It was a time for backslapping, handshaking and reminiscing...that evening last fall when Millie Alexander Thomas was showered with much-deserved attention. You can read on Page 16 about the Appreciation Dinner held for this retired Southwestern registrar, who continues to give a large portion of her time to the Southwestern Alumni Association.

At right, she is shown as the camera caught her during the event—thanking those who were there to thank her, beaming with pride and accepting a watch from fellow SWSU retiree Fern Lowman.

Elsewhere in this issue of Echoes, you'll find reminders about the university's 1977 Homecoming Celebration on Oct. 14-15 and stories about Dick Moore, Page 2; Dr. Morris Lamb and the Southwestern Room, Page 4; Alvin Alcorn, Page 5; Col. Jode Wilson, Page 9...to name a few.

**Long-Time Prof Is Retiring in Spring**

Grant Hendrix, who retires in May as an associate professor in the Southwestern Department of Industrial Education, will be honored at a reception on Friday, April 29.

Faculty members, family and friends are invited to the informal gathering from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Skyview Room.

In length of service, Hendrix ranks at the top among all faculty and administrators now at the Weatherford university. He first arrived on campus as an instructor in 1942, and—except for a 2½-year hitch in the Army during World War II—he has been here ever since.

Noted around the campus for his almost uncanny ability to repair anything, Hendrix noted that he began developing the skill at a very early age. Among his earliest remembrances is his father's blacksmith shop on the family farm near Arapaho, where Hendrix was born.

Even before he entered his first year of school at Arapaho, Hendrix not only had received an introduction to industrial education from his father but had been taught to read and write by his mother.

Hendrix was graduated from Custer City High School in 1930...
Ex-Bulldog Wrestler Changes Career Plan

Dick Moore, a former Southwestern State Teachers College wrestler, is manager of Oklahoma-Kansas division and a vice-president of Consolidated Gas Company. He joined Consolidated in 1941 as a cashier in Fairview where he asked to be transferred to Ponca City to help out his brother, the superintendent of schools. When he learned the $10 a month difference between the two jobs was enough to change his career, he accepted the Fairview position. This led to a successful career as a utilities executive.

Dick Moore was born in Edmond, Okla., and came to Southwestern to compete with the Bulldog wrestling team for several years. He was ready to accept a contract with the Ponca City schools when he was offered a job as cashier in Consolidated Gas' Fairview office.

During his undergraduate years at Southwestern, Dick Moore had an entirely different goal in mind. His primary ambition was to become a teacher and coach. Teacher education was the major area for students of that era, even though Southwestern had three names from 1937 to 1941 - Southwestern State Teachers College, Southwestern State College of Diversified Occupations and Southwestern Institute of Technology.

R. W. [DICK] MOORE

Moore is manager of the Oklahoma-Kansas division and a vice-president of Consolidated Gas Co.'s offices in Weatherford. That's when the broom entered his life. It was destined to alter the course of his life. At that time it meant walking down The Hill hours before daybreak to do a job. During summers he worked in the field with Consolidated labor crews.

During the spring of 1941, when Moore was ready to graduate from Southwestern Tech, he was still looking toward a teaching-coaching career. He was ready to accept a contract with the Ponca City schools when he was offered a job as cashier in Consolidated Gas' Fairview office.

Teachers' salaries were at a low ebb in 1941. The cashier's position at Fairview paid $10 a month more than the coaching post at Ponca City. The $10 difference turned Moore's life around, and he was on his way to a fast-moving career as a utilities executive.

In 1946 he was manager of the Sayre office when Consolidated promoted him to its Altus office, where he became area manager and in 1955 was moved up to Western Division gas distribution manager. After the merger of Consolidated and Arkla in 1960 he was elected a vice-president and member of the Arkla board of directors in 1963.

On his way up the professional ladder, Moore earned many honors and much recognition for his leadership and achievements in state and national affairs. In 1946 Oklahoma Jaycees voted him their Outstanding Man of the Year. He was president of the Sayre Kiwanis Club in 1946 and in 1957 was lieutenant-governor of Division 18 of the Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis International.

Moore is a past president of the Altus Chamber of Commerce and played a major role in reactivating Altus Air Force Base. With two Altus businessmen he constructed western Oklahoma's first modern rental project for blacks. Moore and his associates added 300 homes in a new addition.

Since 1960 he has participated in the Oklahoma Development Council Industrial Tours to eastern and northern states seeking new state industry and served several years as chairman of the Governor's Industrial Team from its founding in 1967.

In 1974 he was cited for outstanding service as chairman for

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Shucks Lead Active Life, Win Honors In Elsberry, Mo.

Dr. Arthur L. Shuck, former member of the Department of Biological Sciences faculty at Southwestern, and his wife, Ida, have been residing in Elsberry, Mo., since leaving Weatherford about 10 years ago.

They wrote to Echoes recently to tell of family activities and of honors they have received.

In January 1975, she was winner of a Bicentennial seal contest sponsored by the Elsberry Bicentennial Commission. Her design was put on special flags which fly over several of Elsberry's public buildings.

In August of last year, a class reunion was held at New Hope School near Elsberry. Mrs. Shuck taught at New Hope School in 1926 and 1927. A number of her former elementary students planned a special dinner to honor her.

A month later, the Shucks conducted an antique auction at their Lincoln County farm near Elsberry. They noted they had accumulated many items through the years and that the sale attracted a number of antique dealers.

The Shucks were among 35 families who received Centennial Farm Certificates from the county bureau.

The Shucks' farm was in the news again in October 1976 when the Lincoln County Farm Bureau sponsored a dinner to honor area farm owners whose land had been in the same family for 100 years. The Shucks were among 35 families who received Centennial Farm Certificates from the county bureau.

The Shucks wrote that they remain interested in the progress made by Southwestern and are hoping to have an opportunity to visit the campus to see improvements.

They also said they would enjoy hearing from Southwestern friends. Their address is 207 N. Sixth, Elsberry, Mo. 63343.

EX-BULLDOG WRESTLER

seven years of this task force in a resolution stating that "the industrial team has been able to achieve its goal as a direct result of the continuous guidance of its chairman, Mr. R. W. Moore."

A few years ago a state newsman wrote: "It's as easy to keep Dick Moore out of the limelight as it is to hide Sally Rand in a mother Hubbard--Dick makes the headlines because he does things!"

This quality of aggressive action carried over into the political field. Moore numbers among his personal friends some of the great names of the nation.

He was associated with the staff of Lyndon B. Johnson during the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles in 1960. Following a successful campaign for the vice-presidency, LBJ wrote a warm letter of appreciation accepted with an invitation Moore accepted to attend the 1961 ceremonies and inaugural ball in Washington for John F. Kennedy and Johnson.

He was again the guest of President Johnson and Vice-President Hubert Humphrey during the 1965 inauguration.

His involvement in the world around him began while Moore was a Southwestern student. He was elected president of the senior class in 1941. He was elected president of the Student Senate and of the Lettermen's Club, known then as the S Club.

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His involvement in the world around him began while Moore was a Southwestern student. He was president of the senior class in 1941. He was elected president of the Student Senate and of the Lettermen's Club, known then as the S Club.

In 1940 he was married to Melda Eaton, a classmate. His bride was the daughter of one of Weatherford's most enthusiastic wrestling fans, the late Albert Eaton. His mother-in-law, who resides in Weatherford, is also one of Moore's boosters, but not principally for his athletic prowess.

"Dick's a tremendous man who has done much for the state of Oklahoma," Mrs. Eaton states with a great deal of pride.

Dick and Melda Moore were actually married twice before leaving the campus. They were the principals in a symbolic ceremony promoted by Forensia, a women's organization that dated back to the very beginning of the school. Melda was Miss Forensia and Dick was Mr. Southwestern. Their "marriage"--an annual observance of the club--was a symbol of Forensia's renewal of its loyalty to Southwestern.

The traditional "wedding" has long since been abandoned to a long list of other nostalgic memories for those who were Southwestern students of bygone days.

Moore's interest in his alma mater has continued through the years. He was elected president of the Former Students Association in 1950 and served several terms. He was in office when the Memorial Student Center was dedicated in 1956 and was one of the speakers for the occasion. He was a popular emcee for a student Homecoming Assembly and for one of the Southwestern Sports Hall of Fame installation banquets.

The Moores are parents of two sons. Steven Eaton Moore is an attorney for Oklahoma Gas and Electric Co. in Oklahoma City. His wife, Nancy, is a registered nurse with the Oklahoma County Health Department. Richard Warren Moore Jr. is an accountant executive for Lazard Freres and Co. in New York City. He and his wife, Barbara, are parents of two children.

MRS. SHUCK'S SEAL

MRS. IRENE HUCKABA [left] is serving as president of the Southwestern Thirty-Year Club. She is shown here with Ernest Kendall, vice-president, and Mrs. Lucille North, secretary-treasurer. All are from Weatherford and were elected at the club's luncheon during the 1976 Homecoming celebration.
Public Gets Look At Southwestern Room

The Southwestern Room, occupying the northeast corner of the second floor in Southwestern State University's Al Harris Library, was open to the public for the first time during the annual Homecoming celebration in October.

Mrs. Sheila Hoke, library director, and her staff have been working for weeks to mold the photographs and artifacts of the 75-year-old Weatherford university into a historical fashion that alumni will enjoy.

"They are really who this room is for," Mrs. Hoke said. "We feel that Southwestern alumni and former students will enjoy being able to have a place at their 'old alma mater' to peek back to their college days."

Much time will be required to get the room in perfect order. And assistance from alumni is needed.

"Many of the pictures are not dated and individuals in them are not identified," Mrs. Hoke explained. "If there are any alumni who would like to help, I hope they will contact me."

The room will contain photographs of Southwestern's founding fathers. Its first sweethearts and its presidents. Also included are stacks of yearbooks and newspapers; tables and furnishings with special meaning; photos of athletes from many, and not so many, years ago, and of the school's first bulldog mascot, Duke, and the last, Brandy.

"Progress will be seen slowly but surely in this special room," the library director said. "It will take time to do things right. For some of the 'roads' back to the past have not been opened for a very long time.

"Taking the time to think about what should go where and how it should be shown is the first concern. In preparing the Southwestern Room we have adopted the motto: 'Taking the time to take care of what has brought us to today.'"

