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Oklahomans at home and abroad

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

February 1-10. Exhibition of arts and crafts from the Fiji and Samoa Islands, belonging to Mr and Mrs Charles Calkin, of Ponca City. Mr and Mrs Calkin will lecture sometime during the exhibition of the works.

February 1-15. Exhibition of oil paintings by Orozco.

February 3. Will Rogers for benefit of destitute Oklahomans.

February 5. President Bizzell will attend a luncheon of the Oklahoma Congress of Parents and Teachers, at Oklahoma City.

February 6. President Bizzell will address the library section and the Latin teachers conference at the Oklahoma Education association in Oklahoma City. Opening of second semester. Wrestling, Oklahoma and Kansas State at Manhattan.

February 7. Wrestling, Oklahoma and Nebraska at Lincoln. Basketball, Oklahoma and Kansas at Norman.

February 12. University of Tulsa in an exchange concert at Norman.

February 13. Wrestling, Oklahoma and Oklahoma Aggies at Norman. Acacia dance at house. Kappa Alpha dance at house.

February 14. Basketball, Oklahoma and Missouri at Norman. Kansas City Athletic Club indoor track meet. Sigma Alpha Epsilon dance at house. Delta Chi dance at house. Phi Delta Theta dance at house. Phi Kappa Sigma dance at house.

February 15. Beginning an exhibition of paintings by Texas artists.

February 17. Basketball, Oklahoma and Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater.

February 19. Wrestling, Oklahoma and Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Rapids.

February 20. Exchange concert with University at Tulsa. Playhouse production, *The Gardener's Dog*. Wrestling, Iowa State and Oklahoma at Ames.

Kappa Sigma dance at College shop. Sigma Chi dance at house. Alpha Sigma Phi dance at house.

February 21. Phi Gamma dance at house. Basketball, Oklahoma and Iowa State at Norman.

February 27. Basketball, Oklahoma and Washburn, at Topeka. Lambda Chi Alpha dance at College shop.

February 28. Basketball, Oklahoma and Nebraska at Lincoln. Wrestling, Oklahoma and Iowa at Norman. Phi Psi dance at house. Pi Kappa Phi dance at College shop.



ASSOCIATION PROGRESS

Treasurer marries

Just two members of the official family of the University of Oklahoma Association now remain unmarried: Secretary Frank S. Cleckler and Vice President Florence McClure.

Fred Thompson, '22 arts-sc., of Norman, treasurer of the Association, and one of the two bachelor officers of the Association, was married December 6 at Oklahoma City to Miss Augusta Anne Johnson, daughter of Oklahoma City's postmaster. Mr Thompson is a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity.



In Memory of Uncle Buck

The Association has sent all members copies of the memorial booklet issued in honor of the late James Shannon Buchanan by the University of Oklahoma Press. Several newspapers have commented favorably on the proposed lecture-ship plan, which is expected to be launched this month.

The Daily Oklahoman declared editorially, under the title "His Real Monument:"

It ought to be fairly easy for Oklahoma university alumni to raise the \$50,000 they seek to endow a Buchanan memorial lectureship. Oklahoma and surrounding states have many citizens

who owe a lasting debt to James S. Buchanan for counsel and inspiration he brought them in their undergraduate days. This lectureship, when established, will not be the real monument to Buchanan, however. His monument is the lives he made broader and better, the hopes he made forever bright and the generous impulses he planted in the hearts of his students.

Under the title of "An Appreciation" the *Hugo Oklahoman* declared:

An appreciation of the late James Buchanan, who served the University of Oklahoma as acting president and more recently as vice-president, has been published by the University Press. Few men, as remarked by various ones who had expressions in the Appreciation, had as great a part in influencing Oklahoma youth as "Uncle Buck." Those who had opportunity during the days when the student body was much smaller than now, to know him more intimately, probably more keenly appreciated his qualities. Dean Buchanan had a large share of honors during his lifetime, but no more than his due. It is regrettable that some of the things which were said after he had passed away could not have been told him during his lifetime. It seems a pity, but necessary, nevertheless, that men must die before their goodness can be truly estimated by their fellows.



Director Cleckler

Association Secretary Frank S. Cleckler was re-elected regional director of the American Alumni council for the sixth district, embracing Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, North and South Dakotas, at the annual meeting, held January 2 and 3 in the Kansas City Athletic club. Tulsa was designated as the meeting place for the next gathering, the meeting to coincide with the annual Tulsa College Nite program given by the American Association of University Women.

In point of attendance and wealth of program, the meeting was said to have been the best yet held. John G. Olmstead, alumni secretary of Oberlin college and president of the American Alumni council, brought greetings from the national organization.

Informal meetings took place on January 2, and problems of one of the newest

professions, that of the alumni secretary, were discussed.

Papers were read on January 3. Fred Ellsworth, editor of the *University of Kansas Graduate Magazine*, spoke on "The Alumni Magazine, some Effective Ways of Interpreting the College to the Alumni." Mr Ellsworth, who is the Kansas alumni secretary, is also the director for regional conferences for the national council. He also read a paper by Joseph A. Brandt, editor of *The Sooner Magazine*, on obtaining material and art for the alumni magazine. Ray Ramsey, Nebraska alumni secretary, discussed recent features of the Nebraska membership campaigns. George H. McElroy, secretary of Oklahoma A. & M. college ex-Students association, and editor of the *A. & M. College Magazine*, discussed alumni clubs, some aspects of their organizations, functions and service to the college. Mr Olmstead spoke on "Evaluation of Alumni Achievement."

