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Dr. Lay Assumes Headship of SINU

By FRANCES NOEL CRANE, '35

Working early and late to acquaint himself with all the responsibilities of his office and to assure uninterrupted progress for Southern Illinois Normal University, Dr. Chester F. Lay of Austin, Texas has already established himself as "the right man for the job" in his new role as president of Southern.

He was appointed in December of 1944 by the State Teachers College Board to succeed the late Roscoe Pulliam, whose death occurred in March of that year. During the intervening months the school was under the guidance of acting president Dr. Bruce W. Merwin.

Dr. Lay takes pride in following the traditions of his mother's family, the Chesters, many of whom have been prominent school teachers. He himself began as a country school teacher in Will county, Illinois; was high school principal at Moweaqua in Shelby county; and was head of the mathematics department at Bloomington high school.

Taught Abroad

He attended Northwestern University, received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Chicago, and was persuaded to accept a special assignment on the teaching staff of Robert College, an American educational institution in Constantinople, for one year. After he returned to this country he taught at a number of institutions in the far west, and was for a number of years professor of business administration at the University of Texas in Austin.

The new SINU president, in accepting this position, has returned to his native territory. He was born on the Lay farm near Ozark, Ill., on the Johnson-Pope county line, and attended the rural schools of Pope county and the high school in Golconda. He earned his Normal School diploma and his Bachelor of Education degree at Illinois State Normal University in Normal, Ill.

Doubtless many SINU alumni are acquainted with other members of the Lay family. Joel Lay, the nationally known singer, is a brother, as are Walter Lay of Creal Springs (now of the United States army), Harry Lay of Metropolis, Coy Lay of Rosiclare, and Ewell Lay of Jacksonville, Florida. A sister, Sue Ellen Lay Mathis, now lives in Austin, Texas. Dr. Lay's other sister, Mollie Lay Burns, is a resident of Christopher. The parents, Joseph Lay and Rilda Chester Lay, live in Creal Springs.

Plans For SINU

Outlining his plans for Southern Illinois Normal University, Dr. Lay stressed the fact that the school's function as a training center for teachers will not be scuttled or hampered as a result of its recent authorization to offer a liberal arts program. "The training of teachers will remain the core of the school," he asserted. "For that purpose a College of Education has been established and will be expanded."

However, following the direction and mandate of the Illinois Legislature and the State Teachers College Board, SINU will develop a high quality College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, offering the Arts and Science degrees heretofore unavailable in southern Illinois. A College of Vocations will also be expanded, including training in such fields as merchandising, commerce, accounting, secretarial work, manual and mechanical arts, and craftsmanship.

Although the school is forbidden by law to offer professional training to culminate in degrees in law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, engineering, or agriculture, it will continue to offer preliminary courses in those fields.

Graduate School

Dr. Lay is looking forward to the expansion of the graduate school which was established last summer. The first candidates for the Master of Science in Education degree are expected to be ready in June.

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ALUMNI ADDRESSES WANTED

One of the real immediate needs of the Southern Illinois Normal University is a complete, correct, and up-to-date record of the whereabouts of every former student at this school. It is a need that has been expressed by Alumni officers, university authorities, the Placement Bureau, and the editorial board of THE SOUTHERN ALUMNUS. Every person who has attended Southern is asked to send his present address, as soon as possible, to either W. G. Ciane, director of placements or to the editors of this quarterly. It is only by having an accurate Alumni file that Southern can be of the greatest service to its former students.

The need for a correct Alumni file was clearly demonstrated in November, when, after an absence of 13 months, THE SOUTHERN ALUMNUS was revived and mailed out. Scores of copies were returned because the persons to whom they had been sent no longer were living at the residences that they had originally reported here. This meant that persons entitled to receive the paper never got it. Extra work was forced on the Post Office and on our staff here. And furthermore, several dollars in postage due had to be paid out on these unclaimed copies.

W. G. Ciane has done an excellent job in bringing up to date the Alumni records, and it was gratifying to learn from the Post Office that fewer copies of the November issue had to be returned than was the case with previous issues. But despite this, there were far too many copies that went astray. This can be remedied if every former student will take just a moment of his time and report his whereabouts and even that of others. By the way, you can use the coupon in this issue, and not only give us your address, but also enclose that dollar for a year's subscription.

