of his sophomore, junior and senior classes and in 1958 was voted Best Citizen.

Wigkeiton graduated from Friendship High School, located seven miles northeast of Altus. “The school was so small you almost had to play basketball and baseball or transfer.” Two of his teammates were Eddie Fisher, now a relief pitcher for the Chicago White Sox, and a cousin, Dudley Savage, who followed Keith to Southwestern.

“I knew I was extremely small,” the former 5-10 1/2 by 135-pound athlete writes, “but with encouragement from Rankin Williams, the Southwestern coach, I fulfilled my desire to show that there is a place for a small man in college baseball and basketball.”

And show the world he did.

FOUR-YEAR STARTER

The little man was a starter at guard in basketball and at second base in baseball four years. As a freshman, he says, he received a great deal of encouragement from Travis Flippin, a senior who captained both basketball and baseball teams. Other Bulldog stars in basketball that season were Jim Litsch and Gerald Chesney.

Wigkeiton was captain of the Bulldog cage team in 1957-58, a crew not expected to win many games after graduating two of the greatest scorers in Southwestern history, Jimmy Peck and Nick Wolfe.

Other starters on that team, small in size and conference underdogs, were Savage, Dan Liddia, Oran Patton and John Martin. But they ended the season as co-champions with Central State.

One of the greatest Bulldog efforts of all time came in January, 1958, when Southwestern dedicated its new gymnasium, the only game Wigkeiton had to miss because of illness or injury in four years. Southwestern was playing Central State.

LEAVES HOSPITAL BED

The flu-ridden captain left a hospital bed that night to sit on the bench after he had given the invocation at pre-game ceremonies and watched his inspired teammates throttle a great Broncho club 64 to 61.

That made Wigkeiton’s performance in another area 100 per cent.

In his first game as a freshman he offered a short prayer before his team went on the court, and every Southwestern basketball and baseball game during the next four years began in the same way.

In fact, the custom carried over in these sports a number of years after Wigkeiton’s graduation.

He was co-captain with Sonny Jackson of the baseball team in 1957 and captain in 1958. Rankin Williams’ great teams won the Collegiate Conference championship all four years, were third in the nation in 1957 and went to the NAIA finals in 1958 before losing to San Diego State.

“I remember how much Rankin loved baseball,” he says. “He liked basketball but everyone knew baseball was his first love.”

CHRISTIAN AT 12

As a boy Wigkeiton attended the Friendship Baptist Church and at the age of 12 became a Christian. But he did not make the decision to enter the ministry until near the end of his college days.

At Southwestern he was helped by the Baptist Student Union, which then met in the little Y Chapel. When he was a freshman he received encouragement from Dr. Leroy Thomas, language arts professor, and from Jim Morrison, now BU’s director.

Referring to this period of his life, Rev. Wigkeiton states, “I feel deeply indebted to Doug Man-

KAREN REINSCHMIEDT (right), a 4.0 spring, 1972, honor graduate of Southwestern, works on a research project at the Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois. Miss Reinschmidt, whose home is in Clinton, entered graduate school at Oklahoma State University this fall. Her research supervisor at Argonne reported that the young woman “has excellent laboratory techniques, and is very effective in analysis of data utilizing computer adjustment of data.” He added: “I would particularly desire to have her back in this division. Her overall job performance was excellent.” Miss Reinschmidt majored in chemistry at Southwestern.

KEITH WIGINTON
Jim Picks Up Tab for 6 Students

Southwestern alumnus D. J. (Jim) Witherspoon of Omaha, Neb., has presented scholarships to six students attending his alma mater. Three are full one-year athletic scholarships, while the remaining three pay the costs of tuition and fees.

Head of an 11-state, multimillion-dollar chain of Gibson Discount Centers, the 1936 SWSC graduate gave the athletic scholarships in the name of his former coach, Rankin Williams. The tuition awards are the Lonnie and Maudie Dunn Scholarships. The Dunns are long-time Weatherford residents and former Southwestern students who provided a home for Witherspoon while he attended college.

Retired since 1964, Williams graduated from Southwestern in the early 1920's and then remained at the college as coach and athletic director. He continues to live in Weatherford.

Receiving the athletic scholarships were Joe Pierce, Bulldog football forward from Lawton, and football players Quarterback Ford Farris of Hobart and Guard Vincent (Butch) Peters of Oklahoma City. All are seniors--Pierce and Farris majoring in pharmacy and Peters in physical education.

SECOND YEAR

This year marked the second time Farris and Peters have been awarded the Rankin Williams Scholarships. Witherspoon first made funds available for two athletic scholarships in 1970, and the gridders were their coaches' choices then, too.

The Lonnie and Maudie Dunn Scholarships were first awarded in 1968, and Witherspoon has continued to provide these since that time. Their recipients this year are:

Eric French and Bruce Mayfield, both of Sentinel, and Dee Davidson of Hollis. All are freshmen; French and Davidson are pre-pharmacy students, while Mayfield is a music major.

Witherspoon was on the football squad while attending Southwestern, and his late wife, Hillos, was elected Homecoming queen while she was a student.

After receiving his bachelor of arts degree, he taught school for a time in Custer and in Leveland, Tex., before moving to Omaha.

He and his company, Pamida, Inc., were featured in the August Fortune magazine in an article entitled "Pamida Doesn't Know What It's Doing, But It Sure Makes A Lot of Money."

At mid-September, he was the subject of a full-page feature in the Omaha Sunday World-Herald, which told about another milestone in the life of Pamela--listing on the New York Stock Exchange.

The parent company of 156 Gibson Discount Centers, doing a yearly business of more than $105 million, had been on the American Stock Exchange since 1970.

FAMILY HOLDS MOST

Of Pamida's 9.2 million outstanding shares of stock, 45 per cent are publicly held, with Witherspoon and his family holding 51 per cent (worth about $96 million) and top executives and others the remaining four per cent.

In the interview for the World-Herald article, Witherspoon and his brother, Hack--a Tulsa attorney--recalled their early years. Both played football at Southwestern--Hack in the backfield and Jim at end.

In those days, the World-Herald noted, Hack didn't call his younger brother Jim, but used his first name, Doris.

Jim told the reporter the "secret" behind the name Doris.

"My twin sister's name is Iris," he said. "My first name was supposed to be Diris, but something happened to the record and my name became Doris.

"With a name like that you know what happened at recess."

Since the death of Witherspoon's wife in May, 1971, his twin sister has made her home with him and his children--David, 21; Mike, 17; Pat, 11, and Lisa, 7.

They reside in a $3 million home in Omaha's suburbs.

Mission Board Calls Henderson for Service

One of 66 young people commissioned in July as missionary journeymen by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board was Ron Henderson (BS, '72) of Fort Cobb.

He has been assigned as a youth worker in Salzburg, Austria, after completing a special seven-week training course at Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C. Henderson will serve a two-year term as a journeyman.

