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Owlsley Addresses Grads
Aug. 5 -- Dr. Roy Owlsley, '26, presented a stirring commencement address last night to 115 summer graduates and 1500 faculty and friends at the outdoor ceremony held in the Stadium. After several heartwarming reminiscences of his years on the Hill, Owlsley rather earnestly enumerated some of the hallmarks of the nature, educated man and his relation to our world of "Self-reliance, sincerity, vision are still the marks whereby 'the spirit makes the master'."

Commencement music included an elephant march by the brass sextet led by Bennie Beach; a baritone solo by Charles Ball, '54, with Mr. Rose accompanying; and as a finale, everyone rising to sing College Heights.

Garrett Gains
President Garrett is recuperating from the effects of a stroke and a subsequent fall in which he sustained a broken hip. We suspected all along that it was an overdose of spring fever, and he is now conducting office hours in his home. Good luck to a fine

Stickles, Reeder Retire
Aug. 5 -- Announcement of the retirement of Miss Nancy Reeder from the College Training School faculty after 20 years of service, and of Dr. A.M. Stickles, head of History & Political Science for 46 years, was made at last night's commencement exercises. Stickles' years at Western set a new national record for continuous service to one American institution of accredited collegiate standing.

Our hats are off to two lovable teachers. We'll miss them, but I am sure that we shall be better teachers and better people for having had the opportunity of working with them.

Renovation & Redecorating
Aug. 6 -- Van Meter Hall is undergoing an impressive rejuvenation, including a modern lighting set-up for the stage, new curtains, tile floor and cushioned seats.

Potter Hall will have a $90,000 renovation, including new furniture and a complete redecoration. Music Hall has a new paint job of campus pictures.
Prospects for this year's freshman music class are the best they have ever been. We have 53 freshmen and 4 transfer students signed up and practically all are strong students, both musically and personally. You former students and grads are more responsible for the excellent enrollment than you can realize, since a majority of them are your pupils or friends. We know we shall be able to help them make the most of their capabilities. Our upperclassmen will be on hand to act as big brothers and advisors the first few days.

Our faculty will be much the same this next year. Dr. Barwick will be back after his year's leave, and we hope that Dr. Smit, who replaced him, may sometime return to us.

We expect a very full and satisfying year ahead in music at Western due to our strong student and faculty forces. Some of the first semester's main events will be: Freshman orientation, Sept. 16 & 17; Band Day Oct. 16 (N.E. La. game); HOMECOMING on Nov. 6 (Eastern); Kentucky Choral-Vocal Clinic and All State H.S. Chorus, Nov. 18 & 19; Orchestra Concert with Dr. Carpenter as violin soloist, Nov. 21; Soloists, Orchestra and Chorus present Handel's MESSIAH on Dec. 12; Pop Concert by the Western Band, Jan. 23.

We hope that many of you will have an opportunity to visit with us on some of the above occasions, but occasion or not, we shall enjoy your visit any time you can come.

Hugh Gunderson

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THE YEAR IN RETROSPECT: This past year has been notable for the quality of performance, both in solo and ensemble. As a result of having all students studying their major instrument or voice, recitals have been better and more numerous. Band, chorus, choir, orchestra and chamber music performances have benefitted, both in local and out-of-town concerts. The State Clinic, Composers Conference, two festivals, a record number of Senior recitals and a tour by the Western Choir are highlights of the past half-year since the Christmas issue of THE NEWSICLAN.
IN OUR HASTE TO GET THIS ISSUE OF THE NEWSPAPER TO YOU WE HAVE LUMPED TOGETHER ALL VITAL STATISTICS AND COVERS INCLUDING BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, JOBS, SUCCESSES, COMINGS-AND-GOINGS, HOPES, TRIBULATIONS AND EVEN A FEW ITEMS OF NEWS! HERE THEY ARE:


Carl Gibson, '51, sends a beautiful picture of the Isle of Capri from Italy. His Navy Band is on route to Japan by slow stages.

Anita Beiler Gilmore, '48 and husband, Hal, '49, have recently had their second child, a girl, at 622 W. Monroe, Springfield, Illinois.

Lillian Martin Wesley, '47, seems to be "Miss Republican" of Sturgis, Ky., where she has recently been appointed postmistress. Looks like her two young'uns will have to vie with the mail side of the family.

Lloyd Frits, '47, is teaching both band and orchestra at Belleville, Illinois, and has two sons and two daughters.

