

Campus Review

RESIGNATION of Harrington Wimberly, '24ba, publisher of the *Altus Times-Democrat*, from the University Board of Regents was announced last month. Mr. Wimberly resigned in order to become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the special election to be held in the Seventh District.

In announcing as a candidate he said: "In these times when things all decent people believe in are in their greatest peril of more than a century, it is with humility that a country editor seeks to go to Congress. Yet I believe that more than any time in our history, it is important that the small people of the world make clear their own feelings and their hopes."

Mr. Wimberly was appointed to the Board of Regents last June to complete a term left vacant by the resignation of C. C. Hatchett, Durant.

At the February meeting, the Board of Regents approved the appointment of Jap Haskell, '22geol, as the new director of athletics for the University and Dewey Luster, '22ba, '22law, as new football coach.

The board also passed a resolution welcoming the investigation of University faculty members by a State Senate investigating committee which was looking into alleged subversive activities in the state. The board directed the president of the University to give the committee all assistance requested in the investigation.

A number of faculty changes were acted upon by the board. Dr. E. L. Lucas, head of the department of geology at Phillips University in Enid since 1933, was appointed associate professor of geology effective February 3. Dr. Lucas received his doctor's degree from the University in 1934. He will teach graduate and advanced courses in mineralogy, petrology, and economic geology.

Allen B. Gibson, '34eng, former division production engineer for oil firms in New Mexico and West Texas, has been appointed assistant professor of mechanical engineering, replacing C. N. Paxton, who is on leave of absence with the naval air corps.

As successor to D. O. Nichols who has gone to Washington as research engineer for the army, the Board appointed Lowell Edward Hass, graduate of Iowa State College, as instructor in mechanical engineering. Mr. Hass until recently was research



Joseph A. Brandt, president-elect of the University, receives the hood of a Doctor of Laws at Temple University as Dr. Charles E. Beury president of Temple (left), and Dr. John G. Hervey, dean of the Temple Law School, look on.

engineer for the Pure Oil Company. Another new faculty member in the school of mechanical engineering is Fred R. Mouck, who has a bachelor's degree from Kansas State College, a master's degree from the University and who taught last semester at the Murray School of Agriculture, Tishomingo. Mr. Mouck was appointed because of a leave of absence granted A. M. Lukens, associate professor of mechanical engineering. Mr. Lukens asked for a semester's leave because of illness in his family which required removal to a different climate.

Frank Henry of Ann Arbor, Michigan, a graduate of the University of Michigan, was appointed assistant professor of business administration to fill the vacancy left by Ronald B. Shuman, who is doing government research work.

C. Joe Holland, '37journ, formerly a reporter at Blackwell was appointed assistant in press relations.

LaVina West was appointed nurse at Ellison Infirmary to succeed Grova-Nelle Dickson, resigned. Lydia Spencer of Norman was appointed to record clerk at the Infirmary replacing Ethelyn McElwee, who is on leave of absence until next October.

Earl LaFon, instructor in mathematics is on leave of absence this semester to study at the University of Chicago.

Doctor's Degree for Brandt

President-Elect Joseph A. Brandt was a busy man last month. In addition to carrying on his duties as director of the Princeton University Press, which will continue until August 1, he received an honorary doctor's degree from Temple University at Philadelphia, attended dinner programs given by O. U. alumni in New York and in Washington, D. C., and appeared February 24 at the State Legislature's hearing on the University budget for the next biennium.

In the ceremony at Temple University, Mr. Brandt was presented for the honorary degree by John G. Hervey, '23ba, '25law, a classmate of Mr. Brandt at O. U. who is now dean of the Law School at Temple.

Mr. Hervey's citation stated in part: "But Joseph A. Brandt is more than a man of vision and imagination. He is a keen student of English, French, German and Spanish literature. He has a sound judgment of comparative values, the ability to separate the essential from the over-refined. He left his indelible imprint at the University of Oklahoma and in 1938 became director of the Princeton University Press, in which position, with the rank of a full professor, he served with distinction to himself and the institution.

"As an author, scholar and publisher,

Joseph A. Brandt is more than a journalist—he is in truth, an educator. He is a man of deep learning who thinks not in terms of success to himself, but of accomplishments in behalf of his fellow men. He seeks no honor for himself. But on August first, next, he will assume the office of president of the University of Oklahoma, and I predict for him a success which will rival that of the years that have passed."

The honorary degree—that of Doctor of Laws—was conferred by President Charles E. Beury of Temple University. Mr. Brandt received a bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma, and later received three degrees—B. A., B. Litt., and M. A., at Oxford University, England.