At the noon luncheon, Chancellor Lindley of Kansas spoke on "The Significance of Alumni Co-operation to Higher Education in the Missouri Valley."

Most thought-provoking of the addresses on alumni affairs was that of R. R. Maplesden of Kansas City, an engraving company representative and a graduate of Lake Forest college, who spoke on "There Is No Such Thing As College Spirit."

Nominating committee

Under the amended constitution of the University of Oklahoma Association the president of the Association each year selects a nominating committee whose duty it is to nominate three alumni for each place on the alumni executive board. There are fourteen members of this board, one for each congressional district in the state of Oklahoma and six at large.

The alumni executive board represents the organized alumni and former students of the University of Oklahoma, elects the officers of the University of Oklahoma Association and determines its policies and functions. The members of the board for the current year are Glenn C. Clark, Ponca City, Paul Darrough, Oklahoma City, W. L. Eagleton, Oklahoma City, E. D. Meacham, Norman, Raymond A. Tolbert, Oklahoma City, and Guy Y. Williams, Norman, members at large. District members are Luther H. White, Tulsa; A. N. Boatman, Okmulgee; O. A. Brewer, Hugo; Forrest Darrough, Holdenville; Mike Monroney, Oklahoma City; H. Merle Woods, El Reno; Mrs Alta L. Carder, Cordell; and H. S. Browne, Ponca City.

President White has selected as the

nominating committee for 1931: Mr Fritz L. Aurin, '14 arts-sc., M. A. '15, geologist and prominent oil man of Ponca City; Prof Frank A. Balyeat, '11 arts-sc., M. A. '18, of the faculty of the College of Education, University of Oklahoma, Norman; Lee B. Thompson, '25 arts-sc., '27 law, an attorney of Oklahoma City and president of the Oklahoma Alumni club of Oklahoma City.

This committee will meet early in 1931 to make nominations for membership on the alumni executive board as ballots must be mailed to members of the Association on April 15. The election of alumni board members is by mail ballot between April 15 and May 15 each year.

Educational fundamentals

Association President Luther H. White, '14 arts-sc., who is also president of the Tulsa board of education, told the Tulsa Kiwanis club some of his theories of education, in a recent talk as reported by *Harlow's Weekly*.

"Personally, I am a fundamentalist; I am a bit old fashioned," Mr White said. "I believe in stressing the fundamental subjects. But I find that I am wrong in selecting the subjects which people want."

In the night schools, which are not conducted at public expense, but are paid out of the enrollment fees of the students, who are practically all adults, there are sixty-seven subjects listed. These subjects are demanded by the adult students who will be enrolled in the courses. They are not subjects which are included in the regular school curriculum.

This proves beyond a doubt that the schools of this day cannot hold to the narrow curriculum of twenty-five years ago. The people demand training in subjects which were not considered essential when you and I went to school. I find that I am wrong in insisting on what we are pleased to call fundamental school subjects.

SOONER TO SOONER

Mahaffie, Rhyne

Berlin, Germany, December 15, 1930—I have received *The Sooner Magazine* and I may say that I approve of everything it contains except the article by Savoie Lottinville (in December, 1930, "The Crisis Facing Germany"—Ed.) The make-up of the magazine is extremely good, so good in fact that most of the alumni of other schools to whom I've shown it have made the comment, "It's far better than ours." This may mean much or little to you, but to me it means that the Sooner Mag is pacing the field. The changes made at the beginning of the school year have resulted in great improvement.

Two points: the work of C. D. Mahaffie and his colleague on the Inter-

IN «THE SWAN»

