

School—A Workshop in Democratic Living," was given along with daily panel discussions.

Demonstrations of possible classroom speech activities were part of the two-day program of the Speech Conference for Primary and Elementary Teachers conducted by Louise Abney, speech teacher from Kansas City, Missouri. Mildred Futor, '35ed, speech teacher from Oklahoma City, directed panel discussions.

Fifteen major publishing companies participated in the annual Book Fair held on the campus for four days and visited by more than one thousand teachers and book lovers. Special events were planned for a Teachers' Day, City Administrators' Day and County Superintendents' Day.

The Short Course for Drum Majors, annually the largest training event of drum majors in the nation, this year emphasized military drills and formations of wartime significance. Sixty-six certificates of completion were presented to drum majors who represented high schools in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas.

Music for educational and religious groups was the keynote this year of the Institute for Choral Groups and Directors which was attended by approximately 100 persons interested in these two particular musical fields.

Covering the Campus

Although handicapped by difficulty in recruiting cast members, the University Playhouse pleased a summer term audience with an effective presentation of the comedy of morals *Yes, My Darling Daughter*. Dore Johnson and Marilyn Grey played leading roles, with Alice Ghostley outstanding in a comedy part.

. . . Helen Louis Weiss, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was to receive the first master's degree in music composition ever granted by the University, in the summer convocation. . . . Women taxi drivers have made their appearance in Norman.

. . . After a year's study at the University on a fellowship awarded by the Institute of International Education, New York City, Alberto Bolanos has returned to his home in San Jose, Costa Rica, where he will begin work as secretary of the general office of the librarian in Costa Rica. During his stay in Oklahoma he made many friends for Costa Rica by public appearances before clubs, schools and church groups.

. . . Russell Boyd, 18-year-old electrical engineering student from Oklahoma City, is one of five national winners of the 1942 Westinghouse War Memorial scholarships, which will pay him \$500 a year while he continues his work at the University. The scholarships are awarded to sons of company employees and were established in honor of Westinghouse employees who served in the first World War. . . . Field trips of geology students to the University's acre tract in the Arbuckle mountains have been canceled for the duration as a result of a ruling that busses cannot be chartered for this purpose.

Faculty

► Helen Ruth Holbrook, general secretary of the Y.W.C.A. and employment secretary for women at the University since 1920, resigned last month to take a position as executive secretary of the Carondelet branch of the Y.W.C.A. at St. Louis, Missouri. She is widely known among University alumni as a religious worker and as a musician. During her connection with the University she has taught a course in hymnology in the Oklahoma School of Religion, served as organist for several Norman churches, wrote the script and trained a choir of 12 for a series of WNAD broadcasts on "Know Your Hymn Book," directed the daily chapel hour on WNAD for a year, and was active in the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Cleveland

construction firm, in the building of an army flying field near Pampa, Texas. Other members of the firm are Reinhart and Donovan, Oklahoma City contractors, and E. G. Johnson and Louis P. Burns, Norman business men. Mr. Kraft has been superintendent of University utilities since 1926.

► University staff members going into military service last month included E. Richard Page, professor of electrical engineering, called to Lowry Field, Colorado, for duty as a major in the Ordnance Corps; Harold Tacker, '40fa, head of the University photography department, who has received a commission as lieutenant (jg) in the Naval Reserve and was assigned to Pensacola, Florida; John Griswold, chairman of the department of finance, commissioned



REPORTERS HEAR CHINESE VIEWPOINT

Chief attraction at the annual International Relations Institute was scholarly, genial Hu Shih, Chinese ambassador to the United States, shown above (at head of table) in a press conference held in President Brandt's office

County Social Welfare Council, Red Cross, American Association of University Women, Women Voters League, Norman Forum, Federated Music Clubs of Oklahoma, and Mu Phi Epsilon. She has served on the executive committee of the southwest student council of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., and has worked with the state Y.W.C.A. organization in promoting Girl Reserve work. During the last year Miss Holbrook served as secretary of the executive committee of the state U.S.O.

