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# ECHOES FROM THE HILL

SOUTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Homecoming: Joe Reynolds, '29, Gotebo, congratulates Ralph Teague, one of four men inducted into the Southwestern State College Hall of Fame.

## Four Hall Of Famers Inducted

Homecoming was something special this year for four alumni and hundreds of their friends and former classmates. The theme of the three-day event, "A Proud Past - A Great Future," centered around Perry Jackson and Arnold Shockley, '28; Joe Ross, '33; and Ralph Teague, '34.

The four athletic greats of Southwestern's "golden age of sports" were inducted into the Bulldog Hall of Fame to join Lee K. Anderson, '19; Rankin Williams, '22; and J. E. "Jenks" Simmons, '27; who were honored in 1963.

Jackson and Shockley, described by their old classmate, Roy Stewart, Daily Oklahoman columnist, as "anybody's all-Americans"; Ross, a great all-around athlete at Southwestern and one of Oklahoma's finest high school coaches, and Teague, the greatest collegiate heavyweight wrestler in the nation during his years at Southwestern, were chosen by the Hall of Fame selection committee after a screening process that

included evaluations of their careers since graduation.

Teague, an industrial arts instructor in the St. Louis, Mo., schools, lives at 11 Weidmann Road, Manchester, Mo.; Jackson, president of his own construction company, has a residence at 430 Hollow Drive, Houston, Tex., while Ross is at Thomas, a town his football teams have made famous, and Shockley is living where he grew up, at Mountain View.

The banquet, held Thursday night, was attended by many former athletes who had made Southwestern famous in past years. Three former Bulldog coaches were there - Joe Bailey Matcalf, '31, Hollis, was master of ceremonies; Dewey "Snorter" Luster, Norman, and Joe B. Milam, Victoria, Tex., spoke. Jimmie Craddock, '28, and Al Harris, '31, were on the program.

Don E. "Smoky" Torbert, '53, Lawton, emceed the student rally Friday morning when the Hall of Famers received standing ovations as they were introduced.

## DISTRICT CONVENTION OF OEA MARCH 18

Southwestern State College, Weatherford's public schools, and the Weatherford chamber of commerce will host the annual southwest district convention of the Oklahoma Education Association, March 18. More than 3000 administrators and teachers will attend the sessions.

Early planning of the annual event has been the responsibility of district officers and directors, dominated by graduates and former students of Southwestern. Preparatory work began at the September meeting of the board. Lucille Patton, '41, Hollis, is president and will be chairman of the convention's general session.

As superintendent of the host school, Marvin Easley, '32, is the district OEA vice-president. He has the major job of setting up and coordinating convention arrangements.

Bill Ware, '51, Hobart, is president-elect. He will head the association in 1966-67. Mary Ewing, '51, Hollis, is secretary, and Blair McGee, '41, Hollis, is treasurer.

Jim Smalling, '43, the imma-

diated past president, is now superintendent of the Liberal Kansas schools. John W. Word, '52, who succeeded Smalling as superintendent at Anadarko, has replaced him on the official board.

Southwestern graduates who are members of the board of directors are Neal Edwards, '49, Elk City; Bob Randquist, '51, Anadarko; Bernard Parker, '49, Indianola; Mark Mause, '52, Weatherford; Wilbur Winters, '34, Mangum; Harvey Reimer, '50, Hobart; Edith Yowell, '59, Cheyenne; and Marvin Weber, '58, Southwestern State.

Former students include Estelle Faulconer, Frederick district representative to the state OEA executive committee. R. D. Curnutt, jr., Hollis, and Johnny Parrish, Lawton.

Al Harris, '31, Southwestern State president, is a consultant to the board.

Others in the planning group are M. G. Smith, Hobart; Eugene Smith, Fay; Gene Gower, Seiling; Bailey Snow, Altus; Ralph Whitely, Lawton; Al Geist, Frederick, and Harold Perry, Colony.