Word Joins Company

John Word, former superintendent of schools at Anadarko, is now assistant director of the American Fidelity Assurance Co.'s teacher services department in Oklahoma City.

A graduate of Southwestern, Word resigned last spring after seven years as head of the Anadarko schools. He resides at 2809 Tudor Rd., Oklahoma City.
Reminiscences of Southwestern Normal School, 1903-1908, by Austin Elgin Wilber, Vice-President. Due to the historical significance of the writings of Southwestern’s first vice-president, Echoes will publish the work in its entirety.

Alvin Whitehead Roper, instructor in instrumental music, was generally known in faculty circles as the “faculty lower.” He was a splendid young man of surpassing artistry, deeply religious, popular with everybody, and early evinced fondness for girl students—one girl in particular. He was happy-hearted, good-natured always and never was disconcerted by any of the humorous jabs frequently administered by members of the faculty. Everybody was fond of “Roper.” His personal influence in the newly organized student religious organization was of untold value. He remained with us but one year, as I remember.

Mary Pearl Rice, instructor in English, was a capable instructor and admirable member of the younger faculty group. I am unable to indicate the source of her educational training. She was a capable instructor of young men and young women, was fond of music and popular everywhere. I never have heard an adverse criticism of Miss Rice. Like many other outstanding young women of the normal school, her service with us was of short duration. At the close of the second year she was married to Professor Greenfield.

Sarah Adelaide Paine, instructor in Latin and English languages, came to the Southwestern Normal School from a high school in Oklahoma City. She received her education in the University of Michigan, specializing in foreign languages and English. Her resourcefulness, ability and sincerity were never doubted, and her influence in shaping the policy and courses of the institution was unusual. She was a great reader, a thorough scholar and an able instructor. In the spring of 1908 Miss Paine resigned her position in the normal school and returned to her home in Louisville, Ky., and was married in the late summer.

Thomas Bell Kendrick, professor of languages, came to Weatherford from a high school in Dallas, Tex., and remained with us but one year, then returned to his former position in Dallas. He was graduated from the University of Chicago, a capable instructor who was in love with his work, and a genial member of the faculty family.

John Appley Ferrell was professor of mathematics and a typical Kansan. He had learned the life of the frontiersman through many hardships in Missouri and Kansas and was not afraid of work. His early education was what was being offered by the public schools of those days. Later he entered Valparaiso University and graduated from a combined course. He was in great measure a self-made man whose advancement was due to a dogged determination to reach the top in the education field. Professor Ferrell was the author of a series of textbooks in arithmetic and made numerous contributions to educational journals of the midwestern states. A former superintendent of schools in Sedan, Kan., and a prominent leader in educational circles, he developed poise and initiative with versatility which served him to great advantage in the new normal school. In social gatherings he was very informal and had but slight interest in formal functions. As instructor in mathematics he was very efficient, lucid, forceful and won the goodwill of students. Professor Ferrell was a capable leader with a tactful turn of mind. In short, he was a sort of faculty balance-wheel whom everybody respected.

Mrs. Belle Fulton Barker, who was chosen to teach vocal music, received her training in Northwestern University School of Music. At the outset her task seemed discouraging, for there were very few students who knew anything about music or who had tried to sing. She was anxious for a Normal Chorus to furnish music for special occasions as well as the regular exercises of the normal. She also visioned a chorus suited to render musical programs in towns and villages about Weatherford to enhance the reputation of the normal (Continued on Next Page)
The outlook was very discouraging. Few students seemed interested in music and she found it difficult to keep back the tears following a chorus rehearsal. Persistence was rewarded in the end. Before the Christmas recess the group of singers was augmented by music lovers of the community and by faculty members who were capable of leading a choir. The music of the Southwestern Normal School was not only fond of music but he possessed an unusually fine baritone voice. The hour was never too early or the day too long for him to assist a student who wished help in singing. His commanding yet pleasing personality, his love of music and his interest in his students soon filled the Normal Chorus to capacity. His special programs became so popular that music lovers from other cities of the territory came to Weatherford to attend the musical programs.

I know of no influence more worthy and beneficial to the great body of students than was exerted by the Normal Chorus under the direction of Professor Pease. He was popular with both students and faculty and everybody who knew him. He refused to follow the pattern set by so many of the faculty ladies to marry and leave town. Professor Pease built a home in Weatherford and was married to a long-time friend in Kansas. Mrs. Pease proved to be a valuable influence in faculty circles.

Elizabeth King was selected as librarian and college secretary. There could have been but few who were capable of organizing the work as satisfactorily as Miss King. She was graduated from the Central Normal School in Edmond, Okla., and with special emphasis on commercial work and familiarizing herself with the system of record-keeping adopted by the institution. I doubt if anyone could have been prepared to render more valuable service to the administration of the new institution. Miss King always was considered a member of the faculty group, although her principal work was in the office. Like so many other capable ladies of the faculty, Cupid's artifice outwitted her and she fell the prey of a rising young businessman of Weatherford. The Southwestern Normal School lost a capable and efficient secretary, but "Bill" Cowgill won an inspiring wife and mother of his children.

Austin Elgin Wilber, professor of psychology and education and vice-president, was graduated from the Michigan State Normal College in Ypsilanti and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. He came to Oklahoma in July, 1903, and spent the summer in Guthrie with President Campbell outlining and printing the courses of study to be offered when the Southwestern Normal School would open in September following. His connection with the normal school was terminated with the reorganization when Oklahoma entered statehood.

There were several instructors who came to the normal school after the first year who really belong to the "trail-blazer" group, since they played a vital part in giving direction to the policies of the Institution. They deserve to be classed with the organizers.

During the first two years, as I remember, the kindergarten constituted the nucleus of the training school. Students did not have the background of training to fit them for training school work. Beginning with the third year a primary department, including the first three grades of the public schools course, was inaugurated under a single teacher.

Miss Lulu E. Vrooman, an alumna of Kansas State Normal School in Emporia, was selected for the position. Subsequent years proved the wisdom of the choice. To date, as I understand, Miss Vrooman has enjoyed the distinction of being the oldest teacher, from the point of view of years of service in the normal school, of any ever connected with the Institution. Her austere, imperious attitude towards others enabled her to escape Dan Cupid's beguiling wiles while her paullianumous sisters of the faculty have fallen in the onslaught.

Bessie Lillian Boles, graduate of Liberty Ladies' College in Missouri, succeeded Professor Roper in the department of instrumental music at the opening of the second year. She became one of the most popular members of the early faculty and made many friends in the student body and in the town. Due to her artistic abilities she was in great demand at normal school functions and in city social gatherings.

