

Faculty Page

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MRS. J. C. Stephenson, writer of stories for children, sister of Mrs. Josh Lee, has moved to Norman. Her husband, the late Dr. J. C. Stephenson, was in the School of Medicine here from 1919 to 1931.

The theme of the Institute of International Relations for next summer is "America and the New Order." Raymond Leslie Buell of *Fortune Magazine* has accepted an invitation to be one of the speakers. Cordell Hull, secretary of state, has also been invited. Dr. Cortez Ewing, chairman of the institute, thinks it is going to be possible for the secretary to attend. Last summer Dr. Eduard Benes was one of the speakers. The third annual session will be held on the University campus from June 9 to 14.

Dr. J. Rud Nielsen, professor of physics, has been appointed associate editor of the *American Journal of Physics*. The editor of the *Journal* is Dr. Duane Roller, formerly a member of this faculty. Dr. Roller is now at Hunter College, New York City.

Dr. J. H. Marshburn, professor of English, spoke January 12 at the University Forum, Oklahoma City. His subject was "John Milton." Members of the New Century Club and the literature department of the Sorosis Club were sponsors.

Mrs. Robert C. Twyman, the former Margaret Anne Gessner, has resigned her position as assistant counselor of women and director of Union activities. She will be succeeded by Miss Virginia Reinecke, formerly at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

A display of oil paintings by Miss Dorothy Kirk was exhibited for two weeks, beginning January 14, on the first floor of the Art building. They represented scenes in Oklahoma, Colorado, and New Mexico.

Barre Hill, head of the University voice department, will teach at the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago, during a six weeks term next summer.

Dr. C. M. Perry, of the department of philosophy, has been elected president of the Southwestern Philosophical Conference for 1940. The annual meeting was held in Dallas, Texas, December 27 to 29.

The general faculty of the University met last month in the auditorium of the

Engineering building, with President Bizzell presiding. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the content and administration of final examinations. Dr. M. O. Wilson, professor of psychology, spoke on "The Content of the Examination," and Dr. J. F. Bender, head of the division of school administration, spoke on "The Administration of the Examination." Dr. G. Y. Williams, Dr. Cortez Ewing, Dr. J. O. Hassler, and Dean H. L. Dodge discussed the subjects. A resolution, submitted by Dr. R. J. Dangerfield, providing for a committee to make a study of grade reports and the advisory system, was passed.

Twenty-one members of our faculty read papers at the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Academy of Science in Tulsa. These papers indicate the progress of scientific research in the state for the year.

Professor S. T. Smith from the department of English at the University of Oregon gave lectures on the campus last month to various groups. He represented the American Society of Composers, Publishers, and Authors. Some of the subjects were: "The Fine Arts in a Democracy," "Gay's the Beggar's Opera," "Vaudeville in Shakespeare's Plays," and "Fine Arts Criticism."

The lecture of William Lyon Phelps, of Yale, which was given in Oklahoma City January 13, was attended by several members of the faculty. Mr. Phelps' subject was "The Art of Living."

The catalogue of books of the University Press for 1939-1940 is quite imposing. It is enlightening to scan the number of entries and the subjects. It is the sort of thing that every graduate should keep on his desk.

Harry E. Smith, assistant professor of English, who has been absent on leave for the first semester, will return to his work at the beginning of the second semester.

Henry Schaefer, father of Miss Hedwig Schaefer, assistant professor of home economics, died recently at Carnegie. A scholarship in his honor was established two years ago by Miss Schaefer, the award being made annually to an outstanding graduate of Mountain View High School. Mr. Schaefer was educated in Heidelberg.

R. Boyd Gunning, head of the visual education department of the Extension Division and assistant director of the divi-

sion, will preside at one of the sessions of the Oklahoma State Safety Council meeting scheduled February 9 and 10 at Stillwater. He will be in charge of the luncheon meeting the first day of the annual meeting.

Dr. J. W. Scroggs, retired director and founder of the University's Extension Division, reportedly has sold patents on an automatic garage door opener to a group of business men who plan to manufacture it. The price was described in a *Daily Oklahoman* news story as \$100,000. The white-bearded educator, now 87 years old, still works regularly in his garage workshop, making minor improvements in the door-opener. Dr. Scroggs started university extension work at O.U. in 1913 with a legislative appropriation of \$10,000, his idea being to take the university's services out to the people of the state.

Joseph R. Taylor, assistant professor of art on leave of absence, and Mrs. Taylor (Elsie Rapiet Taylor, '35ed) are back on the American side of the Atlantic Ocean after two months' traveling in England during the early days of the war. Professor Taylor, a widely known sculptor, is studying in New York.

They found it an exciting time to be in London, watching the calm and deliberate way in which the English people went about preparing for the inevitable chaos of war. They saw the rapid and orderly evacuation of nearly three million children from London. The airplane barrage formed by hundreds of balloons over the city furnished another interesting spectacle, especially during a sudden storm when seven of them caught fire from lightning and came down in flames.

While having tea with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Epstein, the Taylors enjoyed a preview of Mr. Epstein's recent sculpture.

Dr. O. W. Reinmuth, head of the department of classical languages, spoke on "Maverick or Herd" at the Phi Beta Kappa founder's day banquet on Monday December 11.

Plans for an extensive research program to be sponsored by the University and the Works Progress Administration have been submitted to officials at Washington. The WPA is asked to provide \$53,709 and the University would make the sponsor's contribution through such items as rentals of office equipment, and furnishing of supplies, utilities and technical supervision. Faculty members would supervise the research work.