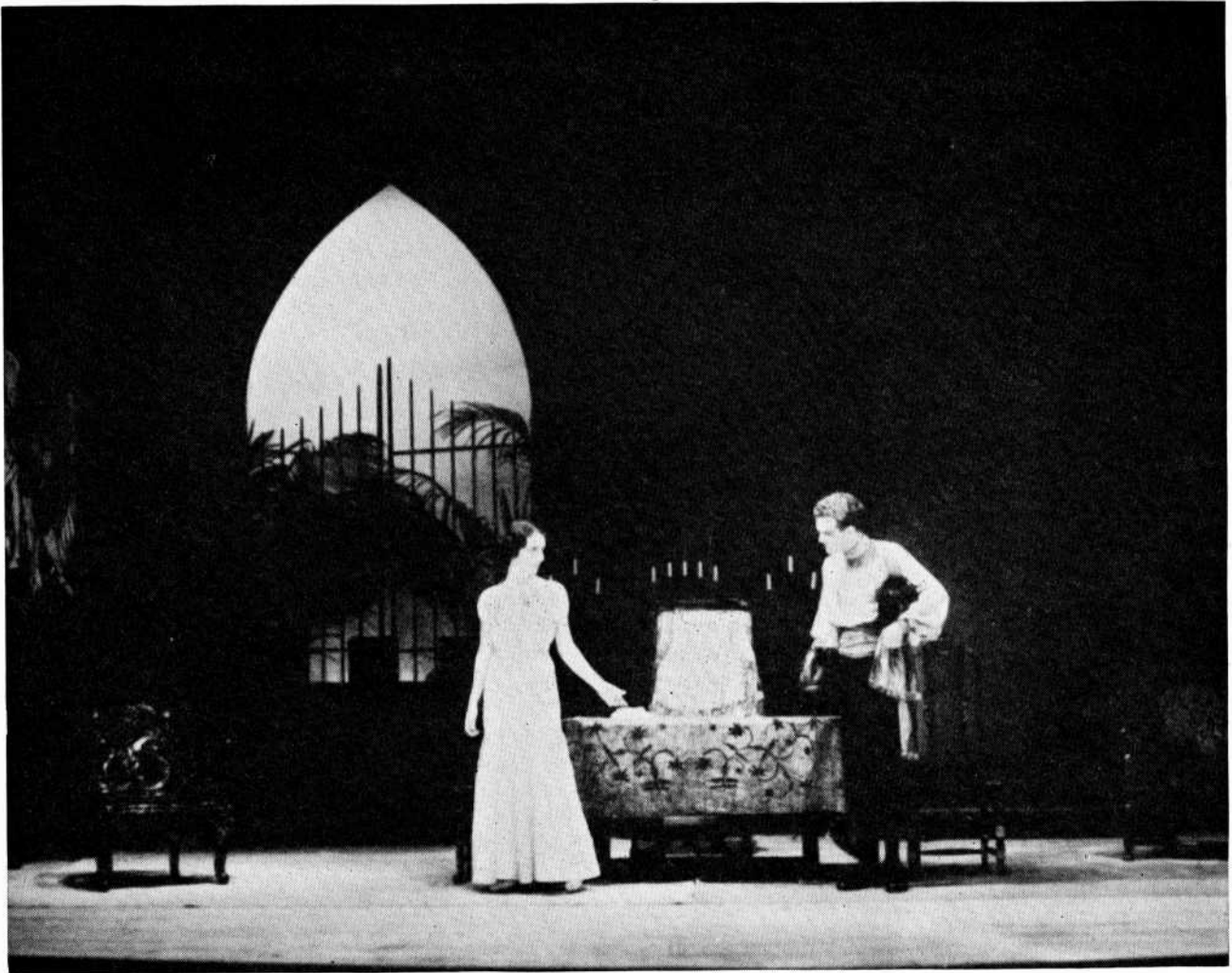
Miss Louise Milburn, '32 fine arts, and E. Van Heflin, '32 fine arts, played leading roles in the Playhouse's second production *The Swan* by Ferenz Molnar. Mr Van Heflin has played in the juvenile lead of Channing Pollock's *Mr Monneypenney* in New York. In *The Swan* he was cast as Dr Hans Agi, the hero. Miss Milburn, cast as the Princess Alexandra, played in the Playhouse presentation of John Woodworth's *A Certain Young Widow* last April

state commerce commission is of vast interest to European students of jurisprudence and politics, because such justices as Mahaffie on the I. C. C. are producing droit administratif in America as rapidly as the "New Despotism" is bringing it to England. Secondly, Professor Rhyne's new book (*Some Southern Cotton Mill Workers and their Villages*, reviewed in this magazine in June, 1930, page 351—Ed.), if I read the review correctly, touches on America's "New Industrial Revolution." The similarity between North Carolina in 1930 and Lancashire in 1790 strikes European students of economic history as being of great interest. They should welcome Doctor Rhyne's book if it is known to them.

SAVOIE LOTTINVILLE, '29.

One of the best

Wooster, Ohio, December 27—I have been more than pleased to read the December issue of your *Sooner Magazine*. It ranks with the best we have and is by far the outstanding magazine from an institution of your type and class. By that I mean, in plain English, excepting



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possibly Carl Stephen's superlative work on the *Illinois Monthly*, I do not know any state publication comparable to yours.

JOHN D. MCKEE.

(Mr McKee is former president of the American Alumni council and editor of the *Wooster Alumni Bulletin*, and is the alumni secretary of the College of Wooster).

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From a Sumatran jungle

A camp somewhere in the jungle near Moera Klingi, Sumatra, November 15, 1930—I left O. U. in June, 1930, but as I was rather busy chasing over Louisiana and Texas for the Humble Oil and Refining Co. of Houston, trying to hold down my first job after getting out of school I did not send in my membership dues to the Association. Soon afterward I was transferred to foreign work and after a long trip out here I am about to become settled.

We are in the wilds of a Sumatra jungle—trying to find some new structures, living in a camp and moving it every four or five days. It is a great life and there are several other ex-Sooners

scattered over Java and Sumatra. We are all removed from football games and I am looking forward to the first issues to find out how some of the games came out. It certainly isn't football weather here; it is now the rainy season and as it rains at least once a day it keeps things very green and the climate cool. The sun, however, is pretty hot.

SAM ZIMERMAN, EX '30 geol.

(Mailing address: Nederlandsche Koloniale Petroleum Maatschappij, Care Seismograph Party, Batavia, Java, Dutch East Indies).

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A merited tribute

Beaumont, Texas, January 7—The appreciation of May Frank by Miss Betty Kirk in the current *The Sooner Magazine* is something which should have been written long ago but for which delay is pardoned because of the splendid treatment given it. I'm really glad that someone else didn't attempt to write it earlier in the magazine's history.

Miss Frank is one of those remarkable persons with so many sides that it is dif-

ficult to draw her without omitting or distorting but Miss Kirk achieved perfection. I have been cornering friends since the appearance of the article and saying, "You remember all I've told you about May Frank? Well, this is what I was trying to say."

LEXIE MARLIN NALL, '27 journ.

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New life member

Oklahoma City, January 2—Enclosed herewith please find my check in the sum of \$5.00 as the first payment on a Life Membership in the University of Oklahoma Association. With very kindest regards and best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

LEE B. THOMPSON.