Great Teacher Award Goes to Dr. Lamb

A teacher of teachers has received the 17th annual Great Teacher Award of the Southern Illinois University-Carbondale Alumni Association.

Dr. Morris L. Lamb, 39-year-old associate professor of curriculum, instruction and media, was presented the $1,000 award at a Homecoming luncheon last October in Carbondale.

SIU-C's Great Teachers are chosen by a vote of university alumni. The standard is classroom teaching excellence, according to Robert Odaniell, executive director of the association.

The award includes an engraved plaque as well as the $1,000 check.

Dr. Lamb is a specialist in elementary education and coordinates SIU-C's master's degree program in that field. Since going to the Illinois university in 1970 he has served on more than 70 thesis and doctor of philosophy-degree dissertation committees.

He is a member of the College of Education's teacher education task force, the Administrative Certification Committee, undergraduate and graduate Student Affairs Committees and the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Lamb has been a consultant to the Illinois Office of Education and numerous public school systems in that state. He also conducted an Illinois Humanities Project in Carbondale on school integration.

In 1972 he won the SIU-C College of Education 'Good Teaching Award' for excellence in undergraduate teaching.

A native of Hamon, Lamb received a bachelor's degree from Southwestern and master's and PhD degrees from the University of Oklahoma.

He was principal of elementary schools in Santa Rosa, N.M., and Oklahoma City, and taught for two years at OU before joining the SIU-C faculty. He and his wife, the former Sharron Whitney of Dallas, Tex., have two young children.

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Alcorn Is Edmond’s ’76 Citizen of Year

A 1940 Southwestern graduate has been selected as Edmond’s Citizen of the Year for 1976.

Alvin Alcorn, vice-president for administration at Central State University, received the highest award presented annually by the Edmond Chamber of Commerce for his service to that central Oklahoma city.

The native of Geary has been active in community affairs since moving to CSU in 1960 as business manager. He served as Chamber president in 1972 and currently is a member of that organization’s board of directors and chairman of the city’s Industrial Development Authority.

Alcorn is a past president of the Association of Oklahoma College and University Business Officials. He is a Mason and a Methodist.

During his term as Chamber president, Alcorn was active in gaining passage of a sewer and water bond issue—which had previously failed—continued to help promote the Junior Livestock Show and backed the inauguration of the Edmond Historical Society.

With his new bachelor of science degree from Southwestern in hand, Alcorn accepted his first teaching assignment in 1940 at Calumet. From there he went to Greenfield as superintendent before entering the Navy for two years.

Next came a stint as high school principal and coach at Buffalo. He was supervisor of state aid calculations in the State Department of Education Finance Division immediately prior to his appointment as CSU business manager.

“Everett Gartrell [retired SWSU business manager] schooled me back in the early 1960’s in the proper way to handle college funds,” Alcorn said.

Alcorn’s wife, the former Naomi Parker of Geary, attended Southwestern for two years and completed her degree work at Oklahoma State University. She teaches vocational home economics at Edmond Middle School.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Alcorn have earned master’s degrees—he from OSU and she from CSU.

Their older daughter, Mrs. Alice Ann Cornelius, will graduate from Central in May with a degree in nursing, and their younger daughter, Phoebe Jane, is a freshman accounting major at OSU.

Grain Men Pick Thomas for Honor

Edgar Thomas of Weatherford was honored last October as one of four outstanding individuals in Oklahoma’s grain trade. He is a graduate of Southwestern.

Born on a Colorado ranch, Thomas moved to Weatherford in 1919. He has served as president for 26 years of the Weatherford Farmers Cooperative Exchange board of directors.

He has been on the advisory boards of both the Wichita Bank of Cooperatives and the Union Equity Cooperative Exchange, and he is chairman of the resolutions committee of the Cooperative Grain Dealers’ Association.

Thomas and his wife, the former Edna Dozier, have two daughters and three grandchildren.

Alumna Takes Lawton Post

Kathy Shugart (BA, ’76) is employed in the news department of the Lawton Constitution Press. Formerly from Sentinel, she worked for a time for the Weatherford Daily News before moving to Lawton last October. Her Lawton address is 509 Park B.
and entered Southwestern in the fall of that year. He taught two years at Custer City before he was graduated from Southwestern in 1935. The year he received his bachelor’s degree Hendrix moved to Nowata, where he taught for seven years.

During his time at Nowata he completed his master’s degree at Oklahoma State University and earned life teaching certificates in mathematics, elementary, social studies and industrial arts.

In addition to furthering his formal education while at Nowata, he began refining his mechanical skills working during the summers in machine shops in Nowata and Tulsa.

“In many ways,” said Hendrix, “my experiences in those machine shops were more valuable than any machine shop course I had in college. Those shops were always looking for short cuts and ways to manufacture more efficiently, and it was there that I really began to develop an ability to accomplish the most in the least amount of time and expense.”

It was after receiving his master’s degree in the spring of 1942 that Hendrix left Nowata and came to the Southwestern campus. After little more than a year, he entered the Army and served 30 months with the 301st Combat Engineers in Germany before returning to Southwestern.

During the 14 months he was on the campus before entering the Army, Hendrix ran what was more or less a furniture factory, in addition to meeting his responsibilities as a teacher.

“During the war, we had trouble getting furniture,” he recalls. “I was responsible for making 400 table-arm chairs, 100 double-deck beds and 100 secretarial desks before I joined the Army.

“So, in addition to teaching, I was supervising an eight-hour day shift and a three-hour evening shift in the furniture plant.”

Besides supervising the furniture plant, Hendrix personally made two huge double-pedestal desks, one of which was used in the Southwestern President’s Office for 33 years before being retired to the Public Relations Office in favor of furniture more in keeping with today’s styles.

Although he has used whatever teaching method best suits the needs of his students, Hendrix has stressed the learning-by-doing method wherever possible. It was a method which served him well when he achieved what he calls his most satisfying accomplishment, teaching himself electronics long after he had completed his formal education.

In the process of learning the basics of electronics, if there was some phase which he did not thoroughly understand, he would build a model and work with it until it functioned and he understood the principle. His models became teaching aids and some are still used in the department.

His model work carried over into creating electrical effects to illustrate lessons for his men’s Bible class in the First Baptist Church of Clinton, where he is a deacon. These effects were later developed into a sermon titled “Electrically Illustrated Scriptures” which he presented 53 times to churches, schools and civic clubs in southwestern Oklahoma.

As if he were not busy enough already, Hendrix has found time over the years to earn his private pilot license and participate in the university’s scuba diving program. He also is a licensed amateur radio operator.

Looking back over his years at Southwestern, Hendrix considers the growth of the school the most significant change he has seen.

“The Memorial Student Center, the Rankin Williams Health and Physical Education Building, the Al Harris Library, the Arts and Science Building, the high rise dorms and the Chemistry-Pharmacy-Physics Buildings have all been added since I came to Southwestern. In fact, a student and I staked out the first section of the Chemistry-Pharmacy-Physics Buildings.

“In 1942 there were only about 30 staff members, and I knew them all. And there were only about 300 students and very few cars.”

Teaching responsibilities have changed somewhat over the years, too, according to Hendrix.

“I can remember teaching as many as seven classes a day with 30 students in each. These days, teaching loads are much more reasonable.”

Have students changed?

“Yes, they have,” he says. “Well, maybe not much if you don’t consider the World War II veterans in the years right after the war. That was one group that didn’t do any fooling around. The only reason they were here was to learn.”

At one time or another during his years at Southwestern, Hendrix has taught woodwork, electronics, welding, arts and crafts, drafting, design and machine shop courses. He is currently teaching drafting and machine shop.

In addition to this teaching, he served the university as faculty athletic representative to the conference and was on the committee for writing the constitution for the old Faculty Club.

In 1937 Hendrix was married to his childhood sweetheart, Alma Fleming, who at that time was teaching in the Custer City schools. They have one son, Gary, who has a doctor of philosophy degree in computer science. Gary and his wife, Connie, live in Palo Alto, Calif., where he is a research engineer at the Stanford Research Institute.

As for what retirement holds, Hendrix notes simply:

“I’ve made plenty of plans for the future and I’m not looking forward to any old rocking chair. I’m going to have plenty to keep me busy.”

To sum up his years at Southwestern and the changes on the campus and the thousands of students he has seen, Hendrix makes one other simple statement:

“Everyday has been an adventure.”

**LONG-TIME PROF IS RETIRING THIS SPRING**

BEAUTY QUEENS were very much in evidence during the 1976 Homecoming celebration at Southwestern. Seven past and present titleholders from Southwestern and the reigning Miss Oklahoma, Lucia Miller of Beaver (standing right), were honored at a reception held in conjunction with Homecoming. From left are: Seated—Jann Burkharter, Mountain View, 1974 Miss Southwestern; Shirley Cowan Bailey, Watonga, 1966 Miss Southwestern; Coretta Banks, Lawton, 1971 Homecoming Queen, and Gayle Smith Coffey, Weatherford, 1973 Miss Southwestern. Standing—Kathy Kennedy, Calumet, 1976 Homecoming Queen; Pam Franklin, El Reno, 1976 Miss Southwestern; Denice Chadwick, Lubbock, Tex., 1975 Homecoming Queen, and Miss Miller.
Retired Status Now
For Mrs. Gossman

After 14 years as postmaster at Arapaho, Mrs. Cora Helen Gossman retired in October of 1976.

High point of the well-known Custer County seat postmaster and civic leader’s career came in 1972 when she was named National Postmaster of the Year after earlier being chosen Oklahoma’s Postmaster of the Year.

A graduate of Cordell High School, Mrs. Gossman attended Cordell Christian College, Southwestern and the University of Oklahoma.

She first went to Arapaho in September 1926 as a teacher. After her first husband, Cy Howenstine Jr., died, she accepted employment with the Clinton Building and Loan Association where she worked for 11 years.

Later she was elected to the office of Custer County Court Clerk and served in that position for six years before taking a job with the Welfare Department as a social worker.

Her Civil Service career began in 1959 when she became medical records clerk for the Clinton Indian Hospital. When the Arapaho postmaster retired, Mrs. Gossman transferred into the Postal Service and served three months in Oklahoma City as a clerk before being appointed acting postmaster in July 1963. She became postmaster about a year later.