Dora McFarland, chairman of the Y.W.C.A. advisory board, commented in announcing Miss Holbrook's resignation: "Her thorough understanding of conditions in Oklahoma and on the University campus and their implications in the lives of students has been gained through many years of unselfish concern for others. Her tolerance of different points of view, her independent thinking, her love of music have all had a part in making her place in the University a unique one. She will be sadly missed next year. The board regrets her loss but recognizes the wider field of opportunity into which she is going."

► Walter W. Kraft, superintendent of utilities, has taken a five months' leave of absence to participate, as partner in a con-

a first lieutenant in the Air Force instructional program and sent to Miami Beach, Florida; and Robert Whitehand, '33ba, assistant professor of drama, commissioned a second lieutenant and also assigned to Miami Beach in the instructional program.

► A dozen members of the University faculty and staff have been employed during the summer on the Westheimer Naval Air Base and associated projects near Norman. These include E. Richard Page, professor of electrical engineering; Eugene F. Dawson, professor of mechanical engineering; John J. Heimerich, instructor in engineering drawing; Winston O. Smith, assistant professor of mechanical engineering; Ellis M. Sims, instructor in petroleum engineering; Joe W. Keeley, assistant professor of civil engineering; J. Ray Matlock, assistant professor of mechanics; Allen B. Gibson, assistant professor of petroleum engineering; Henry L. Kamphoefner, professor of architecture; Bruce Drake, assistant professor of physical education for men; Ray A. Heady, assistant professor of journalism; and Dewey Hoover, foreman of construction and repairs in the Utilities Department.

► A center for instructing civilians in camouflage methods, with particular refer-

ence to industrial plants, is to be organized at the University as a result of special training received during the summer by William H. Smith, associate professor of art, and Howard Jensen, University landscape gardener. The two members of the University staff attended a special school conducted at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, by the Army Engineer Corps. Using faculty talent in such varied fields as aerial photography interpretation, architecture, engineering, geology, art, botany and landscape architecture, the University is expected to offer camouflage courses that will rate favorably with any other institution.

► Roscoe E. Harper, 50-year-old Tulsa attorney and former member of the University law faculty, died July 3 in Tulsa. Mr. Harper served as professor of law from September, 1920, to September, 1922.

► Charles H. Bumstead, assistant professor of psychology, has been appointed director of the Lecture and Entertainment Bureau in the Extension Division. He succeeds J. F. Malone, '37ba, who has gone into military service. He will continue to teach some psychology classes.

► Herbert H. Scott, '26ba, '26ma, director of the Extension Division, went to Toronto, Canada, in late June to attend the Rotary International convention as representative of the Norman club, of which he is president-elect. He was accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Scott (Betty Pickard Scott, '29).

► C. C. Rister, professor of history, taught during the summer in Highland University, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

► Truman Pouncey, assistant professor of journalism, worked toward a master's degree at the University of Texas during the summer, and also was employed as copy-reader on the staff of the *Austin American*.

► On leave of absence for a year, Mrs. Lois Nelson, instructor in physical education for women, is working with the U.S.O.

► Several transfers and promotions affecting the R.O.T.C. and the Naval R.O.T.C. staffs have been announced. Lt. William M. Holmes, '34eng, and Lt. D. C. Knock, both assistant professors of naval science and tactics, have been promoted from junior grade to rank of lieutenants senior grade. Lt. C. J. Van Arsdall, Jr., Annapolis graduate of 1934 who has recently been on active sea duty, is a new member of the naval science faculty. Two chief specialists (athletic) who have been assigned to the naval unit staff are Benjamin Robert Tankersley, graduate of Oklahoma City University, and H. B. Heilman. Lt. Richard F. Thweatt, assistant professor of military science and tactics, has been transferred to Camp Beau-regard, Louisiana.

► Two former commandants of the University R.O.T.C. have recently received promotions. Brig. Gen. Edwin P. Parker, Jr., was nominated by President Roosevelt for temporary promotion to rank of major general. Col. Paul Kane has been promoted to rank of brigadier general.

► H. L. Chance, associate professor of botany and bacteriology, has received a grant of \$250 from the American Philo-

sophical Society of Philadelphia to continue research on the internal structure of bacteria. He is studying this summer at Iowa State College, Ames.