The demand for piano instruction was so great that at the beginning of the third year it was necessary to add another instructor to the department. Jane Porter Sloss, a lady of a quiet, retiring disposition and of superior artistry, was chosen for the position. Due to her sterling worth as a teacher of piano and her quiet, friendly attitude she made many lasting friendships. Her friends were those who knew her both in the normal school and the city.

George Sanders came to the normal school in 1905 from Tennessee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Rice as instructor in English. Everybody enjoyed him because of his wholesome, winning ways and unobtrusive attitude. He was a hard worker and conscientious instructor.

Miss Estelle Graham was a graduate of Nebraska State Normal School and Boston School of Expression. She proved a worthy successor to Miss Seevers. Her special training and experience particularly fitted her for the work in Weatherford. She made valuable contributions to the well-being of Southwestern Normal School. Her cosmopolitan training proved to be of advantage to herself and to the institution as well. Her cheerful attitude endeared her to all who knew her. Miss Graham later was forced to resign because of ill health and returned to her old home in Nebraska.

At the beginning of the third year it became necessary to provide a special instructor for the German and French languages. Roy Temple House was elected professor of modern languages. He was a graduate of Miami University, Athens, Ohio, and with an AM degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. He was an able scholar and fond of his subjects, and cheerfully spent hours of his time with students reading the foreign languages. Being a thorough student of the foreign languages, Professor House appealed to many of the ablest students and the department soon became their rendezvous. His classes were not large, but they were, on the whole, made up of some of the choicest students in the normal.

If my memory is correct, the commercial subjects were under the direction of Miss King and Professor Ferrell during the first two years, Miss King teaching stenography and typewriting and Professor Ferrell the bookkeeping courses. At the opening of the third year Charles W. Pratt, a graduate of Winfield Business College, Winfield, Kans., was engaged to organize a complete commercial department. He proved to be a good instructor of commercial branches. But he remained in Weatherford only two or three years.

During the first two years of the normal school the art courses were offered in the department of education and psychology. But the demands of the department increased so rapidly that it became necessary to employ a full-time instructor of art. Since I had become vitally interested in the work and had outlined and planned the different courses and wished to have the work continued much as I had planned it, I persuaded President Campbell to engage my sister-in-law who was then an instructor in the Cape Girardeau Normal School, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Mary Emma Tuttle was graduated from the Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti, Mich., and was especially interested in art. The art department Flourished under Miss Tuttle's instruction to such an extent that it became necessary to limit both the number of students in classes and the number of classes organized. In number of students pursuing courses in art the art department soon became one of the outstanding leaders in the normal school.

When President Campbell and I concluded independently that Professor House was the choice applicant for the position of professor of modern languages, I never for a moment dreamed of what might be the outcome. Not many months after his arrival he became much interested in the art department. Ere long Southwestern Normal School lost a very conscientious and capable art instructor. Professor House hadn't been too bad as a brother-in-law, although I did lose my hobby.

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Green Farm Kid' Is Not Doing Too Badly

If the ball had bounced a little differently before, during and after the second World War, State Senator Ed Berrong of Weatherford might have become a prominent attorney.

Or perhaps a public school or college educator.

Or a high-ranking career officer in the United States Navy.

Or a national official in the Veterans Administration.

Or, as he has repeatedly said, still farming in his native Caddo County "if it hadn't been for Carl Stephens."

During the shifting tides of his early life he was always a winner and during the past 24 years has developed one of western Oklahoma's leading real estate and insurance agencies while serving nine and a half years as mayor of Weatherford and now about to begin his fifth term and 15th year in the Oklahoma Senate.

The Berrong story concerns a "green farm kid" who graduated from Hinton High School as class salutatorian in 1935. The valedictorian was Ellowen Ruhl.

Four years later they both graduated from Southwestern Ellowen Ruhl (Bennett), who was to become an outstanding teacher in Taloga and other area schools, at the top of the class and Ed Berrong in second place, just .14 of a percentage point behind.

HARD YEARS

Those were hard years for most Southwestern students. It was the era of the Dust Bowl, of the Great Depression, of Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath."

Berrong's parents had no money to help finance his education. There were no huge federal loan, grant and scholarship programs that have mushroomed in recent years.

The young man from Hinton was to earn every penny for his schooling at Southwestern and beyond. He picked cotton and mowed lawns in Weatherford and was glad to accept any menial task that meant an extra dollar or less.

Then there was the Hinton grocer, Carl Stephens.

The senator still refers to Stephens as "the man responsible for my getting through college."

Ed hitchhiked home every weekend to work for Stephens, who paid him $2.50 for a 15-hour day's work, top wages in those times.

"But if I had those years to live over," the senator says, "I wouldn't want it any other way. Nobody should start out in a pullman until after he has hitchhiked or harket in a chair car."

"Only by hard work can an individual learn the real meaning of the American tradition of free enterprise."

ALWAYS A LEADER

As an undergraduate at Southwestern Berrong was a leader. He was a three-time president of his class--as a freshman, as a sophomore and again as a senior. Twice he headed the Student Council, as a junior and again as a senior.

He was elected president of the Senate, most prestigious men's organization on the campus at that time. It was devoted to study of parliamentary procedure under the direction of the late Dr. Audubon H. Neff and the late J. R. Pratt, its membership read like a Who's Who of Southwestern Men.

Berrong was a four-year veteran in debating, teaming with David Bowersock, Rufus Cornelso, Marion Diel and Cecil Morris, in that order, for consecutive winning seasons.

However, he didn't devote all his time to working, studying, debating and winning campus elections. In 1933 he began a five-year courtship of Miss Winnie Ola Post, a freshman coed from Eastview in Greer County. They were married May 28, 1938.

With a bachelor of arts degree from Southwestern in history and government, Berrong entered the University of Oklahoma law school at Norman in September, 1937, still on his own financially. But after one year he dropped out. With a child expected there was just no way he could support a growing family and go to school.

THE TEACHER

The next interval, from September, 1938, to January, 1941, belonged to Berrong the teacher. He taught history and government at Watonga two years. During the second year the Watonga superintendent was another young Southwestern graduate, Al Harris, destined to become president of his alma mater.

At the beginning of the 1940-41 school year Arnett Cross, superintendent of schools at Clinton, hired Berrong as principal of Lincoln Elementary School.

Then the ball bounced again and the future senator ended his career as an educator after two and a half years to accept an appointment as resident project manager at Chickasha of the National Youth Administration. This was at the end of the first school semester in January, 1941.

By May 1 of that year he had been promoted to area director, at the age of 25 the youngest in the nation to rank that high in the NYA.

However, he had not given up on his first love and left the NYA in 1943 to return to his law books. He got a daytime job with Armour and Co., in Oklahoma City and attended law school at night.

A year went by. He completed his course work and was admitted to practice by the State Bar Association.

But he was not notified of his admittance until after he had volunteered for World War II service with the Navy as an apprentice seaman. His rise in the Navy paralleled earlier achievements in other areas. Before he was discharged 30 months later, he was commanding officer of Sub-Chaser 769 operating in South Pacific and Southwest Pacific theaters.