Prior to retirement, she was active in postmaster's organizations, especially the National League of Postmasters. She was a national membership chairman and a regional coordinator for the 11 states making up the Southern Region.

She also is a past president of the Oklahoma Branch of the National League of Postmasters and was on the National Legislative Committee of the NLP in her final year before retirement.

Mrs. Gossman was honored at a banquet on Oct. 30, 1976, sponsored by the Oklahoma branch of the NLP.

She is bookkeeper for the Arapaho Cemetery Association. Also, she helped organize the Arapaho Chamber of Commerce and, prior to retirement, was for three years secretary of the Custer County Community Development Council.

Mrs. Gossman and her husband, John, reside on a farm east of Arapaho.

Loan Fund Account Boosted by $1,500

Three Southwestern School of Pharmacy graduates have helped to enrich their alma mater’s revolving loan fund by a total of $1,500.

Gary W. King of Amarillo, Tex., Ken W. Haley, Temple, and Vern Harris, Maysville, were selected as winners in the Burroughs Wellcome Pharmacy Education Program during last fall’s National Association of Retail Druggists convention in San Francisco, Calif.

A check for $500 was presented to SWSU in the name of each of the three pharmacists. The loan fund is used to assist deserving pharmacy students in the completion of their education at Southwestern.

Burroughs, one of the nation’s leading pharmaceutical manufacturers, sponsors a $52,000 pharmacy education program.

Outstanding Woman’ Title Goes to Graduate

Mrs. Deborah Joyce Gage Beaty of Cheyenne recently received an award for being selected an “Outstanding Woman of America.”

She graduated from Southwestern, where she majored in music education with the piano as her area of concentration.

In 1974 she taught music in the Cheyenne schools and is presently teaching piano privately.

SECOND-LIEUTENANT Lyle G. Radebaugh, a 1976 graduate of Southwestern commissioned through the Army ROTC program, is currently attending the military intelligence officers basic course at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. After completing the course he will be assigned to Fort Sill.

Clinton Native Returns Home from Kansas As Atwoods Store Manager

Cliff Corbin, a 1972 Southwestern graduate with a bachelor’s degree in business administration and marketing, has returned to Clinton to manage the Atwoods store.

Corbin, his wife, Wanelda, and son, Reed, returned to Clinton from Pittsburg, Kan., where he opened an Atwoods in 1975. He first worked for Atwoods while attending high school in 1967.

After he was graduated from Clinton High in 1968, Corbin worked for the C. R. Anthony store in Clinton while attending Southwestern. After he received his degree from Southwestern, he went to Frederick as the Anthony’s store manager.

In 1975 he moved to Enid as a manager trainee for Atwoods and in November of that year went to Pittsburg, Kan., to open a new Atwoods.
Lt. Monigold is Honor Graduate in Army Course

Army First-Lieutenant Glendall Monigold (BS. '74) of Weatherford has graduated with honors from the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill. He finished second in the class completing the course in December.

Lt. Monigold reported to the Oklahoma military post last fall after receiving his master's degree in August from North Texas State University, Denton. His degree is in nuclear physics.

He was to be transferred in February to the Staff and Faculty Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, at the Field Artillery School, also located at Fort Sill.

The lieutenant earned his Army commission through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Southwestern.

His wife, the former Jo Ellen Short (BSE. '73) of Weatherford, was awarded her master's degree in special education from Texas Women's University, also at Denton, last August.

The couple and their year-old son, Matthew Wayne, reside at 4637 S.E. Aberdeen, Lawton.

Pharmacy Alums Pick Meece as President

During the state convention of the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association last spring in Oklahoma City, alumni of the Southwestern School of Pharmacy met to elect new officers.

Elected president of the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Association was Cliff Meece of Salisbury. Dick Winn, Stillwater, was named vice-president and Jerry Allen, Weatherford, was re-elected secretary.

Southwestern alumni were also elected to state association posts. Allen and Jerry Turner of Checotah were chosen to serve on the executive council of the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association.

Capt. Clark Back on Duty as Navigator for SAC

Capt. Gary L. Clark (BS. '71) has graduated from the Squadron Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. He has returned to Dyess AFB, Tex., where he serves as a navigator with a unit of the Strategic Air Command.

The captain, a 1967 graduate of Fayetteville, Ark., High School, was commissioned in 1972 through the Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Tex.

Homecoming Reunion to Family

Homecoming 1976 at Southwestern State University was more like a family reunion for one group attending.

Some 14 members of the Fleming family were present for the event.

In this exceptionally education-oriented family--counting brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews--there are 18 classroom teachers. The family has a total of 38 degrees, most of them earned at Southwestern, and a grand total of 405 years of teaching experience.

The Fleming family is of true pioneer stock. The family tree goes back to Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Fleming, who came to Oklahoma from Knoxville, Tenn., in the pioneer days of the state.

According to Grant Hendrix, an associate professor in the Industrial Education Department and unofficial spokesman for the family at Homecoming, the Flemings are not issuing any kind of challenge--but they feel few families can match their achievement.

Attending Homecoming were Hendrix and his wife, Alma, of Weatherford, and their son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Gary and Genie, Menlo Park, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose, Weatherford; Drs. Pauline Fleming Rose and James Fleming, Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Frymire, Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fleming, Norman; Mrs. Beatrice Fleming Foster, Taloga, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fleming, Oklahoma City.

Several members of the family got together again during the Christmas holidays for a dinner in the Grant Hendrix residence. Southwestern alumni at that affair, in addition to the host and hostess, were Dr. Gary Hendrix; Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose; Jeff Fleming, Stillwater; Delbert Durham, Granite; Miss Jewell Fleming, Fort Defiance, Ariz.; Mrs. Beatrice Foster; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fleming, Norman, and Mrs. Pauline Rose.

Other teachers and SWSU alumni in the family include Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fleming, Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Sheri Cordry, Lincoln, Neb., and Miss Diane Fleming, Fort Defiance, Ariz.
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Alumni Association Duespayers Are Named

More than 31 years after it began, Col. Jode R. Wilson's military career has ended. The first professor of military science ever to serve at Southwestern State University retired from the Army on Jan. 31.

In retirement and change of command ceremonies, Col. Wilson presented his second Legion of Merit "for exceptionally meritorious performance in the operation of outstanding service."

His successor both as professor of military science and as commander of Southwestern's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps unit is Lt.-Col. Leon C. Thurgood, a native of Weatherford, Utah, and a veteran of 16 years' Army duty.

Col. Wilson, a 1948 graduate of Southwestern, returned to the Weatherford campus in 1971 to help establish the ROTC program.

The colonel and his wife, Peggy, will continue to reside in Weatherford.

During his career, Col. Wilson saw duty in Germany, Korea, Laos and Vietnam, and he received numerous Army awards.

His Legion of Merit citation notes that he served "in positions of great responsibility, culminating as professor of military science. United States Army Third ROTC Region... His entire career has been characterized by unparalleled dedication to duty, demonstrated expertise in a variety of challenging fields and total dedication to his country."

Col. Wilson's distinguished performance of duty throughout his military career represents outstanding achievement in the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

He and his wife are the parents of three daughters--Mrs. Judy Colbert, Fort Hood, Tex., and Mrs. Jane Draper and Miss JoDe Wilson, both of Houston, Tex.
Among the cordial families of Weatherford when the Normal School was opened none ranked higher in the estimation of the faculty than the George S. Baird family. Their friendship was one which endured to the end and won for Mrs. Baird the deserved title of “Faculty Mother.”

Homesick and discouraged teachers always found in her a real friendship, and a mother’s sympathy was freely bestowed on them. She was a woman of much tact, and a thousand whom to know was to love. Although Mr. Baird was a hard-working businessman, their daughter a teacher in the public schools and Mrs. Baird busy with home duties of a family of five or six, yet they always found time for others outside the household. Their hospitality extended to all in the community.

Since they had come from Missouri recently to make their home in Weatherford they appreciated the meaning of stranger in a new community and manifested a cordial hospitality to all newcomers. Their interest in civic, social and religious activities placed them among the community leaders whose counsel was sought in community enterprises. Their interest in the Normal School knew no bounds and their services were available whenever the need arose. It is doubtful if there was another family in the community which had greater influence on the religious life of students than the Bairds. Despite their popularity in the community there was nothing spectacular about their activities. Their kindly deeds were performed in a quiet, sympathetic manner and with as little outward display as was absolutely necessary. I shall never forget them.

“Joe” Sugden and “Ed” Boyer conducted a general store in Weatherford during the early years of the Normal School. It was a popular store with everybody. They were two splendid young men who were always accommodating, absolutely honest, straightforward and who tried to please their customers. “Joe” Goodrich was associated with the firm and reflected the same qualities which characterized his employers.

I never have done business with any merchant who was more satisfactory than “Sugden and Boyer.” During the first five years of the Normal School members of the faculty were paid their salaries at three months intervals. The salaries were meagre and many found it inconvenient to wait the arrival of their checks. Sugden and Boyer volunteered to carry the accounts without charge for the entire 12 weeks and in some instances loaned small amounts to faculty members to tide them over until payday. In my memory and experiences they stand in the foremost ranks of ideal merchants, and both families were interested in all movements for social and civic uplift in Weatherford.

Roy C. Everts, a jewelry merchant, was one of Weatherford’s popular citizens. He was a reliable friend of the Normal School who presented a gold medal as a prize in the Public Speaking Contest. He was always jolly and good-natured and had a cheerful remark at all times for everybody. I was fond of Roy Everts.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wheeler were business families who took a lively interest in social activities in the community. They were very cordial socially with the faculty and faculty families and united with them on many pleasant occasions. The wives were active members of the women’s clubs and influential in shaping the clubs’ policies.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon N. Farr were among the younger set of married people who were intimately associated with faculty activities. Both were graduates of Doane College, Neb., and Mr. Farr received an advanced degree at Yale University. Both were interested in students and faculty, and their activities in social work in the community were commendable.

Mr. and Mrs. T.W. (“Bully”) Jones stood in quite the same relation to the faculty as the Farrs. Mr. Jones was a graduate of the University of North Carolina and an attorney with a good practice. Mrs. Jones joined the Normal Chorus and exerted splendid influence in its development into an outstanding chorus. They constituted a distinct social asset both to the Normal School and the community. Now it can be told that the Farrs, the Jones’s and the Wilbers constituted a very intimate social group, in the early years of the Normal School, with frequent evening meetings with the window-shades drawn down. But nobody was outstanding at “bridge.”