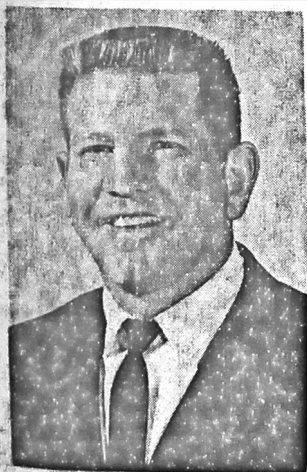
Marvin Easley



Lucille Patton

## Bulldog Cage Season Opens

Nov. 26:	Wayland at Plainview, Tex.
Dec. 3:	East Central at Weatherford.
Dec. 4:	Southeastern at Weatherford.
Dec. 10:	Langston at Langston.
Dec. 8-11:	High School Tournament at Weatherford.
Dec. 11:	Northeastern at Tahlequah.
Dec. 13-14:	College Tournament at Weatherford.
Jan. 7:	Northwestern at Weatherford.
Jan. 8:	Phillips at Weatherford.
Jan. 10:	Eastern New Mexico at Weatherford.
Jan. 15:	Panhandle at Goodwell.
Jan. 21:	OBU at Shawnee.
Jan. 21:	Central at Edmond.
Jan. 28:	Eastern New Mexico at Portales.
Feb. 4:	Langston at Weatherford.
Feb. 5:	Northeastern at Weatherford.
Feb. 8:	Northwestern at Alva.
Feb. 12:	Panhandle at Weatherford.
Feb. 18:	OBU at Weatherford.
Feb. 19:	Central at Weatherford.
Feb. 22:	Phillips at Enid.
Feb. 25:	East Central at Ada.
Feb. 26:	Southeastern at Durant.



Bill Ware. . .Southwestern District O E A President-Elect

## News Bits About Former Students

E. H. "HACK" MCDONALD, '33, 4508 N. W. 32, Oklahoma City, assistant state superintendent of public instruction, was recently named by the GEX store of Oklahoma City as the outstanding Oklahoma state employee of the year. He received the award at a banquet given in his honor. His son Steve is attending Southwestern.

BEN G. HARRIS, '62, Altus, has been awarded a predoctoral fellowship by the National Institute of Health, Washington, D. C. With a straight-A average in his graduate studies, Harris expects to complete requirements for a PhD in physiology from Oklahoma State University in 1966.

New staff members in their first year at Southwestern State include IRENE CASADY, '62, Cheyenne, English; JO ANNA HIBLER, '59, Leedy, business; STUART BURGHETT, '62, Seiling, chemistry; and MINNIE MAE SMITH, '34, Hobart, director of food services.

WILLARD J. HUMPHREY, '56, Foss, has been promoted to training specialist by the Prudential Insurance Company. After graduating from Southwestern cum laude, he earned an MBA degree from New York University. With Mrs. Humphrey and their two-year-old daughter, he lives at 150 Tryon Ave., Englewood, N. J.

LANA O'NEAL BOYD, '64, Southwestern graduate who completed her medical technology internship at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City this year, has made one of the highest scores on national hospital technician licensing examinations given 15,000 applicants.

HURSHAL H. RISINGER, president of the class of '30 and for the past 18 years a Southwestern State faculty member, has been promoted to head the social studies department.

RAYMOND McKELLIPS, '51, associate professor of mathematics at Southwestern, is one of the co-authors of a new MSG mathematics textbook.

LA MAR LAMB, ex '40, Santa Fe, is director of certification, teacher employment and teacher education for the New Mexico State Department of Education. His daughter, Susan, is a freshman at Southwestern majoring in psychology.

BOB WILLIAMS, '49, 2585 Laurel Apt. 28, Napa, Calif., former coach at Ardmore and Norman, is on the staff of the junior college at Napa. He is the son of Rankin and Mary Williams.

CLARENCE C. WYATT, '29, 3414 Lodge Drive, Belmont, Calif., former Oklahoma educator and Southwestern State faculty member, has retired after 20 years as a teacher and administrator in California. Mrs. Wyatt is still teaching there.

GORDON "DUMPY" RICE, '36, and WILLIE BELL RICE live in Hillsboro, Tex., where Dumpy is a partner in the H and R drug store. Their daughter Annette (Mrs. Dwight Pace) and her husband are Southwestern students.

KARL A. KITT, '37, and Mrs. Kitt, Artrs. 4519, USAF Academy, Colorado, were among many well-known alumni who returned for Homecoming.

KENNETH "STUB" SPEER, '56, and ELAINE McCLURE SPEER, '57, now live at 104 Meadowbrook Drive, Moorehead, Kentucky, where Stub is an official of the Moorehead Clothing Manufacturing Company.

GARY ABERCROMBIE, '64, an outstanding athlete at Southwestern, now teaches and coaches at La Crosse, Kans. He was married last summer to a Southwestern student, Jean Rose, Apache.

## College Adds More Housing

As enrollment has mushroomed to more than 3700, a major problem at Southwestern State College has been student housing. The college administration has met this challenge with \$3,578,000 in dormitory construction.

Building of new residence halls and additions to others has been possible through loans from the Federal Housing and Home Finance agency after approval by the board of regents of Oklahoma colleges. These loans are repaid with income from college housing, from cafeteria profits, and from funds derived from student center facilities such as the snack bar, game room and book store.

No state appropriations and none of the college share of bond issues such as that proposed by State Question 433 may be used for campus housing or student center expansion.