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Pleasing to the eye

Omaha, Nebraska, January 7—I have been much interested in Oklahoma U's publications. I think your alumni magazine is the finest I've ever seen. Its typography is striking and very pleasing to the eye. Its makeup far transcends

the makeup of any other alumni publication I've ever seen.

FREDERICK WARE

(Mr Ware is the sports editor of the *Omaha World-Herald* and one of the warmest friends of the Owen ideal of sportsmanship).

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Likes the new cover

Chelsea, Oklahoma, November 25—I have received several copies of *The Sooner Magazine* and thoroughly enjoy each one. I am delighted with the cover design by Miss Kirk and think the material in the magazine is very well balanced. I find no criticism to offer and wish for the continued success of the Association and its publication.

H. S. MILAM, '30 eng.

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OUR CHANGING VARSITY

Fraternity taxation

Senator Hardin Ballard, '27 law, of Purcell, has introduced a bill in the Oklahoma senate that proposes taxation of certain fraternal property, including fraternity houses of Greek letter societies at Oklahoma institutions.

It is known as Senate Bill No. 7, catalogued as "providing for repeal of the statutory exemption from taxation given fraternal organizations."

Under present legislation, all property exclusively used for charitable and religious purposes is exempt from taxation. All real estate is also exempt.

Senator Ballard referred to the statute of 1919, which exempted real estate and property rented by fraternal organizations, as "good politics" but "wrong in principle."

Mr Ballard declared that in Cleveland county, in which the state university is situated, fraternal property comprises nearly a fourth of the taxable wealth of Norman and a sixteenth of the total taxable wealth of the county.

Under the existing legislation, the Beta Theta Pi fraternity contested the right of Cleveland county to levy taxes on its property. The court ruled it was in the nature of a charitable and educational institution and so exempt under the statute.

Mr Ballard made taxation of fraternity property an issue in the primary campaign last fall.

Senator Ballard's bill, the Associated Press stated, has the approval of Governor William H. Murray.

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Confronted with the possibility of the tax measure, presidents of Norman fraternities indicated that they would fight against the bill. It was the consensus

of opinion that passage of the bill would mean the closure of many of the fraternity houses near the campus.

Leonard Ralston, president of the Kappa Alpha fraternity, told the *Oklahoma Daily* that if the bill passes "we will just have to close the house, as the added expense would be unbearable."

Mr Ralston declared his chapter would boycott Norman merchants in event of the bill's passage. "We would not spend one penny more than is necessary in Norman since we think the bill is a result of work in this county toward such a measure," he said.

If fraternities had to return their houses to the financing companies, it would throw the burden of dormitory building up to the state, Frank B. Neptune of Pi Kappa Alpha told the student daily.

Ernie Hill, president of Sigma Chi fraternity, told the *Daily* that fraternity property added to the value of Norman property and thus more than paid its share of community burden in doing so.

"We aren't in a panic. We will fight the tax bill cool-headedly and systematically. But if it passes and is upheld by the courts, it will mean the end of fraternities in Norman."

This was the opinion of Byron McFall, president of the interfraternity council.

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Honoring Aldrich Blake

Perhaps the most cosmopolitan gathering on the campus in recent months was the dinner given by the staff of *Books Abroad* the night of December 17 in McFarlin Memorial church in honor of Aldrich Blake of Oklahoma City.

The dinner was distinguished by two features: Practically everyone there had command of at least two languages; and the address by Mr Blake, one-time secretary to Governor Walton, and now president of the Flag Oil Corporation. Mr Blake had given \$10,000 to *Books Abroad* and told the diners that he hoped later to help *Folk-Say, A Regional Miscellany*, edited by B. A. Botkin of the university English faculty.

Explaining that he was interested in *Books Abroad* (a quarterly reviewing non-English language literature, founded in 1927 and edited by Dr Roy Temple House and circulating in thirty-three foreign nations and going to five thousand people) because of its mission and because it had not attained proper recognition in Oklahoma, Mr Blake continued.

"*Books Abroad* is putting us in touch with foreign literature. It is international in thought. I think we should interest ourselves in the foreigners as well as their literature. Name the five most interesting cities of America, and you will find that they have been adapted by

foreigners: Santa Fe, San Francisco, New Orleans, Milwaukee and New York. One of the main barriers to peace, I think, is that we do not understand people of other countries. We have shut our eyes and cut ourselves off from the culture of foreign people. So when we think of foreign literature, we should think of the foreigner himself.

"I hope the time will come when our state executives will seek advice from our university heads, instead of ward-healers, whose policy is the dollar. If we are going to build a state, it must be built by young people who come out of the university. I am not sure that everyone should attend a university but those who do should be trained in creative thinking. It is divergence of opinion that brings about progress.

"The reason I am interested in *Books Abroad* is that it is not standardized, but is creative. Doctor House and Professor Kaufman (Kenneth C. Kaufman, '20 arts-sc., assistant editor) are real idealists. In *Books Abroad* they are not trying to make money, but are trying to do something that will mean a great deal to Oklahoma."

Mr Blake declared that in like manner he was interested in Mr Botkin's work. "Ben Botkin is a real genius," he declared. "Some day you are going to hear his name from one end of America to the other."