Three other outstanding men were given honorary degrees by Temple University along with Mr. Brandt. They are Louis Adamic, noted author and magazine writer; Floyd W. Reeves, director of the American Youth Commission, Washington, D. C., and Dr. Henry A. Pilsbury, scientist and zoologist, Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences.

Legislature

University personnel and friends of the institution kept their eyes on the State Capitol last month as numerous items of legislation affecting O. U. were discussed.

As this issue of Sooner Magazine went to press in mid-February, the status of various items was about as follows:

UNIVERSITY BUDGET. No action taken, awaiting an open hearing in late February with President-Elect Brandt present. As submitted to the Legislature by the state budget officer, the University appropriation was drastically slashed from the amounts requested by the Board of Regents. All building requests were eliminated except an extension to the Geology Building.

Eighty-eight members of the Legislature visited the campus February 5 for a first-hand inspection of the University's needs. The legislators were divided into groups and taken on a tour of the campus by members of the University staff. They were shown the basement rooms in the Administration building used for physics research, the Old Gym where speech and geology classes are held, the over-crowded Geology Building, and other points of interest. Luncheon was served the visitors in the Union and a short program was held. After more inspection tours in the afternoon, the legislators had a buffet supper and were guests at the Sooner-Aggie basketball game.

EDUCATIONAL CO-ORDINATION. Declaring that there was too much opposition in the Legislature to the Co-ordinating Board's proposed constitutional amendment setting up a single board to control all the state institutions of higher education with a chancellor heading the

CAMPUS CALENDAR

March 6—Public lecture, "Practical Applications of Botanical Research," by Dr. O. J. Eigsti.
 March 6, 7, 8—Science Short Course.
 March 11—Home Concert, Men's Glee Club, 8 p. m., University Auditorium.
 March 13, 14, 15—Oklahoma Junior College Forensic Association meet.
 March 20—Matrix Table, Ruth Bryan Owen, speaker.
 March 20, 21, 22—Welding Conference.
 March 21, 22—Fourth Playhouse production.
 March 30—Annual Home Band concert, 3:15 p. m., University Auditorium.
 April 2—Public lecture, "Prehistoric Oklahoma" (illustrated), by Dr. Forrest Clements.
 April 3—Oklahoma Symphony Orchestra.
 April 5—El Modjii Ball, 8 p. m., Union Ballroom.

system, Governor Leon C. Phillips called a conference of college heads and proposed a less revolutionary amendment. The group of educators approved the governor's suggestion that the general plan be modified to provide for a constitutional amendment that would set up a board having limited powers, such as standardizing credits of institutions, analyzing fields of activity and preventing unnecessary duplication, co-ordinating the budget requirements of the various institutions, and setting up a uniform fee schedule.

The Legislature in late February voted to submit a co-ordinating board amendment of this nature in the March 11 general election. As submitted, the amendment is substantially like that recommended by the State Co-ordinating Board except that the proposed board will not have power to set fees. It is given power, however, to recommend fees. The proposed board will not have administrative powers, these being left to various existing boards.

RED HUNT. A group of University faculty members who have taken an interest in activities to protect civil rights were subpoenaed to appear before a Senate committee investigating subversive movements in the state. Newspaper writers had a field day in reporting questions and answers at the hearing, and were inclined to give the verdict to the professors. Much of the steam was taken out of the investigation when President Bizzell revealed that he had asked the Federal Bureau of Investigation last May to look into reports of alleged communistic activity on the campus, and that none had yet been reported to him. The state press on the whole was not excited by the investigation, although the *Okmulgee Times*, a particularly outspoken critic of some faculty members at O U., urged that the Legislature fire two professors who appeared before a Senate committee considering a bill which the professors thought would violate civil rights in some of its provisions.

"Every day the purge is delayed Oklahoma boys and girls are being exposed to such ideas of government as these two professors aired Thursday," the *Times* declared.

On the other hand, the *Chickasha Express* noted that President Bizzell had called in FBI men, and commented "In all likelihood, the G-men have done a better job than any legislative committee can do."

The *Duncan Banner* agreed that "The FBI is the proper agent to do the job, not a senatorial investigating committee."

The *Seminole Producer* advised "Let's drop the investigation now—and let Stewart and his pals get their publicity by some method not so expensive to the state. The FBI, in co-operation with the state and county officers, can take care of any subversive elements in Oklahoma."

FRATERNITY TAX. Strong opposition from churches and schools caused abandonment of the proposal for a constitutional amendment to broaden the ad-valorem tax base to include college fraternity and sorority houses.