Southwestern's five-year expansion program includes Quanch Parker Hall for men (\$1,200,000), occupied in September, 1964; Oklahoma Hall for women (\$1,600,000), to be completed by September, 1966, and additions to Stewart Hall for women and Neff Hall for men (\$778,000).

Extensions to the book store, the cafeteria, and the game room in the student center, totaling \$207,000, have also been financed without state appropriations or bond money. Further expansion approved by the regents will be an addition to the snack bar and game room area of approximately 2800 feet at a cost of from \$70,000 to \$80,000.

## VOTE FOR Southwestern

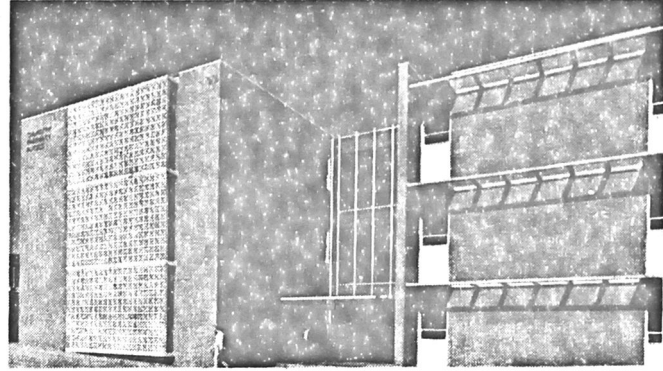
# What Other Bond Issues Have Done

If State Question 433 is approved by Oklahoma's voters December 14, it will be the fourth such bond issue, and, like the other three, will be retired **WITHOUT NEW TAXES**.

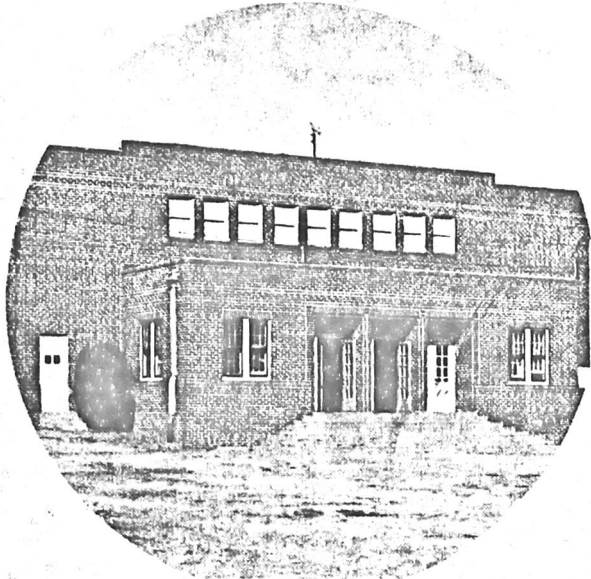
On this page is a pictorial record of new buildings, remodeled structures, and other campus additions made possible by voters' approval of bond issues in 1951, in 1955, and in 1959.

Southwestern's development to its present level of academic excellence would have been impossible without this method of financing.

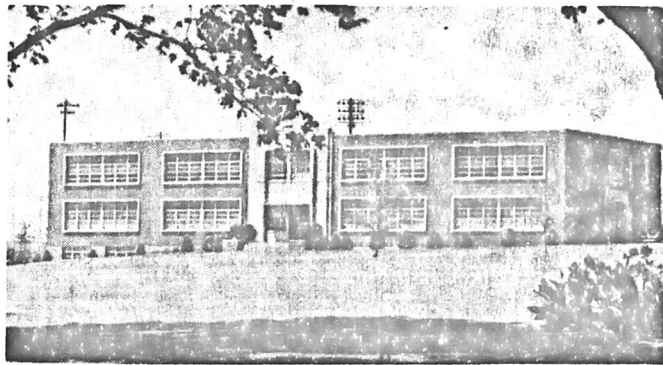
Vote **YES** on State Question 433.



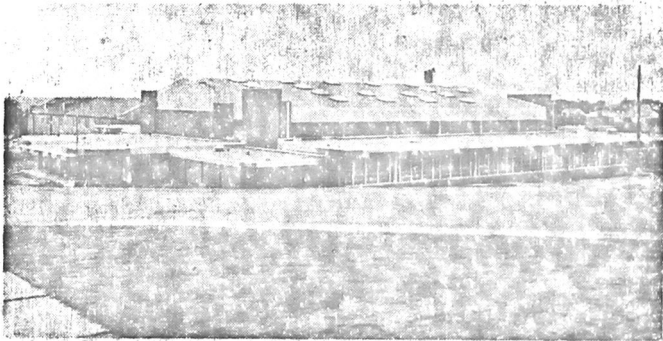
**Chemistry, Pharmacy and Physics Building: new construction.**



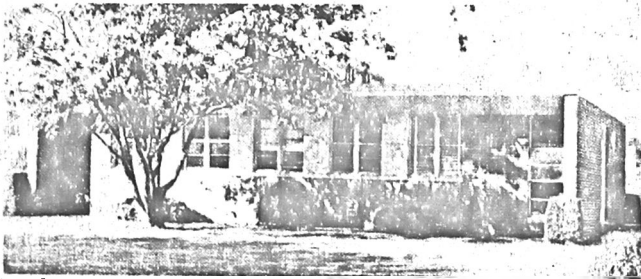
The old gymnasium, as it was before it was remodeled as a modern Music Hall.



