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President Bizzell's annual convocational address, printed in this issue of the Magazine, contains some thought-provoking information about the aims and objectives of the University of Oklahoma, and some very timely comments on the relationships of education and good government.



Earl Foster, former alumni prexy and graduate of the Law School in 1913, likes to tell this story. His son, Earl Foster, Jr., was enrolling in the Law School this fall when Dean Julien C. Monnet glanced at the enrolment card and remarked, "Do you happen to be any relation to Judge Earl Foster in Oklahoma City?"

Young Earl grinned and said, "A little—I'm his son." The dean looked shocked. "Why, you couldn't be the son of the Earl Foster I know," he said. "He was in the Law School here just a few years ago!"



You meet them everywhere. Henry Armstrong, Extension Division lecturer, was traveling in California recently and stopped in a clothing store at Santa Monica to see if he could cash a check. He started explaining who he was and the proprietor smiled. "You know Lewis Morris, the county attorney at Oklahoma City?" he asked.

"Sure," said Armstrong, somewhat surprised. "I'm his brother, Dave—graduated from O. U. in 1920," the merchant said.

P. S.—Armstrong got his check cashed.



To Miles Tolbert, '23law, Hobart attorney and alumni leader, the editor sends an apology. Our Law Alumni Directory listed Mr. Tolbert as an A. B. graduate now in the legal profession, but not as a graduate of the Law School. It develops that he has a Law School diploma signed by the president of the University and the Board of Regents, which is good enough evidence for us.

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## Oklahoma's Best Investment

The State Legislature in a few months will be discussing again the spending of the State's tax revenues for a two-year period.

It is certain that the legislators will face a large deficit in the State treasury, and that there will be a justified demand for economy. It is also certain that there will be heavy demands for relief and for pensions and for highways and for other purposes that are hard to turn down.

There will be countless other demands for appropriations—some with real merit and some with little or no merit.

In trying to decide just how to spend the State's revenue, and just where to let the economy axe fall heaviest, the legislators might well remember a quotation from Benjamin Franklin:

*If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.*

Relief and pensions and highways and other demands upon the State Treasury are with us to stay, and are important enough to deserve substantial appropriations; but the State's educational program is the most constructive use to which tax funds can be applied.

Relief and pension appropriations, although essential to prevent human suffering and want, are after all, only a treatment of the symptoms of the economic distress that is dealing misery to our body politic. Education of our citizenship is the only way to get at the cause and discover the cure. No amount of demagogic shouting, and no fantastic scheme of amateur economists such as the \$30-Every-Thursdays plan in California, can cure our troubles.

It will require educated leadership, and an enlightened public with a truly civic viewpoint instead of the selfish minority viewpoints that are typical of today, before we can hope to reduce unemployment, bring efficiency and economy into government, and function as a true democracy.

In trying to advance toward this goal, the crippling of education by short-sighted tightening of the purse-strings would be false economy indeed.



## Few College Graduates on Relief

Since 1929 there has been a lot of talk about college graduates going on relief just like anyone else.

The Oklahoma division of the Works Progress Administration has just completed a survey of the school training of the 92,245 persons on the WPA rolls as of May 18 and some actual facts are now available.

According to the report, only 1.4 of the WPA employees reported college training.

The conclusion is obvious. College education isn't a guarantee of financial success, but your chances of going on relief are quite small.

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