Publicity in South America

An elaborately illustrated article about the University of Oklahoma was published in the December issue of *Temas de Venezuela*, a Spanish language magazine published at Maracaibo, Venezuela, by the Caribbean Petroleum Company and associated companies.

The article was written by Pablo A. Villafane, junior engineering student from Merida, Venezuela. The student describes his experiences as a newcomer on the University of Oklahoma campus and emphasizes particularly the friendly way he was received by other students even though he was not able to speak English very well when he first arrived. The article also expresses appreciation for the friendly help given foreign students by Dean W. H. Carson of the College of Engineering.

Villafane describes the activities of the Pan-American Club at the University and its value in making the South American student feel welcome on the O. U. campus.

Foreign Students

Eleven foreign countries are represented in the second semester enrollment of the University. Figures from the office of the registrar show forty-two foreign enrollees, of whom thirty-three, or eighty per cent, are students of engineering.

Largest single group is Canadian—fifteen students. There are eight enrollees from Venezuela, six from Mexico, two from Brazil, two from Colombia, two from Germany, two from China, one each from England, Trinidad, Turkey, Syria, and the Philippines.

Following are the names of the foreign students now enrolled:

Canada—George Coleman, Harry Fick, Theodore Geffen, Samuel Geffen, David Gray, James Gullick, R. Douglas Knowles,

Alexander McCaskill, John McKay, Maurice Paulson, Jack Storey, David Stark, Wallace Thorvaldson, James Ward, engineers; and Donald Coles, graduate student.

Venezuela—Efrain Barberii, Vicente Castro, Jose Cirigliano, Alfredo Gamez, Tomas Garcia, Homero Nieto, Jose Perera, Pablo Villafane, all engineers.

Mexico—Gilberto Garcia, Humberto Ochoa, Hubert Skala, J. J. Suarez, Frank Henry Walsh (American), engineers; and Barbara Ann Christian, arts and sciences.

Brazil—Earl Linton, engineer, and Miles Herbert Keener, arts and sciences.

Colombia—Hector Gil and Miguel Jaramillo, engineers.

Germany—Eliese Felsenthal and Ruth Mayer, arts and sciences.

China—J. G. Lew (American), engineer, and Ting Ju, arts and sciences.

England—Michael Blair, arts and sciences.

Trinidad—Blair Chan, engineer.

Turkey—Abdurrahman Durukal, engineer.

Syria—George Rahpal, arts and sciences.

Philippines—Robert Brink, arts and sciences.

Recognition for Scholars

Two hundred and eight University juniors with a grade record of "B" or better were entertained February 13 at a luncheon in the Union Ballroom. The students were guests of faculty members for the annual recognition luncheon.

President W. B. Bizzell in the principal address of the program declared that the obligations of a University are to promote scholarship and learning, to develop a sense of loyalty, and to turn out good citizens.

Using the quotation, "Ignorance is a curse of God; knowledge is the wing wherewith we fly to heaven," Dr. Bizzell described scholarship as the main purpose of the University.

Student speakers were Lillian Tarlton, Norman, and George McDannold, Tulsa, who discussed the obligations of alumni toward their University.

Alumni Secretary Ted Beard presided at the luncheon. Musical entertainment including songs by Walter C. Lynn and by the University Women's Quartet.

Compliments for Press

Accomplishments of the University of Oklahoma Press are described in an article in the current issue of the Southwest Review, written by Joseph A. Brandt, president-elect of the University and first director of the O. U. Press.

The University of Oklahoma Press is described as one of the three oldest regional presses in the United States. The article gives credit to President W. B. Bizzell for the establishment of the Press.

Mr. Brandt describes some of the early difficulties met by the Press and how they were solved.



Charles P. Green, new president of the Central States Speech Association

"The people of Oklahoma, as well as people elsewhere, began to see the value of the Press, and see it in a real way that would have been possible only after years of effort had we followed the less useful path of restricting our publishing to works of 'pure' scholarship.

"Even though its financial support was never adequate, the Press could be assured of amazingly spontaneous co-operation in the state as a whole. Perhaps most of the books we put out would have been published elsewhere had the Press not existed; but it was important culturally that they be published from Oklahoma and the southwest. It was a sign of continental 'growing-up,' and while Europeans were lost in amazement at the University's quarterly, 'Books Abroad,' the American was apt to feel that at last we had begun in the country as a whole to mature intellectually as well as economically."

Conferences Draw 500

Concurrence of three major events on the weekend of February 13 to 15 brought more than five hundred visitors to the campus. The Union foyer provided the central registration point for persons arriving for the Oklahoma Institute on Effective Leadership for Youth, for the Orchestra Directors' Short Course, and for the annual Midwest Forensic Tournament.