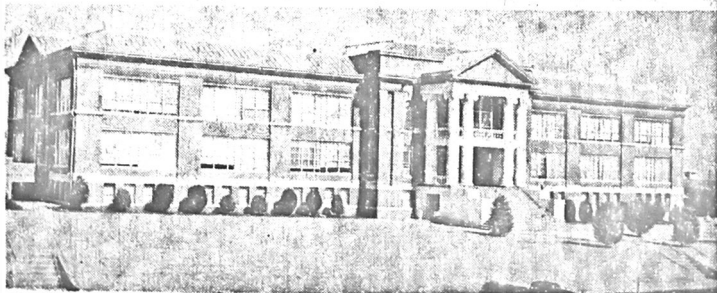
**Education Building: new construction.**



**Health and Physical Education Building: new construction.**



**Mathematics Annex (former Music Hall): new construction.**



**Complete remodeling and modernization of the Biological Sciences (Old Science) Hall.**



**Second floor of the Administration Building, converted into an ultra-modern business department.**



# Diel Elected Alumni Head

During their annual Homecoming luncheon October 16, members of the Southwestern State College Former Students Association elected M. A. Diel, '37, as 1965-66 president. Now superintendent of schools at Corn, he is a former Clinton teacher and representative to the state legislature.

Millie Alexander Thomas, '30, Southwestern's registrar and the only secretary the association has ever had, was re-elected by acclamation. Ralph Crall, '27, is the new vice-president, and Mark Mouse, '52, continues as treasurer. Crall and Mouse are members of the Weatherford public school



M. A. Diel

faculty.

Gene McPhail, '49, superintendent of schools at Cordell, is the immediate past president.

In another October 16 election Claude Hostetter, Clinton, was named president of the Thirty-Year club. Tim Warren, Clinton, was re-elected vice-president, and Rankin Williams, retired Southwestern athletic director, secretary-treasurer.

# Enrollment Doubles In 5-Year Period

In a span of five years Southwestern State College has doubled its enrollment, from 1858 in 1961 to 3742 at the present time.

"Whether this tremendous growth is to continue rests with Oklahoma's voters when State Question 433 is decided at the polls December 14," Dr. Al Harris, Southwestern's president, said.

What is State Question 433?

It proposes a \$54,750,000 construction program for state institutions, of which \$38,500,000 will be earmarked for colleges and universities.

These funds, provided by sale of bonds, will be retired WITHOUT A TAX INCREASE. This is possible by making bond payments with the existing cigarette tax.

Southwestern's share of the bond issue will mean more additions to the educational plant in new buildings. It will also include repairs and modernization of buildings and equipment already on the campus. None of the money can be spent for construction of new dormitories, cafeterias or other auxiliary facilities. These are financed by self-liquidating bonds.

"This bond issue is the only means by which Southwestern, and the other state institutions, can add the instructional facilities so badly needed to meet



Al Harris

the demands of an exploding college population," Dr. Harris explained.

"We must look to alumni, former students, and friends of the college to get out the vote December 14. Apathy and failure to vote are the worst enemies of State Question 433, which has the unqualified support of the legislature, the governor, college and university alumni associations, and organized labor."

Jimmie Craddock, editor and publisher of the Weatherford News, is chairman of the district executive committee backing State Question 433.

# DO YOU LIKE?

"Echoes from the Hill" is an experimental publication. If it meets with the approval of its readers, it will be continued as the official newsletter from Southwestern State College to graduates, former students, and friends of the college.

It will include as much personal information as possible from and about alumni. It will report the growth and development of Southwestern as enrollment, physical facilities, and academic excellence continue to increase and improve.

Readers will be able to keep up with major campus events involving highlights of student activities such as music, drama, sports, and honors. It will be possible to do a better job in promoting such red-letter days as Homecoming.

The newsletter will serve its purpose . . .

IF former students will contribute information about themselves, their families, and other alumni.

IF readers will send names of other former students with complete mailing addresses.

IF they volunteer frank and constructive criticism concerning the type of publication they would like to receive.

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