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Summer program

Several new features have been announced for the summer session and for the August intersession by Dr Ellsworth Collings, director. These include:

Four hundred courses, many of particular value to teachers;

A course for junior and senior high school principals and another for school administrators, instructors including Dr Herbert Bruner and Dr Elbert K. Fretwell, both of Columbia university teachers college, and Dr Calvin O. Davis of the University of Michigan;

A course in band and orchestra directing;

A varied entertainment program planned by George V. Metzel, secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

Dates are June 10 to August 7 for the summer session, followed immediately in August with the intersession, lasting until September 4, work to be done in graduate courses only. (See January issue of the magazine for additional details, page 119).

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In the legislature

When the thirteenth Oklahoma legislature organized in Oklahoma City Tuesday, January 6, Sooners were much

in evidence in high positions in both houses.

Carlton Weaver, ex '07, of Wilburton, was elected speaker of the house.

W. G. "Bill" Stigler, ex '16, of Stigler, was elected president of the senate.

Dave Logan, '16 arts-sc., was elected speaker *pro tempore* of the house.

Senator Stigler will be *ex officio* member of the committee on committees of the senate. Senator Harry Jolly, ex '14, of Carnegie, is a member of the employment committee.

The house rules committee is presided over by Speaker Weaver, with J. T. Daniel, '25 sc., of Waurika, the other Sooner member. Representative Martin Fraley, ex '21, of Hominy, is a member of the printing committee of the house.

Representative Daniel is the majority floor leader. Representative Ernest R. Brown, '22 law, of Pryor, was named the democratic caucus vice chairman.

Senator Hardin Ballard, '27 law, of Purcell, was the democratic caucus secretary in the senate.

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Social science convention

The Southwestern Political and Social Science association will hold its 1931 meeting in Norman at the University of Oklahoma, about April 3 and 4. About two hundred and fifty delegates are expected to attend from Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico.

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Nebraska reliefs

Four *bas-reliefs* in the form of plaster casts made by Lee Lawrie, sculptor, for sculpture work in the new Nebraska state capitol building, are to be presented to the university. The casts were given the university through the courtesy of William Younkin, supervising architect of the capitol, and friend of Prof Joseph E. Smay, director of the school of architectural engineering. They show the history of law-making through the ages.

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Building unemployment aid

Colonel Arthur Wood, chairman of President Hoover's emergency unemployment commission, asked President Bizzell what steps the university was taking to co-operate in the national building program the commission has launched.

The president replied that it was his hope that the state legislature, meeting in January, would take care of the university's building needs through an emergency measure, and so aid in providing work for many of the unemployed, as well as helping relieve congestion at the school.

If passed as an emergency measure, work could begin on the buildings as



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CLAPPER?

We are reliably informed that the two gentlemen in black are holding the missing clapper of the Old Central bell of the Oklahoma A. & M. college. They are, it is told, pledges of a Norman fraternity and they are dressed in the costume of an Aggie rooting organization

soon as Governor Murray signed the bill.

Colonel Wood sent a letter similar to that the president received to leading universities and colleges, stating that an accelerated building program of a sound character would aid greatly in relieving unemployment.

The university requests approximately a million and a half for new buildings for the biennium. Other universities, replying to the colonel, reported a total of \$25,000,000 in college building immediately contemplated; replies were still coming in to him.

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Lew Sarett

Lew Sarett, a professor in Northwestern university and poet, was to give a lecture "Slow Smoke" in the university auditorium January 8, under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A.

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A new hotel for Norman

Norman will have a new six story hotel, to be erected at the corner of Main street and Santa Fe avenue, diagonally across the street from the stone building in which the first university classes were held. The building will cost more than a quarter million dollars. Construction work is to begin shortly.

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Iris test garden

Garden lovers will be interested to know of the establishment at the university by Dr Paul Sears, head of the botany department, of an iris test garden. This has been a goal of Norman garden clubs for some time, and the American Iris society co-operated in supplying one hun-

dred varieties as the foundation of the university garden. Through this means, the best varieties of the Kappa Kappa Gamma flower for Oklahoma will be discovered.

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Faculty research grants

Grants to members of the university faculty for research from the research fund, have been announced by Dr Samuel S. Weidman, chairman of the committee. None of the eleven members granted this aid from the fund set aside by the thirteenth legislature will grow wealthy, however, since the fund total is only \$1,000. The recipients:

Dr A. B. Thomas, history—Spanish, Apache and Comanche relations in the southwest;

Dr Carl D. Reyer, business—status of wholesale distribution in Oklahoma;

Dr R. D. Bird, zoology—ecological survey of Cherokee Salt plains;

Dr F. A. Melton, geology—tectonics of the southwest;

Dr J. W. Stovall, geology—pleistocene mammals of Oklahoma;

Dr J. Rud Nielsen, physics—atomic Ramon effect;

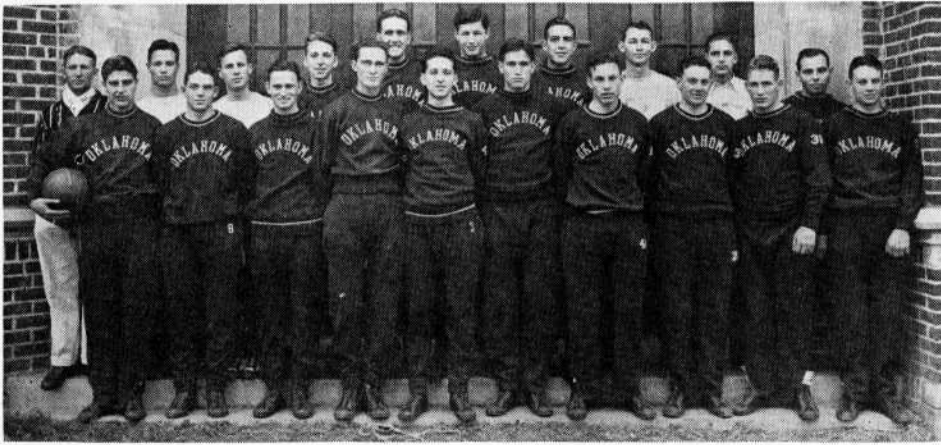
L. V. Murphy, government—source material on governmental systems of the Five Civilized Tribes;

Dr J. H. Marshburn, English—early English novel;

Dr Edwin Nungezer, English—early English novel;

Dr C. J. Bollinger, geography—population density of Oklahoma, 1930;

Dr M. O. Wilson, psychology—experimental study of animal learning on white rat.