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Penn were prominent in Weatherford business circles. “Charlie” was a furniture dealer and operated the city morgue. He was quite generally conceded to be the champion story-teller of the town. Mrs. Penn operated the principal hotel. The building didn’t amount to much, but she did a splendid job caring for her patrons. The dining room was one of the most popular in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Galloway deserve special mention due to their intimate relations with the activities in faculty circles. Before her marriage Mrs. Galloway was a student in the Normal School and became on intimate terms with students and members of the faculty alike. She was interested in music and gave of her time and energy unstintingly to the Normal Chorus and other musical programs. Mr. Galloway was a prominent banker who won the friendship of the Normal faculty and those who knew him personally. He always manifested an interest in the Normal School and the City of Weatherford and stood ready to use his personal influence to advance the interests of either of them.

Undoubtedly there were others in those days of the long-ago who were more or less connected with the interests of the Normal School and deserve mention, but I do not recall them at this time. The one I must mention was O. B. Kee, president of the Exchange Bank. Mr. Kee was one of the first to offer a gold medal for competition among students in the Normal School. His prize was for excellence in Declamation and Dramatic Reading. He was an interesting character of flamboyant showmanship. He used an English which he made himself and often boasted of his being the “worst bad speller in town.” But Mr. Kee had many fine qualities when one got next to the man himself. He proved an indispensable friend of the Normal School.

Weatherford’s most influential organization for civic, social and cultural good was the Probiren Club, a women’s organization. The membership included many of the leaders among the women of the town. I think I never have known a more dynamic and influential club. The members interested themselves in civic and social affairs and brought about many city improvements. They were alike interested in their new Normal School and could be relied upon for cooperation in any project for the benefit of the student body.

To encourage students in writing a gold medal, known as the Probiren Club Medal, was offered as first prize in an annual essay contest for students of the Normal School. Once each year the husbands, and as many would-be husbands as were able to invite some member for an invitation, were invited to a special meeting of the club known as the Husband’s Meeting. Those husband’s meetings were gala affairs which compelled the guests to “sit up and take notice.” Husbands were proud of the Probiren Club which their wives were insisting in managing. The only adverse criticism I ever heard of the club was that complaints about their stinginess in the number of husbands’ meetings.

A popular although unique organization was the Women’s Chafing-Dish Club. As I was told, the first bylaw of the club was that they should meet twice each month with a penalty for unexcused absences. I was given to understand no absences ever were excused for they needed money for their meetings. The second bylaw stated there never should be anything serious undertaken by the club, the sole exception being the annual election of “the worst bad speller in town.”
purpose was to have enjoyable gatherings and lots of fun. To my knowledge this bylaw was never violated while I lived in Weatherford.

How the club ever succeeded in acquiring membership in the Oklahoma Territorial Federation of Women's Clubs is still an enigma. Much credit is due the organizers for their far-sightedness under trying circumstances.

An amusing incident is related of early Weatherford. As I remember the story as told to me, it relates to the days when religious services were held wherever a room could be found which would accommodate the group. For a while the services were held in the community. For a while the services were held wherever a room could be found which would accommodate the group.

Eventually, it became evident they must have a church. It was decided they would build a community church, the labor to be donated by members of the congregation. The men worked hard and for long hours to have the building ready for occupancy as soon as possible. Finally, a day was set for the dedication and ministers were secured to conduct the services. There were many last-minute tasks to be attended and men worked until the small hours of the morning to finish the church for the Sunday of dedication.

The building was not completed but sufficient for the dedication when a case of smallpox broke out in the town. There were no empty buildings available at the time, so the mayor commandeered the unfinished church and moved the smallpox case into it. By the time the smallpox scare had ceased members of the various denominations were insisting ministers of their own churches must be employed in the community. The result was disunion. Instead of one community church work soon was begun on five churches representing as many denominations. And the number was the same when I lived in Weatherford.

Trading, buying and selling constituted a perpetual process in western Oklahoma during the early years of the century. So many of the men were dealers. One of my students--perhaps I should say dealer, for he was more dealer than student, but he was in my class--made more money from dealing after school hours and on Saturdays than I received in the way of salary. He was a born trader who was able to sight a bargain and make deals for profit where others would pass without notice. He acquired a half-section of land by homesteading and trading which he called his home and would not sell. Then he began buying and trading holdings for profit. I have known of his dealing for one or two farms on Saturday and disposing of them the same day. When he secured a tract of land it was for sale immediately. He would sell it within five minutes after gaining possession if he could make 50 or more dollars in the deal, but he frequently made from 100 to 500 dollars in trading. Ofttimes he had the second deal arranged before the contract was drawn for the first transaction. He seemed not interested in accuracies but wished to sell quickly for a small profit, usually taking another tract in the deal in addition to a small payment. He cared little for personal appearance, in fact rather prided himself in his peculiarities. To meet him on the street one might be inclined to think he had neither brains nor property, but look out or he'll hook you.

I have frequently observed clergymen taking active part in campaigns against vice and saloons and other unsavory conditions, but never had known them to aspire to political leadership until I moved to Weatherford. A prominent leader in the Democrat Party was pastor of one of the local churches. His official letterhead bore both the title of his political office and the name of the church of which he was pastor. His name and address were placed in the upper center of the sheet, "Pastor of Blank Church" at the upper left corner and "City Assessor" at upper right. With the advent of statehood for Oklahoma he was appointed to some political office and left Weatherford. I never enthused a great deal about the man's sermons, but take off my hat to his political astuteness. He had loyal friends.

This review would not be complete without some mention being made of other important influential members of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Patterson were prominent citizens. Mr. Patterson was an ever-busy druggist and always attentive to his customers. Mrs. Patterson was an active leader in the women's clubs and a genial hostess.

Mrs. O. H. Cafky and Mrs. W. D. Cardwell were active in clubs and other social organizations, while their husbands were prominent in business interests.

Dr. E. S. Lain was one of the most prominent physicians and a very busy man. He always could be depended upon to answer the patient's call whether night or day.

Dr. Gordon was another faithful and dependable physician whose interests were wholly in the interest of his patients. When my small son was ill at the time Dr. Gordon made four house calls in a single night of his own volition.

Dr. George S. Ruddell was a prominent dentist and active in city affairs in general.

Harry Dray was a man of many friends and one of the best and most accommodating printers I have ever known. I doubt if he ever had an enemy.

There were many other residents of Weatherford who should be mentioned, but after so many years I'm unable to recall the names.

Weatherford never lacked responsible and generous leaders in those early days.

Faculty and students were interested alike in frequent visits of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians to Weatherford. They usually camped in an open space beyond the Choctaw Railroad and always visited the business section of the town in large numbers before leaving for their home in Colony. I never knew of their making any disturbance so long as they were sober.

Occasionally they visited the railroad depot to watch the passenger train come and go. They would crouch on the depot platform in so great numbers as to make it difficult to enter the door to the waiting room. But they were very quiet and remained where they were until the train moved onward, then leave the platform. On other occasions they walked down Main St. and visited some of the stores. None but the men ever visited the Normal School, as I remember. Some of the men attended the school assemblies occasionally. On some occasions they spent hours in dancing to please the crowd of students and townspeople. So far as I knew they were always generous in complying with the wishes of the crowd and endeavored to please them.

I must relate an embarrassing incident. The Indians were having what was known as the "squat dance" one evening soon after my arrival in Weatherford and I was watching them along with a crowd of students and others. Dr. Williams was with me and suggested that he and I join in the dance. He spoke to the Indian who seemed to be in charge of the performance and we were placed in the circle along with the squaws. There must have been 40 or 50 in the circle dancing. After dancing four or five rounds I discovered I was the only citizen dancing and Dr. Williams stood on the opposite side of the circle convulsed with laughter due to the joke he had sprung on me. Well, I dropped out of the dance, gave Dr. Williams a dirty look and started for home. I never was able to even score with Dr. Williams. In later years I attended some of the tribe's more formal and serious dances on their reservation and learned something of the seriousness of Indian dances. The dances were ingrained in their lives.

At this time I cannot refrain from relating an experience which occurred on one of those visits of the Indians to Weatherford. Some of the students and members of the faculty were somewhat skeptical of the Indians and avoided them at the outset. Later when better acquainted with them their timidity was dispelled. After living in Weatherford for a couple of years I was elected a member of the City Council. Not long afterwards I had an experience I have never forgotten.

Whenever Indians came to town some of the saloon-keepers would canvass the camp in an effort to trade their liquors for the cash which the Indians might have. On this particular occasion one of the Indians became so drunk that the city marshal locked him in the calaboose.
JACK WIMP

Jack Wimp, who served Southeastern Missouri State University for 31 years, 24 of them as the school’s top financial officer, died Sept. 28 at his Cape Girardeau, Mo., home. He was 67.

Services were Oct. 1 in Cape Girardeau and burial was in that city’s Memorial Park.

Born in Arkansas, Wimp attended a Baptist secondary academy in Jonesboro and Jonesboro Baptist College before becoming a teacher in the same one-room school he had attended near Maynard, Ark.

Wimp earned his bachelor of arts degree from Southeastern in 1931 and his master’s degree from George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tenn., in 1940.

He also did some work at the University of Omaha in business administration workshops.

For seven years he was associated with the school system in Cooter, Mo. He was first a teacher but later became principal and superintendent of schools. A position he held until he accepted a job as a temporary teacher in the Navy’s B-12 mathematics program at Southeastern Missouri in 1944.

That same year, he became purchasing agent for the school, a job that was interrupted for a year while he served in the Army as an instructor with the Army Service Corps’ West Coast Processing Center.

When he returned to the Southeastern campus in 1946, he continued his work as purchasing agent and also served as a veterans counselor for several years.

In 1951, he was named treasurer of the school and at the time of his retirement in 1975, his office consisted of 15 fulltime employees and his responsibilities had expanded to the point he was handling hundreds of times more funds than when he first accepted the position.

He was a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association and the National Education Association. He also was active in the Baptist Church and served on several church boards.