Alumni officers and the staff of THE SOUTHERN ALUMNUS were really heartened by your response to the first issue of the paper after its long absence. Frankly, they wondered how you would respond to the new format and content. But literally, from all over the world, there came messages of satisfaction and pleasure at seeing the publication again. The staff hopes that the quarterly can be improved with each issue, and to that end it earnestly solicits the support of all who have ever attended Southern Illinois Normal University.

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best thought and strength of the college faculty, so that the Master of Science in Education degree will have a breadth and value comparable to the degrees given by the greatest universities of this country," Dr. Lay said. "Our new opportunity carries with it new responsibilities and obligations to have our degree of such quality as to command the highest respect of other universities and their graduates.—But whatever additional opportunities and obligations in the postgraduate field may lie before us as the institution develops are not under consideration at all at this time.”

Referring to the recent trend in southern Illinois to consider the area as one large unit working toward its own economic and social salvation, Dr. Lay declared that he conceives of Southern Illinois Normal University as a service center for achieving rehabilitation of the region.

"The Southern campus—it's faculty, buildings, farms, to all our resources and all our strength—will be made available for maintaining and upbuilding economic, educational, and cultural standards of the people living in our territory," the new president concluded. "We must serve southern Illinois, but even beyond these boundaries, whosoever may come.”

The Secretary, Alumni Association,
Southern Illinois Normal University,
Carbondale, Illinois.

I am enclosing one dollar for Alumni dues, which include a year's subscription to THE SOUTHERN ALUMNUS.

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A Message To The Alumni


Like Rip Van Winkle, our Alumni Association has spent years in sleeping, sleeping, when we should have been doing, doing everything possible to make Southern one of the outstanding educational institutions in the middle west.

For years past the extent of the Alumni Association's activities has been to hold the annual banquet, elect new officers, hang out the "Do Not Disturb" sign, and then go back to sleep for another year. This is not intended, in any way, as a reflection on those who have held offices in the years gone by, for possibly the need for action and service was not so apparent as it is now. Southern, or S. I. N. U. as we older ones know it best, stands on the threshold of a wonderful future, and the combined thought and efforts of the faculty, student body, and alumni will be needed for the expansion and continued growth of Southern:

Organization Needed

If we are to assume our responsibilities and take our proper place in the life, welfare and development of Southern, then we need to perfect an active working organization. We need to increase our membership, and this membership should not be limited to those who have received their degrees but should include all who have attended Southern. Let's regard our time at Southern as an investment. If the school should decline to the point of becoming just another school, then we have made a poor investment. On the other hand, if the school continues to grow in prestige, then we have made a good investment and the fact that we attended Southern or hold a degree from there will carry added weight.

When the fight was on to develop at Southern a university which could offer training in liberal arts and vocations as well as teacher training, the load was carried by others—not by the alumni—because we were not properly organized. This is only one instance of the need for organization; there are many others. We need to be working for the advancement of the school at all times. We should have enough pride in Southern that we will advance her cause at every opportunity. We should encourage high school graduates, regardless of where we are, to attend Southern, and we should do everything possible to make Southern so attractive that these students will want to go there.

Many things are needed on the campus—new buildings, new equipment, additions to the staff—these are necessary if Southern is to be adequately prepared to meet the expected demands from returning service men and women, as well as from high school graduates, who look to our university for their educational opportunities. Who should be more interested in or better able to assist in providing these opportunities than the alumni?

Alumni Dues

To properly carry on this work money is needed, and at present the money must come from membership dues. How many have paid a year's dues? Not many, but if every former student and graduate will take time right now to mail in one dollar along with name and address, then we will be well on our way. We can continue to publish the Bulletin and will be in position to have a permanent, paid secretary.

We have to crawl before we can walk, so let's start crawling now. Then at the annual banquet in June let's raise the dues to two dollars per year. The association would then have sufficient funds to employ a full time secretary, to provide extra help, (and it will be needed as time goes on) to publish and distribute its own publications and to enable the association to be properly represented in Springfield, Chicago, or wherever necessary.