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At the left is the squad Hugh McDermott is using to mold his Big Six basketballers. Below is Carl Albert, '31 arts-sc., Rhodes scholar-elect from the Gulf States region

A campus visitor

John Oskison, who is writing an article for the *Outlook* magazine on Oklahoma's wild oil wells, was a visitor to the campus during early December. While here he made several talks in class and mentioned the fact that Oklahoma writers like Stanley Vestal, George Milburn and B. A. Botkin, were changing the ideas of the east towards the state, to one of favor rather than of skepticism.



Faculty

Miss Helen Ruth Holbrook, secretary of the Y. W. C. A., attended the national student-faculty conference at Detroit, Michigan, December 27.

Professor Leonard M. Logan, '14 arts-sc., contributed a series of articles on Oklahoma income tax reform to the *Daily Oklahoman*.

Professor H. H. Herbert, director of the school of journalism, attended the joint meeting held in Boston December 29 to 31 of the American Association of Teachers of Journalism and of the American Association of Schools and Departments of Journalism. Mr Herbert was the secretary-treasurer of both organizations, which he invited to hold their next meeting in Norman.

Dr Paul B. Sears, head of the botany department, and president of Phi Sigma, botany fraternity, presided over the national convention of the group at Cleveland, Ohio, December through January 3. Dr A. I. Ortenburger, associate professor of zoology, national secretary, also attended the convention. Both faculty members attended the meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Science at Cleveland.

Dr A. O. Weese, professor of zoology, Dr Ralph D. Bird, assistant professor of zoology, Dr A. S. Foster, assistant professor of botany, Dr Homer L. Dodge, dean of the graduate school and Charles E. Taft, graduate assistant in botany, at-

tended the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Cleveland, Ohio, December 29 to January 3. Dr Paul B. Sears of the botany department, gave a paper on "Post-glacial Climates in North America" before the systematic section of the Botanical Society of America. Doctor Foster gave a paper on "Phylogenetic and Ontogenetic Interpretation of the Cataphyll." Dean Dodge presided over a meeting to organize a society of physics teachers. Dr A. I. Ortenburger with Doctor Bird as co-author, read a paper on "Ecology of the Salt Plain Areas in Northwestern Oklahoma" before the Ecological Society of America and the American Society of Zoologists.

Rev E. N. Comfort, director of the school of religion, announced that Phillip C. Nash, national director of the League of Nations association, and Dr Shailer Mathews, dean of the University of Chicago divinity school, were to speak at the second ministers' conference to be held January 17 through January 19 at Norman.

Major Edwin P. Parker, commandant of the university R. O. T. C. unit, will probably be assigned to the war college at Washington on completion of his four years of service this spring at the university.

A. M. de la Torre, instructor in Spanish, addressed the Pan-American league at Dallas, Texas in December on "The Importance of Pan-Americanism."

Dr J. Rud Nielsen, associate professor of physics, is the author of a paper on "The Filling of a Spectograph with Light, Considered as a Geometrical Radiation Problem," in the December issue of the *Journal of the Optical Society of America*.

Dr Paul Vogt, dean of the extension division, addressed the chamber of commerce of Prague, Oklahoma, Tuesday, December 16.

Dr S. W. Reaves, dean of the college



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of arts and sciences, attended the meeting of the American Mathematical society in Cleveland, Ohio, during the Christmas holidays.

Dr Victor H. Kulp of the school of law, was to address the Tulsa junior bar association January 9.



«Black Jack Davey»

The Playhouse of the University of Oklahoma has announced as the winner of its second annual original play contest *Black Jack Davey* by Richard M. Dickinson, ex '30, director of the Tulsa Little Theater.

The play is to be produced probably in April. It is adapted from John Oskison's *Black Jack Davey*. The setting is the country around Vinita, Oklahoma, in the pioneer days. Action takes place in one set, a side porch and yard of a home. In one scene, the characters do not appear before the audience, the action taking place within the house. The play is swift moving, filled with dramatic incidents.

The prize winner last year was John

Woodworth's *A Certain Young Widow*. It is probable that Mr Dickinson's play will be published by the University Press in the Playhouse Series, since it has been recommended for publication by the Playhouse.

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GRADUATES IN EMBRYO

Scholar Albert

Carl Albert, '31 arts-sc., of McAlester, Oklahoma, was named one of the four Rhodes scholars selected from six states in the Gulf state division at New Orleans, Louisiana, December 13 and 14.

Oklahoma thus gained one scholar, since under the old plan of selection, Oklahoma would not have elected this year. Mr Albert is twenty-two years old, is five feet two inches tall, is president of the men's council, a national oratorical contest winner, and holder of many other student honors. He is a member of Pe-et and of Kappa Alpha fraternities.

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What! no follies?