Survivors include his widow, Joanne; an adopted son, Dr. Ralph Wimp, Fulton, Mo.; five brothers, Larry of Carterville, Ill., A. B. Hornerville, Mo., Lee of Fort Worth, Tex., Edgar of San Diego, Calif., and John of St. Louis, Mo.; and three sisters, Mrs. W. D. Tucker, Warm Springs, Mo., Mrs. Gladys Harmon, Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. Roy Bearden, Jonesboro.

R. B. GRAFT

Leeeday rancher and farmer R. B. Graft died Oct. 1 of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was 40.

Services were Oct. 4 in the First United Methodist Church of Leeeday and burial was in the Mound Valley Cemetery at Thomas.

Born on a farm near Putnam, Graft attended grade school at Putnam and a portion of high school at Independence and was graduated from Custer City High School in 1954.

Before receiving his bachelor’s degree from Oklahoma State University, Graft attended the University of Oklahoma for two years and Southeastern for one year.

In 1958 he was married to Diana Jean Dykes in Thomas and the couple established a home near Putnam, where they resided for seven years. In 1966 they moved to a ranch southeast of Leeeday, where Graft raised registered Herefords.

Graft was active in the 4-H and Future Farmers of America programs, assisting youngsters in learning cattle raising and show procedures.

At the time of his death, Graft was a director of the Oklahoma Hereford Association and the Beckham County Hereford Association and was a member of the Leeeday school board and the Young Farmers Organization.

He was a member of the Leeeday Methodist Church and served on several church boards as well as assisting the Sunday school superintendent.

Survivors include his widow, a son, Kyle, and a daughter, Paula, all of the home; his parents, Paul and Ethel Graft, Putnam; a sister, Mrs. Archie Hale, Buffalo, and a brother, C. B. Graft, Clinton.

ANNA MAY WEST

Services for Anna May West, who received her bachelor’s degree from Southeastern in 1924, were Sept. 12 in Hinton. She died Sept. 10 in Oklahoma City at the age of 79.

Burial was in Hinton Cemetery.

A native of Cushing, she retired from teaching in 1957 and after 39 years. She was a math teacher in Hinton for 35 years and had served as Hinton High School principal for one year.

In 1955 she was named Caddo County’s Teacher of the Year.

MRS. ERSLEY MAE WEST

Mrs. Ersley Mae West of Sentinel died Oct. 27 in a Sayre hospital. She was 82.

Born in Denton County, Tex., she was five when her family moved to Cordell. She attended North Burns School and Southeastern before later being graduated from Hills Business College in Oklahoma City.

She was married to Robert West at Altus in 1938. He died in 1973. She had been a member of the First Baptist Church of Sentinel since childhood.

Services were Oct. 29 in the Sentinel First Baptist Church and burial was in Sentinel Cemetery.

Survivors include three brothers, Worth Richmond, Colony, John Richmond, Mayde, and Leo Richmond, Headrick, and three sisters, Mrs. Ina Gattis, Oklahoma City, Dolly Richmond, Sentinel, and Mrs. Olive Whinery, Sayre.

MRS. MARY EARNEST

Services for Mrs. Mary Earnest, former Ozark County resident, were Sept. 21 in the First United Methodist Church of Fort Cobb. Burial was in Fort Cobb Cemetery.

Mrs. Earnest died Sept. 18 in Wichita, Kan., where she had been living in a nursing home since 1973. She was 77.

Born in Cleburne, Tex., Mrs. Earnest moved with her family to Fort Cobb when she was 5 years old. She attended school in Fort Cobb and at Southwestern.

After she graduated from Southwestern, she was married to Kellie Earnest in Fort Cobb, where the couple resided until they moved to Wichita in 1973. He died in 1974.

While in Fort Cobb, she was a member of the United Methodist Church, the Women’s Society for Christian Service, the Rebekah Lodge and the Improvement Club.

She is survived by two sons, Lerand and Harold, both of Wichita; a daughter, Leona Earnest, Oklahoma City; one brother, Gus Kelly, Aransas Pass, Tex.; three sisters, Mrs. Nevada Hennessey, Corpus Christi, Tex., Mrs. Margaret Smith, Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Allie Gilland, Port Aransas, Tex.; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

MRS. FLORENCE KARDOKUS

Services for Mrs. Florence Kardokus, a long-time resident of Eakly, were Dec. 1 at the Eakly Methodist Church. Mrs. Kardokus was 82, died in a Carnegie hospital on Nov. 26.

Burial was in the Eakly Cemetery.

Born in Missouri, she moved to Oklahoma with her parents shortly after the opening of the territory in 1901. The family settled near Eakly, and she was graduated from Hopewell Elementary. She later attended Southwestern Normal School.

She was married to Joe Kardokus in 1912 and the couple spent their lifetimes in Eakly. He died in 1946.

She is survived by three sons, Frank of Villah, Wash., James of Apache and John of Fort Cobb; a brother, Leonard Flansburg, Eakly; a sister, Agnes McCulloch, Olean, N.Y.; 14 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.
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In Memoriam

GANO TUBB
Funeral services for Gano Tubb, Hockley County, Tex., judge, were held on Nov. 15 in the Levelland, Tex., First Baptist Church. Burial was in the Levelland Cemetery.

A varsity football and baseball player at Southwestern from 1934 to 1938, Tubb died on Nov. 14 after a long illness. He was 63.

Born on Dec. 13, 1912, in Plainview, Okla., he had been a resident of Levelland since 1921 and had a long career as a history teacher and coach. He retired in 1974 after 35 years as Levelland High School basketball coach and was elected a few months later to the judge's position.

Tubb was a charter member of the Fifth Street Baptist Church and was a member of the Rotary Club and local teacher associations.

Survivors include his wife, the former Goldie Curtis, whom he married on Oct. 1, 1938; three sons, Mack of Hereford, Tex., Dick of Levelland and Joe of Shallowater; his father, G. H. Tubb, Levelland; three brothers, Francis of Mullin, Tex., Nathan of Levelland and Harvey of Wellman, Tex.; one sister, Mrs. Clarkie Turrentine, Mesa, Ariz., and three grandchildren.

MRS. RUBY DODSON-LAND
Mrs. Ruby Lee Dodson-Land, an early-day resident of Cordell, died Jan. 3 in an Oklahoma City hospital.

She was born in Texas, she was two years old when her family moved to Cordell. She was the daughter of Florence S. Austin, a Cordell native, and the late J. L. Austin, an early-day Waishta County court clerk and former state senator.

After she was graduated from Cordell High School, she attended Southwestern, where she received her bachelor's degree, and then earned a master's degree in education from the University of Oklahoma.

In 1922 she was married to Ben D. Dodson. He died in Oklahoma City in 1964.

She operated a private kindergarten in Cordell for a time and taught at Cowden before joining the Cordell teaching staff as an elementary teacher at Lincoln School.

During World War II she and her husband entered the restaurant business in Cordell. They sold the business and purchased a cafe in Waynoka, which they operated for a short time before again selling and taking over operation of the Sieber Hotel Coffee Shop in Oklahoma City.

They later returned to Cordell, where they bought the Gosselin Restaurant.

In 1952 they moved back to Oklahoma City and established a cafeteria in the basement of a large department store in Capitol Hill. In 1956 they opened the Dodson's Cafeteria in the Reding Shopping Center. They opened another cafeteria in 1960 in the Hillcrest Shopping Center.

She retired from the business in 1972 and in 1973 was married to Everett Land.

Besides Land, she is survived by a son, Joe, who has taken over management of the cafeterias, and four grandsons.

MRS. EDNA BURNETT
Services for Mrs. Edna Jean Burnett of Clinton were Dec. 1 in Weatherford. Burial was in Weatherford's Greenwood Cemetery.

She died Nov. 28 in an Oklahoma City hospital after a lengthy illness. She was 64.

Born in Duke, Mrs. Burnett was graduated from Duke High School in 1929 and attended Cameron Junior College before later attending Southwestern, where she was graduated in 1936.

After graduation from Southwestern, she taught at Mountain View. In 1938 she was married to Harvey Burnett of Granite, and the couple moved to Brinkman.

During World War II they lived in Boston, Mass., and in 1949 they returned to Oklahoma and resided in Kremlin.

In 1957, they moved to Foss and she was employed at Clinton-Sherman Air Force Base. They moved to Altus in 1970 and four years later she retired from Civil Service. The Burnetts had moved to Clinton in June 1976.

She was a member of the Clinton First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband; her mother, Mrs. O. M. Burnett, of Weatherford; a sister, Mrs. Max Kirkland, Las Vegas, Nev., and a brother, Lloyd Lowry Jr., Huntington Beach, Calif.

BENJAMIN A. SMITHSON
Benjamin A. Smithson, a 1967 graduate of Southwestern, was killed Oct. 19 in the crash of a light airplane south of Texico, N.M.

Services were Oct. 22 in the Trinity United Methodist Church of Clovis, N.M. Burial was in Clovis' Lawn Haven Cemetery.

J. E. [JENK] SIMMONS
J. E. (Jenk) Simmons, the "Mr. Basketball of Oklahoma," died Jan. 16 in Parkview Hospital at El Reno after a three-year illness with cancer. He was 73.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 18 in the El Reno Wesley Methodist Church, and interment was in the El Reno Cemetery.

One of the first former Southwestern athletes inducted in the university's Athletic Hall of Fame in the early 1960's, Simmons last visited his alma mater on Homecoming Day in 1976. He watched the afternoon football game from the pressbox with several old friends.

Simmons had been an outstanding athlete at Sentinel High School even before enrolling at Southwestern in the 1920's. He starred for the Bulldogs in football, basketball and track and also played baseball.

After receiving his bachelor of science degree in 1928, with a major in history, he joined the Providence, R.I., Steamrollers, a professional football team, for a year before going to El Reno High School as coach. Except for seven years spent as basketball coach at Northwestern State University, he remained in that position until 1962.

At times Simmons coached all high school sports, but his basketball teams excelled, bringing to El Reno five state championships—in 1912, 1933, 1946, 1949 and 1953. His 1933 and 1949 teams were undefeated.

To honor the retired coach, El Reno re-named its Thunderbird Coliseum for him in February 1975.