Delegates to the leadership Institute heard two out-of-state speakers and a number of Oklahoma youth leaders brought together for the occasion by the Extension Division of the University. Dr. E. DeAlton Partridge, professor of education, New Jersey Teachers College, and specialist in child psychology, addressed

all general sessions and conducted forums in connection with them. Lynn Rohrbough, of the Co-operative Recreation Service, Delaware, Ohio, led recreation programs each afternoon and evening of the conference. Special interest meetings were sponsored for the approximately three hundred delegates by such statewide organizations as Boys Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, 4-H Club, Girl Scouts, Girl Reserves, and NYA.

More than fifty high school orchestra directors attended the short course and clinic arranged by the Extension Division and directed by Paul Carpenter, member of the faculty of the College of Fine Arts and director of the University Symphony Orchestra. Directors brought with them students to compete for places in the All-State High School Orchestra. The ninety-eight boys and girls chosen to play in the organization's concert Saturday night, February 15, represented twenty-three Oklahoma towns.

Under the sponsorship of the University's Department of Speech, the Midwest tournament attracted debaters, orators, and readers from Arkansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Alabama, Texas, Kansas, and Oklahoma. For the first time since the meet was begun four years ago, no single winner was declared either in individual contests or in debate. Standings were determined on a rating scale. All those who finished the competition with a "superior" rating were recognized.

Of the forty-five debate teams entered, eight emerged with the highest rating, according to William M. Sattler, assistant professor of speech who directed the tournament: Southeastern State College and the University of Oklahoma, senior men's division; East Central State College, senior women's division; Muskogee Junior College, O. U., University of Wichita, Wichita, Kansas, Arkansas City Junior College, Arkansas City, Kansas, and Seminole Junior College, junior division.

Speech Creator

An unusual scientific program scheduled on the campus March 10 is a popular lecture and demonstration on artificial creation of speech, to be given by Dr. J. O. Perrine, assistant vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, under auspices of the School of Engineering Physics. Dr. Perrine will demonstrate the "Voder," a machine which is made to "talk" by operation of a console somewhat like that of an organ.

Dinner for Giard

Former students of Charles F. Giard, professor of piano, are invited to attend a dinner March 17 in honor of Mr. Giard's thirtieth year of service at the University.

Mr. Giard graduated at the New England Conservatory in 1905 and spent two years there in post graduate study. He taught in Clinton, Missouri, and in Okla-

homa City at Epworth University (now Oklahoma City University) before coming to the University of Oklahoma.

Invitations to the dinner are being sent to former students whose addresses are known, but a general invitation has been extended to all others, according to Lewis S. Salter, dean of the College of Fine Arts. Tickets may be obtained by writing to Dean Salter's office.

Legislators' Wives Entertained

Wives of the members of the State Legislature and state officials were entertained at the Faculty Club last month. The approximately 200 visitors were received by Mrs. Leon C. Phillips, '12ba, wife of the governor of Oklahoma, and Mrs. W. B. Bizzell, of Norman, wife of the president of the University.

New Trust Fund

A \$5,000 trust fund to be used for special lectures on government at the University of Oklahoma has been provided for in the will of Joseph L. Daniel of Oklahoma City. Mr. Daniel, a retired banker and real estate man, died January 10.

The will provided that \$5,000 in life insurance be placed in a trust fund to be administered by Earl Welch, O. U. graduate and chief justice of the State Supreme Court; W. A. Quinn, city manager; and Dr. A. G. Williamson, president of Oklahoma City University.

It was provided that proceeds from the fund be used to pay for a lecture to be given at the University once each year between November 1 and May 1, on the subject "What is the best form of government for the happiness of man?" Mr. Daniel provided that the first lecture be given by A. E. Kull, public relations director for the Huckins Hotel in Oklahoma City.

The will provides that after twenty-five years the lectures may be discontinued if the trustees see fit and the money given to a charitable institution "for amelioration of want and suffering."

Death Takes Craven

James Henry Craven, former landscape gardener at the University, died suddenly last month at his home in Norman. He was 66 years old. Mr. Craven had operated a private landscape business since his retirement from the University staff.

Except for four years spent in business in Bristow, he had been a resident of Norman since 1913.

Survivors include his wife and five daughters, Mrs. James Roberts, Norman, Mrs. M. L. Robertson, Arp, Texas, and Eleanor, Dorothy, and Mildred Craven, all of the home address in Norman.