WIFE TEACHES

Mrs. Berrong had been teaching in Sayre while her husband was with the Navy. Then, in 1946, they were back in Weatherford. Berrong was in charge of the veterans training program at Southwestern. After a short period in Lawton he was reassigned to Weatherford, still with the VA.

On the day before Easter Sunday, 1948, the future senator made what was probably the biggest decision of his life. He was called to Oklahoma City and offered an appointment as chief of the VA administrative division for the state of Oklahoma.

"It was a tempting offer," he remembers, "but we had made up our minds to stay in Weatherford. I had become tired of somebody always telling me where I'd be sent."

That was the day the ball quit bouncing.

A few weeks later Berrong...
Moore Keeps Eye On Krewall’s School

Melvin Krewall, who earned bachelor of arts (1961) and master of teaching (1965) degrees from Southwestern, is principal of Houchin Elementary School and administrator of the kindergarten program at Moore.

According to school officials in Moore, the eyes of the fast-growing city are upon Houchin. Residents are watching closely to see the kind of educational environment present at Moore’s new open-space school, which has an enrollment of some 325.

Krewall said that his enthusiasm for the open-space school came after he visited various schools using this concept of education. Twelve teachers are divided into two teams of six at Houchin.

“I feel good about the staff,” Krewall said. “Everyone we’ve hired has wanted this type of situation…”

The new principal began his teaching career at Snyder in 1961, then moved back to his hometown of Cordell as coach and teacher, and later was an elementary principal.

He also has served three years as a superintendent of schools at Roosevelt.

Krewall and his wife, Larena (BS, ’69), have two sons - Melvin Jr., 11, and Michael, 10. Mrs. Krewall teaches in Moore’s Sky Ranch Elementary School.

Mrs. Krewall wrote Echoes: “We are proud to be a part of this growing educational system under the very good guidance of Jerry Doyle.” Also a Southwestern graduate, Doyle is superintendent of the Moore Schools.

BERRONG

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resigned from the Veterans Administration and with Art Shotts bought the Frank Eaton estate and insurance agency.

In the spring of 1949 he was elected to the first of four three-year terms as mayor of Weatherford.

Shotts received the Ford automobile dealership in Weatherford and Berrong bought out his partner’s interest in the insurance agency.

WINS ELECTION

He had served only about four months of his fourth term as mayor when he resigned in September, 1958, after being elected state senator in a special election to succeed K. C. Perryman, who had moved out of the district.

The senator is unopposed this year and with the next session of the State Legislature will begin his fifth term in office.

The Berrong family are a Southwestern family. Both parents and Ed Jr. are graduates. Mark attended Southwestern two years before transferring to Oklahoma State University. The youngest son, Brad, is a sophomore at Southwestern.

Ed Jr. and Mark are actively associated with their father in the agency. Following the family pattern all three sons began working early by sweeping out the agency offices.

“It’s the obligation of parents,” the senator believes, “to teach their children the importance and the rewards from learning to work and earning their own way in the world.”

MELVIN KREWALL

Degrees Granted to 3

Three former students at Southwestern have earned bachelor’s degrees from the Oklahoma State University College of Engineering.

They are Ricky E. England and Ronald C. Singleterry, who majored in mechanical power technology, and Timothy D. Wint, an electrical engineering graduate.

Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Nora Walters, Colony, and Mrs. Clara Riley, Orange Cove, Calif., and six grandchildren.

MRS. NADINE BROWN

Mrs. Nadine Brown, a 1947 graduate of Southwestern, died Sept. 11 in an Oklahoma City hospital. Funeral services were Sept. 13 in the Weatherford Church of Christ, and burial was in Greenwood Cemetery at Weatherford.

Mrs. Brown, the former Nadine Young, was born on Sept. 21, 1924, in Missouri and moved to Weatherford as a child. She was married to Jack Brown on Dec. 26, 1946.

She was a member of the Weatherford Church of Christ.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include three sons, Jack E. of Oklahoma City, Dean R. of Stillwater and Kim A. of the home; two daughters, DeeAnn and Rebecca Ann, both of the home; her father, Ray Young, Springfield, Mo., and a brother, Victor Young, Tulsa.

IRVIN HAMBURGER

Funeral services for Dr. Irvin G. Hamburger, 41, of Oklahoma City were held Sept. 19 in the Ridge Crest United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. Interment was in Crescent Cemetery.

Dr. Hamburger, an anesthesiologist, died Sept. 17 of a heart attack. He grew up on a farm southwest of Weatherford, graduated from Weatherford High School in 1946 and received his bachelor of science degree from Southwestern.

He earned the doctor of medicine degree from Oklahoma University Medical School.

Surviving are his wife, Joy; two daughters, Lynn and Lisa of the home; his mother, Mrs. J. J. Hamburger, Weatherford; six brothers, Everett of Weatherford, Robert of Clinton, Roy of Morris, Ill., Earl and Fred of Lawton and Jim of Pawnee; two sisters, Mrs. Beulah Pease, Mesa, Wash., and Mrs. Gladys Burcham, Oklahoma City.
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Echo Addresses


Thomas, from Anadarko, was president of the Delawares for 11 years, starting in 1958. After receiving his degree in sociology from SWSC he worked for the Job Corps as athletic and recreation director at Sulphur until 1968. Then he returned to Anadarko to supervise distribution of $2.6 million awarded to the Delawares for land they once held in Indiana.

NELSON EDWIN TAYLOR (right), Nampa, Ida., pharmacist, receives the A. H. Robins "Bowl of Hygeia" Award for outstanding community service by a pharmacist from A. Peter Peay, district manager in the Robins Co.'s northwestern division. Taylor is a graduate of the Southwestern School of Pharmacy.

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Hauser in Arkansas

Louis D. Hauser (BSPh, '53) is director of pharmaceutical services for the St. Vincent Infirmary in Little Rock, Ark. He lives at 4614 Rosemont, North Little Rock.

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The July edition of Echoes from The Hill caused Harry C. Mabry, prominent Los Angeles, Calif., attorney and 1916 summa cum laude graduate of Southwestern Normal, to recall "vivid and fond memories."

Long proud of his association with Southwestern, Mabry writes that he read with "deepest interest" the July Echoes. "The picture of the campus appearing on Page 21 brought back particularly vivid and fond memories," he wrote in an August letter to Southwestern President Al Harris.

"In 1912 and 1915 I was a member of Southwestern's varsity football teams and played every minute of every game both seasons, though our schedules were considerably shorter than those of today."

He reported that Moses Gaskill was the team's coach in 1912, while Claude Reed coached the 1915 squad.

"We were told that Gaskill established a state shutout record, which I recall was a distance of only 38 feet," Mabry continued. "Reed, of course, was a most famous halfback from Oklahoma University."

