

The University of Oklahoma Association takes great pleasure in dedicating this issue to the graduates of the college of engineering, to the undergraduates and faculty of that school. In doing so at the time of the eighteenth annual St. Pat's day celebration March 13 and 14, the Association officers and «The Sooner Magazine» editorial board want to pay tribute to the school spirit that engineers have ever maintained. Alumni feel that the greatest tragedy of Oklahoma campus life today is the gradual disappearance of school spirit; they feel that other schools on the campus could well model their school student life on that of the engineers, to the profit of our university. They wish to pay tribute to Dean Felgar on the completion of a quarter century of service to the university and the state. They wish to thank those who have helped in the production of this issue, particularly, Frank Ittner, '32 pet. eng., whose wholehearted co-operation as engineer editor has made the engineering edition possible

A gala time for engineers

BY FRANK ITTNER, '32

Friday the thirteenth, traditionally the unluckiest of days, is to the engineers at O. U. the date of the culminating events of weeks of planning, a day filled with festivity free from the cares of readin,' writin,' and 'rithmetic. For on this day falls the eighteenth annual openhouse of the O. U. engineers.

Seventeen years ago, a canny group of engineering students got together and promoted plans for a Saint Patrick's celebration. They realized that a school day in which no classes were attended was a thing to strive for and with this potent factor in mind they launched the first annual openhouse. The thing has proved a boomerang, however, and engineers today work and plan for weeks in order that they might receive one day's surcease from their academic labors. In spite of this, or rather because of it, the celebration has become a vital part of the engineering school, for in preparing the many exhibits the students are thrown in closer contact and form friendships that last into their later life.

The entire program is in the hands of the Saint Pat's council which consists of the officers of the Engineers club, chairmen of the various committees and representatives from each of the separate schools of the engineering college. It is the duty of this august body to perform the heavy brain work and lay the foundation for the Engineers club to build upon.

The opening gun of this year's celebration was to be a show at the Sooner theater where the engineers had arranged a vaudeville program to be given in return for a cut of the gate receipts. At this time Queen Antoinette was to be introduced from the stage in order fur-

ther to spread the fame of her rare beauty and charm. As an appropriate sequence the next number was to be a group of harp solos, as played by Charlotte Laugh-ton, who was chosen by President Hoover to represent the United States in a musical tour of Latin America. Helen Jackson, the Theta blues singer, was next scheduled to appear singing those low down blues in her inimitable manner. As a climax Fred Haenchen, who can pull more rabbits out of a hat than Boston has beans, was to display his wares as the world's greatest magician.

The celebration proper was to start at 10 a. m. on Friday the 13th at which time the parade was to leave the head of the oval. Leading the parade was to be a mounted guard of twenty green-shirted engineers to be followed by the university band in full blast. St. Pat was to leave the parade in front of the administration building and start his survey for the Blarney stone, leaving the queen with her escort to continue around the oval, down Boyd, to the engineering building. St. Pat, having located the Blarney stone, was to rejoin the group in front of the engineering building where Dick Williamson, president of the Engineers club, and Dean Felgar were to deliver a few choice words of welcome. St. Pat, having rested from his labors, was next to greet his loyal subjects and place the crown upon the fair head of Queen Antoinette, who was to kiss the Blarney stone (lucky clod) and swear allegiance to the engineers.

At one o'clock the openhouse was to start and exhibits were to be in full swing in all the departments. The St. Pat's edition of the *Sooner Magazine* was to

be distributed and it has been predicted that they would go like hot cakes.

The civil engineers were to have a model hydro-electric irrigation and water supply project in operation and at various times during the day they were to make observations of the sun to determine the correct time. The architectural school was to have drawings and paintings assembled from all the large cities of the United States and to endeavor to show you that art and architecture go hand in hand.

In the mechanical engineering lab all the machinery was to be running in great style with students on hand to answer any question that might be asked them. They were to have a water turbine turning over at the rate of 30,000 to 40,000 r. p. m. and maybe faster as they have no device that will count the revolutions at such a speed.

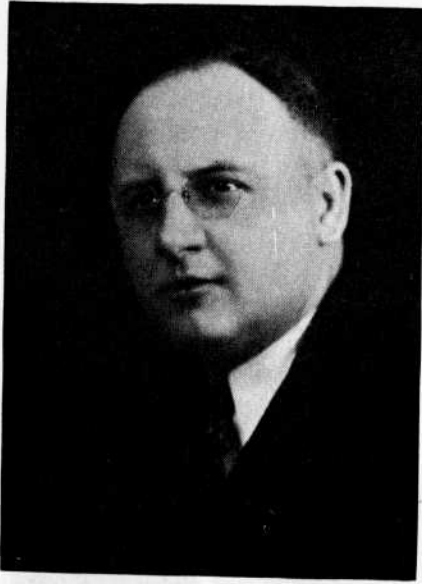
They were also to have various other exhibits including a ball that rolls uphill if advance reports are to be believed.