It is quite possible that there will be no Soonerland follies this year. This grievous news comes as the result of the failure of any organization to sponsor this noble undertaking. The men's council refused to sponsor it. President Carl Albert, '31 arts-sc., explained that the council had money now, the object of the Follies had been to supply the old student council with money, and that for the past two years the Follies had lost money. Canny council has apparently decided to keep what money it has.

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Christmas dinner

A hundred and more students who spent the Christmas vacation in Norman were guests of the Oklahoma Union at Christmas dinner Christmas day. The Union also gave tickets to the Southern Methodist university basketball games in the fieldhouse December 31 and January 1. This is the first such dinner but it is expected that it will be made annual.

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Mid-semester graduates

Ninety-two seniors will join the great Sooner alumni family early this month, as mid-semester graduates. One doctor of philosophy is among them, Dora Ann Stewart. Graduate coming from the longest distance to school is Alfredo Berumen of Queritaro, Mexico, in arts and sciences.

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«Amateurish»

There will probably be fewer queens in democratic Oklahoma soon. Queens

on the Oklahoma campus are about as common as jewelled fraternity pins. *The Oklahoma Daily* has been crusading against them, through Dick Pearce, the editor, as have most of the editors in the past.

President Bizzell has denominated the queen racket as "amateurish," in a statement calling for elimination of many of the useless organizations on the campus. "Membership in most honorary orders involves the expenditure of money, robs the student of time and increases responsibility," he said. "This quite naturally has a bad effect on grades and confuses the purposes of the university. In a university of this size and standing, queen elections are amateurish and prep-schoolish and should be cut out one by one until they are completely done away with."

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Southern debates

Oklahoma was to debate Centenary college at Shreveport, Louisiana, January 23 and Southern Methodist university at Dallas, Texas, January 24, on the question: "Resolved—that the nations of the world should adopt a policy of free trade."

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New scholarship

Sigma Alpha Iota, honorary music fraternity for women, has announced a scholarship fund of \$50 to be awarded each semester to the senior woman showing the greatest talent and need for the scholarship.

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Best civil engineer

Paul Thurber, '31 eng., of Oklahoma City, was selected as the outstanding civil engineer student by the Oklahoma City chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineering December 19. The prize consists of a junior membership in the organization. Judgment is based on character, scholastic standing and professional attitude toward civil engineering.

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From Venezuela

Three gentlemen from Venezuela, speaking no English, came to the office of H. C. George, director of the school of petroleum engineering, and in Spanish told him they had come here to go to school.

Now, a university is a cosmopolitan place. Professor George found A. M. de la Torre, genial instructor in Spanish, and himself a native of Peru, who became the host of the three visitors.

José A. Delgado, Edmondo Luongo and Abel Monsalve, students sent to America by the Venezuelan government

to study petroleum engineering, will take the complete course offered by the university. Mr de la Torre will coach them in English and all three expect to be able to enroll in the university at the start of the second semester. All three are graduates in civil engineering of the University of Caracas and each has had a year's practical experience in engineering. Three other Venezuelan government scholars are in Tulsa, taking preliminary work in the University of Tulsa. They expect to complete their work in petroleum engineering in the University of Oklahoma later.

Mario Cueto arrived at the university early in January to enroll for a four year course in the university in petroleum engineering. He had been sent to the university by the Argentine embassy in Washington. Señor Cueto is a graduate of the Paris, France high school, attended school in England for three years, and is a native of Argentine, although his home now is Paris, France.

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The best

The university R. O. T. C. unit was the best he had thus far inspected, Col. George P. Tyner, chief of staff of the eighth corps area of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, declared, following formal inspection of the University of Oklahoma unit December 9. Colonel Tyner was particularly impressed with the excellent care Major Edwin P. Parker's men had given government equipment.

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New Greek

Phi Kappa fraternity in its national convention at Kansas City December 28-30, empowered its officers to call for a vote for admission of Delta Phi Epsilon, local fraternity of the University of Oklahoma. The local fraternity was formerly known as the Columbia club, but adopted a Greek designation last year. It was inspected in November by the national fraternity, but too late to empower a vote at the Kansas City meeting.

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SPORTS OF ALL SORTS

The basketball season

Oklahoma began its 1930-31 basketball season with a series of victories over non-conference teams, although some of the victories were by tight margins. In the meantime, the athletic association, facing heavy financial deficit, was having a difficult time financing the game. With practically a new team to build up, Coach McDermott was whipping into shape what may develop into a formidable Big Six team. Reduction of gen-

eral admissions to fifty cents was expected to help boost attendance, and it was having that effect.

OKLAHOMA 28, TEXAS 27

By a one-point margin, Oklahoma continued University of Texas on the road to defeat at Austin December 19. McDermott started with Hatman as center, Anderson, Grady, Beck and Meyer.

OKLAHOMA 34, TEXAS 33

Oklahoma won the second game with Texas, again by a one-point margin, December 20 at Austin. The game was tight throughout, Texas taking the lead until the last few minutes of play, when the Sooners regained the lead. Beck made three goals in quick succession to insure victory.

OKLAHOMA 36, S. M. U. 33

Oklahoma defeated Southern Methodist university in the fieldhouse December 31 by a score of 36 to 33. The first period was Oklahoma's, the score being 22 to 10. But in the second period, the Mustangs loosened up with speedy basket-looping appeared for a few minutes like a real threat to the Sooners. Beck and Anderson in combination proved most effective in Oklahoma scoring.

