

Faculty

HOMER HECK, '35, who fathered the University radio station WNAD from a fledgling 500-watt station to its present 1,000 watts and full-time schedule, stepped up in the radio world last month when he joined the Chicago staff of the National Broadcasting Company.

Mr. Heck resigned as WNAD director and left for Chicago late last month. In his new position with NBC, he will handle dramatic productions, a field in which he has worked for more than ten years.

A pioneer in drama broadcasting, Mr. Heck became associated with WNAD in 1931 when the station was located in the Engineering Laboratory and was on the air only five hours a week. The broadcast room was so small, he recalled, that a piano occupied half the space. His first dramatic production, which he well remembers, was *Enoch Arden*.

In 1934, Mr. Heck was promoted to program manager of WNAD and continued to produce dramatic shows. The following year, on leave of absence, he worked as state WPA supervisor of professional and service projects. Under his direction, the Oklahoma City art center, symphony orchestra and various WPA projects at the University got under way.

Since 1936, Mr. Heck has been WNAD supervisor and assistant manager of the Oklahoma Memorial Union. He resigned from the latter position this fall to devote full time to the radio station, which now occupies two stories of the Union Tower, has a staff of 21 announcers and writers and is on the air ten hours a day with a power of 1,000 watts.

Among the little problems ironed out during the years he handled WNAD's dramatic productions, one involved a script which called for a conversation between two people, one taking a shower and talking meanwhile to the other through a closed door. Unable to achieve the proper effect using sound effects, Mr. Heck and assistants moved their recording equipment to a shower room and made a record of the real thing. When time came for that particular scene in the program, the transcription was switched on and the genuine splash and chatter went over the air.

During his early years at the University, Mr. Heck was connected with the Extension Division, first as secretary to the director and later as office manager.

Accompanying him to Chicago will be Mrs. Heck, who also attended the University, and their 10-year-old daughter Beverly.

► Cortez A. M. Ewing, director of the School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, has been elected president of the Norman Forum for the coming year. The seven vice presidents elected are E. N. Comfort, dean

of the Oklahoma School of Religion; John B. Thompson, minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Norman; John H. Leek, professor of government; J. F. Bender, professor of school administration; Ralph H. Records, associate professor of history; H. H. Herbert, director of the School of Journalism, and J. Rud Nielsen, professor of physics.

► Wendell S. Taylor, '33ed, '34m.ed, has joined the staff of the College of Engineering as assistant professor. He served as a naval officer from 1923 to 1930 and until recently was mathematics teacher in Shawnee High School.

► Mrs. Gloria Peters has resigned her position as secretary of the College of Fine Arts to enlist in the WAVES.

► Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rohrbaugh have chosen Lucia Ann as the name for their daughter born early in October. Mr. Rohrbaugh was appointed to the faculty this fall as instructor in plant sciences.

► "The Origin of Spits, Bars and Related Structures," an article by O. F. Evans, associate professor of geology, appeared in the October issue of the *Journal of Geology*.

► A design by Henry Kamphoefner, professor of architecture, has become part of a permanent collection of one hundred of the most representative and distinguished designs of the American post-war period. The plans, design for a music pavilion, were drawn by Mr. Kamphoefner while he was practicing architecture in Sioux City,



STATEHOOD DAY QUEEN

Brown-eyed Betty Brown, junior business student from Hartshorne, became queen for the second time this year when she was selected to reign at Statehood Day festivities November 17 in Oklahoma City. Daughter of Joe A. Brown, '20law, Hartshorne, the brunet co-ed was chosen beauty queen of the 1942 Sooner Yearbook by Navy midshipmen at Annapolis.

and have since been displayed in London and South America.

► Grace E. Ray, '20journ, '23ma, associate professor of journalism, fractured her left arm when she was thrown from her horse while assisting in the roundup at a Colorado ranch last summer.

► Capt. C. G. Wright, San Antonio, Texas, has joined the staff of the Department of Military Science and Tactics. He is a veteran of the first World War.

► Joe T. Williamson, specialist on problems of labor and industry, has been appointed assistant professor of economics on the University faculty. He was formerly executive secretary of the Associated General Contractors of America, Incorporated, and has done research on industrial problems. Mr. Williamson holds degrees from Central State Teachers College at Edmond and Oklahoma A. and M. College at Stillwater. He is a veteran of the first World War.

► The September issue of the *Southwestern Science Quarterly* contained an article, "The Errors of the Versailles Treaty," by Claude A. Campbell, assistant professor of economics.

► John G. H. Scoon has resigned his position as assistant editor at the University Press to join the editorial staff of the Henry Holt Publishing Company in New York.

► W. J. Dixon, former research assistant at Princeton University, has joined the mathematics staff as an instructor. He holds degrees from Princeton, Oregon State College and the University of Wisconsin.

► Herbert H. Scott, '26ba, '26ma, director of the Extension Division, attended a meeting of the executive committee of the National University Extension Association held in Washington, D. C., in October.

► Lester Kirkendall, chairman of the division of educational guidance, is the author of a paper on individual counseling in sex problems, issued by Paul Popenoe's Institute of Family Relations in Los Angeles.

► Blanche Sommers, '30pharm, '31m. pharm, a prescription pharmacist at Edmond for the last 11 years, has joined the staff of the School of Pharmacy as instructor in prescriptions and emergencies. Miss Sommers is the daughter of a member of the graduating class of 1900, Horace Albert Sommers, who now lives at Helena.

► Alice Sowers, director of the Family Life Institute, was appointed to the War Emergency and Radio Committees of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers when it met in Atlanta, Georgia, this fall. She is a vice president of the organization.

► Roger Goeb, young American composer, has been appointed music director for radio station WNAD. He holds degrees from the University of Wisconsin, the Cleveland Institute of Music and the Ecole Normale de Paris, and has studied privately in this country and in Paris. Mrs. Goeb is the former Janey Price, '38fa.