Kay Watson Habry, '43, was a welcome sight on a visit to Princeton. She is keeping the home fires burning for the little ones while R.A. teaches.

Carl Lee, Ex'52, and family are at Fort Knox in Civil Service. Address: Apt. 18K, Rose Terrace.

The Talbot Mansfields, '48, paid us a surprise visit last week. Mrs. Manfield's sister, Sandra Fuqua, of Paducah, will be one of our freshmen this fall. Talbot is teaching at Clarkston, Georgia. Home address: 1550 Brook Terrace, Decatur, Ga.

Luther Lewis, '50, and Mary Lou send news of a Royal welcome in April, when the stork brought them a son, name of Norman Reid. But he has a string of middle names like: Selmer, Holton, Olds, W.F.L. and King! It is just lucky that Luther was not a fiddler so that he would wind up with a gang of names like Stradivarius Testore Nurnberger Guarnerius Guadagnini Cagliano.
Frank Hoback, '34, of Milan, Tennessee, was here with Frank Jr. this spring to make college plans for his son. Frank Sr. is now a chemist for U.S. Rubber Co. in Milan.

Shirley Foster, who substituted for Miss Porter on cello last summer, sends an announcement of her marriage to George Gibbons, August 8th in Altamont, Kansas.

Marion Adams '51, is the new possessor of a creme-colored Buick convertible. Teaching in Hopkinsville has its compensations. Marion is also working toward her Master's degree at Peabody.

Elliot Alexander, Ex. '36, is also at Peabody this summer. He now heads the Music Department at Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Ky.

Anne Reiley Barlow, '49, who has been teaching piano at the University of Louisville is finishing her Master's at Western this summer. Her son and husband, Fred, are in Louisville where Dr. Fred is serving his internship.

Gwen Beiler, '44, has taught at Frankfort High School since her graduation and is moving this fall to Parkersburg, West Virginia, to a similar position.

Dick Borchardt, '52, was married this spring in Carrollton. Sorry we don't know the bride's name, but understand she is a music teacher. Dick is in an Army Band at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Lt. Murrel Britte, Ex '44, sent us a nice note of thanks for the Christmas Issue of the Western Musician.

His address: Staff, Com. Phib. Lam, U.S. Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia

Lucile Turner Brown, '48, is teaching at Lewisburg, Ky. and George runs the lumber yard at Russellville. Lucille was SKMBA treasurer this past year.

Our sympathy goes to the R.D. Chenoweths, '39, who lost a son. Doc's address: Brown High School, Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Ione Duke, '55, has left Hardinsburg and is teaching in Morgantown, Ky.
Reb. Jim Coleman, '47, was our host for an interesting day spent at Fort Campbell, Ky., where Jim is now a Chaplain in the 11th Airborne Division. Also saw him do a parachute jump recently on TV.

Greg Colson, '50, was another of this spring's marriage casualties. Music truly hath charms for Greg to get such a pretty gal—a music teacher from Louisiana.

Steve and Marilyn Combs, '51, of Mayfield, Ky., were kind hosts this spring on the occasion of a fishing trip to Kentucky Lake. Fishermen Combs, Rose and Gunderson were much more active than the fish, but Steve still claims to know where they are. They have a new daughter for a future girls trio. Address: Mayfield, Kentucky.

Bill Combs, '49, band director at Bowling Green High School, incidentally, is still crowing about the 5½ pound bass he caught last summer at Shanty Hollow. Who has a better right?

Jean Baxter Cooper, '43, has set aside her cello for her husband’s interest in accounting. On the credit side of the Cooper Ledger are three children, the third born just last Friday—a girl. Address: 422 Oakland, Tallahassee, Florida.

John Farris, '41, is one of the workingest people we know. He had something like forty solos and small ensembles in the Spring Festival and they did right well. Address: High School, Maysville, Ky.

David Feild, '52, has come upon two sudden responsibilities—his first son born on June 7th and his first full time job as Minister of Music in a Baptist Church at Central City, Ky.

Paul Ferren, '35, has stopped teaching in favor of the pursuit of selling instruments for the Rutan Music Company of Atlanta. Jim Rutan, '38, is proprietor of the firm, and we know you have hired a good man, Jim!

