



Indian mural by Woodrow Crumbo, in the Administration Building.

**A** NNUAL statistics in *School and Society* rank the University of Oklahoma 25th in enrolment among a total of 602 colleges and universities. National Youth Administration figures are cited to show that only 11 per cent of the 11,300,000 persons in America between the ages of 18 to 21 are enrolled in colleges and universities.

#### Requirements increased

A new ruling by the Board of Regents requires three years of college work for entrance to the University Medical School, effective with the freshman class of 1939. Medical Dean R. U. Patterson stated the action is in line with a national trend.

#### Chinese viewpoint explained

China in the last five years has adopted a policy of militarization and "armed diplomacy," Dr. T. Z. Koo, associate general secretary of China's Y.M.C.A. Council, told a University audience.

Japanese encroachments have stimulated a feeling of national unity among the 400,000,000 people of China, although it has slowed up the recent movement for definite political unity, he said.

Dr. Koo reported he found the United States friendly to China and resentful of Japanese aggressions, but he urged that Americans harbor no hatred toward Japan. The Japanese government is unable to control the Japanese army, he said.

#### Athletic tax ruled out

Probability that the one percent federal tax on University athletic contests will be eliminated was seen after the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals held at New Orleans that the federal government has no right to collect taxes on athletic admissions at state supported institutions. The case on which the ruling was based was filed originally in Georgia. It was ex-

pected that the New Orleans ruling would be appealed to the United States Supreme Court for final adjudication.

#### Economist is speaker

The only way to escape steady increase

of government debt is to maintain circulation of money from the great centers of wealth to the masses of people, with the government acting as a pump by means of its taxing power, David Cushman Coyle, economist and writer, told a Norman Forum audience.

General confusion in Washington contributed materially to the recent business recession, he said.

Commenting on the general demand, particularly on the part of the metropolitan press, for tapering off the national debt, Mr. Coyle declared that it is preferable to add ten million or so to the government debt than to add fifty billion to business debt.

#### Taxi troubles settled

Fist fights, boycotts, strikes, legal battles and bitter accusations gave Norman a taste of labor troubles in December and January, but a peaceful settlement finally was agreed upon. Original cause of the trouble apparently was a "courtesy card" plan adopted by one taxi company, by which fraternities participating in the plan would enjoy reduced taxi rates. Under terms of an agreement reached after drivers of other companies went on a protest strike, the courtesy card plan was abandoned and all Norman taxi companies agreed to use union drivers.

#### Psychological guidance discussed

"Spray gun" methods of higher education were criticized and the need for individual guidance of students was emphasized at the University's first Psychological Guidance Institute, attended by about one hundred representatives of school systems, religious groups, labor organizations and social agencies.

"We must develop a new profession of guidance workers trained to deal, not with masses of students, but with individuals

#### January Calendar

February 2—Public Lecture, *Ornamental European Gardens*, Dr. Milton Hopkins.

February 3—Celebrity Series, Salzburg Opera Guild.

February 4-6—Annual State Hi-Y Conference.

February 5—Basketball, Nebraska at Norman.

February 8—Faculty Recital, Wilda Griffin.

February 9—All-University Alumni Broadcast, Oklahoma Network, 8:30 to 9:30 p. m.

February 10—Celebrity Series, Ruth Page's Ballet of the Chicago Civic Opera Company.

February 11—O. U. Alumni Dinner of Oklahoma Education Association convention, 6:30 p. m., Hotel Biltmore, Oklahoma City.

February 11—Annual Home Concert, Men's Glee Club.

February 14-17—Sewing Room Supervisors' Short Course.

February 15—Faculty Recital, Barre Hill.

February 16—Basketball, Oklahoma Aggies at Norman.

February 18—Basketball, Kansas at Norman.

February 21—Basketball, Missouri at Norman.

February 22—Concert, University Symphony Orchestra.

February 24—Celebrity Series, Curtis String Quartet.

February 25—Annual convention, University of Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association.

March 3—State Junior College One-Act Play Festival and State Junior College Dramatic Conference.

March 4-5—State Theatre Conference.

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by means of careful diagnosis of aptitudes and interests," said Dr. E. G. Williamson, director of the university testing bureau at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Parental pressure that often forces a student into a certain occupation because of good employment opportunities in that occupation was criticized by Dr. Williamson who said that it often puts young people into fields in which they have no particular ability.

