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license tax. The license tax on automobiles and farm trucks goes for common schools and one cent of the gasoline tax goes into the general fund, while the remainder is for roads. Offsetting the loss, there is an increase in the gross production tax, which may help solve the fiscal troubles.

Mr. Kerr doesn't have the legislative experience of Governor Phillips or W. H. Murray. He has more knowledge of the legislature than Marland had when the State Senate gained so much power. Mr. Kerr will rely upon his legislative leaders and advisers for aid with the legislature. His two brothers, A. M. Kerr, former legislator, and B. B. Kerr, a member of the legislature, will aid him. Mr. Kerr will draw on his own knowledge of men and business for handling the assembly and administering the affairs of state.

The nominee's plan now is for a recess of the legislature during the session, for a special election on constitutional amendments. Or the election could be held while the legislature is in session.

He tentatively plans to submit proposed constitutional amendments as follows:

1. Modification of the amendment creating the State Board of Regents for Higher Education to restore power of appropriation for institutions to the legislature, with the board having a limited power over expenditures and full power in co-ordination.

2. Amendments providing for separate boards of regents for Oklahoma A. and M. College and other agricultural colleges with members having staggered terms to take control from the governor. The colleges are now controlled by the State Board of Agriculture, whose members are appointed and removed at will by the governor.

3. A graduated land tax to apply to cultivated land only, on a basis that will promote and encourage home ownership of small family size farms and at the same time not penalize other home owning farmers or ranchers, or farmers in that section of the state where large acreage is an economic necessity.

4. Amendment to give women the right to hold major state offices including the governorship.

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Lt. (jg) Jack J. Berry, '28geol, formerly of Tulsa, went into active Navy service early this summer.

Lt. Sam P. Leeman, '41eng, is on duty with a bombardier squadron on the Pacific coast.

Victor Capper, '42, has been inducted into the Army as a volunteer officer candidate.

W. F. Birdsong, Jr., '31-'42, of Lawton, has enlisted in the Armored Forces of the Army.

Jack Marks, '40, was inducted into the Army July 26. He formerly was in the field service of the Office of Indian Affairs stationed at Hugo. Mrs. Marks is the former Elnore Reinhardt.

Donald Ishmael, '37-'39, is an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve.

Lt. Carl H. Tyler, '28, former member of the State Highway Patrol at Guthrie, has been promoted to captain in the 45th Division.

TED BEAIRD, '21ba, executive secretary of the Alumni Association and manager of the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building since 1936, was granted leave of absence for the duration of the war at a special meeting of the governing boards of the two organizations August 6, and left immediately for Miami Beach, Florida, to begin service as a captain in the United States Army Air Corps.

His first assignment was to the Officer Training School at Miami Beach.

The action was not entirely unexpected as Mr. Beaird had been interviewed by Army officials last spring and at the annual meeting of the Stadium-Union trustees and the Alumni Association executive board in June, both boards made provisions for granting leave of absence to any of the staff members of the two organizations who might be called to military service.

At the meeting August 6, the Board of Managers of the Union and a special committee from the alumni executive board granted the leave of absence to Mr. Beaird and appointed Roscoe Cate, '26ba, as acting manager of the Union and acting alumni secretary for the period of Mr. Beaird's absence. Mr. Cate has been editor-manager of the *Sooner Magazine* and assistant to Mr. Beaird since 1936.

Mr. Cate continues as editor-manager of *Sooner Magazine*, but Edith Walker, '41journ, was promoted from assistant editor to managing editor and will take a large part of the responsibility for the editorial side of the publication. Elaine Larecy, '42journ, formerly employed in the office of the Beech Aircraft Corporation at Wichita, Kansas, was added to the staff as assistant editor.

Another change in the Union organization came July 1 when Homer Heck, '35, resigned as part time manager of the Union in order to devote full time to his duties as director of WNAD, the University radio station.

Following the meeting at which Mr. Beaird was granted leave of absence, Elmer L. Fraker, '20ba, '38ma, of Mangum, president of the Alumni Association, issued the following statement:

"Ted Beaird has answered the call of his country. He is now a captain in the Air Forces of the United States Army. Graduates, undergraduates, faculty members, the administration of the University are going to miss the sincere and dynamic work of Ted. Though we are sorry to lose his services as executive secretary of the University Association, yet we are glad to know that in leaving us he answers a high call of duty to his country.

"Ted's orders calling him to the Air Forces came on short notice. But with his usual efficiency and drive, Ted got everything pertaining to his office shipshape within a few hurried days.

"The emergency council of the Association voted to give Ted a leave of absence for the period of time he might be in the armed services of the United States. When the war is over and peace returns to our land, Ted will once more take up his duties with the University of Oklahoma Association.

"Upon granting the leave of absence to Mr. Beaird, the committee turned its attention to the selection of his successor for the duration. It was a foregone conclusion that only one man could satisfactorily take over Ted's work at this time. That man was Roscoe Cate. Roscoe was unanimously selected to act as executive secretary of the Association until such time as Mr. Beaird might return. Mr. Cate has been closely associated with Mr. Beaird in association activities during the last six years. He is thoroughly acquainted with every phase of the work. Nation-wide recognition has come to him through his excellent editorship of the *Sooner Magazine*."

Breakfast at Dallas

Arrangements have been made for the annual O. U. alumni breakfast to be held in connection with the Sooner-Texas game at Dallas, which this year will be on October 10. The breakfast will be held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, October 10, at the Hotel Adolphus.

Life Members Total 610

Four more alumni, two from California and two from Oklahoma, last month were added to the Life Membership roll, bringing the total number of living life members to 610.

It is notable that two of the new memberships were purchased as birthday gifts. One was presented to Arnold Court, '34ba, meteorologist in Los Angeles, by his parents, Professor N. A. Court, of the University mathematics faculty, and Mrs. Court. Mr. Arnold was meteorologist on Admiral Byrd's Antarctic Expedition and now is with the U. S. Weather Bureau.

The other gift life membership was purchased by Lauretta Mae Beaubien, '19 nurse, Nowata, as a birthday gift for herself.

Other new members are Ramona Russell, '41law, attorney in Picher, and C. A. Cooley, '17, who lives in Los Angeles.