Jim Galbreath, '51, got out of the service last fall and taught at Franklin-Simpson High School. He and Mrs. Galbreath are both teaching somewhere in Ohio next year. Address: Box 103, Rogers, Ohio.
Byron Hackett, a music graduate of Indiana University, is Galbreath's successor at Franklin. For the past three years, Byron has done a fine job at Dawson Springs and entered Western this summer for some special work.

Wes Gragson, '50, and Joe Beiler Gragson, '50, and their little one where here for a visit in June. Wes is in summer graduate school at Eastman and had a composition broadcast last winter by the Oklahoma City Symphony. Address: Public Schools, Normal, Illinois.

Dobbie Issac, '51, is now teaching in the high school at Fort Knox, Ky.

Joe Jackson, '50, got out of the Army last fall and resumed his former position at Belfry, Ky., H.S.

George Disney, '54, and Barbara Rider Disney, Ex. '54, are the proud parents of a second child, a little gal born just last night. George is slated to start teaching in a county high school in Jonesboro, Tennessee. He received his Music Ed. degree last night.

Jack O'Hara, '49, is teaching at Middlesboro, Ky. Family at last count included one child.

A.E. Paluzzi, '48, and Irma Ross Paluzzi, Ex. '48, with their two sons are doing a real job at Bristol, Tenn. We were guest conductor at their spring concert, and attended the band banquet at which Palutz was presented with a power lawn mower. Typical Paluzzi repartee, "Irma is going to enjoy this."

Harold Phillips, '51, has forsaken the steel business in Pittsburg to accept the job as band director at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. Says it looks like real work. He is not kidding.

Bill Rutherford, '52, director of music at Trigg County High School, is spending the summer in the tobacco patches checking tobacco acreage for the U.S.D.A.

Seymour Spiegelman, '53; and Joan Warren, '54, were married in Moulton, Alabama this summer. Seymour, of Hill Toppers' Quartet fame, is expecting an appointment with his Uncle Sam starting this fall.
Gene Steinquest, '51, and Jean Karon Steinquest, '50, with their young one were here in June to bring us a likely looking boy for next year's freshman class.

Dorothy Topmiller, '36, and James Hunley of the Hartford postal force, were married early this spring. Dorothy will continue to teach music at the high school in Hartford, Ky.

Nell Gooch Travelstead is on leave this summer studying in New York.

A graduate recital program by Jim Jensen, '53, indicates that he has had a busy year at University of Iowa.

John Lawson, '49, and Oleta Smith Lawson, '50, and their little gal were here this summer. John got out of his reserve hitch in the Navy last summer and is teaching in the high school of Columbus, Miss.

Gene Lawtin, '53, and Helen Brinkley Lawtin, '53, were recent visitors, coming here from Morgantown, West Virginia where Gene had just received his M.M. Degree. We hear that Uncle Sam has contracted for his services for the next couple of years, and we know he will land well because of his fine oboeing.

Address: 1634 Myrtle, Whiting, Indiana.

David Livingston, '51, now teaching at Elkhorn High School at Frankfort, Ky., because a proud papa this past spring—a girl as we recall it.

Jack McCarthy, '50, has left Manchester High School to take the band job at Jenkins, Ky.

Agnes Maxwell, '27, has accepted a position at the newly-constructed county high school at Henderson, Ky.

Bill Miller, '54, along with Anne Duke Schitzenger, '55, is singing in the summer opera series at Louisville.

Met Ed Minor, '51, over in Barbourville last spring with his Harlan High School Band, which we hear is really on its way to humming once again.

Uncle Hill Hill, Class of 1860, went swimming with us in the college pool at Faculty Hour last Sunday. He is recuperating from an appendix operation performed earlier this summer by Dr. Reeves Morgan, trombonist in the class of 1945 and practicing in Mayfield, Ky.

Jack Valz, '54, has taken a new job at Carlisle, Ky. He formerly was band director at Warren Co. High School.
WANT ADS

WANTED: The least possible price in a Magnecorder -
tape recording machine for the Music Dept -
this fall, including a pencil mike and-
monitoring speaker.
Write Box 5, College Heights.

NEEDED: Twenty string students a year to help satisfy-
the demands of schools in several states for-
string teachers. Fine salaries and opportun-
ities for side work, playing professionally.
String solo, chamber music, orchestra are-
specialties. Write Dr. Howard Carpenter,
Western.

HELP WANTED: Additional homecomers to help us boat-
last year's record of 70-odd persons attending-
the Music Breakfast at the Union. Date is-
November 6 at 9 A.M. Help us BEAT EASTER!