Honors for Bizzell

Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University, has been appointed a member of the Board of Visitors of the United States

Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. The Board of Visitors corresponds to a board of regents.

The appointment was made by President Roosevelt and Dr. Bizzell was sent notification by Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox. Dr. Bizzell, who said the appointment came as "a very pleasant surprise," plans to attend a board meeting at Annapolis, April 28.

Dr. Bizzell also was honored last month by presentation of a medal "for distinguished service to education" at the 1941 convention of the Oklahoma Education Association, at Tulsa.

Economic Study Urged

University faculty members were urged to teach students how to improve economic conditions in Oklahoma by E. W. Smartt, chairman of the State Board of Affairs, in an address at the Faculty Club's monthly dinner meeting last month.

"Oklahoma is in dire need of new sources of income," he said. "We are now at the crossroads in our history. We need to rebuild our farms and to develop profit-making industries." He expressed belief that the state has plenty of possibilities in its mineral and natural resources, but emphasized the need for proper development.

Many Are Enlisting

The University is contributing a steady flow of students and alumni to the national defense program, the Registry office reports.

In recent months there have been about twenty-five applications a day for transcripts of grades for students and alumni interested in entering the various branches of military service. Many of these applicants are registered for selective service and by enlisting voluntarily in advance of conscription have the advantage of making some choice of the kind of military service they enter. Registrar George Wadsack estimated that about three hundred students left the campus during the first semester to enlist.

Mineral Survey Report

Oklahoma has great possibilities for industrial utilization of minerals that have hardly been touched, declares Robert H. Dott, director of the Oklahoma Geological Survey, in his annual report to the University Board of Regents and the president of the University.

"Figures indicate that Oklahoma is largely a producer of raw materials, that our mineral enterprises are largely extraction enterprises, and that the economy of our mineral industry is out of balance," the report stated. "It will be brought into balance only by the development of those minerals that are of little present interest, and these humble materials must be utilized in enterprises that produce finished or semi-finished products, rather than raw materials, and will furnish additional employment."

"Unused raw materials and unemployed men cannot be overlooked, "Mr. Dott declared. "They are worthless in themselves, but together they can make prosperity."

The report showed how the survey has been directly instrumental in stimulating the development of certain industries.

Athletic Council Changes

Two faculty members who have been members of the University Athletic Council for many years have resigned from the council. They are Dr. Edgar Meacham, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. V. E. Monnett, director of the School of Geology. Both have taken an active interest in Sooner sports. Dr. Meacham is former faculty representative from the University to the Big Six Athletic Conference. Dr. Monnett is former president of the Athletic Council.

Dr. Meacham said he resigned because his new duties this year as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences require all his time. Dr. Monnett said that he had been "trying to resign for six years."

The Athletic Council is comprised of eight faculty members, two students, and three alumni.

Rites for Mrs. Brooks

Funeral services for Mrs. Stratton D. Brooks, wife of the fourth president of the University, were held in late January at the First Presbyterian Church in Norman. Mrs. Brooks died in Kansas City after a three-year illness. She and Dr. Brooks celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last September.

They came to Norman in 1912 when Dr. Brooks was offered the presidency of the University. He had previously been superintendent of schools at Boston, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Brooks was prominent in national activities of the League of Women Voters and the Federated Women's Clubs. She was responsible for establishment of the Norman chapter of University Dames and another chapter at the University of Missouri, where Dr. Brooks went in 1923 to become president. Since 1930 Dr. Brooks has been executive director of the Grand Council, Order of DeMolay.

Survivors in addition to Dr. Brooks include four daughters: Mrs. William S. Callaway (Dorothy Brooks, '22ma), Kansas City; Mrs. Charles B. Trimble, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Walter O. Cralle (Marion S. Brooks, '17ma), Springfield, Missouri; and Mrs. Ross M. Taylor (Elizabeth Ann Brooks, '33ma), Wichita, Kansas.

Active bearers at the funeral were Dr. J. P. Blickensderfer, George Wadsack, Ben G. Owen, J. L. Lindsey, R. W. Hutto, and E. R. Kraettli.

"Shocking Situation"

Parents of prospective University students will find food for thought in an editorial published recently in the *Oklmulgee Times*.

"A shocking situation" was the reaction of the Times when it received some first-hand information about how inadequately the University is being supported by the state. The editorial is as follows:

An Okmulgeean had occasion a few days ago to make a cursory investigation of the standing of the University of Oklahoma engineering school. He intends to send his son to an engineering school next fall.

He talked with an engineer who holds top position with one of the big utilities in Oklahoma, a man who is keenly interested in the welfare of the O. U. engineering school. He was shocked to learn from this man that O. U. faces serious threat of losing its national standing among engineering colleges.