I trust that you are able to visualize the possibilities of an active, aggressive association as I do. With our people scattered all over the state, nation, yes, even the world, we can and should be a powerful force in all that pertains to the continued growth and welfare of Southern. The association will not be a political organization, but made up, as it is, of all parties, it will be able to bring pressure to bear where pressure is needed and where it will do the most good. Mail those dollars now! Come on, gang, let's go!

P. S.—Is it too much to hope that some day we may have a union building on the campus?
ALUMNI PERSONALS

CLASS OF 1919
Henry D. Brohm holds the position of vice-president and controller in the Wieboldt Department Stores in Chicago.

CLASS OF 1920
R. E. Fildes, superintendent of schools in Springfield, Illinois, since 1937 and a civic leader in the State Capital died on November 27. He was a past president of the Southern Central Division of the Illinois Education Association. Funeral services were held at Clay City.

CLASS OF 1924
J. E. Hunsaker, 3239 Ozark Street, Houston, Texas, is on the staff of the University of Houston, where he is serving as supervisor of Industrial Education.

CLASS OF 1925
Howard S. Walker has been employed in the Milwaukee Vocational School for the past nine years.

CLASS OF 1927
Bessie I. Smith, now Mrs. John A. Lewis, is living in South America, at the following address:
Jefe Del Servicio Cooperativo Intraamericano de Salud Publica del Riberalsa Bolivia, South America

CLASS OF 1928
Loraine D. Hunsaker is employed by the Houston, Texas, independent schools, and is a principal of the Southland Elementary School.

CLASS OF 1929
Lieut. (j.g.) and Mrs. Wendell Margrave (Leila Lockie, ’28), announce the arrival of Thomas Edmund Clare Margrave at Washington, D. C., on January 16. Lieut. (j.g.) Margrave is in the U. S. N. R., and has been in the armed forces since August, 1943.

CLASS OF 1932
Harold Bailey is teaching voice in the Central Y. M. C. A. School of Music in Chicago. He has made frequent appearances on the radio and is soloist in the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago.

CLASS OF 1937
Margaret Miskell has an assistantship in Zoology at the University of Pennsylvania where she is doing work on her doctorate in Protozoology. She has completed one year of graduate work at Washington University in St. Louis.

CLASS OF 1938
Frances Sierakowski had an article, “Are You Shelving Physical Education for the Duration?” published in the MISSISSIPPI EDUCATIONAL ADVANCE last December.

CLASS OF 1940
Beth Bruce who served as secretary for Acting President, Dr. Bruce W. Merwin and for Dr. Chester F. Lay, president of the university, is returning to St. Louis to work as assistant to the director of personnel service, American National Red Cross.

CLASS OF 1941
Vernalou McKinney Oglesby is teaching in an elementary school in Los Angeles, California.

Lois Lee Smith Keller, wife of Harry B. Keller, U. S. Naval Academy, ’43, and her young daughter have made their home in Carbondale. Lieut. Keller has been assigned to foreign duty.

CLASS OF 1943
Bob Vincent Allen is a student in the graduate college at Yale University. He is doing his work in the field of Russian history. During the past Summer he studied Russian language at Cornell University. Mr. Allen has a medical discharge from the United States Army.

Viola Rodenmayer, who majored in Zoology here, has an assistantship in that field at Washington University, St. Louis. She is planning to specialize in Anatomy.

Wanda Ruth Kiel is serving as secretary-treasurer, pro tem, of the S.I.N.U. alumni association.

CLASS OF 1944
Norman O. Clarke is teaching in the Sparta Township High School, where he is director of the band and of both the girls’ and mixed choruses.

Dolores M. Manfredini recently had an article, “The Italians Come To Herrin,” published in the JOURNAL OF THE ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. She was one of the first two graduate students in History here and originally prepared her manuscript in the Seminar offered last Summer. Miss Manfredini is on the faculty of the Tamms High School.

Mary Lou Davison of Benton and Ensign James Clinton, ’43, of Ina, were married in January. Mrs. Clinton is teaching in the Jerseyville schools while Ensign Clinton is on active duty.

Virginia Sanders, who is teaching in the Woodlawn High School, was married on Christmas day to Mr. John C. Robinson of Sesser.

