

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 upper-classmen 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.