► Robert Luttrell, employee in the University comptroller's office, has joined the Coast Guard.

► Milton Hopkins, associate professor of botany, is spending July and August in the Gray Herbarium of Harvard University, seeking identification of 400 "missing name" specimens of Oklahoma plants. The project has been aided by a grant from Sigma Xi, national society for the promotion of research.

► A chemical warfare agents' "odor kit" to aid in the instruction of civilians, developed by Ralph Bienfang, professor of pharmacognosy, has been submitted to the Office of Civilian Defense in Washington.

► Ingo Maddaus, instructor in mathematics, has resigned to take a position on the mathematics faculty of the University of Oregon. He is teaching this summer in a naval reserve aviation training station near San Francisco.

► The trend toward childless marriages and small families is causing an increasing number of people to lose direct interest in the schools, Lester A. Kirkendall, chairman of the division of educational guidance, declares in an article appearing in a recent issue of *Educational Administration and Supervision*. He warned that an effort should be made to associate the program of education with community life in order to convince the public of the "importance of the educational program in maintaining a high cultural level and promoting the general economic welfare."

► Homer L. Dodge, dean of the Graduate College, was elected to the seven-member council of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education at the fiftieth annual meeting of the society in New York. It is unusual for a physicist to be elected to the council, only five others having been named in the 50-year history of the council.

► When an architect builds a home for himself, you naturally expect something "different." Last house completed in Norman before federal building restrictions were applied is the home of Henry L. Kamphoefner, professor of architecture, which has attracted wide attention for its numerous modern and functional features.

Some of the unusual features are a living room front of 170 square feet of plate glass divided into three panels with two of them movable, providing a five mile view across the Canadian River; three exposures for all main rooms; orientation and roof overhangs which keep the sun from striking windows or doors from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in hot months, but taking advantage of sunshine in cold months; a car port with cantilever roof and no walls; a large Arbuckle limestone wall on one side of the house, which includes two inside and one outside fireplaces; interior walls and ceiling of plywood panels; exterior of California redwood siding; indirect lighting, and modern interior furnishings.

Student Life

Two student houses for freshman male students, to be operated like residential colleges, will be established at the University during 1942-43, President Brandt announced in July.

"The function of each house shall be primarily that of inculcating sound educational principles and intelligent moral guidance to freshmen, who in the average American college and university are usually allowed to shift for themselves," Mr. Brandt commented. "The secondary function of the house shall be to provide accommodations conducive to a life of learning. The third function shall be to provide a balanced social life."

The University has arranged to lease Albert Pike Hall, the Masonic Dormitory across from the main entrance of the campus, which will be converted into "Franklin House." The house is to be governed by a faculty master, aided by faculty and graduate student proctors. Admission will be limited to freshmen except for upperclassmen who had previously reserved rooms. Capacity is 116 men.

Kester Svendsen, assistant professor of English, has been recommended by President Brandt to the Board of Regents for the position of faculty master of Franklin House. President Brandt described him as "one of the most active members of the faculty in stimulating out-of-class intellectual interests among undergraduates."

The second house for freshman men will be Jefferson House, to be established in the building started last year as an NYA dormitory project and which is to be completed by the University with a special \$39,236 fund supplied by Gov. Leon C. Phillips, '16law, from his emergency fund. The University Board of Regents asked the governor for funds to complete the building after the NYA dropped its participation in the project June 27. With the aid of the emergency appropriation, it is believed the building can be completed by the beginning of the second semester.

Food costs at Jefferson House will be prorated and all freshman members will be expected to take turns waiting table and doing common tasks. This house will have a capacity of 88.

Hester Hall, now a residential hall for women, will be converted into Hester House for freshman women, effective the fall semester of 1943, President Brandt announced.

Franklin House, the first residential college to be put into operation, is divided into suites, each providing living room for four boys. Each suite includes two rollaway beds and other bedroom furniture, a study and a bathroom. Professor and Mrs. Svendsen will have an apartment in Franklin House throughout the school year.