



The old board walk leading from town to the campus in the early days

#### THE BOARD WALK

A lane of trees in the summer sun  
The old board walk is shading;  
I see it now as the day is done,  
When shadows deep are fading.

A lover's lane in the older days  
When the shades of night were falling,  
It lingers in the sun-set rays  
To the memory still recalling

The boys and girls of the college town  
Who busily were strolling,  
To dates, to tasks, or up and down  
The old board walk patrolling.

How many feet have trod the boards  
All sadness ever scorning,  
To lessons, or what life affords  
At evening, noon, or morning?

Light breezes blow across the plain;  
The prairie fires are burning;  
But you and I with fine disdain,  
Our thoughts are elsewhere turning.

For I'm with you and you're with me,  
Our hearts are lightly dancing;  
We stop beneath a shady tree—  
And—find this walk entrancing.

THE picture of the old board walk is familiar to old graduates. It figured in early day advertising as "the way to college." When there was no paving in Norman and few sidewalks, this board walk, which began at McFarlin Church, ran past the president's house in the middle of that long block on the boulevard, and turned west near the present Chemistry Building, was an improvement to be talked about.

It led to the first building which then stood near the present out-door theater. The trees that were planted by it soon formed an avenue of shade. It was for ten years the center of University life. Every student walked on it. It was high and dry and wide, better than some of the cement walks we have today. Rabbits hid under it! Bull snakes ate the rabbits! Zoologists captured the snakes! Co-eds married the zoologists. Students could get some courting done on the old board

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walk. In the spring—but why mention that!

Professor J. W. Stovall of the geological faculty spoke in February on *Some Facts Concerning the Origin of the Dakota Sand* before the Kansas Geological Society at Wichita, Kansas.

Patricio Gimeno was honored recently at a luncheon at the Y. W. C. A. in Oklahoma City by the American Association of University Women. Some of his paintings were displayed.

Dr. H. D. Rinsland and Dr. J. F. Bender attended the meeting of the Association of Departments of School Administrators in Cleveland, Ohio, February 24. Dr. Rinsland has been appointed editor in charge of definitions in the field of statistics and measurements for the *Dictionary of Education* which is in preparation.

Dr. Ernest C. Ross gave the closing lecture of the University Public Lecture series Wednesday evening, March 1. He spoke of English and American relations under the title "Imperfect Sympathies," a title borrowed from Charles Lamb. Dr. Ross has just returned from a year in London where he studied Mary Lamb.

Others who have appeared this year in these public lectures are: President W. B. Bizzell, who spoke on "Broadening the Basis of Educational Opportunity"; Professor O. B. Jacobson, who spoke on the subject, "The Indian's Contribution to Art"; Dr. H. L. Stow, "The Halfway House of the Aegean"; and Dr. William Schriever, "Geophysics in the Petroleum Industry."

Virgle G. Wilhite, assistant professor of economics, is on leave of absence for the second semester to attend the University of Wisconsin. He is completing work for a Ph. D. degree.

Dr. Maurice H. Merrill, professor of law, has been appointed to the committee on curriculum of the Association of American Law Schools.

C. N. Paxton, associate professor of mechanical engineering, served as instructor for a free aviation ground school training course started recently at Oklahoma City, under sponsorship of the Oklahoma City Aviation Club. More than a thousand persons attended the first session.

Dr. J. J. Rhyne, director of the School of Social Work, is one of the 16 members of the board of directors of the newly organized Oklahoma Social Welfare Association. It was formed at the close of the first annual Social Welfare Institute conducted on the University campus.

One of the four original faculty members of the University, Dr. Edwin DeBarr, who has been a consulting chemist in recent years, has been appointed health officer for the city of Norman by the City Commission.

A better understanding between University faculty members and members of the State Legislature was urged by Herbert Branan, '38law, in an address at a recent formal dinner of the Faculty Club.

"You don't know their attitude and they don't know yours," he declared.

University alumni have a debt to the State, he said, "and that is to make the most of the education the State gave him."

Mr. Branan is a member of the House of Representatives and chairman of the important Revenue and Taxation Committee.