Simmons is survived by his wife, Clyva; one son, Dr. James C. Simmons, 27; one daughter, Mrs. Kent Morris, Lawton; one brother, Horst Simmons, Weatherford; two sisters, Mrs. G. C. Shields, Sentinel, and Mrs. A. L. Gilham, Oklahoma City, and five grandchildren.
Mrs. Marie Wornstaff, former Foss resident and employee of Clinton-Sherman Air Force Base, died Nov. 28 in an Oklahoma City hospital. She was 74.

After being graduated from Southwestern, she taught in Mountain View before being married to Harvey Burnett of Granite in 1938. The couple lived in Brinkman until the beginning of World War II and then moved to Boston, Mass. They returned to Oklahoma in 1949 to live at Kremlin. In 1957, they moved to Foss, and she worked at Clinton-Sherman until 1970 when they moved to Altus. She retired from Civil Service in 1974, and the couple moved to Clinton.

Survivors include her husband; her mother, Mrs. Lloyd Lowry Sr., Weatherford; a sister, Mrs. Max Kirkland, Las Vegas, Nev.; and a brother, Lloyd Lowry Jr., Huntington Beach, Calif.

CLIFF JONES

Services for Cliff Jones, 78, long-time farmer and former educator at Alfalfa, were Oct. 2 at the Alfalfa Methodist Church. Jones died Sept. 21 in a lawton hospital. Burial was in Alfalfa Cemetery.

Jones came to Oklahoma Territory with his family in a covered wagon and first settled north of Mountain View in 1901. In 1904, the family moved to a farm north of Carnegie. He was married to Pearl Pickrell at Tipton in 1924. A 1927 graduate of Southwestern, he taught during his career at Lake Valley, Tillman County school superintendent before becoming a deputy revenue Service.

Survivors include his widow; two daughters, Mrs. Evalynne Alvis, Shawnee, and Mrs. Ra-mona Duff, Sacramento, Calif.; a brother, Mrs. Lavon Speck, Fullerton, Calif.; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

KATHERINE E. KRAUSE

Funeral services for Katherine E. Krause, 72-year-old Cordell resident, were held Feb. 4 in the Cordell First Baptist Church. Burial was in Herold Mennonite Cemetery.

Miss Krause, a graduate of Southwestern, died Feb. 5 at the Clinton Regional Hospital where she was chief of the medical staff.

Dr. Deputy had been in intensive coronary care since Feb. 2 when he suffered a heart attack. He was 70.

Services were Feb. 7 in the First Baptist Church of Clinton and burial was in Clinton Cemetery.

Survivors in addition to his widow, include his parents, Mrs. Margaret Shride, and two granddaughters, all of Denver, Colo.

MANSEL G. ARMSTRONG

Services for Mansel G. Armstrong, a longtime Hydro area farmer and stockman, were Feb. 15 in the First United Methodist Church of Weatherford.

E. Armstrong died Feb. 13 as the result of severe burns received in an accident near his home on Jan. 27. He was 79.

Burial was in the Hydro Masonic Cemetery, with graveside services by the Hydro Masonic Lodge.

Armstrong was born in Arapahoe, and graduated from Foss High School. He attended Southwestern and later taught near Cordell and at Parkersburg.

From teaching, Armstrong's interest turned to railroading and after an apprenticeship at Foss, he transferred to Hydro on Jan. 1, 1918. He advanced through positions of helper, clerk and cashier and was then drafted by the Rock Island superintendent as a relief agent on the line. After serving at several different stations, he was assigned as agent and operator at Driftwood.

When a agent at Driftwood, Armstrong was married to Ethel Light of Hydro.

After six years at Driftwood, he was transferred to Graceon where he worked for three years. Armstrong left the railroad after a total of 13 years and he and his wife moved to Fair Acres Farm at Hydro where they resided for 48 years.

He was a member of the Hydro First United Methodist Church and was a 32nd-degree Mason. He had served on the North Caddo County Soil Conservation District for 15 years and was a booster of 4-H and FFA. He was named Honorary Master Farmer in 1941.

Survivors include his widow; two daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Alvis, Shawnee, and Mrs. Ramona Duff, Sacramento, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Lavon Speck, Fullerton, Calif.; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.
... expected to play important roles in improving the fortunes of Southwestern football under Head Coach and Athletic Director Otis T. Delaporte.

With optimism typical of coaches, the football staff at Southwestern has taken a look at returnees and transfers during spring practice and speaks of better things in 1977.

In fact, a 10-game schedule for the fall has already been completed. As always, one of the highlights will be Homecoming with its parade, alumni events and, of course, its gridiron clash. Homecoming 1977 will be on Oct. 15 and will feature the closest thing between the Bulldogs and Eastern New Mexico State University's Greyhounds.

The rest of the season looks like this:

Sept. 10--Sam Houston, at Huntsville, Tex.
Sept. 17--Central, at Edmond
Sept. 24--Panhandle, at Weatherford
Oct. 1--Tarleton, at Stephenville, Tex.
Oct. 8--Northeastern, at Weatherford
Oct. 22--East Central, at Ada
Oct. 29--Texas Lutheran, at Weatherford
Nov. 5--Northwestern, at Alva
Nov. 12--Southeastern (Dad's Day), at Weatherford

With the exception of Homecoming and Dad's Day, for which kickoff is set for 2 p.m., all home games will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Apache Faculty Elects

Mrs. Alyse Boydstun

Mrs. Alyse Boydstun has been selected by a faculty vote as Teacher of the Year in the Apache public schools. The veteran teacher earned her bachelor of science degree from Southwestern.

She will represent Apache in the contest to choose the 1977 Caddo County Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Boydstun began her teaching career in Comanche County, where she taught for 14 years before moving to Apache 29 years ago.

Mrs. Roper Nominee

Mrs. Donna K. Roper is Leedy's nominee for Dewey County Teacher of the Year. A 1972 magna cum laude graduate of Southwestern, she is in her fifth year as fifth-grade teacher in Leedy.

Mrs. Roper received her master of education degree from SWSU in 1974. She and her husband, Loren, have one son.
About Alumni

SWSU graduate Pamela Sue Jech received the master of religious education degree last July from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. Miss Jech is formerly from Crescent.

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Selected as Teacher of the Week in January at Selma, Ala., was Mrs. Ann Hansell, holder of a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Southwestern.

Formerly from Mountain View, Mrs. Hansell has taught sixth grade at Selma's Byrd Elementary School the past 14 years.

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Kathy Smith has accepted appointment to the Clinton High School faculty for the 1976-77 term.

She teaches speech and dramatics and also two sophomore English classes. She taught at Granite High School during the last school term.

'The Man for whom the Harry C. Mabry Forensics Award is named hosted a reunion dinner for recipients of the award at the 1976 Homecoming celebration. Posing for the photographer as the dinner ended are [from left]: Seated—Kenneth DeFehr [1969 award winner], Phillips 66 Petroleum Co. engineer working in Norway; Mabry, Los Angeles attorney, and Dr. Sarah Levescy Webb [1960], State Department of Education, Oklahoma City. Standing—Chip Eeds [1975 and 1976], student in the University of Oklahoma Law School; Bill Brogden [1961], Oklahoma City attorney; Bob Richardson [1956], OU Law School professor, and Dean Linder [1957], associate district judge in Alva. Richardson was the first Southwestern student to receive the Mabry Forensics Award.

'Long Overdue' Recognition Given to Millie

Seldom has there been an outpouring of love, admiration and deep respect for an individual as there was the evening of Nov. 12, 1976, in the Southwestern State University Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

The occasion: An Appreciation Dinner.

The honoree and star attraction: Millie Alexander Thomas, Southwestern registrar emeritus.

A throng of friends, relatives and acquaintances gathered to pay tribute to the woman who through 38 years in the Registrar's Office befriended countless numbers of students seeking assistance.

And her good deeds didn't end with her unwelcomed retirement in 1966. Mrs. Thomas has since continued to serve her school, church and community.

'This long overdue recognition,' H. H. Risinger of Weatherford said in explaining the purpose of the dinner, "was for Millie's outstanding contributions to the university during her tenure as registrar, for her continuing service to former students through her association and for her local and state leadership in the Oklahoma Retired Teachers Association and senior citizen activities."

Risinger, himself a retired SWSU political science professor, was president of the 1930 Southwestern graduating class—which included Mrs. Thomas.

"Our Father, as you know, this is Millie Alexander Thomas' great hour," prayed Mrs. O. C. Wicks-trom, wife of the Weatherford Federated Church minister, in giving the invocation.

"She looks pretty happy over there all dressed up and in her place of honor. Just like it should be."

"And, Lord, we gracefully beseech this host of friends!"

"Thank you, Lord, for making Millie the Millie she is. We know her to be a bundle of curiosity and energy, with the passionate desire to have each finger in a different pie, even in retirement."

"Yes, she bears a few battle scars from her years of service, but we understand she's delivered a few in her time, too. That's fair enough."


"But Millie makes them all the badges of advanced experience. And she's learning to control them and is not being controlled by them."

"Please, Lord, when you get around to it, if you see fit, unless you've thrown away the pattern, make us another Millie!"

Master of ceremonies was the honoree's successor as registrar, Marion Diel of Clinton, a member of the State Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges. Weatherford Mayor Everett Gartrell, retired SWSU business manager, delivered the welcome address, and a group billed as "Millie's Friends" recalled their years of knowing Mrs. Thomas—Risinger, Ruby Gartrell, Bill Ware and Miss Fern Lowman.

Dr. Gartrell, wife of the mayor, is a professor in the Division of Teacher Education and Psychology; Ware heads the State Teachers Retirement System, and Miss Lowman a retired Division of Business instructor.

Millie has held the offices of secretary or treasurer in the Southwestern Alumni Association for more than 35 years. She was re-elected treasurer at the organization's Homecoming Luncheon last fall.

Soon after leaving the registrar's position, she was named vice-president of the Oklahoma Retired Teachers Association Southwest District. Shortly thereafter she became president, and she is now secretary-treasurer.

She has been instrumental in organizing numerous county ORTA units, and in 1972 she was appointed to a five-year term as assistant state director of the National Retired Teachers Association.

The energetic 75-year-old helped to organize the Weatherford Senior Citizens Club in 1971, and she has been president ever since. Active in the Federated Church, she is vice-president of her Sunday School class and a past member of the Church Board.