"The Oklahoma university engineering school has just about half as many instructors as it ought to have to retain the standing it enjoyed for many years," this man said. "A short time ago I visited Louisiana State university. There I found that the engineering school has about twice as many instructors as it needs.

"I am not condoning extravagance, but as between O. U. and L. S. U. under existing circumstances, there isn't much doubt as to which should turn out the more competent engineers."

Oklahoma University has been the football of politics for several years. We have just about reached the time when we're going to pay for that, if something isn't done to change the situation at this session of the Legislature.

There isn't much excuse for O. U. or any other department of it being in that plight. It will be a sorry day indeed when the great state of Oklahoma can't adequately support one of its two biggest and best educational institutions.

We never have believed that there was any justification for the apparent opposition of the state administration and other politicians to Dr. Bizzell and even less for making the university suffer for this personal dislike. We do not begrudge Oklahoma A. and M. a single penny it has received in appropriations because we feel it is as necessary to the educational system of the state as O. U., but on the other hand it is inexcusable disregard of public welfare not to treat Oklahoma University as well.

O. U. not only does not have enough instructors but for several years has been losing, one after another, its nationally known professors.

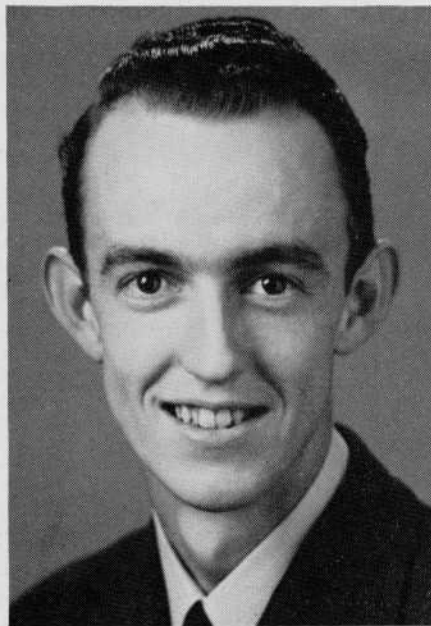
O. U. regents and alumni have been better informed of the real situation than the general public. They probably felt it was necessary to sacrifice Dr. Bizzell to appease the politicians who hold the state purse strings. Probably they had sound reason for believing when they employed Joe Brandt as Dr. Bizzell's successor that he could remedy the condition, and it is to be hoped that they were right."

Small Industries

Oklahoma and Texas should establish many small industries to utilize farm products at home, Victor H. Schoffelmayer, agricultural editor of the *Dallas Morning News*, declared in addresses at the University recently. He spoke to journalism students in the afternoon, and to the Norman Forum in the evening.

Plastics, insecticides, rubber substitutes, starch and gums are some of the things that can be produced from the farms of the Southwest "if the county agents and professors of our colleges and universities would wake up to the possibilities of chemurgy," he said.

He declared that a new variety of sweet potato developed in Louisiana for the manufacture of starch would pay Oklahoma farmers as much as \$40 an acre, whereas cotton pays about \$15 an acre.



Francis Stilley, of Tecumseh, editor of the *Oklahoma Daily* for the second semester

A new era of agriculture and industry based upon renewable raw materials such as cellulose was predicted for the new future.

Architectural Honors

Results of a national \$400 prize competition for designs of a radio transmitter station placed O. U.'s School of Architecture third in the number of students receiving awards. Only Carnegie Institute of Technology and New York University had more winners.

Gail R. Palmer, Oklahoma City, student at O. U., submitted a design that received "Honorable Mention, Commended." Frank Binckley, Racine, Missouri, and C. Julian Vahlberg, Oklahoma City, were awarded "Honorable Mention." All are seniors in architecture.

Covering the Campus

In spite of a large number of applications the University R. O. T. C. was able to admit only about twenty-five new students to the advanced training corps at the beginning of the second semester. The University has a quota of 314 advanced military science students. Students enrolled in advanced courses are placed in an exempt classification by provision of the Selective Service Act but upon graduation are commissioned into the Officer's Reserve Corps.

► Frances Stilley of Tecumseh is editor of the *Oklahoma Daily* for the second semester this year, succeeding Nancy Royal of Norman. Stilley formerly was managing editor and photographer for the *Daily*. Charles Giffin was re-elected editor of the *Covered Wagon*, humor magazine, for the second semester.

