

THE literateurs scored in our last issue. This time, we turn to the engineers. Engineers are a quiet lot (except on St. Pat's Eve) who work in less spectacular media than the literary fellows. Now and then one of them escapes from the profession into some such adventure as the White House; but most of them enjoy the pleasure of facing problems that mathematics and engineering principles only can overcome.

Our Oklahoma engineers seem to have been unusually successful, as graduates go. The graduate is rare who does not place in some good job; and he is rare, too, who fails to make a go of the job. Hard work and intelligence, of course, keeps the job; but proper engineering training does a lot.

Prof. Felix Frankfurter in a significant little book published recently by Yale University Press, *The Public and Its Government*, asserts that one of the principal needs of our government is to attract intelligent and courageous people to the public service; and that our government should make such service attractive by proper safeguards. The slow, uphill fight of civil service in this country is a sad commentary on the quality of our government. Despite certain political thrusts at the university in by-gone years, some members of the faculty of the university have given the best years of their life to the service of the state—without the proper safeguards, sometimes, but because they see something far greater in their work than a monthly pay check.

One of these men is Dean James Felgar of the engineering college. He is completing his twenty-fifth year of service with the university this year. Twenty-five years of building. Building up from a few students and no equipment to one of the finest engineering colleges of the country. That would make a quarter century of service pleasant for any man to contemplate in retrospection. But I'll guess that the most pleasant memories of Dean Felgar are those of engineering students who have brought their problems to him for solution.

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Many a graduate of this university owes his success to the dean, who many times has prevented young men from taking misguided steps that might have ruined their lives.

Leo Sanders, '19 eng., proves how temporary is the work of man. The contracting firm of which he is president in Oklahoma City, makes a specialty of quick "wrecking" of buildings. Given a job at dawn, by night a building that took weeks of patient effort to erect, has been effaced completely from the skyline. Speed and efficiency have been combined by Mr Sanders to such a degree that his work is receiving national recognition. And once the building is razed, he is ready to begin laying a foundation the next day for the structure that is to supersede the wrecked building.

Romayne S. Baker, ex '24, president of the Noble-Baker Oil Investments of Abilene, Texas, was the right man for the right place. Mr Baker's company recently "hit it right" in the east Texas oil development and sold holdings for several millions.

George Bowman of Kingfisher, new president of the board of regents has long been identified with educational progress in Oklahoma, having served as president of the board of trustees of Kingfisher college for many years. Mr Bowman has served on the board of regents for some years; he has aided in the development of the university with sympathy and understanding. In this crucial period of the university, when healthy growth must not be stopped, it is important that the directing board of the university not only have sympathy but understanding. A university's program cannot be measured with a yard stick; and Mr Bowman and his associates on the board do not measure progress that way.

Our attention has been called to the fact that it was Governor Philip LaFollette of Wisconsin, and not Senator Robert LaFollette, who was stationed at the university during the S. A. T. C. regime.