Georgiana Conner and Cameron Von Buskirk were married over the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Von Buskirk are now residing in Granite City, where he is employed.

Anna O’Rourke is doing work toward her Master’s degree in English at the University of Illinois. Miss O’Rourke is the holder of a graduate scholarship.

CLASS OF 1945
Ensign Robert Gum and Elsie Radzunas were married November 16 in New York City. Ensign Gum is the son of Dr. Wanda N. Gum of the S.I.N.U. faculty.

Edith Lloyd Rice is teaching commerce in the Gorham High School. Mrs. Rice will receive her degree this summer.

Connie Laffoon and Ensign James Graves were wed in the chapel at the University of Chicago on December 22. Mrs. Graves is now attending the University and Ensign Graves is enrolled in medical school.

ANNA MARIE BOWEN
Anna Marie Bowen, ’41, of Herrin, recently became the first Williamson County woman to pass the Illinois State Bar Examination, entitling her to practice law in the courts of the State. She is probably the youngest woman lawyer in Illinois.
Southern’s fourth wartime basketball season is just about ended, and once again Coach Glenn (Abe) Martin pieced together an all-civilian team of seventeen-year olds and 4-Fs that made a fine showing. Just where the Maroons will finish in the Illinois Intercollegiate Athletic Conference race will not be determined for a few days, for there are games remaining to be played at Charleston with Eastern and at DeKalb with Northern. The latter contest, by the way, is the final one for any of the league teams. It is booked for Saturday, February 24.

When the season began in early December, Coach Martin found that he had three letter men on whom to rely. They were Don Ray Sheffer and Sam Milosevich, both of Zeigler, and Richard Harmon of Granite City. To this trio, Martin added a pair of freshmen, Richard Foley of Carbondale and Leedio Cabutti of Johnston City, and this was the lineup that started practically all of the first eight games on the schedule.

Scoring Record

Things went wonderfully well at the start of the campaign. Eight victories were racked up in nine starts, and the Maroons were averaging just about fifty points per game. In the first game against the strong Fairfield Cheffords, Sheffer broke the all-time individual scoring record for a Southern player in one game when he tallied 33 points, to surpass the previous best mark of 31 points.

Some years ago, when the Mighty Babe was hitting home runs for the New York Americans, there was a saying, “As Ruth goes, so go the Yankees.” This might have been paraphrased, “As Sheffer goes, so goes Southern.” For as long as the Zeigler boy was in there making baskets, the Maroons were winning. However, on January 13, Sheffer suffered a recurrence of an old knee injury, and then troubles befell the Southerners. True, they defeated State Normal, (even though Sheffer had to be withdrawn after his injury in this contest) and later both Eastern and Western Illinois State Teachers Colleges, but Evansville College nosed out the Maroons at Evansville. Earlier in the Winter, S.I.N.U. had trimmed the Indians here, 68-52.

In addition to the victims named, S. I. N. U. also won from Indiana State (twice), Cape Girardeau, and Illinois Wesleyan University. The lone early season loss was administered by Murray Teachers College at Murray, Kentucky. S. I. N. U. led most of the way, but when Sheffer was forced to retire, the Thoroughbreds caught up and took the game, 50-36. Incidentally, Murray has one of the outstanding teams south of the Ohio River this season.

Alumni can well be proud of Coach Martin’s team. It plays hard, but clean basketball. There have been few instances of players fouling themselves out of the game. Reserve power is limited, and the boys who start the game are apt to play all or most of it, because substitutes just aren’t available.

News Notes

And now for some news notes: Leland P. Lingle was elected president of the Illinois Intercollegiate Athletic Conference at its last meeting in Bloomington and he will serve until December of this year. He is the third member of the faculty to have held that office . . . The “I” Club presented Martin with a handsome trophy in recognition of his being named basketball “Coach of the Year” for the 1943-44 season, by Fred Young, noted Bloomington sports editor and athletic official . . . The I.I.A.C. will hold its annual track meet at Normal this year, despite the fact that most of the coaches are dubious about their manpower. The date is Saturday, May 19. State Normal won the event last Spring . . . Of the five schools now in the Conference, four are using all-civilian teams. State Normal has a Naval Training program, and its trainees are prominent in Red Bird lineups . . . Earl Throgmorton of Carbondale, one of Southern’s most ardent supporters, presented the Athletic Department with two sets of flags bearing the colors of the colleges in the I.I.A.C. They have been displayed in the gymnasium during the basketball season, but will be flown from the stadium when out-of-doors games are being played. Insofar as is known, S. I. N. U. is the only school in the Conference to have sets of these flags . . . Baring any unfore-
News Briefs From The Campus

