

Faculty Page

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IN the registry office there is the original seal of the University. It is a copper plate at least three inches in diameter, mounted on a heavy stamp with a long lever. George Wadsack dragged it out for me to see and brushed the dust from it, for it is a relic now.

To the best of my knowledge it was adopted by the regents in 1903, when D. L. Larsh, of Norman, was secretary of the board. It appeared first officially, I think, upon the diplomas of the class of 1903, although older diplomas were sent in after the seal was adopted to have it affixed to them. The design was drawn by G. A. Bucklin, then registrar and instructor in economics. The Latin motto was furnished by Professor Paxton, who was the head of the Department of Latin and Greek at the time.

The design is interesting and appropriate. It is taken from the parable of the sower. When one looks upon it, he is likely to exclaim, "Behold a sower went forth to sow." It suggests that the University sows the seed of knowledge, culture, and character, and that some of the seed falls upon good ground, and some falls upon poor ground.

The motto is appropriate. It is not "veritas" like that of Harvard, but suitable for a state university. It is "civi et reipublicae" for the citizen and for the commonwealth. All in all, I approve of the motto and of the symbolism of the design, if that makes any difference.

J. F. Findlay, dean of men, received a lemon from the Rio Grande Valley recently which was as large as a football—well, as a small football—the student who sent it, said. The dean is wondering how much lemonade it will make.

The last week in January was a busy week for the faculty. They were finishing one term and beginning another at the same time. Some were talking with students who failed, some were getting their speeches ready for the O. E. A., some were preparing new courses for their second term classes. Twenty-eight members of the faculty were listed on the program of the Oklahoma Education Association meeting at Tulsa February 9, 10, 11.

Mrs. R. H. Richards, widow of the late professor R. H. Richards, sailed from New York February 7 for Balboa, Canal Zone for a visit with her daughter Mrs. Subert Turbyfill (Mary Richards, '31fa) and Mr. Turbyfill, '25fa, '26, '32ma.

Dr. Frank A. Melton, associate profes-



Walter B. Emery

sor of geology, gave a paper before the American Society of Aerial Photographers in Washington, D. C., January 16.

An exhibit of twenty-two oil paintings by Oscar Brousse Jacobson, director of the School of Art, was shown for two weeks in January at East Central State Teachers College, Ada. The East Central Journal gives a column to Professor Jacobson and the exhibit.

Captain Arthur L. Shreve, assistant professor of military science, is to study at the Command General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, beginning next September.

Mary Elizabeth Simpson, instructor in English, resigned at the end of the first semester. She was married last month in California to Frank Ittner, graduate of the College of Engineering.

Dr. J. O. Hassler invited the faculty to look at the stars through the telescope at the new observatory the last week in January.

As a number of the Artist Series, Jeanette McDonald will appear in a concert on the campus March 21. The auditorium will be full that night.

Professor Edward C. Petty has returned from California to his work here in the College of Business Administration. He

takes up this term, the work of Professor V. G. Wilhite, who has been granted leave for advanced study this semester.

A new room in the library has been fitted up for a browsing room. J. L. Rader, librarian, has had such a place in mind for years. It was arranged for the convenience of general readers, and students who desire to browse in books.

James Hill, assistant librarian, showed a film story to all the freshman English classes during the week January 30 to February 4. The picture teaches in an attractive way, how to use a library.

The Faculty Club had a formal dinner February 10, at which Murray Gibbons, floor leader of the House of Representatives and a University graduate, was the principal speaker. A tea for the wives of legislators and Mrs. Leon C. Phillips, wife of the governor, was scheduled for February 16.

Walter B. Emery, assistant professor of speech, has been granted a leave of absence for the coming semester. He plans to work for a doctor of philosophy degree at the University of Wisconsin and will teach two classes in speech while there. Mr. Emery will return to the University for the summer session.

Goldia Cooksey, assistant in English, went to the hospital for an operation last month. She is reported recovering.

J. L. Rader, librarian, read a paper on "Oklahoma Imprints" from his bibliography of Southwestern writers as a group meeting at the home of Professor J. H. Marshburn last month.

Professor Paul B. Sears, now of Oberlin College in Ohio, and formerly head of the Department of Botany at O. U., author of *Deserts on the March*, is publishing a new book in April. It is *Who Are These Americans?* and is being published by the Macmillan Company.

Dr. Sears is one of the 250 scientists among 28,000 in the sixth edition of *Men of Science*, just published, who have been named by their colleagues as scientists who have arisen to a position of eminence in their field during the last five years.

Fern A. Boan, associate professor of social work, is chairman of a committee organizing a Council of Social Welfare to coordinate charitable work in Cleveland County.