She also is past president of the Weatherford Mothers Study Club and a member of the National Retired Federal Employees Association.
Vo-Tech School Faculty Loaded With SW Grads

If a vote were to be taken among the faculty at Western Oklahoma Area Vocational-Technical School, Southwestern graduates—voting as a bloc—could gain a majority on any subject.

The Vo-Tech School at Burns Flat is a prime example of the impact Southwestern has on the education of youth today. Fourteen administrators and faculty members are graduates of SWSU.

Heading the institution is Jerry Kirk, superintendent, who received his bachelor of science degree in 1947. Principal is Jim Morlan, BS in 1959 and master of education in 1971.

Instructors and the positions they hold include:
- Leon Bailey (BS, '70), mobile career development unit
- Geneva Bottom (BS, '72), media and public relations
- Lorena Brazil (BS, '59, MT, '68), counselor/adult education
- Donna Carmen (BS, '72), manpower stenography (Comprehensive Employment Training Act)
- Lynda Compton (BS, '70, ME, '73), coordinator—Career Prep School
- Jaquetta Gunter (BS, '71), mathematics/typing—Career Prep School
- Randy Mefford (BS, '76), mathematics/science—Career Prep School
- Ann Maloy (BS, '71), business and office practice coordinator/instructor
- Cindy Stowers (BS, '75), English—Career Prep School
- Carl Thionnet (BS, '64, ME, '69), mobile career development unit
- John Weaver (BS, '76), history/English—Career Prep School

At Southwestern State University Richard H. Agosta was a student majoring in business administration. Today, a year and a half after receiving his degree, the business he administers is big. Agosta works for the U.S. government. His title is Army second-lieutenant and his job is company executive officer.

At Fort Riley, Kan., an Army post 150 miles west of Kansas City, Lt. Agosta is assigned to a medical unit. He enjoys being in medics, but his real goal is flying.

“...My father was in the Air Force and received orders to Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines when I was beginning college...” Agosta said.

He enrolled in the ROTC at Southwestern, which was then in its first year, and he now boasts, “I was among the first four-year graduates of the ROTC program there.”

Agosta became a charter member of the Pershing Rifles—a drill team—and remembers their record as having won a roving trophy two years in a row. He also recalls having received an award from the Daughters of the American Revolution and having been a member of Scabbard and Blades, another ROTC organization.

Between his junior and senior years at SWSU, Agosta attended ROTC Advanced Camp at Fort Riley, and while there distinguished himself by graduating second in his platoon. In the same summer he attended Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga.

At Fort Riley, Lt. Agosta was assigned to the Medical Services branch of the Army and reported to Fort Sam Houston, Tex., for the Medical Service Corps Officer Basic Course.

Following graduation, the newly commissioned second-lieutenant was assigned to the Medical Services branch of the Army and reported to Fort Sam Houston, Tex., for the Medical Service Corps Officer Basic Course.

From Texas he was sent to Fort Riley, Company C, First Medical Battalion, where he is a clearing platoon leader, executive officer.

The ever-present goal of the lieutenant, flying, is nearing reality. The Army has formally notified Agosta of a reservation for him in the spring flight school at Fort Rucker, Ala.

His long-range plans in the Army include hopes to command a medical air ambulance detachment.

Mrs. Habbershaw Teaches In New York School System

Mrs. Glenace Masonhall Habbershaw, formerly of Canton, is employed by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services No. 2 of Monroe County, N.Y., as a teacher for neurologically impaired/emotionally disturbed children.

She, husband John and their son live at 28 Oak Dr., Hamlin, N.Y.

Mrs. Habbershaw holds a master of education degree from Southwestern.

Jacki Is Special Agent

Jackie Sue Seierer (BS, '76) has been appointed a criminal investigator special agent with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of Investigation. She resides at 1209 Southwood, Waco, Tex.
Dear Millie:

Though we are on the road quite a bit.

Wishes Success
Dear Millie:

Attached is a check for five years’ dues for the Alumni Association. We read Echoes from The Hill with great interest!

I am still teaching at Norte Vista High School, Alvord District, here in Riverside, Calif. This is my 12th year in the same school. I really enjoy my work here and the beautiful climate.

Boths sons are also teachers. Jack, the older, teaches automotive in Vista, Calif. He is married and has a beautiful 11-month-old daughter. Don, the younger, teaches here in Riverside in the same district as I but in the other high school. He also coaches football and basketball. He is not married yet... Give my regards to everyone.

Sincerely,
Opal Hughes
9200 Jo Jo Way
Riverside, Calif. 92503

P.S. I am enclosing a check for $10 for dues—past, present and future.

Carlsbad Residents
Dear Millie:

Attached is a check for five years’ dues for the Alumni Association. We read Echoes from The Hill with great interest!

We live in Carlsbad, N.M., and I am assigned as the district superintendent of one of the districts of the New Mexico Conference (United Methodist Church). Grace (VanGundy, Class of ’41) and I enjoy the work, although we are on the road quite a bit.

We are making plans to attend Homecoming in 1977, so perhaps we will see you then.

Sincerely,
Robert M. Templeton Jr. (’41)
1203 S. Country Club
Carlsbad, N.M. 88220

Wishes Success
Dear Millie:

Do hope Southwestern had a successful Homecoming ’76. Would love to have been there, but could not be.

I do enjoy keeping up with all happenings through Echoes from The Hill. I am teaching fifth grade math at Baker-Koonce Elementary here in Carthage. For the last three years I edited a newsletter that was mailed to all our school patrons and school staff. We lost our ESAA funds, so I was reassigned to the classroom.

Hope you are well.

Sincerely,
Jeretta Stewart Thompson
Rt. 2, Box 197C
Carthage, Tex. 75633

P.S. My two girls are now 10 and 11. Kendra, 11, is a sixth grader and Sonya, 10, a fifth grader. Cliff works for Daniel Construction Co., which has power plant contracts with Texas utilities.

Reading Delayed
My dear Millie:

Just read the Echoes from The Hill magazine. I laid it up as I was redecorating the inside of the house...

I was shocked as I read that Clyde had passed away in January. I am so sorry I did not know of it sooner. I have always enjoyed your friendship as you were always so cheerful and knew all there was to know about your office. I never had the pleasure of knowing Clyde. Nothing about him was in our Tulsa Tribune.

There has been many a year since we have been together, and much has happened along our travels, I feel quite sure. The Echoes from The Hill said you retired, so that makes two of us who are older. I imagine many have retired from the city schools and university there since I came here.

Nothing seems the same. Tulsa has really grown much larger since I came here.

Since I do not know your address, I am sending this line of concern to you. I care of the Southwestern University, and then I know in time you’ll receive it— I hope.

I still love you, Millie.

Love,

Inez Smith
1224 S. Gary Ave.
Tulsa, Okla. 74104

Missed Luncheon
Dearest Millie:

I’ve always hoped I’d be able to attend the luncheon each year, thus have waited to send my dues until after the Homecoming. This time I’m going to send my check ahead. I’m sure I can’t make it this year.

Miss seeing the lovely friends I’ve known so long. Tell them that I send love. Maybe all will work out so that we may be there next year.

My check for dues is enclosed. I can’t miss my Echoes. Look forward to the doings of old friends and feel a pang of sorrow for those we will see no more.

Duanie (Mote) has gone into the classroom (mathematics) in Roswell, N.M. Still does photography—weddings and school pictures—and coaches Little League, etc.

This is my 12th year in the same school. I really enjoy my work here and the beautiful climate.

Duane and George are still in Stratford. Maybe we can all be there next year.

Love,

Gwen (Mote) Webb
406 Cottonwood
Ardmore, Okla.

Appreciation
Dear Millie:

I enjoy the newsletter very much and realize how hard you must work getting all the information together.

I for one appreciate your efforts, as I know others do also. I always have appreciated you.

Sincerely,

R. L. Garrison, Superintendent
Cordell Public Schools
Cordell, Okla. 73632

Sympathy
Dear Millie:

You have our deepest sympathy, love and prayers in the death of your beloved husband Clyde.

You have been so gracious through the years to befriend and help all of us. I wish there was something more definite we could do for you during these days.

I was pleased that D. J. Witherspoon was selected as the first “Distinguished Alumnus.” He and I were classmates.

It is comforting to know your dear husband has had his birthday in Heaven and his coronation before the King of Kings.

May God’s peace, wisdom and comfort heal your heartache and grief each hour of the day.

Love to you,

Ilene and Cort Flint
Flint Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 708
Meadows of Dan, Va. 24120

Academic Dean
Dear Millie:

Please accept my enclosed check for alumni dues. I always enjoy reading Echoes from The Hill.

Since leaving Southwestern in 1940, I have served as superintendent of two schools here in Texas and have been academic dean of South Plains College in Levelland for the past 18 years.

I married Freda England, a Southwestern graduate. We have three married children and are grandparents three times. I would like to tell you about the grandchildren, but I know you would not have time to read such a long discourse.

My two older brothers are also Southwestern graduates. Gano is currently serving as county judge here in Levelland, after having retired from 36 years of coaching in the local school system. Francis is high school principal at Mullin, Tex.

Millie. I will always be appreciative of your help and guidance back in the depression days when we were all struggling to attend college. I don’t remember a single student having a car, and a boy with more than two pairs of trousers was ostracized. In those “good old days,” you were never too busy to hear our problems, and you always encouraged us to stay in college.

If the regents haven’t already named a building on campus in your honor. I hope they will, as I know of no one more deserving of this recognition.

Sincerely,

Nathan Tubb
2028 Rice Ave.
Levelland, Tex. 79336

P.S. I totally agree with the selection of D. J. Witherspoon as one of the first two selected for “Distinguished Alumnus of SWOSU.”

(Editor’s Note: Since the receipt of this letter by Echoes in late October, Nathan’s brother, Gano, has died. See “In Memoriam” in this issue.)

Hall of Famer
Dear Millie:

Even though I am not an alumnus of Southwestern State, I have a very strong feeling for it—and enjoy reading about former friends and classmates in Echoes. I left Southwestern after my second year to play basketball for Parks Clothiers and Phillips Oilers. I received a BS degree from Oklahoma University in the summer of 1940.

It was a great thrill to come back to the campus to be inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame for basketball and later as a guest speaker at your annual sports banquet. I hope to be able to attend Homecoming activities sometime in the near future.