INTRODUCED TO SQUAD

"I was honored to introduce him to our football squad with these words: Christian history dates from the birth of Christ, Mohammedan history from the birth of Mohammed and football history at OU from the time of Claude Reed."

Mabry,—who received his bachelor of laws degree in 1923 from Yale University, was generous in his praise of Echoes:

"Each month I receive the Yale Alumni Magazine, the magazine of my other alma mater, and I am persuaded that Echoes from The Hill is a vastly superior publication. All graduates and former students of Southwestern I know feel tremendously indebted to you and your associates for publishing such a manifestly superior magazine."

The attorney's feelings for SWSC are further shown in the words of "Hail Southerner, Hail," which he composed and adapted to music, and which was adopted as an official Southwestern song at the institution's Golden Jubilee celebration.

CONVOCATION SPEAKER

For the first verse, Mabry wrote: "Friendship formed at Old Southwestern Can not ever die; Forged into a bond unbroken, An enduring tie."

Mabry was invited back to his alma mater to deliver the principal address at Southwestern's spring convocation in 1960. "Decision," his speech that evening, was published in the Aug. 15, 1960, nationally circulated "Vital Speeches of the Day."

In the same issue were addresses by two other well known Americans—Dwight D. Eisenhower, the then-President of the United States, and Richard M. Nixon, who at the time was vice-president and the Republican nominee for President.

AUTHOR AND COMPOSER

Among the books and publications authored by Mabry are Road to Yale, Just Barely, The Spirit and the Sword, Decision, Romance and Results in the Development of Water and Power Resources of Los Angeles and Americanism and the Great American, Will Rogers.


He is a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and an honorary member of the Society of Authors and Composers of Mexico.

The Southwestern alumnaus was recently re-appointed to the American Bar Association standing committee on resolutions. He has served on the committee for 21 years.

HENRY S. REITER

District Manager’s Post Goes to Reiter

Henry S. Reiter, a 1962 graduate of Southwestern, has been named district manager in the casualty-property personal lines department at The Travelers Insurance Companies Tulsa office.

He joined the company in 1962 as a field supervisor at Oklahoma City, and in 1967 was promoted to assistant manager. Since September, 1971, he has served in that same capacity at Pittsburgh, Pa.

A native of Sentinel, Reiter makes his home in the Tulsa area.

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took over after he had completed his degree work at Southwestern.

The two Ratcliffe sons, Richard and Randy, play a big part today in the fast-growing business. Richard is in his 10th year and Randy his second as their father's partners.

A daughter, Ann Lee, is Mrs. Warren Lee Busch, wife of an Air Force colonel who lives in Redlands, Calif.

Since his business grew enough in the 1930's to employ additional help, Ratcliffe has hired scores of Southwestern students. The first one was M.M. (Cotton) Vickers, one of Southwestern's sports greats. In recent years Vickers' daughter Judy also worked in the book store.

FAMOUS EMPLOYEE

One of the more famous Ratcliffe employees during his college days was Gen. Casey Turner, retired United States Army provost marshal.
News About SWSC Alumni 1972

Thomas Allen Thompson (BAE) is a car dealer, and his address is 807 Thompson Dr., El Reno.

Vicki Adkisson (BSE, '72) is girls' basketball coach in the Selling Junior and Senior High Schools.

Bobby Fain Gee (BSPh) is an intern pharmacist in Amarillo, Tex. His mailing address is Box 5001.

Teaching music in Arapahoe is Iwanna Ruth Dobbs Frizzell (BAE). She lives at 923 Choctaw, Clinton.

William Douglas Frans (BS) is an accountant in Bethany. He lives at 7202 N.W. 36th.

James Alden Glasgow (BSPh) is a intern pharmacist in Fairview. He lives at 623 W. Central.

HOMECOMING (Continued from Cover)
The Thirty-Year Club plans to honor several of its members with Certificates of Recognition, and will hear remarks by Dr. Al Harris, SWSC president. Names of the honorees had not been announced at Echoes press-time.

Then at 2 p.m. the Southwestern Bulldogs, currently rated near the top among the nation's small-college football teams, will face the East Central Tigers at Milam Stadium.

Following the game, the Lettermen's Club will have a few Certificates of Recognition to distribute during its meeting in the Health and Physical Education Building.

Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Mark Restaurant will be the Pharmacy Alumni Association. The celebration ends Saturday evening with the Homecoming Dance in the Student Center Ballroom and a host of private parties across the city.

Homecoming general chairman is Mary Muse, director of placement at the college. Mrs. Patty Jo Duncan of Thomas heads the FSA; George Fast, Weatherford, the Thirty-Year Club; Roger Pryor, Weatherford, the Lettermen's Club, and Jerry Allen, Weatherford, the Pharmacy Alumni.

TERRY VAUGHAN of Weatherford, prominent in music activities while attending Southwestern, has enlisted in the Army. Here, he is administered the oath of enlistment by his foster father, Col. Gene Phillips, a Regular Army officer, veteran of three wars and a graduate of Southwestern. Vaughan will become a bandsman at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., following completion of basic training and attendance at the Army School of Music in Virginia. Col. Phillips is director of maintenance for the Army Aviation Systems Command in St. Louis.

Mitchells Are Making the News

Charles E. Mitchell, a member of the first master of teaching degree graduating class at Southwestern, has been named principal of the Alta-Smith Mountain Schools in Reedsly, Calif.

The son of Mrs. Elbert Mitchell of Weatherford, Mitchell earned both the bachelor of science and MT degrees from Southwestern. He has been teaching in Reedsley the past two years.

His wife, Bettie Duty Mitchell (also an SW graduate), is a sixth grade teacher at El Monte School in Orool, Calif. Their address is 612 E. Manning, Apt. 4, Reedsley.

The Mitchell's daughter, Mary Paul, is the 19th member of the Mitchell family to attend Southwestern. She is currently a freshman.

Two other sons of Mrs. Elbert Mitchell have made the news lately.

Robert Mitchell, who holds a BS degree from Southwestern and a master's degree from Oklahoma State University, is chairman of the business department at McClennon Community College, Waco, Tex.

He is beginning his third year with the college, and he resides at 4146 Lake Shore Dr., Waco.

Donald L. Mitchell is an accountant at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration facility near Houston, Tex. He recently was chosen to attend a seminar on management topics sponsored by Houston University. Donald attended Southwestern as a freshman. His home address is 11210 Sage Meadow, Houston.
Ex-President Stays Active

Dr. James B. Boren, one of three living former presidents of Southwestern State College, is still actively engaged in what he likes most to do.

Now living with his wife, Una Lee, at 2017 N.W. 56th Terrace in Oklahoma City, he is chairman of the English department and assistant to Dr. W. R. Corwin, president of Oklahoma City Southwestern College.

