



Some of the "regulars" on the WNAD Round Table. Left to right, Carl Ritzman, Howard Eaton, Cortez Ewing, H. V. Thornton, R. J. Dangerfield, Glenn Negley

## Radio Round Table

**H**AVE you ever wished, as you try to follow national and world affairs, that you could drop in for a friendly, informal conversation with a half dozen University professors who know the background of government and economics and could tell you what it's all about in terms you could understand easily?

The alumnus who is out of school and off somewhere making a living and raising a family doesn't have much chance to do just that. But he can do the next best thing and tune in his radio on the weekly University of Oklahoma Roundtable conducted by WNAD, and the weekly News Comment program.

These programs are designed to utilize the talents and training of University faculty members to assist in clarifying the events of our times.

Upon his appointment as Station Manager last fall, H. H. Leake began a search for a man to comment upon the news. His choice fell upon Dr. Oliver Earl Benson, instructor in government. With an A.B. (1932) and an M.A. (1933) in Government awarded by the University of Oklahoma and a Ph.D. (University of Geneva, 1936) Dr. Benson is eminently qualified to interpret foreign news. The pungent comment of this weekly feature adds a lively quarter hour to the station's program.

Last September, Mr. Leake consulted with a large number of faculty members relative to the broadcasting of a "roundtable" discussion. The tempo of our times require discussion and interpretation and Mr. Leake hoped to assist alumni and the

general public with the broadcast of this program. A faculty committee was created to guide the program. Glenn Negley, instructor in philosophy, assumed the responsibility of arranging the program.

Experimentation has characterized the program from the beginning. The time was lengthened from fifteen to thirty minutes. Formal scripts have given way to informal give and take discussion featuring three persons.

Even professors can be flippant and gay. From all appearances those seated around the microphone really enjoy it. Wise-cracks abound; rotten puns have been the order of the day. No little heat is generated in the arguments. The topics discussed have been lively ones. All sides to those questions have been presented. Whenever agreement on the subject under discussion cannot be had, punches are not pulled, and even insults have gone out over the air. The informality of the broadcast has been achieved by the dispensing of script and the doing away with formal speeches. As now broadcast, the program is entirely unpredictable.

If you have failed to listen in on this Thursday (7:45 p.m.) broadcast you have missed an entertaining thirty minutes; but, more important, you have passed up an opportunity to hear impartial and informative broadcasts on subjects that vitally affect the public.

At present six faculty members make up the regular staff of the Roundtable. They are: Glenn R. Negley, instructor in philosophy; H. V. Thornton and Royden Dangerfield, associate professors of gov-

ernment; Cortez A. M. Ewing, director of the School of Citizenship; Howard O. Eaton, associate professor of philosophy, and Carl H. Ritzman, instructor in speech. Others who have appeared on this program include: John Alley, head of the Department of Government; Dr. A. B. Adams, dean of the College of Business Administration; Virgil Wilhite, assistant professor of economics; Savoie Lottinville, business manager of the University of Oklahoma Press; Oliver Earl Benson, instructor in government; Bryce Harlow, graduate student; and Joe E. Smay, director of the School of Architecture.

Among the topics discussed at the Roundtable are: the Unicameral Legislature, the Far East, Neutrality, Teachers' Retirement, Education in a Democracy, Farm Tenancy, the President's Message, Civil Liberties, C. I. O. vs. A. F. of L., the Farm Bill, Administrative Reorganization, the British Cabinet Crisis, Ludlow War Referendum, the Value of Colonies, and the Wages and Hours Bill.

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### Betas win cup

Beta Theta Pi fraternity won the first semester interfraternity scholarship cup for the second consecutive time and Sigma Alpha Mu, competing with two other fraternities, won the small-house award. Delta Tau Delta was second in the large-house group with Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Chi following, respectively. Several fraternities were disqualified in the contest because of inaccuracies in official lists of members.