In case I am eligible for membership, I am attaching my check in the amount of $10. Please contact me to send Echoes, and let me know when dues are due again.

Sincerely yours,

Grady Lewis
1220 Carriage Lane
La Grange, Ill. 60525

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California Teacher

Dear Millie:

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1220 Carriage Lane
La Grange, Ill. 60525
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Counselors

Hi, Millie:

Just a note to let you know where we are and to send our dues for the Alumni Association.

We are still in Colorado Springs and like it very much. Quay is a counselor in Watson Junior High, and I am a counselor in Widefield High School.

We have a daughter at Southwestern in her second year of pre-med, and we have a son in the ninth grade.

Hope to see you at Homecoming.

Sincerely,
Mary and Quay Coffey
105 Widefield Blvd.
Colorado Springs, Colo. 80911

Dues Paid

Dear Millie:

Enclosed find check for $2 for one-year subscription for Echoes from The Hill to Kelly Chadwick, my son. He graduated from Southwestern State University in January 1954.

He taught his first three years at Brinkman, Okla., then moved to west Texas, where he taught 13 years, the last 10 at Floydada as girls basketball coach.

He dropped out of the coaching field to become a successful drag racer for nine years.

He has now returned to the coaching profession as girls basketball coach at Corpus Christi, Texas.

I retired in 1968.

Yours truly,
Eula B. Chadwick Mangum, Okla.

Great Happenings

Dear Millie:

First let me tell you how much I enjoy receiving Echoes. Reading about all the great things happening to all those wonderful people from The Hill. And, Millie, you are the most precious jewel of all.

Since coming to south Texas in 1955, four of our five sons are involved with us in the beauty supply business along the Gulf Coast of Texas.

Second, find enclosed my $2 for dues.

Best regards,
Earl (Freshman) Niles
2209 Lone Tree Rd.
Victoria, Texas. 77901

New Location

Dear Millie:

We moved from Monte Vista, Colo., to Rangely, Colo., in June of this year.

Wayne is the assistant superintendent this year of the Rio Blanco School District and will be the superintendent next year.

I am the head teacher for an elementary school (K-8) in Dinosaur, Colo.

Our son, Keith, who graduated cum laude from Southwestern in May, is now attending Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

He is working on his master's in microbiology.

We all enjoy the Southwestern news. Keep it coming.

Wayne and Juanita Kelley
Box 932
Rangely, Colo. 81648

37 Years Enough

Dear Millie:

Enough is a check for $2. I really enjoy the issues of Echoes from The Hill.

I retired as of this year after 37 years teaching, 21 here as Meeker Grade School principal. Wife Amy Bouher Nunnery ('36) is still teaching fourth grade here.

Thanks much.

Sincerely,
T. J. (Doc) Nunnery ('38)
Box 248
Meeker, Okla. 74855

Remembers

Dear Millie:

My wife and I enjoyed so much the latest copy of Echoes from The Hill. Enclosed is a check for dues for the Alumni Association.

Although we never attended a winter session at Southwestern, for we were teaching in rural schools, we both received our bachelor's degrees there. I graduated in the summer of 1936, and she went back during the wartime speed-up program of 1943 and finished her degree. Later I received my master's degree from OU and Jackie got her master's at Texas Tech, after we moved to Texas to teach.

I left teaching in 1960 and moved to Hobbs, N.M. Jackie continued to teach in elementary school until she was retired in 1973, after 42½ years in the classroom. I worked as a vocational counselor for the New Mexico Employment Security Commission until I reached mandatory retirement age, and since that time I have been a real estate broker in Hobbs.

We have one son, who is a retired lieutenant-colonel in the Army, and he and his family now live in El Paso. They have two sons, both married, and a daughter who is a senior in high school.

The pride of our family is an 11-month-old great-granddaughter (as of Oct. 16, 1976).

I read with much interest about men with whom I played summer basketball or golfed on the old course with its sand greens. And I also remember fondly experiences in such classes as government with "Aunt Dora."

Best wishes to you, Millie, and to Southwestern for its continued growth.

Sincerely,
Vonden B. Marshall
227 W. Arriba Dr.
Hobbs, N.M. 88240

Recalls 'Rescue'

Dear Mrs. Thomas:

Enclosed is a check for alumni dues. Long past due, and I know this will not cover. . . I received my Echoes from The Hill yesterday, and I must write today.

I can never forget how you rescued the Joiners, years ago. I guess I will always think of you as Southwestern—youth have always been there to help all who needed help. I hope everyone loves and appreciates you the same as I do.

I have retired, and my husband has passed, but the memories of your help will always remain.

I did so enjoy my copy of Echoes from The Hill, and look forward to receiving it in the future.

Sincerely,
Alyce Chapman Joiner
322 S. 5th St.
Frederick, Okla. 73542

Every Item Enjoyed

Dear Echoes:

Here is my check for another renewal. Needless to say that I enjoy every item. Echoes is a joy to read, so keep up the good work.

I hope to see many of you at Homecoming. Have never been able to attend before because a drug store keeps your nose to the grindstone. I will be able to be there this time, because my two pharmacist sons are partners with me—Robert E. is a graduate of Southwestern’s Pharmacy School.

I will be looking forward to the next issue of Echoes.

Sincerely,
John A. Fowler
506 Noel St.
Memphis, Tex.

ROGER D. SIEMENS, who holds a degree in mathematics and chemistry from Southwestern, is assistant vice-president and manager of systems and programming for Allied Bank of Texas in Houston. Siemens has completed graduate work in computer science at the University of Houston. He and wife Geneva have two children—Craig, 14, and Penni, 9.

Watson Painting Picked
For Magazine Feature

A painting by Kenneth Watson, former Southwestern State faculty member, is featured in Western Painting Today, a book which is the first fully-illustrated survey of America's leading contemporary painters of the West.

The book by Royal B. Hassrick was published in November 1975. Watson's original watercolor, "The Livery," is reproduced in black and white in the book.

A 1951 graduate of Clinton High School, Watson is currently director of the newly founded Oklahoma Institute of Art in Guthrie. He is chairman of the Oklahoma Western Artist Association and his paintings are in the Los Manos Gallery of Santa Fe, N.M.

Watson and his wife, Paully, live near Wheatland where he maintains a studio.

Richardson in Colorado

Jim Richardson (BA, '68) has accepted a job as assistant to the city manager in Aurora, Colo., a Denver suburb, after resigning as Lawton's assistant public works director in August.

He had been employed by the City of Lawton since July 1974, going there from Richmond, Va., where he was assistant to the city manager. Richardson is a native of Weatherford.
**Stewart Alums Invited!**

*To the Alumnae of Stewart Hall:*

*We, the present residents of Stewart Hall, would like to invite all past residents to visit us on Homecoming 1977. There will be a reception held in Stewart's lobby after the parade, so everyone can get together and reminisce.*

*If you would like to spend Friday night with us [the night before Homecoming], we will arrange for you to stay in Stewart. We would very much enjoy hearing stories of past years in Stewart, and you can hear about some of the new innovations.*

*Maybe someone can tell us the origin of the ‘Hatchet Woman Story?’*

*We're looking forward to seeing everyone here.*

The Girls of Stewart Hall

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**Lee Ratcliffe**

**Ratcliffes Add Fourth Store**

Stories about the successes of Southwestern graduates usually take one far from Weatherford.

But Lee Ratcliffe and the foundations of his success story remain just across the street from the entrance to the Southwestern campus.

Lee and his sister, Leona, began the Ratcliffe success story on June 1, 1926, when they purchased a 16 by 18-foot brick building and sandwich shop business from their parents. The building was located just east of the present Ratcliffe Book and Office Supply store at the intersection of Custer and College Streets.

That $600 investment by Ratcliffe and his sister became a four-store operation when Ratcliffe's, Inc., purchased Riekner's Book Store in Norman and Lee's 28-year-old son, Randall, took over management of the Norman store on Oct. 1, 1976.

A graduate of Horace Mann High School at East Central State Teachers College in Ada, Lee originally planned to enroll in the University of Oklahoma. A visit to the campus, however, convinced him OU was too large for his tastes, and he moved on to Weatherford to visit his parents.

Lee stayed in Weatherford to attend Southwestern and paid his way by working as a janitor. In addition to work and classes, Ratcliffe also was a member of the Bulldogs' wrestling squad. He seldom was involved in competition, though, because he was in the same weight class with Elmer P. Cecil, a state champion.

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In addition to growth as a book and office supply business, Ratcliffe's, Inc., has expanded the Weatherford store to include a sporting goods shop, Action Sports.

Now in its 51st year, the company is the oldest of its kind in Oklahoma still operated by the same management under which it was started, and is one of the largest book and office supply businesses in the state.

Also, Lee's 51 years across the street from the Southwestern campus is a record for longevity among Weatherford's active businessmen.

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**Woodward Jeweler**

**On Association Board**

John Daniel, owner of Northup Jewelry Co. in Woodward, has been elected to the board of directors of the Oklahoma Retail Jewelers Association.

Daniel studied horology at Southwestern Institute of Technology in 1945-46. He passed the state board of examiners in watchmaking given by the Horological Institute of America and became a certified watchmaker the same year.

Daniel studied gemology by correspondence with Gemological Institute of America.

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**Lt. Dudgeon Assigned To Base in Alabama**

Edie Dudgeon is assigned to the Army's Woman Officer Orientation Course, Fort McClellan, Ala., after being commissioned a first-lieutenant in Oklahoma City ceremonies.

Lt. Dudgeon is a 1962 graduate of Cordell High School and received a bachelor of arts degree from Southwestern. She also holds a master of arts degree in English from Oklahoma State University.

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**Randall Ratcliffe**

**Dr. Joe E. Humphreys Assistant Professor At Mississippi U**

Southwestern State University alumnus Dr. Joe Edgar Humphreys has joined the University of Mississippi School of Medicine faculty as an assistant professor of clinical laboratory sciences.

Dr. Humphreys is former director of the plasma center and medical laboratory at Global Laboratories, New Orleans, La. He has also served as director of laboratory, United States Biochemistry Medical Laboratory, Inc., and as head of the microbiology department at Lafayette Medical Laboratory in New Orleans.

The 1960 bachelor of science degree graduate of SWSU also holds master of science and doctor of philosophy degrees from Baylor Dental College, Dallas, Tex.