"He has added a new dimension of progress and development," Dr. Corwin writes. "Two new buildings, seven additional acres to the campus, an apartment complex and a successful financial drive in Oklahoma City speak of his efforts to help build this institution."

Records of the Oklahoma City church school reveal that during the past 15 months Dr. Boren has helped raise more than $1 million. During that time a new science building and a student center have been added to the campus.

Today he has the same enthusiasm he showed when at the age of 33 he became the youngest president ever to take over at Southwestern. That was in July, 1939.

He came to Weatherford from Mangum, where he had been superintendent of schools and had established Mangum Junior College.

It is unlikely that any other head of the institution ever faced a bigger challenge.

BUILDING BURNS

Only hours after the end of the 1939 summer vacation the Administration Building had burned to the ground.

By an act of the state Legislature on a bill sponsored by a young Custer County representative, the institution had been rechristened under the impossible name of Southwestern State College of Diversified Occupations.

The budget that year totaled only $76,000. Faculty salaries ranged from $100 to $175 a month. Most students depended upon part-time jobs and National Youth Administration funds to defray all expenses. A semester's total enrollment fee was $5.

Dr. Boren was to stay around only three years, but a great many things happened during that short period of time.

The Legislature changed the name to Southwestern Institute of Technology during the first year, which also saw the beginning of the School of Pharmacy with 18 students in the basement of Old Science.

The Y Chapel, a project of the YM-YWCA, was completed during this time. Dr. Boren persuaded Bob Hawk, native of Weatherford who was a national radio personality, to make a sizeable contribution.

He established the School of Horology, afterward renamed the School of Watchmaking, and some of the pre-war students later were employed to repair tachometers and altimeters on battle fronts.

Other trades courses introduced included cosmetology, air-conditioning and refrigeration, electricity and auto mechanics.

Dr. Boren was responsible for honoring veteran college faculty members in the naming of athletic fields Milam Stadium and Williams Field and of Neff Hall and Stewart Hall, men's and women's residence centers.

BRINGS JEWELL TO SW

He brought him with him to the campus Dick Jewell of Altus, who developed one of the all-time great Southwestern bands while doubling as Weatherford High School director.

Jake Spann came up from Hollis as football coach and put the Bulldogs on a winning course. He went to the president's office once to ask for more money to add another athlete.

Dr. Boren knew he had no funds available but rather than give a flat "no" said, "I'll tell you what, Jake. I'll wrestle you. If you throw me you can have the money."

A few minutes later a surprised but grinning coach left the office without the scholarship.

Enrollment at Southwestern was around 800 in 1939-40. It had grown past 1,100 by the fall of 1941. Only classroom buildings were Old Science, the old gymnasium (now the Music Building) and the old Library (now the Art Building). Some classes had 80 or more students enrolled. Faculty offices were partitioned off on stairway landings.

Then came Dec. 7, 1941. The college auditorium was filled to hear a radio announcement by President Franklin D. Roosevelt that war had been declared with Japan after the Pearl Harbor sneak attack. Scores of young men who walked out of the assembly that day left immediately to enlist. Some were never to return.

SECURES SCHOOL

With the help of L. E. (Polly) Wheeler, then state senator from Weatherford, Dr. Boren went to Washington and secured for Southwestern the first aviation mechanics school for military personnel ever established on a college campus in the nation. He was unable to secure local financial backing for the Army school until W. L. Haynes personally underwrote the program in excess of $18,000.

Earlier Dr. Boren had established an aviation program for primary flight training through the Chamber of Commerce and Haynes. It was at this time the college acquired a 150-acre farm north and east of Weatherford for an airport at a cost of $4,500.

The airport is long since gone but the college still owns the farm.

The Southwestern president was the organizer and the first head of a state aviation association.

But by the spring of 1942 it was time for another gubernatorial election. There was no politics-free board of regents at that time and Oklahoma University and college presidents were open game for each new state administration.

Uncertainty of the future led James Boren to accept the presidency of tiny Hardin Junior College at Wichita Falls...at a substantial salary increase... and in July of that year he left Southwestern before the new Administration Building had worked so hard for was completed.

Oklahoma's governor, Leon C. Phillips, through whose administration Dr. Boren had served, wrote him: "It is with deep regret that I see you leave the state of Oklahoma. It will be hard to find a man who will maintain the high ideals and build up the spirit you have developed at Southwestern Tech."

COLLEGE BOOMS

The Texas municipal junior college at that time had an enrollment of 247 students on a 40-acre campus that boasted three buildings.

Fourteen years later, when Dr. Boren retired as president emeritus, it had grown into Midwestern University with more than 3,000 students, 54 buildings, 400 acres and a fully accredited program through the master's degree. Most of the money for this expansion was by private gifts and donations.

Dr. Boren is the author of two books -- I Saw God and a textbook, Studies in Grammar. He is teacher of an adult couples Sunday School class in St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City.

The Borens have three children.

Dr. James H. Boren owns a public relations agency in Washington, D. C., and has gained national recognition from his spoofing of bureaucrats, outlined most recently in his new book, When in Doubt, Mumble.

Gene Alan Boren of Hurst, Tex., is in the intelligence division of the Dallas offices of the Internal Revenue Service.

Mrs. Marilyn Stafford, whose husband is a certified public accountant with the General Accounting Office in Washington, teaches school in Hayfield, Va.

Jones Gets Hospital Position at Laverne

Administrator of Laverne General Hospital since July has been Jerry D. Jones (BS, '69). Before moving to Laverne, Jones was assistant administrator of Southwestern Memorial Hospital in Weatherford.

His wife, Sherry (BA, '71), plans to do substitute teaching this year at Laverne.

Their mailing address is Box 98, Laverne.
Almost forgotten in the misty past that shrouds the hercules of yesterday's heroes are the exploits of 20 Southwestern Normal School "Scab Miners" during the winter of 1919.

In Weatherford the memory is sharp and clear only to Nelson "Squire" Brintle and Ray Harris. They were part of that saga of nearly 53 years ago.

A nationwide coal strike was paralyzing the country.

The Normal School faced the likelihood of closing for lack of fuel.

Mayor Eugene Forbes issued a proclamation in the Dec. 4, 1919, edition of The Weatherford Booster under the headline "Coal Situation Serious."

The proclamation, with penalties for violators, required all stores to be open only from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; all amusement places to close at 9 p.m.; all electricity to be cut off at 11 p.m., and dealers limited to selling no more than 500 pounds of coal to a customer and then only on the customer's sworn statement that he had no fuel.

In the same issue the Booster printed a call by Gov. J. B. A. Robertson and E. A. Parkhurst, chairman of the State Council on Defense, for volunteers from college campuses to work as strike-breakers in the eastern Oklahoma coal mines.