Dr. H. Meltzer, director of the Psychology Service Center, St. Louis, Mo., the other principal speaker of the institute, declared that "emotional aliveness" is as necessary as knowledge for a good life.

While not advocating a sinful life, he described as inadequate the life that is "good" in the sense of confining itself to a narrow groove.

At the close of the three-day institute, the group passed resolutions urging that guidance courses be included in the curricula of prospective teachers, and that extension courses be established to give guidance training to persons already teaching.

#### New meter course

An oil metering conference, patterned after the nationally known annual gas measurement short course, has been scheduled April 7-8 at the University. The American Society of Mechanical Engineers is sponsor.

#### Astronomy facilities improved

A well equipped observatory and classroom for astronomy work are included in an \$8,000 WPA grant given the University. Work is to begin in February.

## The Undergraduate Scene

Continuing Oklahoma's outstanding record as a producer of Rhodes scholars, Jack Luttrell and LeRoy Earley, both O.U. students, are winners in the 1937 regional competition.

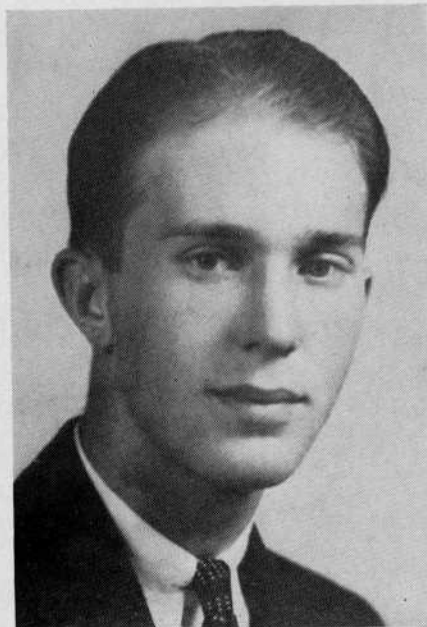
It is the third time within the last five years that Oklahoma has scored the maximum of a possible two scholarships from the four allotted this six-state region.

Luttrell, a senior who is outstanding in debate and many student activities as well as making a straight-A average, plans to study international law at Oxford.

Earley is in the University Medical School and expects to continue his study of medicine at Oxford.

Commenting on the double victory of the Oklahoma students, the *Oklahoma News* stated editorially:

Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma should be proud of the fact that two of the four students awarded Rhodes scholarships in the sixth district this year are students of the University of Oklahoma. The sixth district of the nation for the purposes of these selections, is composed of Mississippi, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Alabama, so it is apparent that Jack Luttrell and LeRoy Earley, the two chosen from Oklahoma, faced formidable competition.



Jack Luttrell (left) and LeRoy Earley who scored a double victory for O.U. in the Rhodes scholarship regional competition.

Nor is this the first time that Oklahoma students have fared well in these tests. Most of the group that examined applicants in the state tests here this year are men who won Rhodes scholarships in past years. The achievement of men chosen for this honor is a high compliment to the individual students, of course, for there is a place for personality as well as for educational progress in the choosing. It also speaks well for Oklahoma's educational system, particularly its institutions of higher learning, which have occasionally been too harshly criticized.

#### Pre-rush dinners banned

Eliminating the expensive series of fraternity rush dinners and dances held in Oklahoma City by many chapters, the Interfraternity Council has announced a ban against all rush activities for ten days prior to the opening of the official rush period on the University campus next September. The regulation will prohibit rushing activities by individual members, active chapters or alumni organizations, said Don Leshner, secretary of fraternity affairs.

#### Meningitis fatal to student

Kenneth Read, senior from Big Springs, Texas, died soon after the Christmas holidays from an illness diagnosed as spinal meningitis. He apparently contracted the disease while in his home town for the holidays. Fifteen other students rooming at the same house as Read were carefully examined by Infirmary officials but no other cases developed.

#### Student friend dies

Death of Fred Swisher, 48-year-old proprietor of the Varsity Shop, from an influenza attack, grieved thousands of students who had become acquainted with the genial, rotund Swisher during their college days. He had been connected with

the student shop for fifteen years and was owner and manager since 1930. Many persons now well known as singers and musicians had their first public experience in his shop. Mr. Swisher was a World War veteran and saw active service in France.