The score:

Oklahoma	22	14	36
S. M. U.	10	23	33

OKLAHOMA 35, S. M. U. 30

Oklahoma started the New Year by defeating Southern Methodist university for the second time in the fieldhouse by a score of 35 to 30.

The score:

Oklahoma	22	13	35
S. M. U.	17	13	30

OKLAHOMA 33, BETHANY 22

Oklahoma easily defeated Bethany college of Lindsborg, Kansas, in the fieldhouse Monday, January 5, by the score of 33 to 22. Andy Beck, Oklahoma guard, led in the scoring for the Sooners. Larson, the Swedes's six foot seven center, and All-American, brought in fifteen points for Bethany.

The score:

Bethany	8	14	22
Oklahoma	13	20	33

OKLAHOMA 35, OKLAHOMA AGGIES 21

Oklahoma continued its victorious march by defeating on January 7 at the fieldhouse Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical college by the score of 35 to 21. Between halves some Sooners paraded what is reputed to be the clapper

from the bell of Old Central, oldest Aggie building.

The score:

Oklahoma	14	21	35
Aggies	13	8	21

Not ineligible

Oklahoma protested the eligibility of two University of Kansas players, William and Kenneth Johnson, on the ground that they had participated in a basketball game during the Christmas holidays a year ago while at home in Oklahoma City during a visit. Kansas ruled the men eligible, after an investigation. The men had played in a "pick-up," rather than an "outside," game, Kansas found.

Football lettermen

Guy Warren, better known as "Silly Guy" Warren, halfback and speedy back field runner, was elected captain of the 1931 football team at a banquet given the team by the Beta Theta Pi fraternity December 10. Mr Warren is the thirty-seventh football captain elected at the university.

The first football captain ever elected, in 1895, was John A. Hart, of Winfield, Kansas. The captain who served longest was C. C. Roberts, '01 arts-sc., vice president of the First National Bank of Oklahoma City, who was captain in '97, '98, '99 and '00. Out of the thirty-seven captains, nine have been fullbacks, seven ends, five quarterbacks, six halfbacks, four tackles, three guards and three centers.

Twenty-one members of the squad received football letters. These are:

Captain Bob Fields, tackle, Ponca City; Guy Warren, halfback, Norman; Charles Wilson, guard, Oklahoma City; Ab Walker, quarterback, Blackwell; Charles Teel, guard, Tulsa; Ernest Snell, end, Tulsa; Charles Stogner, quarterback, Norman; Curtis Berry, guard, Norman; Paul Young, center, Norman; Orin Borah, guard, Champaign, Ill.; Raymond Stanley, guard, Lawton; Harold Roberts, end, Medford; Colonel "Bus" Mills, quarterback, Ranger, Texas; Hilary Lee, guard, Charleston, Mo.; Clyde Kirk, halfback, Norman; Hardy Lewis, halfback, Duncan; Darrell Ewing, end, Altus; Fred Cherry, end, Okmulgee; C. C. Buxton, quarterback, Oklahoma City; Ernest Massad, fullback, Ardmore; Dick Simms, halfback, Norman.

Wrestling prospects

The Kansas Aggies are worrying Paul Keen, wrestling coach, somewhat these days. Oklahoma, champion of the Big Six conference in wrestling last year, is going to be a strong contender this year for the title again, despite the loss of Miller, Mantooth and Leach, the three mighty atoms of the squad last year.

The point about the Kansas Aggies is this: the Manhattan team has seven let-

termen back. Keen has five. Coaching odds are about even. Though Buel Patterson of Manhattan is an Oklahoma Aggie graduate, so is Keen. Iowa State, coached by Otopalik, ought to play like champions too. And Nebraska may say something about the championship.

The Oklahoma Aggies, the *bete noir* for Oklahoma, will wrestle against Oklahoma at Norman February 13. Can Keen's men defeat the undefeated Aggies? Keen's going to make a mighty effort to stop the apparently irresistible Aggies.

Oliver Bass of Tulsa, is captain of the wrestlers for Oklahoma.

This year's schedule

One new football team will appear on the Sooner football schedule this year. Rice institute has been added to the roster of teams played. The schedule includes one game each with other members of the Big Six conference.

The schedule follows:

October 3. Rice at Norman.

October 10. Nebraska at Lincoln.

October 17. Texas at Dallas, Third annual Migration day.

October 24. Kansas Aggies at Manhattan.

October 31. Iowa State at Norman.

November 7. Kansas at Norman. Homecoming.

November 14. Missouri at Columbia.

November 26. Oklahoma Aggies at Norman. Thanksgiving.

In K.C.A.C. meet

Coach John C. Jacobs was to have some of his able track men representing the university in the annual Kansas City Athletic club meet in Kansas City February 14.

In addition to the Kansas City meet, Coach Jacobs has on his program:

March 7. Big Six conference at Columbia (indoor).

March 27. Texas relays at Austin.

March 28. S. M. U. relays at Dallas.

April 18. Kansas relays at Lawrence.

April 20. Missouri at Columbia.

April 24-25. Drake relays at Des Moines.

May 6. Kansas Aggies at Norman.

May 15. Oklahoma Aggies at Norman.

May 22-23. Big Six outdoor at Lincoln.

June 6-7. National collegiate meet at Chicago.

Intramural sports

Sigma Mu Sigma won the intramural finals in the wrestling tournament December 18.

Beta Theta Pi by defeating Phi Kappa Sigma 30 to 21 December 18 insured for itself the southern league basketball championship in the intramural basketball competition.