38 VOLUNTEER

Dr. J. B. Eskridge, Southwestern Normal School president, had already issued the call and on the same day the governor's appeal was published 38 men had volunteered. Only 20, the hardest of the lot, were chosen, leaving by train the following day.

"There was a young minister in Weatherford," Brintle reminisced, "who was a spellbinder in speaking for volunteers, appealing to patriotism to the country and loyalty to the school and the town.

"But when the time came to leave, he backed out. Said he had to prepare his sermons. To this day I haven't forgotten that."

The 18 rejected students joined volunteers from other state colleges and universities in a rendezvous at McAlester. From there they were entrained to Henryetta.

WORK STRIP MINES

Protected by National Guard troops, the Southwestern delegation was assigned to work strip mines on the surface. Nine officials felt it would be dangerous for them to dig in the underground mines.

"The National Guardsmen were with us when we worked, when we ate and when we slept," Brintle said. "We put in five days at $5 a day, which was a lot of money then. As best I remember, our 20 men mined five box-car loads of coal to ship back home."

On the following Thursday, Dec. 11, President Woodrow Wilson announced that the coal strike was ended and the volunteers headed home. But it wasn't an easy road back.

"Railroad men had been in sympathy with the striking miners," Harris recalled, "and took no pains to conceal their feelings toward 'scabs.'"

The men were traveling under one group ticket. When they were ready to board the homeward-bound train they found that their man in charge...Brintle thinks he was Raymond Boyer...had lost the ticket.

After a great deal of wrangling, the train crew finally agreed to let them ride home, but not in chair cars.

"They were hauling a wrecked box car back for repairs and crowded us into that," Brintle said. "It had no doors and the cold winter winds blew right through."

While nothing was written in the booster after the men returned, the 1920 Oracle, college yearbook, reported that they received a welcome due returning heroes.

HONOURED AT DINNER

The history department honored them at a dinner in the home of Miss Dora Ann Stewart. The miners' union designation of the men as "scab miners" followed them home, but not in the same context.

Quoting from the 1920 Oracle: "Shortly after these young men returned to Weatherford, they organized and perfected a club called the Scab Miners Club. The purpose of this club is to help promote the general welfare of the community. Several meetings have been held and many things accomplished."

There is no record of who the club officers were, but Harris remembers that he was job foreman.

"The writer of the article in the Oracle...Marvin "City Boy" Jordan, one of the volunteers...had this to say about "the injustice of applying the 'scab' label at Henryetta."

"The term (scab) usually applies to the man who under sells his labor for the purpose of getting a union man's job. "But such was not the purpose"

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Works in Guymon

Connie Kuhnemann Barnes (BS, '72) is employed at the McMurray Clinic in Guymon while her husband, Gene, attends Panhandle State College. Gene is a member of the PSC football team.

Their address is Box 364, Goodwell.
Help Us Celebrate

Dear Lettermen:

Here it is Homecoming time again. We will be looking for you at the game when the Bulldogs go against East Central at 2 p.m. Oct. 21.

Immediately after the game we will have our annual "Bull Session" in the Health and Physical Education Building, room 101.

At our meetings the last few years, we have noticed that an increasing number of the younger lettermen have been absent. We certainly would like for you to come this year and present your ideas as to how the club could be improved.

We would like to extend a special invitation to the wives of the lettermen. Ladies, come with your husbands. For the first time, a room and refreshments will also be provided for the ladies.

Don’t miss this opportunity to see old friends and make new acquaintances.

We’re looking forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,
Roger Pryor
President
Lettermen’s Club

Joe Donn Stockton and James A. Tilley received their certificates as new CPA’s at an Awards Dinner in September sponsored by the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Stockton, who received his bachelor of science degree cum laude in 1971, is employed by the Jack M. Sartin accounting firm in Oklahoma City. His major at Southwestern was accounting.

Associated with Continental Oil Co. in Ponca City, Tilley is a 1968 sum laude graduate of the college. He earned a bachelor of science degree and majored in accounting.

Clayas in Pakistan
For Research Project

Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Claya are now in Islamabad, Pakistan, where he is employed in full-time research in soil, water and irrigation.

They were sent to Pakistan for two years by Colorado State University in Fort Collins, where Dr. Claya is an associate professor.

Mrs. (Marjorie Sappington) Claya hopes “to do some teaching while we are there.”

Their address is Islamabad (ID), Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20521.

Candid Campus’ Plugs Education

The importance of higher education in making Oklahoma a better place to live is being emphasized in a series of educational television programs, "The Candid Campus."

Presented at 5:30 p.m. each Sunday over education channels 11 and 13, the programs are sponsored jointly by the Higher Education Alumni Council of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma College Public Relations Association.

ALUMNI NEWS
1972

David Roy Ross (BSPh) is a pharmacist. He resides at 6031 Westridge Lane, No. 405, Fort Worth, Tex.

Teaching remedial reading in Greenfield this year is Carolyn Beth Edsall Gels (BSE). Her address is Rt. 4, Kingfisher.

MINERS

(Continued from Page 29) of these young students, who had one object in view and that was to ‘get coal’ to alleviate the suffering of women and children suffering from exposure during the winter months. And their labors were not in vain!”

JOHN M. LITTLE (BSPh, ’54), a native of Heavener, is the new manager of the Eli Lilly Co.’s Seattle, Ore., sales district. With the company since 1958, Little was the past four years manager of a Lilly Chicago district. He also has worked in McAlester, Tulsa, St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo.

MISS BETTY J. KLIEVER of Cordell is furthering her training in the education of retarded children this semester at Southwestern under a $150 scholarship. The grant was made to Miss Kliever by the Order of United Commercial Travelers of America. A graduate of SWSC, she is employed by the Clinton public schools.

HEACO is a federation of individuals and organizations which publicizes higher education needs, and includes representatives and members of all 29 campuses within the state-supported system of higher learning.

OCPRA includes in its membership the public relations directors and public information directors of both state and privately supported colleges and universities throughout Oklahoma.

The television series is being produced under the direction of Marshall Allen, of Oklahoma State University’s educational television staff.

Four outstanding Oklahomans are serving as moderators, and key people from over the state are participating in programs dealing with specific higher education activities and goals.

Moderators include Dr. Delphus Whitten Jr., Oklahoma City University president; Mrs. Earl (Mary) Cherry, Tulsa, Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges president; Howard Cown, Tulsa, vice-president of Public Service Co. of Oklahoma, and Dr. Richard Poole, Oklahoma State University vice-president for university relations and development.

Students, administrators and teachers at the numerous institutions of higher learning will be invited to take part in the series.
IA Keeps on Expanding

Under the direction of Dr. James F. Griffin, chairman, the department of industrial arts at Southwestern State College has continued to progress and expand its program.

From the modest beginnings of three courses taught through the art department in 1904, the industrial arts program now offers instruction in the areas of drafting, arts and crafts, electronics, hot and cold metals, plastics, power mechanics and woodworking.