#### Punished for poor taste

Three fraternity chapters responsible for distribution of a miniature humor publication at the annual Triad dance were penalized one dance each on their schedules for this school year because a faculty committee found the publication to be in "extremely bad taste." References to coeds named in the publication were found particularly objectionable.

#### Win tax decision

University fraternities, represented by Albert C. Kulp, '30, '34, Oklahoma City attorney, have won a decision from the State Labor Department exempting fraternities from state taxation under the Social Security Law.

## Faculty News

Dozens of faculty members took advantage of the Christmas holidays to attend conventions of professional societies in many parts of the country and a number of them were elected to offices in national organizations.

H. H. Herbert, director of the School of Journalism, was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the American Association of Teachers of Journalism for the eighth year. The groups met at Columbia, Mo.

Charles P. Green, head of the speech

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# Belles Lettres and Bell Ringers

*Adventure on Red River*, edited by Grant Foreman. University of Oklahoma Press, 1938. \$2.50.

THE distinguished members of the American Statistical and Geographical Society were meeting in New York.

A young captain of the United States army read a paper on his explorations in a remote and little known country. Their close attention and much applause were a tribute to the novelty of his report, which was on a country "far beyond the limits of civilization."

In view of the fact that the country he dismissed is the territory along the upper Red River, where thousands of Oklahomans now dwell in a reasonable measure of civilization, the accounts of this early-day exploration form a valuable and interesting chapter in the history of the Southwest.

The speaker in the incident described above was Capt. Randolph B. Marcy, and his account of his discoveries, first published by the United States government in 1853, has been edited by Grant Foreman and published by the University of Oklahoma Press under the title *Adventure on Red River*.

Captain Marcy was a close observer, intelligent in reporting what he found, and not lacking in a sense of humor. The result is a book that is quite readable, as well as presenting excellent source material on Southwestern history.

An introduction by Grant Foreman describes the circumstances under which the explorations were made.

Oklahomans will find in this book a refreshing view of their own state in the eyes of a man viewing the country for the first time. As the jacket blurb remarks, the day-by-day entries of Captain Marcy's contacts with the various Indians of the country have something of the fascination of Robinson Crusoe's exploration of his island.

## Sooner writers

*Green Corn Rebellion*, by William Cunningham, '25, Oklahoma City, originally published by Vanguard in 1935, has just been published in England by John Long, Ltd. The author was interested to note that the English publishers had attempted to "translate" Oklahoma language into English. A sentence in the original book that read "He was old enough to ride fence and carry a gun" was interpreted by the English publishers' staff to mean "He was old enough to ride, fence, and carry a gun."

An article by J. D. Deason, '29journ, city editor of the Lawton Constitution, is scheduled in a new book, *Photographic Hints and Gadgets*, published by the American Photography Publishing Company. The article is on adaptation of the Graflex camera for aerial photography . . . Dr. Paul Sears, head of the University Botany Department now on leave of absence, has written a number of magazine articles recently, one being *Death From the Soil* which was published in *The American Mercury*. Dr. Sears is author of two widely praised books, *Deserts on the March* and *This Is Our World*.

*Groundwork of Music* is a new textbook on theory of music for high school students by C. F. Giard, professor of piano in the University . . . Arnold W. Johnson, assistant professor of accounting, is author of a 691-page textbook, *Principles of Accounting* published recently by Farrar and Rinehart.

Historical material on the Cherokee Indians from 1832 to 1872, consisting mainly of excerpts from letters, has been prepared for publication by Dr. E. E. Dale, '11, head of the history department, and Gaston Litton, '34, who is employed in the National Archives, Washington, D.C.

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department, was elected to the committee on interpretive speech at the meeting of the National Association of Teachers of Speech held in New York City.

Dr. Charles M. Perry, head of the philosophy department, was elected vice-president of the Southwestern Philosophical conference at a meeting held in Dallas.

The largest delegation from the University went to Indianapolis, Indiana, for the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and associated groups.

Dr. Alice Sowers, nationally known specialist in parent education, has been appointed by the Board of Regents to serve as lecturer in the Extension Division.

Herschel Elarth, Los Angeles architect, has been appointed assistant professor of architecture for the second semester, to take over classes of Otho Sparks. Mr. Sparks is taking a leave of absence to do commercial architectural work in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Ralph Records, professor of history on leave of absence during the first semester because of illness, will continue on leave during the second semester to do research work for two books.

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