

Clearing the Desk

By R. C.

IT'S NOT QUITE orthodox for this magazine to publish the Commencement address of Oklahoma A. and M. College. But Joseph A. Brandt, '21ba, the University's president-elect, is the man who made the address and most anything that Joe Brandt says these days is news.

The address was a thoughtful one, and is worthy of study by all who are interested in higher education in Oklahoma. Mr. Brandt made it clear that there is plenty of room for a fine A. and M. College and a fine university in Oklahoma, without any conflict between the two.

And, as the *Oklahoma City Times* pointed out editorially, the message delivered at Stillwater had much in it to interest Oklahoma business men. It preached the doctrine of self-help for Oklahoma—and a warning against becoming "just another southern state with thumb outstretched, beckoning in vain to eastern capital to come down and rescue us."

Real progress in Oklahoma industry and the economic welfare of the state can only come through home-financed industries processing home-produced agricultural products or natural resources.

SOME OF THE national education associations have been talking about the advisability of changing four-year college courses to three years, in view of the selective service and other war-time demands upon young people. As 18 is the average age for a young man to enter a liberal arts college, a three-year plan would enable him to complete work for a degree before reaching the draft age.

An opportunity for a three-year course is already available at the University of Oklahoma, where three summer terms can serve as the equivalent of two winter terms.

IT'S ONLY FAIR to give a personal news item about Miss Peggy Clay, of Hobart, who at a rough guess has written approximately 15,000 personal news items for *Sooner Magazine*. She started working for the Magazine when she enrolled in the University as a freshman four years ago. Along the way she acquired various part-time jobs, including one as aviation and society correspondent for the *Oklahoman* and *Times*, but throughout the four years she stuck by the job of pounding out hundreds of alumni news items each month for the Roll Call section. Now she has a degree in journalism, and is departing from Norman to go to work full time in her profession. Here's luck to you.

DON'T MISS the article on Inauguration of Television, in this issue of the Mag-

azine. Paul Walker, '12law, busy member of the highly important Federal Communications Commission, Washington D C., very kindly responded to a request from *Sooner Magazine* and wrote a special article telling about the beginning of commercial broadcasting July 1. This is an article straight from headquarters telling the real story of what has held up the start of television, and what has been done to protect the interests of the general public.

GEORGE WADSACK, who, after a number of years as University registrar, can predict with a certain amount of accuracy what University enrolment will be, has described this 32nd summer session as a "normal summer."

Approximately 2,200 students have enrolled in courses for which credit is given. This is a slight increase over the number of students attending classes at the same time last summer.

Total enrolment for the 1940 summer session was 2,325. Officials believe that the final total for the 1941 session will exceed this figure.

ALUMNI WHO have heard of Lloyd Noble, '21, only as "the power behind the scenes" in Sooner athletics, might have been a little surprised to hear that he has been elected president of the University of Oklahoma Research Institute, an organization devoted to scientific investigations. The fact is, he is a man of many interests, though he doesn't talk much about them. The *Perry Journal* recently printed this comment: "We met Lloyd Noble last week. He is the chap who is given most of the credit for putting the state university on the big time football—if they are there. However, we believe the loyal alumni who have been claiming that is his life work have probably been doing him an injustice. He impressed us as a highly intelligent citizen—a shrewd observer of things and of people. In a group of about twenty who were practically all willing to shoot off their bazoo on every problem of men and of mankind—past, present and future—he was about the only one who kept still (always excepting my old friend, Joe McBride, another regent, who can speak five different languages and knows how to keep still in all of them). We admire these people who have a governor on their tongue. Always felt they were too busy thinking to do much talking."

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