In 1904 students were offered mechanical drawing, manual training and clay and cardboard modelling. The following year, the department of manual training was established, and by 1909 there was an offering of 25 courses.

This department was discontinued in 1932 and re-established in 1936 under its present name—industrial arts.

According to Dr. Griffin, the purpose of his department is to train industrial arts students as public school teachers. Working towards improving this goal, the department has added two new programs.

SIX PROGRAMS

In addition to the original major and minor in industrial arts and a major and minor in education, with an industrial arts area of emphasis, there are now major/minors available in both areas. These additions bring the total for the department to six different programs.

Degrees available are the bachelor of science and the bachelor of science in education. During the past six years, four faculty members have been added to the staff.

Dr. Griffin succeeded John Cermak as chairman of the department in 1970. Cermak retired after 25 years at the college.

Changes in the department also include improvements in the buildings and additions to the equipment used in classrooms.

In the electronics area, several new training stations, curve tracers and frequency counters have been added.

Following newer advances, tungsten inert gas welders and metallic inert gas welders were recently purchased. In the cold metals area, the department added variable speed lathes and drill presses.

DRAFTING MACHINES

The drafting section has replaced its stations, and students are now using drafting machines rather than the traditional T-squares and angles.

An electronic glue machine and a woodturning lathe duplicator are new additions to the woodworking section. Arts and crafts has reorganized its facilities and added new work stations.

During the past few years, the department as a whole has been remodeled. Exhaust systems were put in the welding rooms, a receptionist's and secretary's office area was added and plans are in the making to rearrange both Industrial Arts Buildings.

The Industrial arts department is active each year in the Southwestern Interscholastic Meet (SWIM) for junior and senior high school students. The students compete in drafting, electronics, woodworking and welding. This year the department is adding a projects display competition.

Address Correct?

The addresses of many persons on Echoes' mailing list are incomplete, even though delivery is still being made.

Please check your address on this issue. If your name is misspelled, or if the address does not contain your street number or Post Office box number, advise us so that corrections can be made.

Don't Forget!

By PATTY JO DUNCAN
President, FSA

It's almost here! Oct. 21 is the date and the big Homecoming celebration is the occasion—don't miss it! As president of the Former Students Association, I would like to invite you to make our luncheon a part of your day.

Before and during the parade we will have booths set up in front of the Dixie and Anthony's where you may buy your tickets. The tickets will be $1.50 each and the luncheon will be upstairs in the Student Union. You will also be able to buy tickets in the Union lobby and there will be people to direct you to the luncheon.

Remember, whether you attended Southwestern State for only a semester or were graduated, you are welcome to attend the Former Students Luncheon. Please come on to the luncheon as soon as the parade is over—not wait until 12. We want to start as soon as possible because we plan to be out in plenty of time to get to the football game.

This is a big day—come and see your friends and former classmates: enjoy the parade, the luncheon and the football game. See you there!
There hasn't been a dull moment in the life of Millie Alexander Thomas since she retired July 1, 1966, as Southwestern State College registrar.

Her work as a retired teacher has extended from local to state and national levels.

She has played a leading role in Weatherford community and church affairs.

She is the organizer of a senior citizens club in Weatherford.

Her ties to the campus include serving as off-campus sponsor of the Southwestern International Students Association and continuing more than 30 continuous years as an officer of the college

With her husband, Clyde Thomas, she has found time during the past six years to travel to such places as the Pacific Northwest, Canada, Florida, Houston and Washington, D.C.

AND LEARNS TO DRIVE

And reluctantly at first...but with her husband's firm insistence...she has learned to drive an automobile.

Still young in appearance and vitality and with the concern for others that made her the well-loved "Millie" to three generations of Southwestern students, her active "retired" life is continuing to accelerate.

At the time she left the campus she became vice-president of the southwest district of the Oklahoma Retired Teachers Association, and soon after was named president. After that she was voted district secretary-treasurer, a job she still holds.

In 1970 she was asked to organize county ORTA units within the district. The state director told her, "Don't be discouraged if the first effort fails. You may need several meetings to get a unit going."

During the past two years Millie has gotten eight such units off the ground...Custer-Dewey, Beckham-Roger Mills, Washita, Jackson, Greer, Blaine-Caddo, Woodward and Comanche...and in each case only one meeting was necessary.

NO SALARY

This project, for which she receives no salary and often pays her own travel expense, calls for organization within the near future of units at Duncan and in Canadian and Kiowa counties, return visits to units to install officers, establish new groups and attend an occasional appearance to give a booster talk if a unit needs a shot in the arm.

Millie's driving force led to her appointment in February, 1972, as assistant state director of the National Retired Teachers Association.

In May, 1972, she was one of three voting Oklahoma delegates to attend the national NRTA convention in Miami Beach.

She will be a member of the state delegation attending the dedication of the NRTA health science center on the campus of Southern California at Los Angeles. The center is a monument to the late Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, former NRTA president.

It was in April, 1971, that Millie spearheaded the organization of a Weatherford senior citizens club. It was an instant success.

People from all walks of life, all religions and all levels of education signed up. Meetings are held twice each month; devoted almost entirely to recreation and entertainment. As many as 70 members have attended some sessions.

The club doesn't seek federal aid, or become involved in politics. Its aims are entirely social.

STUDENT GROUP FORMED

With Miss Mattie Driskill, now a retired Southwestern faculty member, Millie helped organize the Southwestern International Students Association in 1965. She works now with Dr. Charles Schwartz, the on-campus sponsor.

During most of the 38 years she was student assistant, assistant registrar and, after 1940, registrar, Millie was secretary of the Former Students Association. After retirement she exchanged FSA jobs with Mark Mouse, assuming his treasurer's duties, since the secretary's responsibilities required accessibility to college records.

Come Oct. 21 and the 1972 Homecoming Millie will be very much in evidence, as she has been since 1928, smiling, greeting old friends and wistfully wishing that "more alumni and former students would come back...I enjoy seeing them so much."

Since she has remained a member of the Homecoming steering committee.

Too busy with the present and the future to dwell too long in the past, Millie does have her nostalgic moments.

"Back then," she remembers--referring to her earlier years at Southwestern--"none of us had any money. But we had something much better--each other. We had a grand time." PROUD TO KNOW

"There have been so many good people who have attended Southwestern. It makes me proud to know they have done so well since they left the college."

Millie has been involved in Weatherford community affairs, too, during the past six years.

In 1970 and again in 1971, she was co-chairman of the United Fund drive residential campaign, her division each year surpassing its quota.

She has continued active work in Sunday school, church and women's circle activities of the Federated Church.

Since retirement she has served as president of the Weatherford chapter of the American Association of University Women, of Kappa Kappa Iota and of the Mothers Study Club.

To thousands of former students Millie has become some sort of a legend in her own time.

But a very special "living" legend.