► A new series of radio programs dedicated to alumni of the University was

started last month by WNAD, the University radio station. The programs, sponsored by the school of drama and directed by John Dunn, assistant professor of drama, feature "voices of Oklahoma history" and include music by the University Men's Quartet and the Women's Quartet. The general theme is designed to call attention to the University Semi-Centennial celebration in 1942. Each week the program is dedicated to the alumni living in some particular vicinity of the state.

► As a result of three years of intensive work through a WPA project, sponsored by Dr. Forrest E. Clements of the University anthropology faculty, most of the archaeological treasures in the vicinity of the Grand River Dam were excavated before the rising waters covered the sites. With work stopped in the Delaware County area, the activities of the project have been moved to excavations near Clinton in Custer County.

► Student grade reports for the first semester included a total of 2,118 F's and the registry office reported that professors attributed most of the failing grades to "lack of study and application." Other major reasons for failing grades were irregular attendance, inadequate foundation or background knowledge, inability to grasp and understand the subject, and overwork and no time for study.

► Three mid-semester geology graduates started to work last month for oil companies. J. T. Manes, Oklahoma City, and Alex Semryck, Wichita, Kansas, were employed by the Kerr-Lynn Company in the vicinity of Ardmore. Margaret A. Tribble, Oklahoma City, formerly assistant in the geology library, was employed by the Phillips Petroleum Company in Bartlesville.

► Don Dow, of Oklahoma City, has been elected permanent secretary of the senior law class of 1941 and will have charge of alumni activities of the class.

► Old Copenhagen, veteran jumper in the R. O. T. C. stables at the University, well known to many O. U. alumni, reached the end of the road last month. He became so feeble that it was decided he would have to be shot. However, "Cope" died quietly before the coup de grace could be administered. A grave was dug near the polo field and "Cope" was buried with military honors befitting his 25-year record.

► Daisy Lockewitz of Tulsa, has been elected president of Panhellenic for 1941-42. She will take office in April.

► Instrumental, vocal, and dramatic talent of the College of Fine Arts were combined for presentation of *The Nightingale*, an opera with a Chinese legend for its theme. The opera was under the general direction of Lara Hoggard, assistant professor of music. Barre Hill, head of the department of voice, directed the work of the soloists, who were Etoyle Dragoo Price, Pauline Brooks, Mildred Teeter,

and Winfield Crawford. Ida Z. Kirk, assistant professor of drama, directed the work of eight students who had speaking roles. Fifty singers were used in a choir and twenty musicians selected from the University Symphony Orchestra provided the orchestral accompaniment. Ballet numbers were presented under direction of Helen Gregory, assistant professor of physical education for women. Charles Elson designed the stage setting and Edith Mahier the ancient Chinese costumes.

► An educational campaign on governmental problems is the objective of a new student organization, the Oklahoma Society for Public Administration. The membership is open to government majors and other students interested in problems of public administration. Dr. H. V. Thornton, associate professor of government is sponsor. The Society will conduct a radio program over WNAD at 2:30 p. m. each Wednesday and will prepare reports for state organizations interested in problems of public administration.

► Benny Young, senior student from Tulsa, became president of the Men's Government Association last month following the resignation of Wayne Wilson of Norman.

► Hitler is seeking the rebirth of the Holy Roman Empire dissolved in 1648 by the Treaty of Westphalia, Victor Harlow, '31 ma, Oklahoma City publisher declared in an address last month at a dinner meeting of the Norman chapter of the American Association of University Women. Germany hopes soon to control not only the principalities and small nations in central Europe but also the Italian nations, he said.

Faculty

Henry M. Armstrong, special lecturer on the staff of the University Extension Division and widely known over Oklahoma as a representative of the University, died unexpectedly last month. Death came in his sleep, as a result of a heart ailment. He was 65 years old.

Mr. Armstrong gave an average of four hundred public talks each year and had addressed more persons than any other member of the University staff.

He came to the University in 1926 as director of community institutes and since 1934 had been Extension Division lecturer. Before coming to Norman he was principal of the high school at Milton, North Dakota, 1904-06; supervisor of Eastern Oregon State Normal School at Weston, Oregon, 1906-07; superintendent of schools, Stanbaugh, Michigan, 1907-21. He was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin.

Survivors include Mrs. Armstrong, three daughters, Mrs. H. K. Speed, Jr., Clovis, New Mexico; Miss Helen Armstrong, Kansas City, Missouri; and Doris Armstrong, a student at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; and two

sons, Alister Armstrong, Wichita Falls, Texas; and Lawrence Armstrong, Jefferson City, Missouri.