PROFESSOR FRANK M. COLYER

The death of Professor Frank M. Colyer, former head of the Geography department, marked the passing of one of the best-loved personalities from the Southern Illinois Normal University campus. He joined the SINU faculty in 1897 and, up to the date of his retirement in 1935, generations of students had studied with him and had respected him for his wide knowledge of geography and history.

Born in December, 1863, Professor Colyer did his undergraduate work at the University of Indiana, from which he received the Bachelor of Arts degree. The University of Chicago conferred on him the Master of Science degree.

For three years, Mr. Colyer taught in the rural schools, and then served six years as a city superintendent. When he joined the college faculty in 1897, he taught both history and geography; but when a separate Geography Department was established, he became its first official head. He was an authority on geology, meteorology, and general geography.

In 1935, Professor Colyer attained emeritus standing on the faculty; and despite the fact that he did little teaching during the last nine years, he continued to maintain a great interest in the college and supported all its activities. Although nearly 81 years of age, he was in the Stadium last Fall cheering the SINU football team.

As the first head of the Department of Geography and Geology, he built a firm foundation on which the department could grow and develop along with the University. For over a third of a century, Professor Colyer served the United States Weather Bureau as a cooperative observer, without any remuneration.

SUMMER SESSIONS

Southern Illinois Normal University is planning to offer an eight-week and a four-week Summer session, it has been announced by President Chester F. Lay. The first summer term will open on Monday, June 11, and continue through Friday, August 3. The second session is to begin on Monday, August 6, and continue through Friday, August 31.

Summer sessions at the university are usually well attended, and appeal to various types of students. Many of those who register are teachers who are continuing work toward a degree and are completing professional requirements, while some students enroll to make up deficiencies. Since the beginning of the war, many young men and women attend in order to get as much college training as possible before entering the armed forces.

At the present time, the various departments at the university are planning their courses for the Summer term. A number of new classes will be offered, in addition to several night classes. There will also be an impressive list of courses available for those who are working to receive the Master's degree. Suggestions from alumni and friends as to how to make the Summer sessions most useful for the prospective students will be welcomed.

Each summer the university plans an attractive program of events, and it is expected that the sessions of 1945 will include a number of entertainments and recreational opportunities. Additional information concerning Summer terms may be obtained by writing the Office of the Registrar.

FACULTY DISTINGUISHES ITSELF

Miss Mary E. Entsminger, associate professor at the Allyn Training School, was elected president of the Women's Division of the Illinois Education Association during its recent annual meeting in Chicago.

The Illinois Educational Association is an organization of teachers and educators who meet annually for the purpose of discussing legislative and other problems bearing upon the state's educational program. The Women's Division of the IEA has as its aims to help women instructors of the state with their professional problems and to encourage women to participate more actively in educational organizations.

Dr. Thomas F. Barton, head of the Department of Geography and Geology, has been reelected as secretary of the National Council of Geography Teachers for the fifth consecutive year. When he was first elected as secretary of the Council in 1940, Dr. Barton was the youngest secretary ever chosen, and has held the office longer than any other secretary, with but one exception. In addition to writing numerous articles for geography publication,

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Lt. (j.g.) Edward Copeland, '44, of Carbondale, fighter pilot in the Navy Air Force, recently returned to the States on a furlough. Lt. Copeland has been in action over Guam, Formosa, the Bonins, and the Philippines off the carrier, U.S.S. Lexington. On November 6, of last year, when his motor was wrecked in a raid on an airfield south of Manila, he was able to bring down his plane on an inland Luzon Lake. Rescued by native Filipinos, it was nearly two months before he reached the east coast of Luzon. From there, he was taken to Leyte, and soon after flown back to the United States on a C-54 cargo plane.