A large collection of fossils and ores was to be the feature of the geological engineers exhibit who also had graphical illustrations of the Oklahoma City oil field and an exhibition of the method of correlating geological formations by means of "insoluble residues," a recent innovation in the correlation field.

A demonstration of television was to be staged by the electrical engineers whose subject is readily adapted to stunts and trickery of all kinds. They also were to have a delayed speech apparatus, a demonstration of the photo-electric cell, a speaking arc and a miniature broadcasting station whereby speech may be held with four or five places in Oklahoma City.

An expensive machine to measure the oiliness of oils was to be featured by the refining division of the petroleum school in addition to the 250 barrel Foster-Wheeler pipe still and fractionating unit. The production division was to have working models of standard and rotary rigs in actual operation and a Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Co. pumping truck. All the other displays in the P. E. lab were to be explained at this time.

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Noted engineers-- H. S. Oderman

Among the Sooner engineers who have entered business few have achieved the big executive position that has marked the career of H. S. Oderman, '16 eng., M. S. '26, president of the Detroit City Service Co. and vice president of the Southwest Utility Ice Co.

Mr Oderman has had varied experiences in industry. He is a director and officer in nine different ice companies, including the Zero Ice & Cold Storage company of Norman, of which he is the president.

While in school, Mr Oderman participated in the various engineering activities. He was a member of Sigma Tau, of Phi Alpha and Sigma Chi fraternities.

During the war, he served as a captain in the construction division of the United States army. On being discharged from the service, he was for several years identified with the meat packing industry in Kansas City and Chicago.

Much of Mr Oderman's engineering work has had to do with remodelling old ice plants and building new plants in the southwest. Although an officer in various ice companies, Mr Oderman's time is occupied principally as president of the Detroit City Service Co., which manufactures annually about 300,000 tons of ice and sells about 80,000 tons of coal a year.

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REGENT PRESIDENT BOWMAN

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sibility in various organizations. Eight years ago there was a strong demand among Democrats that he become a candidate for governor, but he refused.

His long-time friend Colonel Alley, in

an article in the current number of *The University of Oklahoma Magazine*, says of Mr Bowman:

Today George Bowman is graying at the temples, but his smooth, clean cut features show no wrinkles. The pride he displayed in his youth, as to his dress and personal appearance has in no way abated. He always looks as though he had just stepped out of a band box. Probably the consciousness of his blue-blooded Virginia ancestry has something to do with this.

His manner is likewise that of a Virginia gentleman. Courteous, suave, meticulous in speech, Bowman never appears to lose his perfect poise. Though tenacious in his opinions, he is deliberate in arriving at them.

His friends sometimes accuse Bowman of being too courteous, too diplomatic, too deliberate in his judgments. Some of them insist that if he would smash through, tramp on people's toes and cuss a little more, he would get farther in the world.

To us in the university, these latter qualities do not carry much of an appeal. The character and methods of George Bowman inspire confidence and assurance. He is no novice at the game, knows his Oklahoma and his onions, and will not be rushed off his feet. He also knows that a great university is the most delicate piece of mechanism yet devised in modern civilization.

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A GALA TIME FOR ENGINEERS

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Eight thirty o'clock marks the arrival of one of the main events of the celebration—the eighteenth annual engineers dance. The music was to last until 11:30 and the date whistle to blow at 12:30 at which time all the girls must be in that are going in. The Union ballroom was to be enhanced with special lighting effects and the Ramblers were to play the soft, slow music. The programs were

to be miniature replicas of "Old Trusty," the engineer's cannon, and will be passed out during the grand march led by St. Pat and Queen Antoinette. As an innovation, confetti and serpentine were to be distributed in abundance to add to the merry-making.

At the stroke of midnight the voice of "Old Trusty" was to be heard heralding the fireworks display to be given on the ground surrounding the engineering building. The program was to be announced from the electric sign and to include many articles that go off with a bang.

The engineers banquet, as the final event of the eighteenth annual open house celebration, was to be held at 6:30 p. m., Saturday, March 14 at the banquet room of the First Christian church. Erle K. Ramsey, consulting engineer, of Oklahoma City was to make the principal address of the evening, his subject being "The Civic Responsibilities of the Engineer." J. F. Owens, vice-president and general manager of the Oklahoma Gas & Electric, who, when fixed with a clay pipe in his mouth looks like a true son of Old Erin, was to act as toastmaster. The feature of the evening was to be the dubbing of the Knights of St. Patrick by Queen Antoinette, which is an honor bestowed upon each graduating engineer who is a member in good standing of the Engineers club. Only senior engineers and alumni were to be allowed to take dates to the banquet and this is a tradition that is rigidly enforced.

So another celebration will pass into history, a saddening event for those who will soon have only memories of the moving letters of the engineers sign flashing the magic message of "Erin go Bragh."