The *Norman Transcript* paid the following editorial tribute to his work:

H. M. Armstrong was a good will ambassador par excellence.

He made thousands of friends for the University in all parts of the state with his inspiring addresses on community building and better living. Few indeed were the individuals who did not feel encouraged in some way after even a few minutes conversation with him.

Mr. Armstrong probably traveled about the state and knew as many people as anyone in it. While he was somewhat advanced in years, being 65 years old, he looked considerably younger and had plenty of energy and enthusiasm for his job up to the day of his death.

His passing is a distinct loss to the University, and his place will be hard to fill.

► Charles P. Green, '25ba, head of the Department of Speech, has been elected president of the Central States Speech association by mail ballot of the association membership in thirteen mid-western states. Mr. Green will take office at the 1941 convention of the association scheduled April 17-19 in Oklahoma City.

► Margaret Stephenson, counselor of women, was one of ten deans and counselors chosen from the entire nation to attend a meeting of the national Panhellenic conference held last month at Atlantic City. Miss Stephenson planned to attend also the annual national meeting of the American Personnel association at Atlantic City February 18-21. Miss Stephenson was elected president of the Deans of Women section at the Oklahoma Education Association convention in Tulsa last month.

► Glenn C. Couch, instructor in botany, has been appointed to a national committee of the Botanical Society of America to study new teaching methods in the field of science. Mr. Couch is one of eleven men chosen from scientists in universities throughout the United States to serve on the committee.

► Joe E. Smay, director of the School of Architecture, was named president of the art section of the Oklahoma Education

► Ansel P. Challenor, '33ms, instructor in electrical engineering and a captain in the Reserve Corps, has been ordered to report for active duty at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

► Gordon Berger, formerly an assistant in music education and director of the Men's Glee Club at the University, has been selected by Fred Waring, noted orchestra leader, to sing and help direct Waring's new glee club of eighteen voices in the "Ascaph on Parade" radio show that started last month. Mr. Berger is to give a recital at Columbia University March 14.

► Sixteen members of the University faculty appeared on the programs of various sections of the annual convention of the Oklahoma Education Association, held last month in Tulsa. Those on the program included: Dr Robert A. Hardin, as-

sistant professor of industrial education; Boyd Gunning, assistant director of the Extension Division; Hedwig Schaefer, assistant professor of home economics; Dr. G. L. Cross, professor of botany; Dr. Dora McFarland, associate professor of mathematics; Balfour S. Whitney, instructor in mathematics and astronomy; Joe E. Smay, professor of architecture; Anna Mae Dearden, assistant registrar; George E. Wad-sack, registrar; C. C. Bush, acting dean of men; Agnes Nohrberg, director of residential halls; Dr. J. P. Blickensderfer, professor of English; Dr. H. Lloyd Stow, associate professor of Greek; Dr. John C. Brixey, associate professor of mathematics and Dr. C. E. Springer, associate professor of mathematics. Joe Benton of Norman, University graduate who is nationally known as an opera singer, was on the entertainment program of the convention.

► Robert Craig Terrell, a former professor of engineering in the University, died in January at Danville, Kentucky as a result of a stroke of paralysis. He was fifty-six years old. Mr. Terrell was professor of engineering at O. U. from 1916 to 1920. He then became state engineer and later was a consulting engineer at Oklahoma City. He had been city engineer and water works superintendent at Danville since 1936. Survivors include his wife, his son, and a daughter.

► Lieut. Col. John A. Stewart, assistant professor of military science, was ordered to report to the office of the chief of Field Artillery at Washington, D. C., February 1. Major M. M. Pharr, assistant professor in military science, was ordered last month to report to Camp Livingston near Alexandria, Louisiana. He was scheduled to receive promotion to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

► Karl D. Reyer, who has been on leave from the University faculty, is serving as adviser on occupational deferments in state headquarters of the selective service at New Orleans, Louisiana. Dr. Reyer is a major in the Ordnance Reserve Corps.

► An oil painting by John O'Neil, instructor in art, has been accepted for display by the Texas-Oklahoma exhibition. The exhibition will be shown at the Museum of Fine Arts, Dallas, Texas; Wittle Memorial Museum, San Antonio; the Houston Museum of Fine Arts, and the Philbrook Art Museum, Tulsa. Mr. O'Neil's painting chosen for the exhibition is called "The Hitchhiker."

► Mark Twain was a natural humorist, a practical joker, and was always spontaneous in his humor. Dr. Stanley Williams, head of Yale University Department of English, declared in his Celebrity Series address at the University. Dr. Williams described the famous writer as a humorist, a critic of society, a pessimistic critic of life, and as a writer. He emphasized that Mark Twain's pessimism was only a small part of the writer's character.