Lt. Commander A. L. Mathis, '21, has just returned from two years service in the South Pacific, where he was in charge of a group of medical students. A graduate of the University of Illinois Medical School, Lt. Commander Mathis was formerly located at Elmhurst.

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LIEUT. LEONARD KEENE

Lt. (j.g.) Leonard Keefe, instructor at the University High School, is now attached to an escort carrier in the United States Navy.

Lt. William O. Marcile, '39, of Galatia, is now engaged in Information and Education work at Pounds Field, Tyler, Texas. Before going into the service, he was an instructor in Roxana.

Captain J. R. Mitchell, '42, of Christopher, is now with the Air Transport Command in China. A pilot with the A.T.C. for the past two years, Captain Mitchell is serving as operations officer at a base somewhere in China.

Lt. David McNeill, '41, of Carbondale, naval aviator on an escort carrier, has shot down five Jap planes and has to his credit fourteen strafed while on the ground. Lt. McNeill has participated in four Pacific invasions, and was home in January on leave.

Wayne Mann, '42, Shattuc, recently received a commission as Second Lieutenant upon his graduation from Engineer's School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Lt. Mann is a former SOUTHERN ALUMNUS editor.

Lt. M. E. Stelzride, '41, of Orient, located at Victorville Army Air Field, California, has written that his “favorite pinup at the present time is a picture ‘Autumn (continued on page 8)
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tions, Dr. Barton has also served on the Board of Directors of the National Council, as representative-at-large from the United States, and from Illinois.

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Mr. George Bracewell, director of Rural Practice at SINU, was recently elected president of the Southern Division of the Illinois Education Association. At present, Mr. Bracewell is on sabbatical leave doing work toward his Ph.D. degree at the University of Michigan.

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Miss Gladys L. Smith, social studies instructor in the University High School, has an article entitled, "Student Differences and the Core Program," which appears in 1944 Yearbook of the National Council of the Social Studies. Miss Smith's chapter describes the development of her high school course in Problems of American Democracy.

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Mr. J.W. Allen, curator of history in the university museum, has written a book entitled, "Randolph County Notes," which is a history of that county, with an illustrated map. The publication is the first in an intended series of historic works on the various counties of Southern Illinois.

MASTER'S DEGREE APPROVED

The Board of Review, Commission on Colleges and Universities of the North Central Association, has approved the granting of the Master's degree by the Southern Illinois Normal University. Notification to this effect was received early in the Winter term from John Dale Russell, secretary of the Commission.

It is necessary for an institution to rank above 60 in all significant criteria before it is given this approval, and Southern's lowest rating in any respect was 85, and in several matters it attained a score of 99.

Recognition of the Masters degree here by the great accrediting agency, the North Central Association, is another tribute to the ever-increasing prestige and scholarship of S. I. N. U.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS

Grace Krappe is teaching French, general science and history in the high school at Ver­gennes.

Juanita McRaven has accepted a teaching position in Grand Tower.

Marian Kyles is employed in the grade schools at Madison.

Theodore Taylor is teaching Physics at Howard University in Washington, D. C.

Mildred Brown is in social work in East St. Louis.

Bette Eckert Meyer is teaching in the high school at Johnston City.

Jane Magnes and Jane Meisenheimer are employed as statisticians with a government agency in Chicago.

Betty Mercer is teaching music in the Benton High School.

Dorothy Rue Mallory is teaching the second grade in the Mt. Vernon City Schools.

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seen changes in the schedule, Southern will have two Conference football games at home this Fall. State Normal is booked here for October 13 and Western Teachers for October 27.

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at Southern which appeared in a recent edition of the ALUMNUS. It brings back fond memories of happier days."

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A-C John E. Grosco, '45, of West Frankfort, former student photographer at Southern, is now convalescing at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Corona, California, following a severe illness contracted during his naval aviation pilot training.

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Pvt. Lowell Samuel, '38, of Johnston City, is stationed at Bowling Field, Washington, D. C., in the Army Air Corps Band.

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Lt. Charles South, '40, of Carbondale, is teaching gunnery at the Marine Base, at Quantico, Virginia, having returned from overseas service with the Amphibious Marines in the South Pacific.